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# LIFT YOUR SPIRITS AT PARRTJIMA 2020

Melbourne has White Nights and Sydney has Vivid, but nothing rivals the Red Centre's Parrtjima (pronounced par-chee-ma).

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Parrtjima shares cultural stories and connections through stunning light installations and shows beamed across more than two kilometres of the MacDonnell Ranges, which are millions of years old. Marking its fifth year, Parrtjima 2020 celebrates the history, art, culture and storytelling of our First Nation people and Central Australian Arrente people. 'The themes are different every year,' Festival Curator Rhoda Roberts says. 'The theme for 2020 is "Lifting Our Spirits". It celebrates the region's ancient stories and today's First Nation people will also share their sciences of the skies and its cultural context. If you've never had an Aboriginal experience, Parrtjima not only gives you the authentic culture, it also shares fun and excitement. The extraordinary nightly light shows on the ancient natural canvas are unrivalled around the world.' The free 10-day event runs from 3-12 April 2020, and will be the biggest yet, showcasing the oldest continuous culture on earth through the latest technology. Experience massive, luminous installations, a speakers' program, film and music at Alice Springs Desert Park, then engage with the community and enjoy local food, cabaret stars, comedians and leading performers in the Alice Springs Todd Mall entertainment precinct. A free shuttle bus operates a 20-minute loop between both locations, or you can stroll the shared bike and walking path from Albrecht Oval to the Parrtjima site, a distance of approximately 900 metres. April is the perfect time to visit Alice Springs. In 2019, Parrtjima attracted a record crowd of 25,000. If you want to experience Parrtjima 2020 – A Festival of Light, book your Alice Springs flights and accommodation now so you don't miss out. Follow Parrtjima on Facebook and Instagram @ParrtjimaAustralia #Parrtjima [www.parrtjimaaustralia.com.au](http://www.parrtjimaaustralia.com.au)

