Surfing superstar and Mate of the Territory Layne Beachley has been showing Australians how to Do the NT with her husband, INXS rocker Kirk Pengilly.

The high profile couple have explored some of the world’s best adventure destinations and can now add the Red Centre Way to their list, driving from Uluru to Alice Springs over the weekend.

“It’s great to have Layne on board as a Mate of the Territory and it looks like the surfing champ and her husband Kirk have been having a fantastic time ticking off Australia’s ultimate drive,” said Minister for Tourism Matt Conlan.

“Doing the Northern Territory is something to brag about and who better to brag about their Red Centre road trip than Layne Beachley and Kirk Pengilly.

“During their visit the pair has visited Alice Springs, Kings Canyon and Uluru and showed their thousands of fans on social media all the different ways they can Do the NT; whether it is by foot, quad bike, cycle through Central Australia’s most iconic national parks and local attractions.

“Boosting tourism in the Centre is a key priority of the Country Liberals Government and this exposure will encourage thousands of Australians to follow in Layne’s footsteps and book their own Northern Territory adventure.”

As part of the Mates of the Territory initiative, high profile Australians like Layne call upon fellow travellers that love the NT to become our mates too and get involved in promoting the NT on social media through the hashtag #askNTmates.

Layne, a former professional surfer who has won seven world championships and is known for her fitness and sense of adventure, said the Territory was a must-do holiday destination.

“Sometimes we take the natural wonders and resources at our doorstep for granted, so I’m keen to give others a healthy reminder of how lucky we are,” she said.

“I can’t wait to hit the Red Centre with my husband. Seeing parts of the country we’ve never seen is a great way to reconnect and spend quality time together. Though Kirk and I have both travelled
extensively for work, we've always wanted to explore more of our own backyard, and we’re so glad we are. We’re now more inspired to head to the NT than hop on a plane elsewhere.”

The *Mates of the Territory* program is among a range of initiatives of the Territory Government to boost domestic tourism to the Territory, which recently increased by 9.4 per cent for the year ending June 2014.

*Photos attached from Instagram/@laynebeachley*

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