



Dear Alumni,

It is indeed our privilege to invite all CMC alumni from all branches of study at Vellore to Alice Springs in September 2018

Alice Springs is a thriving and vibrant town in the centre of Australia well connected by air to all cities of Australia. There are daily flights to all cities. All flights land and depart mostly between 11 AM and 1 PM. If you book in advance you will get good deals.

Attractions in Alice include RFDS, school of the air and many picnic spots within 20 KM You will not see these spots anywhere else in the world. No wonder German and Japanese tourists flock here. Hundreds of thousands of square kilometres of vastness will humble anyone. PARRTJIMA Festival of Lights, a spectacular show is on from 28 September to 7 of October 2018. Of course there is Uluru or Ayers Rock 450 km from Alice.

The Program

27/9/18 Thursday - Arrive in Ayers Rock, CME in the afternoon. Watch Field of light Uluru after sunset both are mesmerizing. There are daily flights from most cities.

28/9/18 watch sunrise over Ayers Rock, breakfast and leave for Alice by road or air

28/9/18 lunch followed by CME. PARRTJIMA light festival from 7PM to 9.30 PM. Free bus service from several locations in town to and from Desert Park which is the venue for the festival. Many Food stalls are available on site.

29/9/18 Saturday morning free to explore Alice. Options are visit Todd mall, school of the air, RFDS and art galleries. Lunch followed by CME. 7 PM dinner.

30/9/18 Sunday morning service preceded by breakfast. Depart to home town. Most flights leave between 11AM and 1 PM. Sunday market which is a long established not for profit outdoor market held every second Sunday in Todd mall from 9 AM to 1 pm. People who are staying extra day in Alice may be able to visit Sunday market and we can organize a picnic.



Alumni not keen to visit Ayers Rock will fly into Alice Springs on Friday the 28 September.

Trip from Ayers Rock to Alice Springs on 28/9/18: option 1 Qantas flight departure 0950 hours reach Alice at 1035am. Fare as of today \$208.

Option 2: drive which takes about 4 hours 30 minutes. You have start from Ayers Rock by 7.00 am soon after watching sunrise. Have breakfast along the way. Many excellent food joints available.

Stay in Ayers Rock- choice of many resorts. Cost will be around \$200 per night per room. Possible to discuss group rate if we get firm requests from alumni.

Flight option is better because of time saving. Cost of driving will be cheaper by around \$ 70 per head.

Our humble request to alumni:

Decide soon, book your flights (to Ayers Rock if you are visiting Ayers or to Alice if not visiting Ayers) and return flight from Alice. September is peak season for Alice and Ayers Rock for good reasons. Stay in Alice: Hilton around \$150 per night, Mercure \$120 per night. I am in discussion with both. It is very important we get confirmation very early. Please don't miss this opportunity to visit Alice. Some consider it a sin not to have visited Alice Springs (Mparntwe as it is called by native elders) if you lived in Australia for some time.

WELCOME to Alice Springs!

Regards,

Lakshmi and Isaac Muthiah, Batch of 1971