Alice Springs

A good base to explore central Australia.
Reverend John Flynn the founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service born in Victoria worked in central Australia. He campaigned for an aerial medical service for outback Australia. The RFDS museum is great. Many displays.

The fabled Lasseter’s Reef. Lewis Lasseter was made famous when he claimed to have discovered in 1929, then lost, a fabulously rich gold reef in central Australia. He perished in the desert in 1931 trying to rediscover the reef. Buried in Alice Springs. His story is told in books and film.

West of Alice Springs
Glen Helen. Glen Helen Lodge is 130 km west of Alice Springs on a sealed road. Motel type rooms and a campground. Small general store and bar. Petrol. Located next to the Finke River. View to the nearby West MacDonnell Ranges. View of Glen Helen Gorge cliffs. Nearby Redbank Gorge offers spectacular rock colors. Mount Sonder is the highest point in the ranges. 1,380 m. Mount Sonder is known to locals as the ‘sleeping lady’. Driving back to Alice Springs in the late afternoon. Cold, overcast and rain showers.
East of Alice Springs
About 85 km east of Alice Springs via a sealed road is Ross River Homestead. Bar, cafe and dining area. Fuel. Outback atmosphere.
An oncoming roadtrain gave me a stone chip on my car windscreen along the Ross Highway east of Alice Springs.

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