

# Northern Territory 2010

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### **AILERON BUSH WEEKEND**

*Date: 3 to 4 April*

Cowboys and cowgirls battle it out in one extreme rodeo weekend! Iron man and iron woman challenges, a tug-o-war, gymkhana and dance competitions take place over two exciting days at the Aileron racetrack.

**Location:** Aileron Racecourse;  
130 kilometres north of Alice Springs  
**Tel:** +61 8 8956 8827  
[www.aileronbushclub.com.au](http://www.aileronbushclub.com.au)

### **ALICE SPRINGS CUP CARNIVAL**

*Date: 10 April to 3 May*

The Alice Springs Cup Carnival is so much more than a horseracing event. Ladies Day is a fashion extravaganza with women frocking up in their finest, while Family Fun Day boasts jumping castles and pony rides – an all-round great event for the whole family.

**Location:** Pioneer Park Racecourse,  
South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs  
**Tel:** +61 8 8952 4977  
[www.alicespringsturfclub.org.au](http://www.alicespringsturfclub.org.au)

### **ANACONDA MTB ENDURO**

*Date: 10 to 14 May*

Enjoy five days of mountain biking along the dusty trails of the MacDonnell Ranges. More than 200 riders participate annually, cycling madly across a variety of courses during the cooler morning hours, and then recovering poolside afterwards.

**Location:** Alice Springs  
**Tel:** +61 3 5261 5511  
[www.rapidascent.com.au](http://www.rapidascent.com.au)



Barunga Festival.  
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### **TATTERSALL'S FINKE DESERT RACE**

*Date: 11 to 14 June*

Cars, bikes, buggies – if it's got wheels, it will be racing in Australia's most impressive multi-terrain off-road racing event. The race takes place between Alice Springs and Aputula (Finke), with more than 12,000 spectators camping roadside to watch this exhilarating event speed past.

**Location:**  
Alice Springs and Aputula (Finke)  
**Tel:** +61 8 8952 8886  
[www.finkedesertrace.com.au](http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au)

### **BARUNGA SPORTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL**

*Date: 11 to 14 June*

Running since 1985, the Barunga Festival has blossomed into one of Australia's foremost Indigenous celebrations. Showcasing Aboriginal culture, art, music and sport, this event connects Aboriginal communities across the Northern Territory.

**Location:** Central Arnhem Road, Barunga  
**Tel:** +61 8 8971 1100  
[www.jawoyn.org](http://www.jawoyn.org)

### **ALICE SPRINGS SHOW**

*Date: 2 to 3 July*

Each July, Northern Territorians flock in droves to this two-day rural show. Based around agricultural produce and livestock, the show offers rides, cooking contests and outback sporting events, making it one of the NT's most popular celebrations.

**Location:** Alice Springs Show Grounds,  
Stuart Highway, Alice Springs  
**Tel:** +61 8 8952 1651  
[www.alice-springs.com.au](http://www.alice-springs.com.au)

### **GARMA FESTIVAL**

*Dates: August TBC*

The annual Garma Festival is the largest celebration of the culture that surrounds the people of north-east Arnhem Land. Set in a stringybark forest, the Garma Festival celebrates local art and ancient Indigenous traditions.

**Location:** Gulkula,  
north-east of Arnhem Land  
**Tel:** +61 8 8941 2900  
[www.garma.telstra.com](http://www.garma.telstra.com)

### **DARWIN FESTIVAL**

*Dates: August TBC*

Widely considered as the event of the Top End, the Darwin Festival is a vibrant showcase of innovative presentations of art and culture. Multicultural and multifaceted, the Darwin Festival is a must-do.

**Location:**  
Various venues throughout Darwin  
**Tel:** +61 8 8943 4200  
[www.darwinfestival.org.au](http://www.darwinfestival.org.au)

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