

Alice's wheelchair access rates with Australia's best

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Alice Springs is easily accessible for people in wheelchairs but Ayers Rock needs some work, according to United States couple Scott and Pratiksha Chesney.

They are travelling the world to evaluate and promote travel for the disabled.

The Devotion to Motion tour will see the Chesneys visit 25 countries in 14 months. They have spent the past three weeks in Australia.

Mr Chesney said: "Australia is phenomenal in terms of accessibility."

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"Alice Springs is very accessible and very manageable, but for people looking to take a trip to Ayers Rock or the Olgas it is difficult."

He said a flight of stairs leading into public toilets at Ayers Rock and sand pathways made it difficult for wheelchair access.

They download their research fortnightly on to a website which is visited by thousands of disabled and able-bodied people across the world.



● United States couple Scott and Pratiksha Chesney rate Alice Springs wheelchair access with Australia's best.

They are also researching alternative medicines and educating towns they visit about disabilities.

He said: "So far we

have connected with more than half a million children.

"We want them to understand the meaning of accept-

ance and tolerance not just with disabilities but with cultures and ways of life."

The Chesneys can be contacted at chesney@ibm.net or www.d2motion.com.