

Alice Springs Desert Park

Education Programs – Self Guided Visit

Alice Springs Desert Park provides engaging activities from a self-guided exploration, exclusive tailored one hour-presentations, guided tours or a complete desert experience.



A self-guided visit to the Desert Park will give students:

- an understanding that the country around them is ancient, alive, exciting and dynamic
- an awareness of the interconnected lives of desert plants, animals, people and landscapes
- an opportunity to recognise, interact with and reflect on cultural perspectives different to their own
- an appreciation that the desert is a special and worth protecting.

Recommended Duration

The Desert Park is open 7.30am to 6pm, seven days a week for a self-guided experience. Students can spend as little as 45 minutes to a full day exploring recreated desert habitats, animals and culture.

- A 45 minute visit will allow time for one highlight.
- A 90 minute visit will allow time to visit two highlights and time for morning or afternoon tea.

Recommended Highlights

It is recommended to view the daily program prior to arrival to select appropriate presentations and activities to attend. It is recommended to arrive 20-30 minutes prior to a scheduled presentation to allow time to walk to the venue.

Some highlights to consider:

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| • Nocturnal House – <i>explore endangered animals</i> | Open 9.00am – 6.00pm |
| • Nature Theatre – <i>free flying bird show</i> | 10.00am and 3.30pm (Mar- Oct) |
| • Survival in the Desert – <i>cultural presentation</i> | 11.00am |

Please note public presentations are subject to change and recommend requesting a current program on booking. Priority is given to the general public. Public presentations are limited to 40-60 people per presentation with exception to Nature Theatre with seating for 230.

Inclusions

On arrival a Park Guide will provide a complimentary meet and greet with brief introduction to the Desert Park including behaviour expectations.

Make a Booking

Please complete the online school booking form a minimum of 14 days prior to your visit. A school visit will not be confirmed without a booking form and confirmation email sent by the Desert Park.