

Northern Territory

# TOP END HOLIDAY GUIDE

2018 Edition



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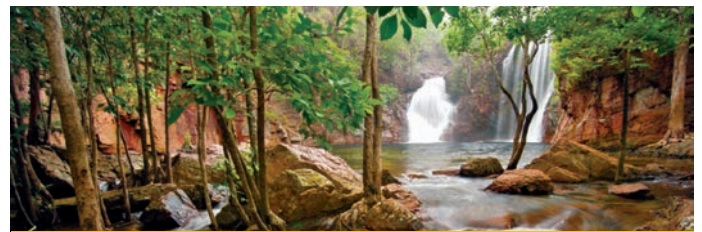


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# WELCOME TO THE TOP END

Aboriginal people are the original custodians of the Top End and have a unique relationship with the land. Their art and Dreamtime stories weave a connection between spirit and country and provide modern travellers with a deeper understanding and insight to the mysteries of land and waters.

The Northern Territory occupies about one sixth of Australia's total land mass; its boundaries encompass a variety of contrasting landscapes and experiences.

The Top End of the Northern Territory is known for its tropical weather, crocodiles, rich indigenous culture, great fishing, national parks and laid-back lifestyle.

It is home to an eclectic mix of cultures whose outdoor lifestyle is complemented by brilliant sunsets, fantastic fishing and a colourful calendar of outdoor events.

Darwin is the Northern Territory's multicultural capital, famed for its markets and festivals, Asian cuisine and beautiful natural harbour. It is also the perfect base from which to explore the natural treasures of World Heritage-Listed Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks as well as the Tiwi Islands, Nitmiluk National Park and Arnhem Land

This guide is intended as an informative planning tool to help plan your holiday. Contained within are **accommodation, tour and attraction listings** as well as maps, essential information and **vehicle**

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# FESTIVALS & EVENTS 2018

## January

- 20-21** Heineken Hottest 7's in the World, Rugby Park, Marrara
- 22** Flix in the Wet, BCC Cinemas Darwin City (running until 25 March)
- 26** Australia Day Celebrations, various venues across the Top End
- 28** Mud Racing, Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex



## April

- 18** Deckchair Cinema Opening Night, Deckchair Cinema
- 21** Mud Racing, Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex
- 25** ANZAC Day Commemorations
- 25-29** Tjungu Festival, Ayers Rock Resort
- 26** Mindil Beach Sunset Markets Opening Night, Mindil Beach

## February

- 5** Goyder's Day, Darwin Waterfront by the Deckchair Cinema
- 3** Steve Backshall's BBCEarth Deadly 60 Downunder, Darwin Convention Centre
- 16** Chinese New Year, various venues across Darwin
- 19** 76th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin, Cenotaph - The Esplanade and various venues across the Top End
- 24** Mud Racing, Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex

## May

- 5** Billy Joel Tribute Concert, SKYCITY Darwin
- 5-20** Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, Nightcliff Foreshore
- 6** Royal Flying Doctors Service 90 Year Anniversary Event, Stokes Hill Wharf
- 8-14** NT Barramundi Classic, Around the Top End
- 11-20** Ord Valley Muster, Kununurra
- 18** Darwin Star Ball, Darwin Convention Centre

## March

- 2** Commonwealth Games Baton Relay Final Event, Darwin Waterfront
- 10** Darwin Masters 10s, Little Mindil Beach
- 18** Tiwi Islands Football and Art Sale, Bathurst Island
- 24** Mud Racing, Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex
- 31** Blacken Open Air, Alice Springs (Running until 2 April)

## May Cont...

- 18-27** A Taste of Kakadu, Kakadu National Park
- 19** Bass in the Grass, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens
- 19-20** Fred Pass Rural Show, Freds Pass
- 20** Jimmy Barnes, Darwin Entertainment Centre
- 26** Uluru Camel Cup, Ayers Rock Resort
- 26** Noonamah Tavern Rodeo, Noonamah Tavern
- 26** Darwin Waterfront Harmony Soiree, Darwin Waterfront

The Top End is host to a wide range of incredible, world-class, unique events. Laugh along with the locals at quirky events distinctive to the Top End, honour Aboriginal culture at indigenous celebrations in remote communities or revel in major sporting events such as the V8 Supercars, SuperBikes and Darwin Cup Carnival. You will find all you need to know about Top End events listed here, more events can be viewed at [tourismtopend.com.au/events/whats-on](http://tourismtopend.com.au/events/whats-on)

## June

- 8-10** Barunga Cultural and Sports Festival, Barunga Community



- 9-11** Finke Desert Race, Alice Springs
- 9-10** Greek Glenti, Bicentennial Park
- 10** Summer Session, Darwin
- 23-24** Darwin 4WD, Boating and Camping Expo, Darwin Showgrounds
- 23-24** TERRA 3 Hour Race, Hidden Valley Raceway
- 23-24** BMXA Nationals Series - Round 3, Satellite City BMX Club
- 28** Speedway Sedans Australia, National junior Sedan Title, Northline Speedway (Running until 1 July)
- 28** Australian Superbike Championship, Hidden Valley Raceway(Running until 1 July)
- 29** Alice Springs Beanie Festival, Alice Springs (running until 2 July)
- 30** Noonamah Tavern Rodeo, Noonamah Tavern

## September

- 13-23** Darwin International Film Festival, Darwin Deckchair Cinema
- 22** Noonamah Tavern Rodeo, Noonamah Tavern

## July

- 1** Territory Day
- 7** Darwin Cup Carnival, Darwin Turf Club (Running until 6 Aug)
- 10** Ocean Film Festival World Tour, Darwin Deckchair Cinema
- 14** Darwin Dili Yacht Rally
- 15-17** Supercars Championship Series, Hidden Valley Raceway
- 20-21** Royal Katherine Show, Katherine Showgrounds
- 22** Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta, Mindil Beach
- 26-28** Royal Darwin Show, Darwin Showgrounds
- 30** The Terra Territory Challenge, Hidden Valley Raceway (Running until 5 Aug)
- 30** Pitch Black - Royal Australian Air Force (Running until 17 Aug)

## October

- 1** Million Dollar Fish Competition, (Running until 28 Feb 2019)
- 1-28** October Business Month

## November

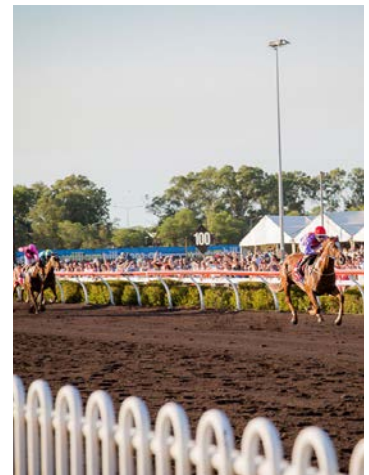
- 11** Remembrance Day, Bicentennial Park

## December

- 31** New Years Eve, various venues around the Top End

## August

- 2-7** Desert Harmony Festival, Tennant Creek
- 3-6** Garma Festival, Arnhem Land
- 4** Darwin Turf Club Gala Ball, Darwin Turf Club



- 4** Pesona Indonesia, Darwin Waterfront
- 6** Darwin Cup Day, Darwin Turf Club
- 9-26** Darwin Festival, various venues around Darwin
- 10-12** Darwin Aboriginal Fair, Darwin Convention Centre
- 11** Noonamah Tavern Rodeo, Noonamah Tavern
- 19-25** Lasseters Classic Outback Trial, Alice Springs

Disclaimer: The calendar of events is provided as a service from Tourism Top End. As event information by organisers can change without notice, we advise you to contact organisers directly to confirm all details prior to planning your holiday. Tourism Top End assumes no responsibility for any errors or omissions.



# TRAVELLING TO & AROUND THE TOP END

## Getting Here

### Self-drive

Excellent sealed highways provide ease of access into and around the Top End region. The Stuart Highway from Adelaide, the Barkly Highway from Queensland and the Victoria Highway from Western Australia are sealed all the way. For the more adventurous traveller, access into the Top End may also be made by the Savannah Way, entering our region from Queensland on an unsealed road that starts at Wologorang. But no matter which way you decide to come - caravanning or driving - the Top End offers an incredible range of attractions and top class facilities for our motoring and caravanning visitors to ensure that your visit to the region is a memorable one.



### 4WD

Although a two-wheel drive vehicle will get you to the majority of sites and attractions in the region, to

explore some of the special locations in remote areas, a four-wheel drive is absolutely essential. Good travel advice for those using four-wheel drive vehicles will make the trip fun and keep it safe. Make sure you plan ahead for your journey and always advise somebody of your travel schedule.

For specific information on self-drive access to some of the more remote locations in the Top End region, and the truly unique experiences that these off-road adventures can offer, visitors are advised to visit their local library or check out their local bookstores for one of the many specialist guides available on exploring the four-wheel drive tracks of the Top End region.

### Bus/Coach

Darwin and the Top End region is well serviced by major national coach companies. Check with your local travel agent or direct with the operator for details of service schedules, fares and tour packages.

### Fly

Daily scheduled flights to Darwin operate from every mainland Australian capital city. Darwin, being the closest Australian capital city to Asia, has regular international

air services from Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, Timor Leste and Indonesia. It is possible when booking your flights to arrange for a rental car, awaiting your arrival at Darwin airport. Airport collections attract an additional fee.

### Rail

Great Southern Rail offers visitors to the Top End region the opportunity to enjoy one of the world's great train journeys aboard The Ghan. The regular service from Adelaide to Darwin stops at Alice Springs and Katherine before its final destination, Darwin. A truly memorable way to experience the wonders of this unique landscape.

### Cruise

Many cruise ships now include the Top End in their schedules, often including a day stopover in Darwin. Expedition cruises are also becoming a popular way to visit remote north coast Aboriginal art communities in Arnhem Land and Groote Eylandt.



# Getting Around

## Free WIFI Hotspots around the Top End

- Darwin CBD - Smith Street Mall
- Darwin Waterfront
- Mindil Beach Markets
- Bathurst Island, Tiwi Islands
- Mary River Wilderness Retreat
- Gunlom - Kakadu National Park
- Gove - Visitor Information Centre
- Wangi Falls



- Katherine Hot Springs
- Mataranka Homestead
- Daly Waters Pub
- Timber Creek Caravan Park
- Barkly Homestead
- Tennant Creek - Visitor Information Centre
- Devils Marbles Hotel (Wauchope)
- Devils Marbles - Car parking/Info

## Driving in the Top End

Whether you are heading off on your driving adventure for a week or just a day, preparation and planning is the key to a safe drive experience in the Territory. Ninety-five percent of the Northern Territory's highways are sealed, but the more challenging off-road routes traverse sand, rocky watercourses and escarpment country. It is important for your vehicle to be well-equipped with recovery gear, a first aid kit, spare parts and tools. Have your vehicle serviced before you take off and carry extra fuel when driving into remote areas. You will also need to take sufficient food and water supplies.

Always check road conditions and let someone know your travel plans.

The Northern Territory Government has a 24hr recorded message service on 1800 246 199 or visit [www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport](http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport)

## Know your roads

A 'fully-sealed road' refers to a road that is sealed and maintained with bitumen and tar. A 'gravel road' is not sealed and surface conditions can vary. Usually these roads are graded once or twice a year, but 'bulldust' and corrugations are common hazards.

A 'one-lane development road' is a gravel road with a strip of bitumen running down its centre. Road trains travel along the bitumen for quick transportation. If you are driving on a one-lane development road, pull to the side to allow the road train to keep all tyres on the bitumen and overtake safely.

A 'four-wheel drive track' is a road that is suitable only for cars with four-wheel drive capability. These roads traverse grounds that are unsuitable for two-wheel drive vehicles and can be rocky, sandy, muddy and steep.

## Remote areas

Driving off the beaten track into the remote Top End requires extra equipment for the adventure. Along major highways, food and fuel stops are generally every 200-300 kilometres, but in more remote areas distances can be much greater.

Carry additional fuel and sufficient food and water for the trip. Plan where to re-supply.

Mobile phone coverage is limited outside major regional centres in the Northern Territory. A satellite phone, CB radio or HF radio are good alternatives. Ultra-high frequency (UHF) is the most commonly used CB setting among four-wheel drivers, although it will only transmit over a short distance. Permits may be required. Restrictions apply to the consumption and transportation of alcohol on Aboriginal land. For further information visit [nt.gov.au/driving/safety/alcohol-drugs-and-driving](http://nt.gov.au/driving/safety/alcohol-drugs-and-driving)

## Cycling in the Top End

Drivers need to be mindful of cyclists when travelling on roads. In

the Northern Territory, cyclists have right of way on public roads and highways.

Darwin's flat terrain and glorious tropical climate lend themselves to cycling as a pleasant recreational pursuit - and you can do it in complete safety by using the city's extensive local network of excellent cycle tracks.

Cycle tracks will take you along the breezy coastal fringe of the city and suburbs, to parks, reserves and general recreation facilities throughout Darwin.

For further information visit [www.darwin.nt.gov.au/cyclepaths](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/cyclepaths)

## Entering Aboriginal land

If you're planning to visit Aboriginal land during your stay in the Top End region you must first obtain a travel permit before entering. When visiting Aboriginal land and communities in the more remote areas, it is sometimes necessary to join an organised tour with one of our many specialised 4WD safari operators. Those wishing to enter Aboriginal land on their own must apply in writing to the relevant Aboriginal Land Councils.

For further information contact:  
The Northern Land Council  
(08) 8920 5100  
Fax: (08) 8920 5255  
Email: [permits@nlc.org.au](mailto:permits@nlc.org.au)  
[www.nlc.org.au](http://www.nlc.org.au)

## Buying Takeaway Alcohol

All Territorians and visitors to the Northern Territory will need to show photo ID to buy takeaway alcohol. This change is part of the Banned Drinker Register (BDR) program. The register will identify people who are banned from purchasing takeaway alcohol and stop them from buying it. It will assist in reducing alcohol-related harm to individuals, families and the community.

## Plastic bags are banned in the Northern Territory

The plastic bag ban commenced in 2011, and means that retailers can no longer supply lightweight, "single-use" style plastic bags, including

degradable bags. There are a range of environmentally friendly options available from retailers, but you may be charged for them, or you can take your own bag to the shop.

[nt.gov.au/environment/environment-protection-recycling-waste/plastic-bag-ban](http://nt.gov.au/environment/environment-protection-recycling-waste/plastic-bag-ban)

### Climate

The Top End has a tropical climate and has two distinct seasons, the 'Wet' and the 'Dry'. The Wet season is from November until April. Expect monsoonal rains and storms, which usually only last 25 - 45 minutes. Temperatures typically range 25°C (77°F) to 33°C (91°F) and humidity levels can reach in excess of 80%.

While weather conditions at this time of year can restrict travel to some areas, the Wet season is a stunning time to see the Top End. Waterfalls tumble, skies host incredible light shows and the landscape turns a lush green.

The 'Dry' season, from May until October, is traditionally the most popular time to visit for visitors to explore the many attractions of the Top End region. A major factor is the warm, dry, sunny days and cool nights. Temperatures typically range from 21°C (70°F) to 32°C (90°F), and the humidity levels are much lower: around 60-65%. For further information visit [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

### Dump points

The Northern Territory has designated effluent dump points at Alice Springs, Batchelor, Borroloola, Darwin, Douglas Daly, Howard Springs, Jabiru, Katherine, Mataranka, Pine Creek, Tennant Creek, Wycliffe Well and Yulara. Empty your effluent waste here and protect the Territory's impressive environment.

[www.sanidumps.com/rvdumpsregion.php?region=117](http://www.sanidumps.com/rvdumpsregion.php?region=117)

### Vehicle hire in the Top End

Four-wheel drive and two-wheel drive vehicles can be hired from Darwin and Katherine. Contact Tourism Top End to book your car hire with unlimited kilometres.

Restrictions may apply to the hire of your vehicle and insurance policies can vary. Some plans do not offer roadside assistance in remote areas or coverage for travel on ungazetted roads.

Companies rarely insure single vehicle accidents at night, so drive cautiously as native animals and stock often wander close to roads at this time.

Check the conditions of your insurance policy at the time of booking and ensure the hire car company explains how to use your vehicle, including how to engage the four-wheel drive function.

### Fatigue

Fatigue is one of the most common causes of serious accidents. The Northern Territory has vast distances between towns and driving long distances in high temperatures can significantly increase driver fatigue.

Stop at least every 2 hours and avoid driving for more than 8 to 10 hours at a stretch. Along most routes, designated rest areas allow you to pull up and stretch your legs. To avoid dehydration, drink at least three litres per day.

### Mobile phone coverage

Large areas of the outback are without mobile (cell) phone coverage, but all significant population centres throughout the Northern Territory are served by a mobile network.

The four types of mobile phone service available in the Top End are GSM, 3G, 4G and 4GX.

For further information, please contact your mobile telephone provider before your departure, or visit [www.telstra.com.au/coverage-networks/our-coverage](http://www.telstra.com.au/coverage-networks/our-coverage)

### Natural hazards saltwater crocodiles

The world's largest reptile is the Northern Territory's very own saltwater crocodile, or 'salties' as they are known by locals. This

incredible carnivore has sat atop the food chain of the Top End for 100 million years and is a major draw card for visitors to the Top End. Corroboree Billabong is home to the highest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the world.

Saltwater crocodiles are protected by law and abound in most Northern Territory waterways, including Darwin Harbour and its surrounding creeks and estuaries. These creatures, which can grow to more than six metres in length, are incredibly territorial and have, at times, been known to attack people

However, by taking a few precautions you can share their environment without danger:

- NEVER stand on riverbanks or clean fish by the waters edge and always be aware of your surroundings while near the water
- HEED all warning signs and take care when swimming or wading in any Territory waterways.
- CROCS can make their way inland a surprising distance, and with their current rise in population, it should never be assumed that an area is free of them.

[becrocwise.nt.gov.au](http://becrocwise.nt.gov.au)

### Box jellyfish

Box Jellyfish and associated species can be very dangerous to humans in Top End waters. They are particularly common from October to May but can also occur at any time of year. It is recommended that you do not swim in the sea during this peak period of activity.

The jellyfish deliver an excruciatingly painful and sometimes fatal sting. They are particularly dangerous to children, older people and people with underlying medical issues.

Vinegar neutralises tentacles still attached to the stung victim and should be carried at all times if swimming in the sea. Seek medical advice immediately.

### Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes in the Northern Territory carry a variety of viruses. A good, tropical strength repellent and wearing light coloured clothing at dawn and dusk is recommended.

### Snakes

The Northern Territory has a range of some of the most venomous land snakes in the world. They are rarely encountered but remember to always wear solid footwear, especially at night. Use a torch at night and stay on clearly marked paths.

### Other wildlife

A range of other wildlife in the Northern Territory can be harmful to visitors. For your safety please ensure that you do not interfere with any wildlife.

### Melioidosis

Melioidosis is a disease caused by a soil based bacteria and there is currently no vaccine. During

the wet season (Nov-April) the bacteria becomes active in wet soils. Waterproof shoes and protective gloves should always be worn if you are walking through or handling muddy soils.

### High temperatures

Due to the heat and humidity of the region, carry plenty of water when travelling, even for short distances. It is recommended you let someone know where you are heading and an estimated time you will return.

### Cyclones and storms

In the Top End from October to May, the weather can at times be fairly wild and unpredictable. Storms can be sudden and localised and care should be taken when driving. Lightning strikes are both frequent and spectacular and seeking cover indoors is advised.

Cyclones can occur from November to May each year. It is very important to pay attention to weather forecasts and

heed all warnings issued by the local authorities.

A cyclone watch is issued when a cyclone is active in the Australian region, and is expected to impact land-based communities within 48 hours, but not within 24 hours.

A warning is issued if cyclone gales are affecting or expected to affect coastal communities within 24 hours, or are already occurring.

The Northern Territory Emergency Service website provides information about the shelter options available [www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Emergency-Service/Public-safety-advice/Shelters-in-the-NT.aspx](http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Emergency-Service/Public-safety-advice/Shelters-in-the-NT.aspx)

For more information, call Tropical Cyclone Warning Service on 1300 659 211 or visit [www.bom.gov.au/nt/](http://www.bom.gov.au/nt/)

## Travelling from Darwin - Distances and Travel Times

Departs Darwin (Incl. Stop)	Approx. Distance from City (Kilometres)	(Miles)	Drive Time Approx.	Fly Time Approx.
Alice Springs	1491km	927mi	15hr	2hr
Batchelor	98km	61mi	1hr 15min	N/A
Berry Springs	55km	34mi	45min	N/A
Fogg Dam	66km	43mi	45min	N/A
Howard Springs Nature Park	30km	19mi	30min	N/A
Jumping Crocodiles	66km	41mi	45min	N/A
Kakadu National Park	257km	160mi	3hr	1hr
Katherine	314km	195mi	3hr 30min	1hr 10min
Litchfield National Park	129km	80mi	1hr 30min	N/A
Mataranka	420km	261mi	4hr 30min	N/A
Pine Creek	226km	140mi	2hr 30min	N/A
Tennant Creek	986km	613mi	10hr	3hr
Window on the Wetlands	60km	38mi	45min	N/A



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To find quality tourism businesses in the NT visit [www.trusttheticknt.com.au](http://www.trusttheticknt.com.au)



# THINGS TO DO IN THE TOP END

**Whether you are planning on visiting Darwin for just a day or two, or perhaps making Darwin your base for a longer visit, the range of tours, charters and cruises available has something to appeal to all.**

To really discover the Top End, plan to spend 7-14 days touring. For those visiting Darwin for just a short stay, there is much to see within the city itself - some local attractions well worth a visit and suggested itineraries are shown on pages 15-22 of this guide.

Travelling from Darwin, be sure to stay overnight in the Wildlife and Wetlands region (44) en-route to Kakadu National Park (48). See the jumping crocodiles on the Adelaide River, spend up to a week in Kakadu and Arnhem Land (57) exploring the ancient landscape, before following the Stuart Highway south to the Katherine region (68).

Stop over in Pine Creek (66) for a taste of gold mining, railway and Overland Telegraph history before arriving in Katherine - adventure territory. You'll find plenty to do in the region to easily fill three days and more.

Travelling north back to Darwin (25), the Douglas Daly region (63) offers superb barra fishing and the

township of Adelaide River (42) will take you back in time to the days of World War II.

Litchfield National Park (38) and its gateway township of Batchelor (42), provide a myriad of natural and cultural experiences that deserve a stay of at least two days or more.

A short trip from Darwin, The Peninsula Way (36), is a great getaway with fantastic beaches, natural springs and exciting harbour fishing.

The following section of the guide lists a wide range of touring options to the Top End's must see destinations.

Up here for the fishing (23)... or perhaps hunting? Whether it be bluewater, reef or estuary fishing, the Top End offers the lot for those on organised fishing tours, or for those visitors who prefer to do it independently. There are, however, some restrictions and regulations - check with the Northern Territory Department of Fisheries for further information contact (08) 8999 2144.

Pages 23-24 of this guide show examples of fishing tours and charters in the Top End.

Sporting shooters are also welcome at certain times of the year to join organised pig, buffalo and other wild game hunts.

**For regulations pertaining to firearms, contact Northern Territory Police on (08) 8922 3344.**

**Please remember it is strictly illegal to enter private property, including cattle stations, without having obtained prior permission.**

# Tours, Charters & Cruises

## SACRED EARTH SAFARIS



**Private Charter Touring**  
**Phone:** (08) 8536 2234  
**Email:** info@sacredearthsafaris.com.au  
**Website:** www.sacredearthsafaris.com.au  
**Departs:** Various Regions  
**Cost:** From POA

Personalised private tours are great for families, incentives, groups of friends and special interests such as photography and bird watching. Glamping and accommodated tours are available, through the Top End, Red Centre and Kimberley. 6, 9 and 24 seat 4WD vehicles to choose from.



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**Website:** www.sacredearthsafaris.com.au  
**Departs:** Darwin Region  
**Cost:** From \$1,800

Explore Kakadu, Katherine and Litchfield on a small group 4WD tour with a maximum of 9 guests. Accommodated in Bush Bungalows, fixed Safari Tents and Station Rooms, upgrade options are also available. Rock art, waterfalls, birdlife and crocs - all parts of your Top End Adventure!



## KAKADU AIR



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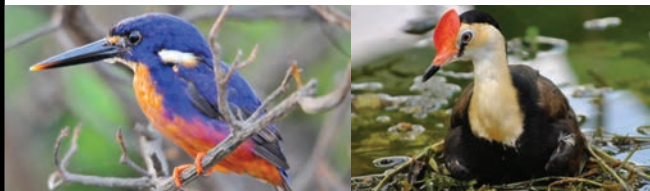
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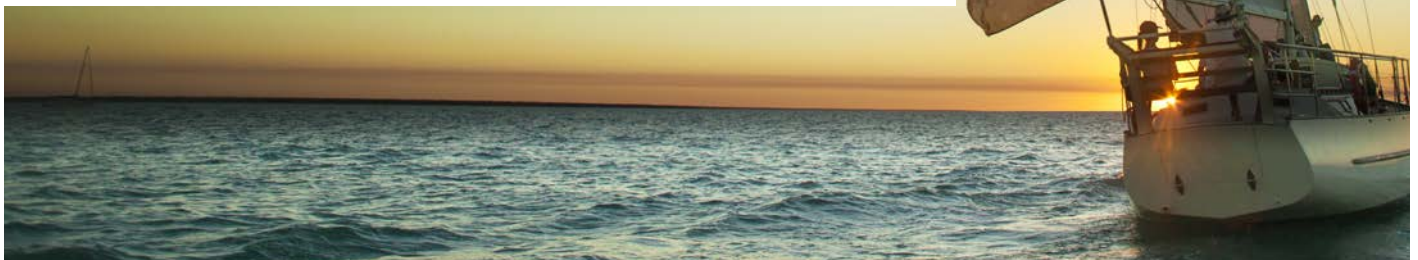


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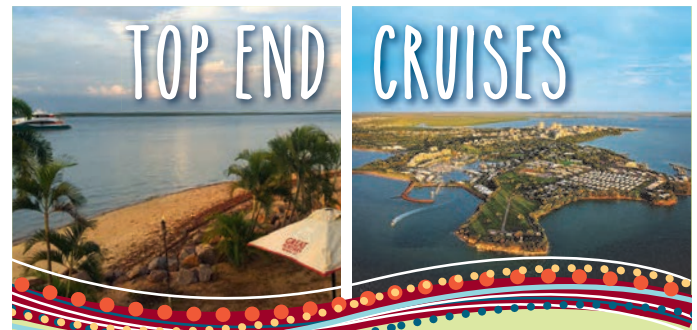
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# TOP END ITINERARIES

**Give us one day - fourteen days, we'll give you the trip of a lifetime**

The following itineraries give you an idea of some of the great experience you can have in the Top End. These are meant as a starting point to customise your own individual adventure. For example, you can easily combine two itineraries or reverse the route of any trip. For more suggestions and sample itineraries, visit [tourismtopend.com.au](http://tourismtopend.com.au) or call **1300 138 886** or email [info@tourismtopend.com.au](mailto:info@tourismtopend.com.au)



## DARWIN IN ONE DAY

Here on a business stopover or cruising in for the day?

Discover all Darwin has on offer...

### Option 1

Explore the art, craft and food stalls at one of the many markets. Get up close & personal with a saltwater crocodile. Enjoy the local seafood and culinary fare at one of the many restaurants. Enjoy a night of cinema under the stars.

### Option 2

Immerse in the colour, beauty and diversity of the Top End's Indigenous art in the CBD and Parap. Take a nature walk through the East Point Reserve or George Brown Botanic Gardens. Hand feed the hundreds of Milk fish that come in at high tide. Relax on a lunch or sunset cruise on the spectacular Darwin Harbour.

### Option 3

Take a walk to learn about the history of Darwin. View the WWII attractions and learn about Darwin's war history. Experience Darwin from the air with a scenic flight. Watch a spectacular Top End sunset from a beach side restaurant or café.

### Option 4

Jump on a city sights tour to see the major attractions. Swim in the Waterfront Wave pool and salt water lagoon. Get energetic and hire a bicycle, tandem skydive, segway tour, fishing, crabbing, scenic flight or do an airboat tour.

For more ideas visit pages 11 - 14 for tours and pages 25 - 29 for attractions in Darwin.



Darwin Waterfront - Wave Lagoon

## DARWIN AND SURROUNDS (3 DAYS)

Tiwi Islands, Wildlife and Wetlands Region and The Peninsula Way

### Day 1 - Tiwi Islands

Take a ferry ride or scenic flight to the Tiwi Islands for a unique cultural experience with the Tiwi locals in an art workshop and join a cultural history guided tour. Visit the Old Mission Church and the art gallery and see the fascinating carvings, painting and beautiful Tiwi fabrics.

### Day 2 - Wildlife and Wetlands Region

Start the morning with a short drive to the Adelaide River. Jump on a Jumping Crocodile Cruise, relaxing wildlife and wetland cruise or take an airboat ride. Stop in at Window on the Wetlands to view the region from the viewing platform. Stop in and enjoy bushwalking and bird watching at Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve.

### Day 3 - The Peninsula Way

Check out the famous Bird of Prey show and Ooloo Sandbar at the internationally renowned Territory Wildlife Park. Stop in at Berry Springs Nature Reserve to cool off in the natural springs. Make sure to stop and enjoy a tasty home-made mango ice-cream from a farm gate shop.



Crazy Acres



Tiwi Islands



# THE TOP END LOOP (5 DAYS)

## Wildlife & Wetlands Region, Kakadu National Park (Permit Required), Katherine Region and Litchfield Region

### Day 1 - Wildlife & Wetlands/Kakadu

Learn the culture of Aboriginal people with spear throwing and basket weaving. Overlook the region from the viewing platform at Window on the Wetlands. Experience a Jumping Crocodile Cruise, a relaxing wildlife and wetland cruise or take an airboat ride. Stop to see the abundance of native birdlife at Mamukala Wetlands. Visit the Ubirr Aboriginal Art Site in World Heritage Listed Kakadu National Park.

### Day 2 - Kakadu

Start the morning with a scenic flight over the wetlands and escarpments. Drop into Bowali Visitor Centre and see the interpretive displays and art gallery. Stop in at the ancient Aboriginal rock shelter at Nourlangie Rock and art sites. Climb to view magnificent escarpment views from Nawurlandja lookout. See the sunset with a Yellow Water Cruise to a place forgotten by time where nature is raw.

### Day 3 - Katherine Region

Head 3 hours south to Edith Falls plunge pools. Travel to Katherine, an extra 30 mins further south, wander through the many art galleries and meet the artists or join in an Aboriginal Art cultural tour. Take a short drive to Nitmiluk Gorge Visitor Centre and see the interpretative displays. While at the gorge, take a gorge cruise or canoe and swim in the gorge, weather permitting. Enjoy an outback experience and bushfire damper dinner under the stars.

### Day 4 - Pine Creek/Adelaide River/Batchelor/Litchfield

Drive 1 hour north to the old gold rush mining town of Pine Creek. Here you can visit the historic railway heritage museum and take in the stunning views from the lookout. Continue along the Stuart Highway to the Adelaide River township where you can wander through the War Memorial Cemetery. Before arriving in Litchfield National Park you will pass through the township of Batchelor. There you will find a butterfly farm, museum and plenty of places to grab lunch.

### Day 5 - Litchfield/The Peninsula Way/Darwin

While driving into Litchfield National Park, stop at the termite mounds; take a refreshing dip in one of the many

cascading waterfalls and plunge pools in the Park or take a walk through nature. Stop in to Wangi Falls and take a scenic flight. On your way back into Darwin check out the famous Bird of Prey show and Ooloo Sandbar at the internationally renowned Territory Wildlife Park. Stop into the Berry Springs Nature Reserve to cool off in the natural springs.



Pine Creek - Mine Shaft Lookout



# THE TOP ADVENTURE (7 DAYS)

## Wildlife & Wetlands Region, Kakadu National Park (Permit Required), Arnhem Land and Cobourg Peninsula

### Day 1 - Wildlife & Wetlands

Start the day with a nature walk and bird watching at Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve. Learn the culture of Aboriginal people with spear throwing and basket weaving. Overlook the region from the viewing platform at Window on the Wetlands. Experience a Jumping Crocodile Cruise, a relaxing wildlife and wetland cruise.

### Day 2 - Wildlife & Wetlands

Experience an exhilarating airboat ride. Take a guided nature walk through termite mound fields and freshwater mangroves. See buffalo in the wild with a scenic helicopter flight. Join a guided fishing charter and catch the elusive Barramundi at popular Shady Camp.

### Day 3 - Kakadu National Park

Learn the ways of life for Kakadu's Aboriginal Traditional Owners at Warradjan Cultural Centre. Stop in at the ancient Aboriginal Rock shelter at Nourlangie Rock and art sites. Climb to view magnificent escarpment views from Nawurlandja lookout. See the sunset with a Yellow Water Cruise to a place forgotten by time where nature is raw.

### Day 4 - Kakadu/Arnhem Land

Start the morning with a 2 hour drive to Gunbalanya in Oenpelli, (tidal river crossing, permits required prior to travel). Visit the Injalak Art Gallery and see local Aboriginal Art. Take a guided tour to sacred Injalak art sites with a local Aboriginal guide to see the many 'galleries' and to hear dreamtime stories. Take a 4 hour 4wd scenic drive through magnificent Arnhem Land country to Cobourg Peninsula.

### Day 5 - Arnhem Land

Cruise across the Cobourg Peninsula to Port Essington by boat to view the historic Victoria Settlement. Fish for giant trevally, coral trout and mackerel. View the first RAMSAR Wetland in the world. Enjoy the pristine wilderness with a large variety of sea life and world largest's herd of purestrain Banteng cattle.

### Day 6 - Arnhem Land/Kakadu

Start the day by visiting Smith Point and learn the art of crabbing and catch dinner. Visit Black Point Jungle Ranger Station and learn about the history of European pioneers, Macassan Traders and the Aboriginal people. Explore the pristine white sandy shell covered beaches in the Garig Gunak Barlu National Park. 4wd through Arnhem Land returning to Kakadu National Park.

### Day 7 - Kakadu

Take an early morning scenic flight over the wetlands and escarpments. Drop into Bowali Visitor Centre and see the interpretive display's and Art gallery. Visit Ubirr Aboriginal Art Site. Stop to see the abundance of native birdlife at Mamukala Wetlands.



Arnhem Land - Lonely Beach



Kakadu - Yellow Water Billabong

# THE TOP END EXPLORER (7 DAYS)

## Pine Creek, Daly Region, Litchfield Region and Peninsula Way

### Day 1 - Pine Creek/Daly Region

Start your trip by visiting the old gold rush mining town of Pine Creek. There you can visit the historic railway heritage museum and take in the stunning views from the lookout. Stop in for a swim at Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park, an isolated gorge with steep red cliffs. Drop into the natural springs of Douglas Daly Hot Springs. Take a shaded riverine walk along Butterfly Gorge Nature Park (seasonal & 4WD only). See the amazing natural formation at 'The Arches' and the Waterhole.

### Day 2 - Daly Region/Litchfield

Hire a boat for early morning Barramundi fishing on the Daly River. Stop into Nauiyu Community and see the historic Catholic Mission Church. Drive 2 hours to Adelaide River township where you can wander through the War Memorial Cemetery and stop in and visit the Adelaide River Railway Heritage Precinct.

### Day 3 - Batchelor/Litchfield

Before arriving in Litchfield National Park, you will pass through the Township of Batchelor. There you will find a butterfly farm, museum and plenty of places to grab lunch.

### Day 4 - Litchfield

Spend the day in Litchfield National Park and stop at the Termite Mounds; take a refreshing dip in one of the many cascading waterfalls and plunge pools in the Park or take a walk through nature.

### Day 5 - The Peninsula Way

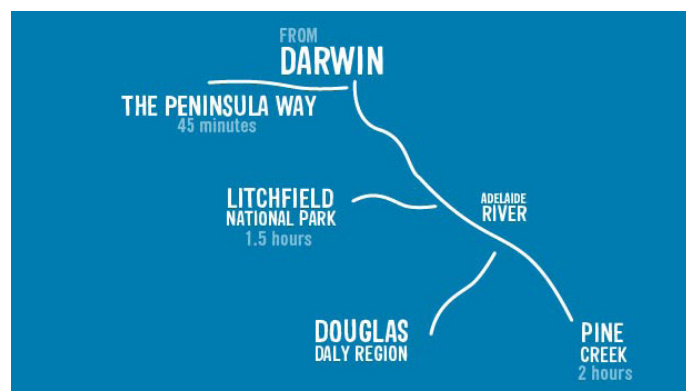
View WWII relics and Liberator Bomber memorial at Mandorah. Take a tour to the Mandorah wetlands region and then continue on the way to Dundee Beach.

### Day 6 - The Peninsula Way

Join an early morning fishing charter for some deep sea and reef fishing around the Peron Islands and catch pelagic, coral trout, snapper and sail fish or catch a Barra or a mud crab in Bynoe Harbour or the Finnis River.

### Day 7 - The Peninsula Way/Darwin

On your way back into Darwin check out the famous Bird of Prey show and Ooloo Sandbar at the internationally renowned Territory Wildlife Park. Stop in at the Berry Springs Nature Reserve to cool off in the natural springs. Return to Darwin for a sunset harbour cruise, a visit to the markets or a movie under the stars.





# THE BEST OF THE TOP END (14 DAYS)

**Wildlife & Wetlands Region, Kakadu National Park (Permit Required), Arnhem Land, Katherine, East Arnhem Land, Mataranka, Pine Creek, Daly River Region, Litchfield National Park and The Peninsula Way**



Wildlife & Wetlands Region - Airboat

## Day 1 - Wildlife & Wetlands

Drive 1 1/2 hours to Window on the Wetlands where you can overlook the region from a viewing platform. Experience a jumping crocodile cruise, a relaxing wildlife and wetland cruise or take an airboat ride. Learn the culture of Aboriginal people with spear throwing and basket weaving. Stop in and enjoy bushwalking and bird watching at Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve.

## Day 2 - Wildlife & Wetlands/Kakadu

Stop to see the abundance of native birdlife at Mamukala Wetlands. Visit Ubirr Aboriginal Art Site. Join a guided cultural cruise and gain an insight into local Aboriginal culture. Drop into the Bowali Visitors Centre and see the interpretive displays and Art gallery. During the Dry Season, Rangers run a free program of guided walks and activities throughout Kakadu.

## Day 3 - Arnhem Land

Book a guided day tour to Arnhem Land and visit the Injalak Art Gallery. Discover authentic art inspired by ancient dreamtime stories and the aboriginal art site at Injalak hill and visit the community of Gunbalanya (Oenpelli).

## Day 4 - Kakadu

Take an early morning scenic flight over the Kakadu wetlands and escarpments. Take a short drive to the ancient Aboriginal Rock shelter at Nourlangie Rock and art sites. Climb to view magnificent escarpment views from Nawurlandja lookout. Stop in at the Waradjun Cultural Centre.

## Day 5 - Kakadu/Katherine Region

Start the day with a Yellow Water dawn cruise to a place forgotten by time where nature is raw. Head 3 hours south to Edith Falls plunge pools. Travel to Nitmiluk National Park

and visit the Nitmiluk Gorge Visitor Centre and see the interpretative displays. Enjoy an outback experience and bushfire damper dinner under the stars.

#### Day 6 - Katherine/Arnhem Land

Take an early morning scenic Heli-flight over the 13 gorges of Nitmiluk National Park. Jump on a cruise along the Katherine Gorge. Wander through the many art galleries and meet the artists or join in an Aboriginal Art Cultural tour. Stop to take a dip in the Katherine Hot Springs. Fly to the remote town of Nhulunbuy in the Gove Peninsula, East Arnhem Land.

#### Day 7 - Arnhem Land

Spend the day on a blue water fishing charter and enjoy the world class fishing on offer.

#### Day 8 - Arnhem Land

Pick up a 4WD hire car and take a short drive to Yirrkala Art Centre. Continue north to view the Roy (Malpi) Marika lookout for a view of Nhulunbuy. Discover the Dhimurru area by 4WD (Permit required from [www.dhimurru.com.au](http://www.dhimurru.com.au)). Fly back to Katherine.

#### Day 9 - Katherine/Adelaide River

Take a drive south to Mataranka township. Visit the Cutta Cutta Limestone Cave and take a guided tour, swim in Bitter Springs and Thermal Pools, pop into the Museum and Art Gallery. Visit the historic Elsey Station Homestead and the Memorial Cemetery home of 'We of the Never Never'.

#### Day 10 - Pine Creek/Daly Region

Drive 2 hours north to the old gold rush mining town of Pine Creek. There you can visit the historic railway heritage museum and take in the stunning views from the lookout. Stop in for a swim at Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park, an isolated gorge with steep red cliffs. Drop into the natural springs of Douglas Daly Hot Springs. Take a shaded riverine walk along Butterfly Gorge Nature Park (seasonal & 4WD only). See the amazing natural formation at 'The Arches' and the waterhole.

#### Day 11 - Daly Region/Adelaide River

Hire a boat for early morning Barramundi fishing on the Daly River. Stop into Nauiyu Community and see the historic Catholic mission church. Drive 2 hours to Adelaide River township where you can wander through the War Memorial Cemetery and stop into visit the Adelaide River Railway Heritage Precinct.

#### Day 12 - Litchfield

Before arriving in Litchfield National Park, you will pass through the township of Batchelor. There you will find a butterfly farm, museum and plenty of places to grab lunch. Upon arriving in Litchfield National Park, stop at the Termite Mounds; take a refreshing dip in one of the many cascading waterfalls and plunge pools in the Park or take a walk through nature. Stop into Wangi Falls and take a scenic flight.

#### Day 13 - The Peninsula Way

Take an afternoon charter and catch a Barra or a mud crab in Bynoe Harbour and the Finnis river. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon watching the sunset views over Dundee Beach.

#### Day 14 - The Peninsula Way

On your way back into Darwin, check out the famous Birds of Prey show and Ooloo Sandbar at the internationally renowned Territory Wildlife Park. Stop into the Berry Springs Nature Reserve to cool off in the natural springs. Return to Darwin for a sunset harbour cruise, a visit to the markets or a movie under the stars.



# DO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY DO SAVANNAH WAY

Stock up the four-wheel drive with camping and fishing gear, and hit the Savannah Way. This journey of a lifetime will take you from Cairns in Queensland through the Savannah lands of Northern Territory and on to Broome in the West. The route is mainly sealed highway although there are some long stretches of gravel road and several challenging four-wheel drive routes to tackle.



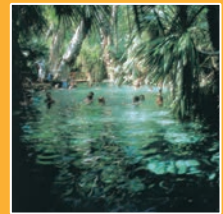
## DO BORROLOOLA

Next to the MacArthur River, Borroloola is a Must Do along Savannah Way. This fishing enthusiasts paradise has excellent estuary and open water fishing. Take a few days to land an iconic barramundi, or explore the Sir Edwards Pellew Group of Islands in the Gulf of Carpentaria.



## DO MATARANKA

Mataranka, a small community located only 100km south of Katherine, is more than just a stopover on the Explorers Way. Why not stop, relax and take a dip in the Mataranka Thermal Pools the region is known for, bubbling up at a fairly constant temperature of 34 degrees Celsius.



## DO LORELLA SPRINGS

Lorella Springs Wilderness Park is a huge 4,000 square kilometres (one-million acre) Outback Australia cattle station.



## DO KATHERINE

Where the outback meets the tropics - discover a region full of gorges and misty waterfalls, thermal springs and ancient cultures. The mighty Katherine Gorge is also a must do, and the Nitmiluk National Park it sits in has many of spots to enjoy a dip in the water.



## DO CAPE CRAWFORD

Do a chopper flight over the iconic Lost City and take a walk amongst the giant sandstone pillars.



## DO VICTORIA RIVER

Just a short walk from the camping area lies great fishing & bird-watching spots, and walking tracks with stunning scenery. Feeling more adventurous? Take a 90 minute meander up the soaring rocky escarpments on the Escarpment Lookout Walk and you'll be rewarded with amazing panoramic views of the valley below.



## DO DALY WATERS

In between Katherine and Tennant Creek is a unique pub that could only belong in the NT. Daly Waters Pub attracts visitors from all over Australia and beyond, wanting to relax after a long drive and enjoy Daly's famous outback tucker, cold beer and live music. Daly is a must do on your NT adventures.



## DO JUDBARRA/GREGORY

Victoria River Roadhouse is the gateway to sensational fishing and 4WD adventures of Gregory National Park. Discover historic and Aboriginal sacred sites, the magnificent boab tree or even try out bush camping amid a fantastic natural backdrop.





# FISHING THE TOP END & TRANSPORT

**Fishing in the Northern Territory is world class and there are many diverse fishing habitats on offer; lush billabongs, big tidal rivers, mangrove-lined estuaries, a scattering of islands and hundreds of kilometres of unspoilt coastline. The pristine coastal waters are where some of the best tropical sportfishing action in the world takes place.**

## **Must Do:**

- Try Heli or Air Boat Fishing
- Book a spot on a bluewater fishing boat & hook up some of the big fish just outside of Darwin Harbour
- Head to Arnhem Land or the Tiwi Islands and stay in one of the remote fishing lodges - a true Territory fishing experience
- Target Barramundi one day and sports fishing the next
- Combine a scenic flight or tour with your fishing experience

Darwin Harbour is full of exotic fish but those seeking adventure can head into Arnhem Land, over to the Tiwi Islands, down to the Victoria or Daly Rivers in the Katherine region or into the Gulf region for a truly unforgettable fishing expedition. Huge, wide rivers like the Daly and Victoria are prime barra haunts, as are the networks of beautiful waterways found in World Heritage-Listed Kakadu National Park and the Wildlife and Wetlands region.

Fishing in the Northern Territory is excellent all year round and while barramundi are most active from

March to May, anglers can fish successfully at any time for a range of species. The northern regions of the Territory are also home to an array of other great sport and reef fish, including giant trevally (GT), queenfish, Spanish mackerel, cobia, black jewfish, golden snapper, red emperor, coral trout, marlin and sailfish.

Try your hand at mud crabbing. Darwin Harbour has a maze of mangrove inlets that play home to the mighty Northern Territory mud crab, which makes for delicious eating.

You can hire a boat or bring your own, take a fully-guided fishing safari, stay at a remote fishing lodge or charter a mothership - every type of angler and every type of fishing experience is catered for in the Northern Territory.



# Fishing Tours and Charters

## HELIFISH



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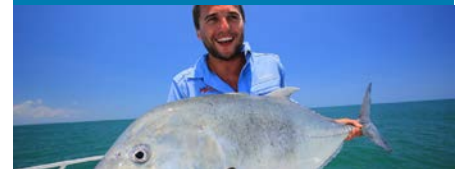


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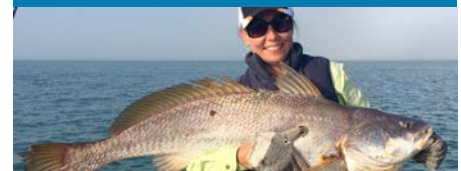


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**Departs:** Darwin Region  
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**64 Stuart Highway, Darwin NT 0820**  
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**Email:** thrifty@rentacar.com.au  
**Website:** www.thrifty.com.au

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### THRIFTY KATHERINE



**Travel North, 6 Katherine Terrace, Katherine NT 0850**  
**Phone:** 1800 891 125  
**Email:** thrifty@rentacar.com.au  
**Website:** www.thrifty.com.au

Centrally located on the main street in Katherine, renting a great vehicle from our Katherine office is easy. Alternatively, if you would prefer to drive to Katherine, you can choose from our extensive fleet of vehicles at any of our three Darwin locations.





# DISCOVERING DARWIN & SURROUNDS

**Darwin is a lively harbour city well-known as Australia's gateway to worldclass nature and cultural activities and experiences. With a population in excess of 145,000, it is a destination renowned for its tropical climate and colourful characters.**

Darwin, Australia is the place to enjoy fresh seafood, go fishing for the catch of a lifetime, watch the sun set while cruising Darwin Harbour and party at the lively clubs and bars. There's so much to learn and do in Darwin. Experience Darwin's unique WWII history at East Point Military Reserve, Charles Darwin National Park, Darwin Military Museum and Defence of Darwin Experience and the Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Tourist Facility are just some of the locations that played a historic role during WWII.



Darwin is no hotter or more humid than Asian destinations such as Bali and Singapore, with year-round temperatures consistently around 32° Celsius, ensuring a fabulous outdoor lifestyle.



There is plenty to do and see around town or simply relax, recharge the batteries and enjoy the holiday atmosphere. There is a huge focus on outdoor activities - eating, drinking, shopping, movie-going, sailing and visiting the markets. You

can eat laksa on the beach at the sunset markets, catch a band at one of many live music venues, cruise the harbour at sunset or relax in a deckchair watching a movie on the big screen under a canopy of stars.

With its diverse mixture of more than 60 nationalities Darwin offers year-round dining to suit all tastes and budgets. Choose from fine dining at East Point, one of many eateries on the Cullen Bay boardwalk, lively Mitchell Street, Darwin Waterfront, the family-friendly Darwin Sailing Club and Darwin Trailer Boat Club at Fannie Bay, Darwin Ski Club, fish and chips on Stokes Hill Wharf, Dinah Beach or Fisherman Wharf...the choice is yours.

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**Email:** darwinwaterfront@nt.gov.au  
**Website:** www.waterfront.nt.gov.au  
**Price:** \$0 - \$7.00  
**Opening times:** 10.00am - 6.00pm daily

The Wave Lagoon is one of Darwin's coolest attractions. Located at the Darwin Waterfront, the Wave Lagoon has 10 different wave types which run for 20 minutes every half an hour. Boogie boards and floatation tubes are available, or bring your own.



## THE DARWIN HISTORY AND WARTIME EXPERIENCE



**5 Smith Street, Darwin NT 0800**  
**Phone:** 0455 998 346  
**Email:** info@darwinhistoryandwartimeexperience.com.au  
**Website:** www.dhwe.com.au  
**Departs:** Darwin Region  
**Cost:** From \$40.00 - \$115.00

The Darwin History and Wartime Experience offers a fun and informative tour through and around the city of Darwin in a genuine WW2 army truck! A great introduction to Darwin, we give a comprehensive overview of the city and its history.



## DECKCHAIR CINEMA



**Jervois Road, Darwin Waterfront NT 0800**  
**Phone:** (08) 8981 0700  
**Email:** info@deckchaircinema.com  
**Website:** www.deckchaircinema.com

Darwin's beloved independent cinema under the stars, fringed by tropical gardens and overlooking Darwin Harbour. Dinner is available every night, prepared fresh by local caterers. Enjoy a famous Top End sunset with a refreshing beverage from the licensed kiosk. Open every night of the week, April - November.



## THE CHANTILLY KITCHEN TEA ROOM



**66 Aralia Street, Nightcliff NT 0810**  
**Phone:** (08) 7906 2825  
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## CROCOSAURUS COVE



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# Markets

## MINDIL BEACH SUNSET MARKET

**Gilruth Avenue, Darwin**

**Location from Darwin CBD:** 3km

**Phone:** (08) 8981 3454

**Day:** Thursdays and Sunday (April to Oct)

**Time:** Thur: 5.00pm - 10.00pm

Sun: 4.00pm - 9.00pm

Renowned for the tropical sunsets over Mindil Beach. Visitors can experience the vibrant, friendly and stimulating environment while enjoying the culinary delights on offer, and an extensive array of handmade craft, art and services. Live entertainment including live bands, street performers, cultural dance and fire shows.

## PARAP VILLAGE MARKET

**Parap Shopping Village, Parap**

**Location from Darwin CBD:** 4km

**Phone:** (08) 8942 0805

**Day:** Saturdays (year round)

**Time:** 8.00am - 2.00pm

This vibrant and colourful market place will enthrall you with its diverse food stalls, arts and crafts from locals artisans and its busy but relaxed atmosphere. Locals just can't pass up a Saturday morning without their laksa or fresh tropical smoothie.

## NIGHTCLIFF MARKET

**Progress Drive, Nightcliff**

**Location from Darwin CBD:** 10km

**Phone:** 0414 368 773

**Day:** Sundays (year round)

**Time:** 8.00am - 2.00pm

A casual wander around the market may unearth an unusual bargain or a unique gift with stalls displaying a range of original crafts, plants and recyclable goods. With plenty of shade and space to sit and enjoy the entertainment from local artists.

## RAPID CREEK FRESH PRODUCE MARKET

**Rapid Creek Shopping Centre, Tower Rd**

**Location from Darwin CBD:** 11km

**Phone:** (08) 8948 4866

**Day:** Saturdays and Sundays (year round)

**Time:** 6.00am - 2.00pm

Spend a lazy Sunday morning getting a massage, followed with a delicious brunch before browsing the stalls for fresh produce. Specialising in a wide selection of fruit and vegetables, bric-a-brac, seafood, craft and an extensive variety of food stalls. There is live entertainment and performances.



## MALAK MARKETPLACE - ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET

**Chamber Crescent Car Park, Malak**

**Location from Darwin CBD:** 15km

**Phone:** 0421 955 282

**Day:** Saturdays (April - Oct)

**Time:** 4.30pm - 9.00pm

Darwin's first organic market, arts and craft and health hub, with a unique multicultural and creative flare. After opening in 2016, Malak Marketplace has become the iconic, family friendly location for a late Saturday afternoon / evening to share local culture, music, organic food and entertainment.

## PALMERSTON & RURAL MARKET

**Goyder Square, Palmerston CBD**

**Location from Darwin CBD:** 20km

**Phone:** (08) 8988 4124

**Day:** Fridays (May - Oct)

**Time:** 5.30pm - 9.30pm

**Cost:** Free Entry

Selling everything from hand-crafted jewellery and novelty items, fresh produce and a selection of exotic foods. Be entertained by great live music, multicultural dances, and let's not forget the kids - with rides, clowns, games, competitions and giveaways.

## FRED PASS RURAL MARKET

**Fred Pass Reserve, Cnr of Bees Creek Road and Stuart Highway**

**Location from Darwin CBD:** 30km

**Phone:** 0410 836 880

**Day:** Saturdays (year round)

**Time:** 8.00am - 1.00pm

Fred Pass Rural Market is bigger and better in its new location, the markets are held each Saturday throughout the year and include a varied selection of market stalls offering fresh produce, food stalls and local craft items.

## BERRY SPRINGS MARKET

**Cox Peninsula Road, Berry Springs**

**Location from Darwin CBD:** 50km

**Phone:** (08) 8988 6674

**Day:** Saturdays (year round)

**Time:** 8.00am - 12.00pm

Come along and join the locals for breakfast or maybe grab an early lunch. The Berry Springs Community Market has stalls ranging from fresh locally grown produce, to arts and crafts, plants and second-hand goods and local hand-made market products.



# DARWIN CITY



# DARWIN CITY & SUBURBS



# DARWIN ACCOMMODATION

**Darwin City and surrounds boasts a range of accommodation designed to appeal to the comfort, needs and the pockets of all visitors to the region. Accommodation options are available in the heart of the city, at Cullen Bay Marina, near the Botanic Gardens and at the Darwin Waterfront, all within easy access to the CBD.**

Accommodation is also available just outside the city, convenient to the local attractions of areas such as East Point Reserve, the weekend markets, Stuart Highway, Casuarina Shopping Centre, Palmerston and Darwin International Airport. All accommodation provides the convenience of off-street parking and easy access to public transport to transfer you into the city or to other sights and attractions around Darwin.

As you head 'down the track' out of Darwin, you will find accommodation unique to the region, with properties providing their own specialised facilities such as bed and breakfast,

shaded caravan parks, cabin accommodation and farmstays.

It is important to remember when planning your accommodation to book in advance, particularly during the peak season of May to October. Major festivals and events during this time can affect occupancy levels as well as pricing of accommodation. By booking in advance you will have secured the most reasonable rates and availability on offer at accommodation properties.

If you require assistance with your holiday planning, the helpful and friendly staff at the Visitor Information Centre are available

seven days, simply call 1300 138 886.

**Note: This guide includes a selection of accommodation options available in Darwin and the Top End region. A comprehensive list and an online booking facility can be found at [tourismtopend.com.au](http://tourismtopend.com.au)**



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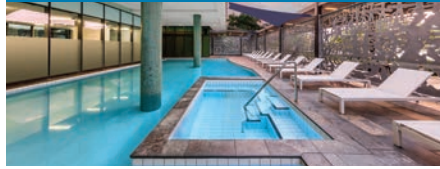


**64 Cavenagh Street,  
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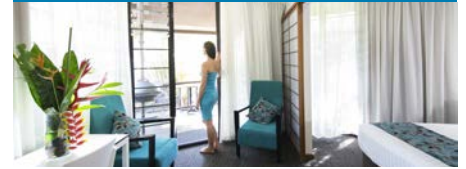


**7 Kitchener Drive, Darwin City NT 0800**  
**Phone:** (08) 8982 9998  
**Email:** darwin@vibehotels.com.au  
**Website:** vibehotels.com

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## PALMS CITY RESORT



**64 The Esplanade, Darwin NT 0800**  
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**622 Lee Point Road, Lee Point NT 0810**  
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**Website:** www.clubtropicalresortdarwin.com.au

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## CITY GARDEN APARTMENTS



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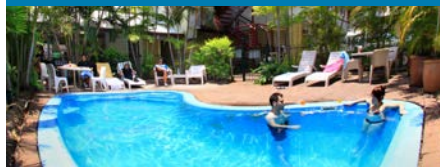


**901 Stuart Highway, Holtze NT 0829**  
**Phone:** (08) 8935 0888  
**Email:** darwin@freespiritresorts.com.au  
**Website:** www.darwinfreespiritresort.com.au

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## VALUE INN



**50 Mitchell Street, Darwin NT 0800**  
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**Email:** reservations@valueinn.com.au  
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**52 Mitchell Street, Darwin NT 0800**  
**Phone:** (08) 8941 7800  
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## DARWIN CENTRAL HOTEL



**21 Knuckey Street, Darwin NT 0801**

**Phone:** 1300 364 263

**Email:** reservations@darwincentral.com.au

**Website:** www.darwincentral.com.au

**Cost:** From \$109.00 - \$350.00

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## DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ESPLANADE DARWIN



**116 Esplanade, Darwin, NT 0800**

**Phone:** (08) 8980 0800

**Email:** esplanadedarwin.reservations@hilton.com

**Website:** www.esplanadedarwin.doubletree.com

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## ADINA APARTMENT HOTEL DARWIN WATERFRONT



**7 Kitchener Drive, Darwin City NT 0800**

**Phone:** (08) 8982 9999

**Email:** darwin@adinahotels.com.au

**Website:** adinahotels.com

Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront is located in the heart of the Darwin Waterfront precinct with close proximity to the CBD. The hotel features 121 spacious one and two bedroom apartments and studio rooms. For business travellers, the Darwin Convention Centre is steps away.



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**122 Esplanade, Darwin, NT 0800**

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**Website:** www.darwin.doubletree.com

**Price:** From \$115.00 - \$358.00

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**31 Woods Street, Darwin NT 0800**

**Phone:** 1300 542 502

**Email:** elandarwin@theoaksgroup.com.au

**Website:** oakshotels.com

**Cost:** From \$109.00 - \$499.00

Oaks Elan Darwin offers uninterrupted views over the city, Darwin Harbour and Frances Bay. Our hotel rooms and one and two bedroom apartments are contemporary in design with quality finishes. Guests can enjoy our resort-style leisure amenities including an outdoor lap pool, gymnasium and onsite restaurant.



## HILTON DARWIN



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**Email:** hiltondarwin.reservations@hilton.com

**Website:** www.darwin.hilton.com

**Price:** From \$119.00 - \$369.00

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## ARGUS HOTEL DARWIN



**13 Shepherd Street, Darwin NT 0800**

**Phone:** (08) 8941 8300

**Email:** reservations@argushotel.com.au

**Website:** www.argusdarwin.com.au

**Price:** From \$99.00

Argus Hotel, one of Darwins newest CBD Hotels, consists of 102 Superior and Deluxe rooms. All rooms offer Juliette balconies, LCD TV & cable, plus free WIFI as standard. The property also features a plunge pool/spa, gymnasium and undercover secure parking. Rates include light continental buffet breakfast.



## ARGUS APARTMENTS



**6 Cardona Court Darwin NT 0800**

**Phone:** (08) 9825 5000

**Email:** reservations@argusdarwin.com.au

**Website:** www.argusdarwin.com.au

**Price:** From \$199.00

Argus Apartments Darwin consists of luxury One, Two and Three Bedroom Apartments, in addition to our multi-level Four-Bedroom Penthouse Suites. A short walk from Darwin's entertainment, restaurant and Waterfront precincts, Argus Apartments Darwin is Darwin's premier luxury accommodation from which to explore the Darwin surrounds.



## RAMADA SUITES ZEN QUARTER



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**Phone:** (08) 7912 5212

**Email:** reception@zenquarter.com

**Website:** www.zenquarter.com

**Price:** From \$95.00 - \$395.00

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# Caravan Parks

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## HIDDEN VALLEY HOLIDAY PARK



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**Email:** info@hiddenvalleyholidaypark.com.au  
**Website:** www.hiddenvalleyholidaypark.com.au

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## BIG4 HOWARD SPRINGS HOLIDAY PARK



**170 Whitewood Road, Howard Springs NT 0835**  
**Phone:** (08) 8983 1169  
**Website:** www.big4howardsprings.com.au

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# THE PENINSULA WAY

The Peninsula Way region provides a tantalising taste of the Top Ends most pristine landscapes and unique wildlife within an hour from Darwin City.

## Must Do:

- Birds of Prey presentation at the Territory Wildlife Park
- Visit Dundee Beach
- Visit WWII sites, wetlands, termite mounds and finish off with a beach sunset
- Home made mango ice-cream is a must
- Swim in the local Berry Springs Natural Springs
- Go fishing or catch a crab or two

The Peninsula Way encompasses Berry Springs, Dundee Beach and Mandorah, travelling west off the Stuart Highway on the Cox Peninsula Road.

Locals consider The Peninsula Way as their best-kept secret; the perfect getaway for a weekend of relaxing by a spring fed creek, saluting a sunset on an isolated beach or hauling in a big fish within cooee of the pub. The Peninsula Way spoils action lovers for choice with fishing charters, helicopter safaris, quad bike tours, and four-wheel drive adventures. It is easy to spend a few days or more exploring The Peninsula Way.

## Berry Springs

Berry Springs Nature Park located just 60 kilometres south of Darwin is a favourite relaxation spot for locals and visitors alike. With two large spring-fed pools and a small waterfall fringed by pandanus and monsoon rainforest make for an ideal spot for leisurely barbecues,

swimming and walking.

Berry Springs is also the home of the world acclaimed Territory Wildlife Park, nestled on 400 hectares of natural bushland and showcasing the wildlife of Northern Australia in their natural habitats. There are six kilometres of walking trails and a free shuttle train to link the 26 major exhibits. Allow at least four hours to explore the park. Presentations and displays start from 10am daily.



## Dundee Beach

This relaxed coastal town and popular fishing spot is 140

kilometres south-west of Darwin and a popular weekend destination for Top End locals. Fishing, boating and long walks at sunset are just some of the activities to enjoy here. Dundee is a great place to target big, hard fighting sports fish.

## Mandorah

The beachside town of Mandorah is near the Peninsula's tip. Within easy access of Darwin, either by a 20 minute ferry trip from Cullen Bay, or 128 kilometres along the Cox Peninsula Road. There are excellent beaches, creek and bluewater fishing opportunities and convenient boat ramp access at Mandorah.

You can explore natural springs, wetlands and termite mounds rivalling those near Litchfield. Visit historic World War II sites including the Liberator Memorial - the crash site of a WWII Liberator bomber and the WWII bunkers, a submarine defence cable anchor site.



Monsoon Forest Walk



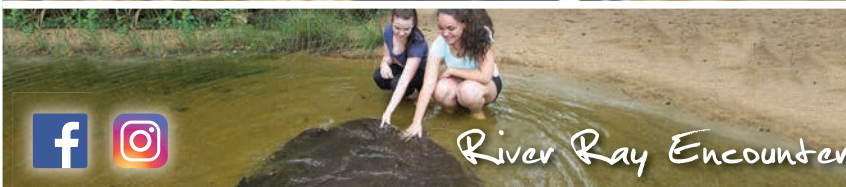
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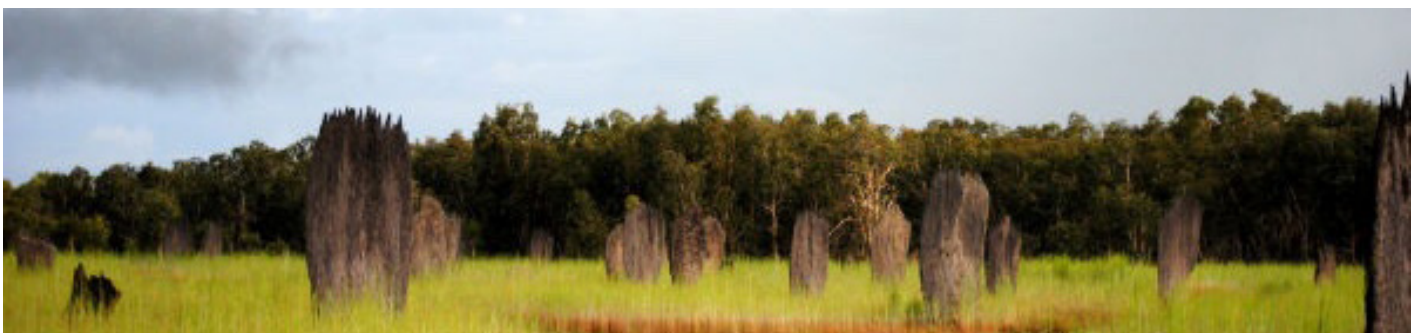
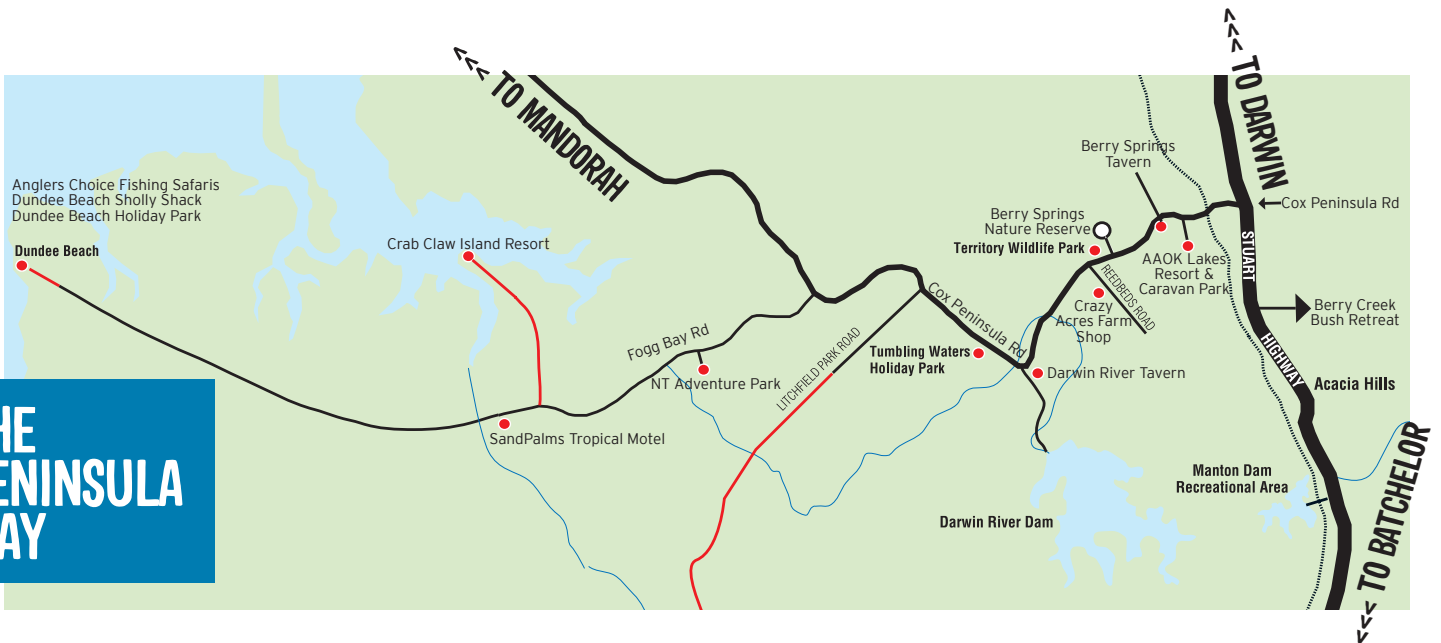


# Meet some real Territorians



## Territory Wildlife Park

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Cox Peninsula Rd, Berry Springs  
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# LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

**Litchfield National Park is just an hour-and-a-half drive from Darwin and features a myriad of diverse environments including rugged sandstone escarpments, perennial spring-fed streams, monsoon rainforest, magnetic termite mounds, waterfalls and historic ruins.**

## **Must Do:**

- Visit Tjaynera (Sandy Creek) Falls, Blyth Homestead Ruins and the weathered sandstone columns of The Lost City by 4WD
- View the magnetic termite mounds
- View Florence Falls set amid the monsoon forest
- Cool off at Buley Rockhole, a series of cascading waterfalls and rockholes
- Visit Wangi Falls - one of the park's best swimming and picnic spots

This 1,500 square-kilometre park is an important area to the Koongurrukun, Marranuggu, Werat, and Warray Aboriginal people. The Finnis exploration was the first European connection to the area and the park was named after Frederick Henry Litchfield, a member of the expedition. For 75 years until 1955, the area was the centre for tin and copper mining. It then fell under a pastoral lease until it was designated a national park in 1986.

It's best to stay at least two days in Litchfield to experience the true beauty. With plenty of plunge pools and rockholes to keep you busy. You can spend as little as one day in the

park however to really experience the park we suggest you stay longer.



Litchfield National Park's major attractions are linked by a sealed road, although a four-wheel drive is

necessary to access The Lost City and the Reynolds River Track. It is also possible during the dry season to travel by four-wheel drive down the Reynolds River Track to the Daly River Road.

The crystal-clear swimming holes and pleasant bushwalking trails make this park a favourite among Darwin locals. Meals and refreshments are available inside the park at Wangi Falls and you can stay overnight at a number of places in and along the road to the park that offer campsites, cabins and caravans, or in the small township of Batchelor - the gateway to Litchfield.

**The Tabletop Track - a Bush Walker's Delight**

This long distance bushwalk offers the opportunity to experience the isolation of the Top End. You'll hike through extensive woodlands, along creeklines to scenic waterfalls and pools. The 39 kilometre circuit is suitable for experienced, well-prepared bushwalkers willing to carry their supplies (including water) and camp with minimal facilities. Note: The Tabletop Track is closed between October and June. For more information visit: [nt.gov.au/leisure/recreation/bushwalking-hiking/litchfield-national-park-tabletop-track](http://nt.gov.au/leisure/recreation/bushwalking-hiking/litchfield-national-park-tabletop-track)



**LITCHFIELD TOURIST PARK**

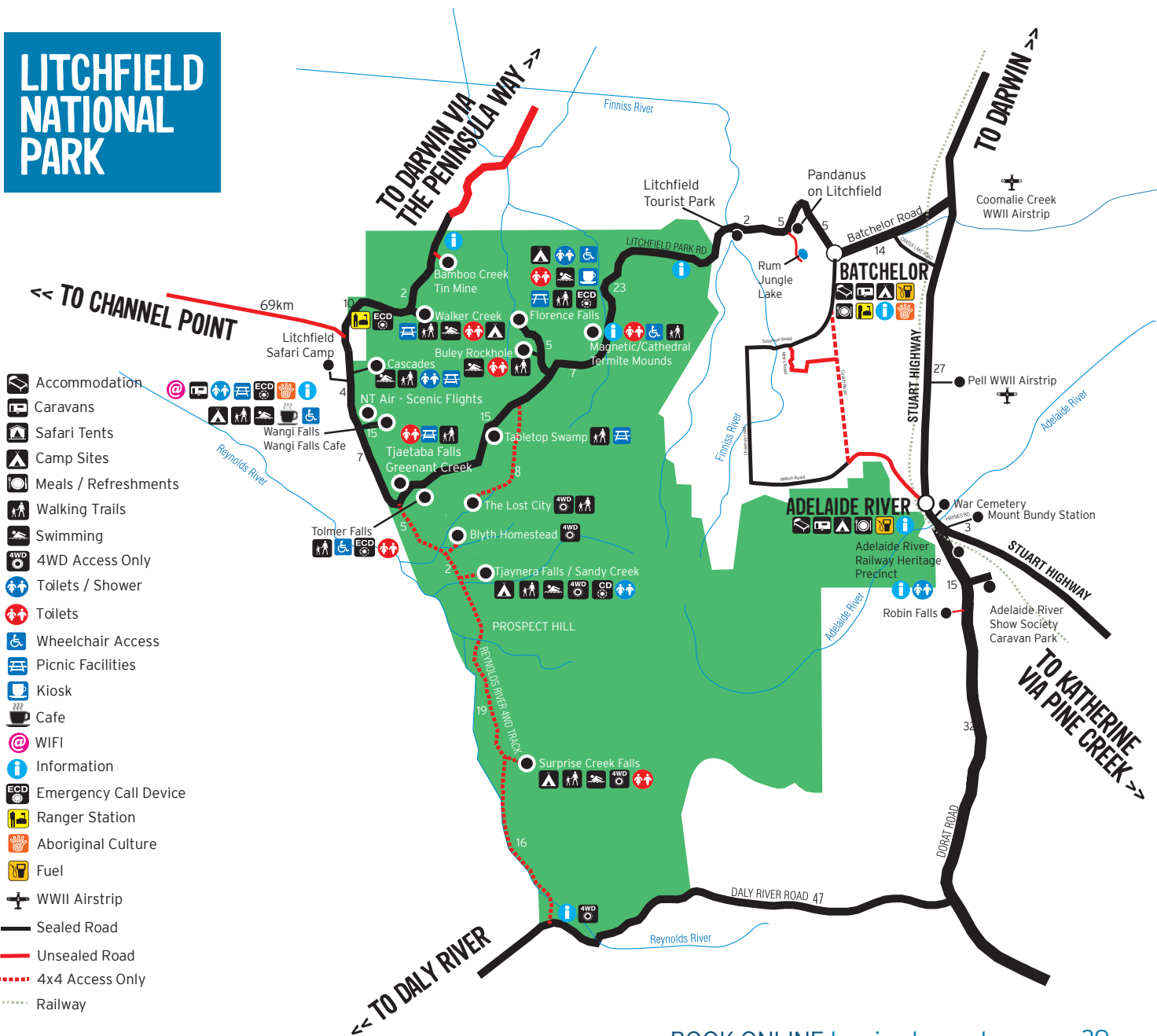


**705 Litchfield Tourist Park, Finnis Valley NT 0845**  
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**Website:** [litchfieldtouristpark.com.au](http://litchfieldtouristpark.com.au)  
**Cost:** From \$14.00 - \$269.00

Stay closest to the entrance of Litchfield National Park - the ideal base for your Litchfield adventure. Enjoy the outback where cattle and horses roam freely over our back fence, native birds and wildlife make their home. Cabins, sites, cafe, swimming pool, guest barbecues, laundry and pet friendly.



**LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK**



# Attractions

## Termite Mounds

A major attraction seen on driving into the park are the many Magnetic Termite and Cathedral Termite Mounds found on the floodplains, standing up to two metres in height in a north-south orientation. The configuration acts as a built-in temperature control mechanism, allowing the least possible surface area to be exposed to the heat of the sun.



## Buley Rockhole

A series of small waterfalls and rockholes that provide the perfect site to simply cool off and relax. For the bushwalker the Florence Creek Walk leads from Buley Rockhole to Florence Falls.

## Florence Falls

A spectacular double waterfall set amidst monsoon rainforest. There are 135 steps through rainforest to take you to the base of the falls, but if you don't feel like walking all the way a nearby viewing platform is ideal for sightseeing and photography. The falls have 2WD and 4WD campgrounds with showers and toilet facilities. Camping fees apply.

## The Lost City

Accessible by 4WD only (during the dry season, May to October) the impressive site known as 'The Lost City', reminiscent of the ruins of some lost civilisation, is a formation of sandstone blocks and majestic pillars formed and weathered by the elements. The site is some eight kilometres off the main Litchfield Park Road. No camping. Closed over the wet season.

## Tolmer Falls

The lookout to view these dramatic falls is located 400 metres from

the car park. There is no access to the gorge below as it is home to protected rare species of bats, the Orange Horseshoe Bat and the Ghost Bat. However, the Tolmer Creek Walk (1.6km) leads from the Lookout along Tolmer Creek. Note: No swimming or camping permitted at this location.

## Greenant Creek to Tjaetaba Falls

Allow 1.5 hours for this three kilometre return walk. Picnic tables near the creek provide a good place to take a break before taking the climb to the top of Tjaetaba Falls. The falls and area below are an Aboriginal sacred site - swimming downstream is prohibited. Toilet facilities available Note: No swimming or camping permitted at this location.

## Blyth Homestead Ruins

Blyth Homestead is located just off the Sandy Creek Road. Within the park are the ruins of the old homestead built in 1929 by the Sergeant family. The homestead was eventually abandoned in the 1960s and is now preserved as a popular visitor attraction. No camping. Closed over the wet season.



## Surprise Creek Falls

Accessible by four-wheel drive only. A short walk through a shady monsoon forest leads to a large tranquil pool. A little further, a couple of round rock pools sunk into the rock face towards the start of these small but pleasant falls. A great cooling-off spot after a walk. Camping fees apply. Toilet facilities only. Closed over the wet season.

## Tjaynera Falls/Sandy Creek Falls

Nestling in an open valley luxuriant with paperbarks, the falls can be accessed by taking the 1.7 kilometre

walking trail. After your walk enjoy the usually uncrowded plunge pool. The falls are nine kilometres from the southern access track accessible by four-wheel drive only Toilet and shower facilities. Camping fees apply. Closed over the wet season.

## Cascades

A year-round waterhole suitable for swimming, Cascades features an all-weather access road to a new carpark, grassland viewing platforms and a walking trail from the picnic area to the top of Cascades. Toilet facilities available.

## Wangi Falls

The most popular because of its easy access. Information is provided near the car park. An interpretive walk which commences near the pool provides an opportunity for photography. Wangi has a camping ground with all amenities including toilets, showers and free gas BBQs in designated areas and waterfalls surrounding a cool freshwater swimming hole. Meals and refreshments are available from the café at the Wangi Falls Centre. Camping fees apply.



## Walker Creek

Allow two hours for this 3.5 kilometre return walk. The trail leads to a shared picnic area with the opportunity for a cooling swim in a crystal clear pool. Camping spots are available along the trail - these must be booked on the reservation board. Closed over the wet season.

## Bamboo Creek Tin Mine

Easily accessed, just a short walk from the car park to the ruins of the old tin mine. Tin was mined here on a small scale from 1905, however adverse conditions of transportation and unfavourable wet season rains brought about the closure of the mine in the 1950s.





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On 6 January 1941 he enlisted in the RAAF in Adelaide and after training was posted to No. 2 Air Observers School at Mt Gambier in 1941. On 2 January 1942, then Sergeant Des Grecian was flying when a fractured oil pipe resulted in a forced landing at nearby injuries or damage.

On 15 June 1942 Des joined the 22nd Troop Carrier Squadron (TCS) to the Northern Territory and later to New Guinea. In August 1942 supplies to Allied troops at Myola Lake and then flew to Port Moresby. From the 22nd TCS he was posted to the General Reconnaissance Point Cook, and on to No. 67 Squadron, a maritime patrol unit for January 1943 to combat the submarine menace off Australia's south coast.

Following conversion to Catalina flying boats at Rathmines in NSW for months with No. 67 Squadron to 13 October 1943 and five weeks at Operational Training Unit at East Sale, he joined No. 37 Squadron on 21 November. Equipped with Lockheed 10 Lodestar aircraft and Douglas C-47 (the military version of the DC-3 airliner), the unit and transported troops and equipment to New Guinea.

Posted to No.34 Squadron, Des joined that unit on 8 March 1944. The squadron had formed at Darwin on 23 February 1942 and flew freight and Japanese prisoners before moving to Daly Waters, Batchelor, Hughes, and Manbulloo (near Katherine) where it handed its aircraft to No.6 Communications Flight under Flight Lieutenant Clyde "Doc" Ferguson on 31 December. Reformed at Parafield and equipped with with de Havilland DH84 Dragon aircraft, No.34 Squadron returned to fly throughout the Northern Territory before being transferred to Darwin in June 1943.

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# ADELAIDE RIVER & BATCHELOR

The townships of Adelaide River and Batchelor are steeped in history, from the early Chinese market gardens and military presence during WWII, to the discovery of uranium and the mining at Rum Jungle. The area was originally inhabited by the Kungarakan and Warai Aboriginal clans - the first Europeans to travel through the area were members of the Goyder survey expedition in 1869. The first settlement here was not established until 1870, a base for workers on the construction of the Overland Telegraph Line.

**Must Do:**

- Take a guided tour to the Adelaide River War Cemetery and the Railway Heritage Precinct
- Visit the beautiful Robin Falls in Adelaide River. Just a short walk through the scenic bush surrounds, the area is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna
- Experience station life at Mount Bundy
- Walk amongst the butterflies at the Batchelor Butterfly Farm

**Adelaide River Township**

Situated on the Stuart Highway 112 kilometres south of Darwin, Adelaide River offers a warm welcome to travellers. The township came to prominence following the completion of construction on the Overland Telegraph Line, followed by a hotel, police outpost and railway station. The town became a popular overnight stopover for travellers and prospectors enroute to Pine Creek following the discovery of gold there in 1871.



From 1939, with the build-up of World War II military activity, the town took on a major role as the

location for a huge military base, with the 119 Australian General Hospital, army camps and thousands of service personnel stationed in the town and surrounding areas. Following the bombing of Darwin in 1942, Australian and American military headquarters were relocated from Darwin to the Adelaide River township. The town is now the site of the third-largest war cemetery in Australia, the resting place for some 63 civilians and 434 service personnel.

**Batchelor**

Batchelor, 'the gateway to Litchfield National Park', lies just 100 kilometres south of Darwin. Goyder's survey party passed through the area in 1869, and in 1874 a small roadhouse, the Rum Jungle Hotel, was constructed on the supply route. The present township stands on a section of land that was part of a

demonstration farm established in 1912 by a Mr. E.L. Batchelor. The area began to flourish in 1949 with the discovery of uranium by John (Jack) Michael White. 1952 saw the expansion of the town when it became home for workers employed at the Rum Jungle Uranium Mine (White's Mine), Australia's first uranium mine and one of the greatest economic influences on the subsequent development of the Top End. Mining operations ceased in the early 1970s and Batchelor came under the control of the Northern Territory Administration. Batchelor Institute, in the centre of town, originally occupied the single men's quarters of the mining company.



# Attractions

## MOUNT BUNDY STATION



**315 Haynes Road, Adelaide River NT**  
**Phone:** (08) 8976 7009  
**Email:** mt.bundy@bigpond.com.au  
**Website:** www.mtbundy.com  
**Cost:** From \$100.00 - 1500.00

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## BATCHELOR HOLIDAY PARK



**37 Rum Jungle Rd, Batchelor NT 0845**  
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**Email:** reception@batchelorholidaypark.com.au  
**Website:** www.batchelorholidaypark.com.au  
**Cost:** From \$15.00 - \$240.00

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### Adelaide River Railway Heritage Precinct

Corner of Stuart Highway & Dorat Road.

Open daily from 9.00am-5.00pm all year round. Staffed by volunteers. Construction of the Palmerston to Pine Creek Railway in 1888 was part of the great dream for a north-south transcontinental railway. Adelaide River, midpoint on the railway, boasted tea rooms and the largest bridge on the line (500ft in length). During World War II the Adelaide River Township was a major forward supply base and hosted a large military presence.

The Precinct features exhibits highlighting the way-of-life and infrastructure of the early and military history of the area.

One featured exhibit is a section of Charles Todd's 1872 Overhead Telegraph Line.

The attraction is equipped to assist travellers with information on the many attractions in the area including the nearby national parks and significant World War II heritage sites.

### Robin Falls

Dorat Road, off the Stuart Highway, just 15km south of Adelaide River township.

The scenic Robin Falls is located off the Stuart Highway along Dorat Road south of the Adelaide River township.

The falls are reached by taking a short walk following a crystal clear creek through scenic bush

surrounds. The area around the falls is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna unique to the Top End region. This is the idyllic spot to get away from the crowds and enjoy a cooling swim.



### Adelaide River War Cemetery and Civil Cemetery

Open 24 hours. Free entry.

The site most visited in the town is the impeccably maintained war cemetery which marks the final resting place of 434 Australian, British and Canadian service men and women who lost their lives in the Top End during World War II. The central memorial is dedicated to 287 service personnel who were lost in Timor and the northern regions, who have no known resting place. The cemetery is maintained by staff of the Office of Australian War Graves. The War Cemetery adjoins the Civil Cemetery where 63 civilians including 31 Aboriginal people are buried. Among the civilians are nine Post Office workers who lost their lives on 19 February 1942 in the bombing of Darwin.





# WILDLIFE & WETLANDS

The Wildlife & Wetland Region encompasses Mary River National Park, Adelaide River, Foggy Dam Conservation Reserve and Djukbinj National Park.

## Must Do:

- Go back to nature and stay in a luxurious safari lodge
- Take an exhilarating ride on a guided air boat over the wetlands
- Enjoy a cruise on Corroboree Billabong, home to the highest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the world and other abundant wildlife
- Hire a boat and catch the elusive Barramundi at Shady Camp

Many believe the vast wetlands of the Mary River are the most beautiful in the Top End - home to a vast variety of birdlife, some of the biggest barramundi and the largest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the world. Lagoons, canals and billabongs make up the waterways of the wetlands of the Mary River, which runs both north and south of the Arnhem Highway.

Mary River National Park incorporates many destinations worthy of exploration - Rockhole, Couzens Lookout, Brian Creek Monsoon Forest Walk, Jimmy Creek Monsoon Forrest, Point Stuart Coastal Reserve, Shady Camp, Mistake Creek, Corroboree Billabong and Hardies Four Wheel Drive Track.

### Touring the region

Exploring the region by two-wheel drive is a breeze, even on the unsealed roads, but during the wet season a four-wheel drive offers

greater freedom to explore those less accessible areas. Tour companies operating out of Darwin and Mary River also provide a service, relieving the visitor of any concerns about self-driving.



The Mary River is an angler's dream - popular fishing spots include Shady Camp within the national park, as well as Corroboree Billabong to the west of the national park. To book a fishing tour on the wetlands call Tourism Top End. For the independent traveller, small boats can be hired in Darwin, Point Stuart,

Shady Camp, Corroboree Billabong and Mary River. Guided boat tours are available out of Corroboree Billabong, Point Stuart, Rockhole Billabong and Mary River - but remember, be sure to book early! Air boat tours and helicopter scenic flights are also available in the Mary River region.

Join a guided bush tucker tour and learn about the rich Aboriginal culture, history and amazing landscape.

The billabongs, paper bark and monsoon forests support breeding populations of brolgas, egrets, black-necked storks, sea eagles, magpie geese and many more bird species. Without a doubt, Mary River National Park is a magical place.

A wide variety of accommodation is available in the region including caravan and camping sites, cabins and luxurious safari style lodges.

# Attractions

## Djukbinj National Park

Open daily (seasonal). Free entry. Located off the Arnhem Highway near Leaning Tree Lagoon turnoff. Part of the Marrakai Plains, Djukbinj National Park contains a portion of the catchment area and drainage for the Adelaide River. Consequently, the abundance of water year-round assures the park's importance as a favourite feeding and roosting site for a wide variety of waterbirds including magpie geese, egrets, jabiru and brolgas.



## Shady Camp

Point Stuart Road - 50km north off the Arnhem Highway. Access all year round.

In 1987 a barrage was constructed at Shady Camp on the Mary River to stop saltwater penetrating into the wetlands, the meeting of fresh and saltwater here offers some of the best barramundi fishing in the Top End. Mullet converge to feed on algae washed down by the stream of fresh water at the end of the wet with barramundi and other fish following to feed on the mullet. Shady Camp was named by John Stuart at the end of his epic journey to the Top End for the shade offered by the abundance of trees there at the time - the shade has now long since disappeared.

Boat hire is available from Point Stuart Wilderness Lodge.

## Mary River National Park

Located 150km east of Darwin along the Arnhem Highway  
Tel: (08) 8978 8986. Open 24 hours. Free entry

The wide expanse of the Mary River National Park protects part of the Mary River catchment, where floodplains, billabongs, woodlands, paperbark and monsoon forest provide visitors with excellent opportunities for observing

wildlife, fishing, four-wheel driving, bushwalking, camping and photography. A drive along Point Stuart Road offers the opportunity to experience the exceptional views of the Mary River system from Couzens Lookout, Brian Creek Monsoon Forest, Jimmy's Creek Monsoon Forest, Point Stuart Coastal Reserve and Mistake Billabong, which are easily accessible.

## Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve

66km east of Darwin on Arnhem Highway. Open 24 hours. Free entry. Fogg Dam is only 45 minutes from Darwin yet it provides the most accessible place in the NT to experience the spectacular wetlands of the Top End at any time of the year. These wetlands are an amazing haven for the Top End's wildlife right on Darwin's doorstep. Like Kakadu, this reserve is enriched by the continued connection held by its Wulna Traditional Owners.

## Corroboree Billabong

105km east of Darwin off the Arnhem Highway. Open daily April to December. Free entry. Partly unsealed road. Take a leisurely drive from Darwin to Corroboree Billabong, a popular fishing location. With waterbirds and woodland wildlife, along with crocodiles to keep you company whilst you fish, you will have a pretty good chance of catching that elusive 'barra' or saratoga. Be amazed as some of Australia's largest saltwater crocodiles drift lazily past. The billabong is also home to wild buffalo and an abundance of birdlife. Public access to a boat ramp is provided.



## Window on the Wetlands

Beatrice Hill, Arnhem Highway, Humpty Doo.  
Tel: (08) 8988 8188. Opening hours: 8.00am-7.00pm daily. Free entry.

Window on the Wetlands is perched on Beatrice Hill, overlooking the Adelaide River floodplains. Fun interactive displays help to explain the ecological processes that occur in Top End wetlands and touch-screen computers allow visitors to find detailed information on local Aboriginal and European history, land management and the diversity of wetland animals.



## Jumping Crocodile Cruises

Adelaide River off the Arnhem Highway. All year round access. Just an hour and 15 minute drive from Darwin on the Arnhem Highway towards Kakadu is the Adelaide River. Here, a number of operators offer jumping crocodile cruises on a variety of vessels providing the opportunity to get up and close with these awesome and powerful reptiles, some up to six metres long. Join a cruise and see the mighty prehistoric crocodile propel itself out of the water for an easy meal.

# Accommodation

## POINT STUART WILDERNESS LODGE



**Point Stuart Road**  
**Phone:** (08) 8978 8914  
**Email:** info@pointstuart.com.au  
**Website:** www.pointstuart.com.au  
**Price:** From \$198.00

Situated in the heart of the Mary River Wetlands, the Lodge borders Mary River National Park offering air-conditioned rooms, Saloon Bar & Bistro, caravan sites, safari tents, pool. Tours include 4wd Safaris, Mary River Wetlands Cruise, Bird & Wildlife Tours & Barra Fishing safaris. An outback adventure... Top End Style.



# Tours

## CORROBOREE BILLABONG WETLAND CRUISES



**Phone:** (08) 8985 5855  
**Email:** info@wetlandcruises.com.au  
**Website:** www.wetlandcruises.com.au  
**Departs:** Darwin & Wildlife and Wetlands Regions

**Cost:** From \$30 - \$140  
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**Website:** www.pointstuart.com.au  
**Departs:** Wildlife and Wetlands Region  
**Cost:** From \$65.00

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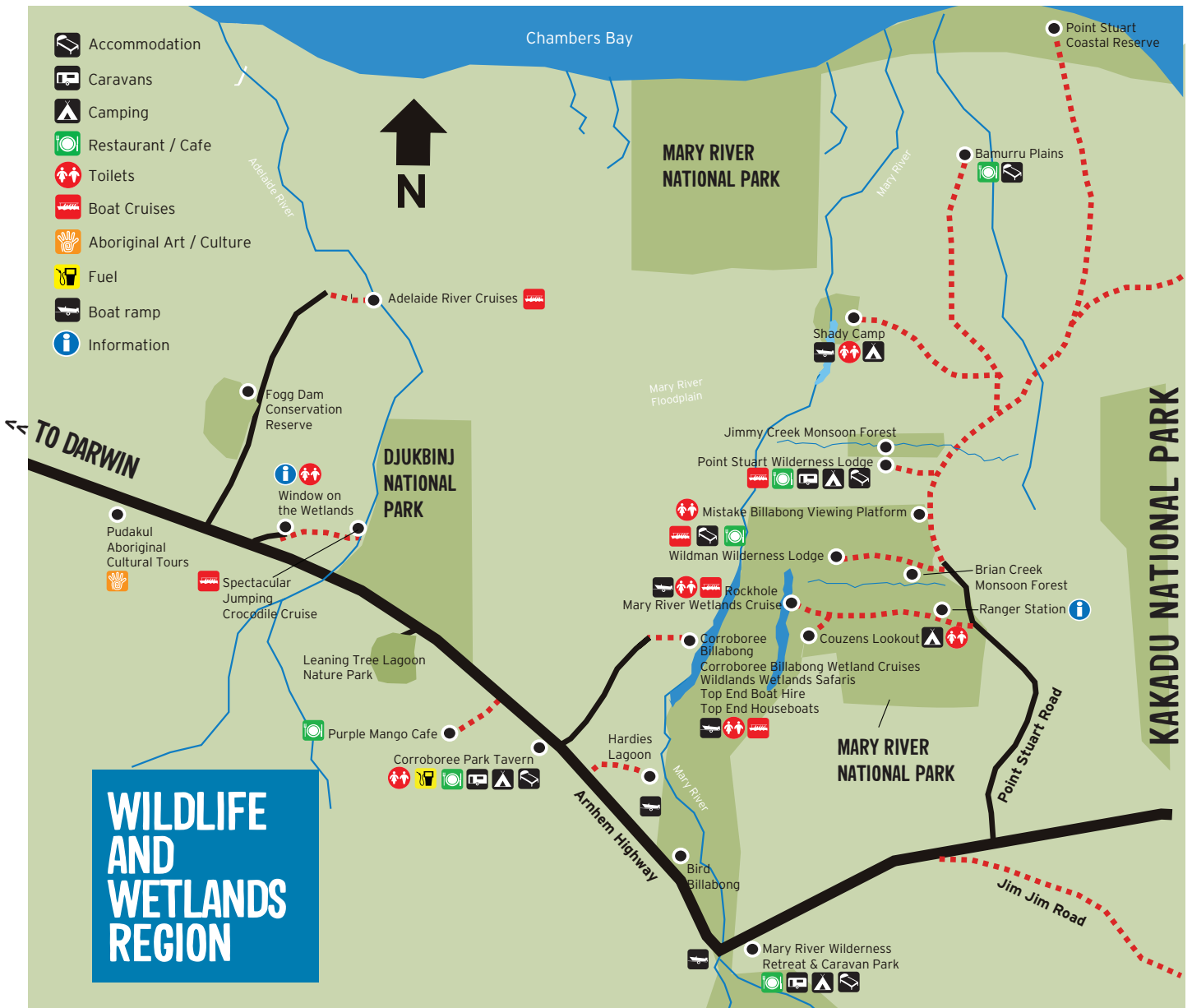


## POINT STUART WILDERNESS LODGE



**Mary River Wetlands Cruise**  
**Point Stuart Road**  
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**Departs:** Wildlife and Wetlands Region  
**Cost:** From \$55.00

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# CORROBOREE BILLABONG WETLAND CRUISES



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**Website:** www.pointstuart.com.au  
**Departs:** Wildlife and Wetlands Region  
**Cost:** From \$220.00

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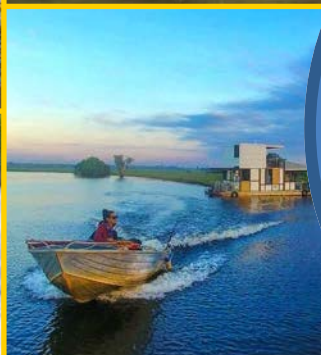


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# KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

**World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park, covering almost 20,000 square kilometres, is a place of contrasting landscapes and diverse habitats. Saltwater crocodiles lurk in freshwater billabongs dotted with lotus lilies. Rugged cliffs of the Arnhem Land escarpment hide deep sandstone gorges and pockets of monsoon rainforest. Waterfalls cascade into pools fringed with paperbarks and pandanus.**

## Must Do:

- Cruise Yellow Water wetlands and spot birds and crocodiles
- Take a scenic flight during the tropical summer (November - April) for a breathtaking view of Kakadu's magnificent Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls
- Head to Gunlom and take the hike to the top of the waterfall, where it feels like you're standing on the edge of the world
- Take a cultural cruise on the East Alligator River. Birdwatch at Mamukala
- Join ranger activities including rock art site talks, painting and weaving

You can view the spectacular Jim Jim Falls, browse through galleries of ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr and Nourlangie Rock or explore Yellow Water and Mamukala, wetland areas of international significance. Over 1000 plant species, a quarter of all Australian freshwater fish species, and over one third of all Australian bird species can be found in the park.



Kakadu's landscapes have been shaped by water with the Mary, Wildman, West Alligator, South Alligator and East Alligator Rivers teeming with wildlife. During the tropical summer from November to April, waterfalls along the Arnhem Land escarpment are at their most

spectacular, the lowlands are flooded, and the vegetation is lush.

Late in the dry season large flocks of magpie geese and whistling ducks, spoonbills, egrets and jabirus congregate around the remaining waterholes.

A number of Aboriginal clans reside in Kakadu National Park and the exquisite rock art galleries at Ubirr and Nourlangie Rock bear witness to their strong and ongoing connection with the land, having lasted for many thousands of years.

Other spectacular landmarks include Jim Jim Falls, Twin Falls, Maguk, Motor Car Falls and Gunlom. There are many established walking tracks, some accessible year round. Yellow Water boat cruises depart several times a day from Cooina, year round.

The Nature's Way tourism drive is a great way to explore the park.

The drive runs along the Arnhem Highway to Jabiru, follows the Kakadu Highway to Pine Creek, and continues south to Katherine and Nitmiluk National Park.

A visit to Kakadu should include a stop at the Bowali Visitor Centre near Jabiru, a small town within the national park, situated approximately 250 kilometres east of Darwin. The township offers a range of accommodation, including tent, caravan and camping, cabin, lodge and hotel accommodation. Resort style accommodation and camping is also available at South Alligator, on the Arnhem Highway, and Cooina near Yellow Water.

A number of safari camp style operations provide visitors with the opportunity to engage with indigenous guides in an authentic on-country experience. Plus, Kakadu's Crocodile Hotel, a crocodile-shaped complex, is one of a kind.

# Attractions

## Scenic Flights

Kakadu is dual World Heritage-Listed, a worthy recognition that is difficult to comprehend from the ground, but abundantly clear from above. View varied landscapes, from floodplains to arid dry sandstone plateaus, mangrove and spinifex, tropical monsoon forest,

savannah woodlands, placid fresh water billabongs and raging seven metre coastal tides. Each with distinctly diverse fauna and flora, the ready food source and the heartbeat of Australia's original custodians. Viewing Kakadu from above is not only spectacular but also educational, explaining why Aboriginals have enjoyed a continuous existence in Kakadu for

many thousands of years, and why Kakadu is uniquely dual heritage listed - for nature and culture.

## Kakadu National Park Pass

Kakadu has a seasonal Park fee structure. All visitors require a Park Pass. Your pass includes Park entry, ranger activities and access to Visitors centre's. Buy your Park Pass online before you go at [www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/](http://www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/)

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|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Fuel            | Caravan      | Aboriginal Art/Culture | Unsealed Road     |
| Airstrip        | Camping      | Boat Ramp              | 4WD Vehicles Only |
| Cafe/Restaurant | Boat Cruises | Toilets/Showers        |                   |
| Accommodation   | Information  | Toilets                |                   |



### Bowali Visitor Centre

Open daily 8.00am-5.00pm. Free entry. Closed Christmas Day. Before exploring Kakadu National Park, get familiarised at the Bowali Visitor Centre where you can watch documentaries to help you gain a greater understanding of Kakadu's landscape and seasons, then take a walk through the interpretive displays. The friendly staff can bring you up to date on road conditions, free ranger-guided activities and give advice on which sites to visit. Videos are shown throughout the day giving different perspectives on Kakadu and its international significance. The habitat-based display and library gives detailed information about the park and how much there is to see and do. Take a look at Marrawuddi Gallery for Aboriginal arts and crafts, books and gifts, and then enjoy a coffee at the cafe.



### Gunlom Plunge Pool

Open daily during the dry season. Gunlom, located in the southern end of Kakadu, is the magical combination of waterfall and serene plunge pool, with shady gums cooling the picnic areas. A climb to the top of the waterfall provides sweeping views of the southern-most parts of Kakadu and a natural horizon infinity pool.



### Jim Jim Falls

Open daily during the dry season 6.30am-8.30pm subject to weather conditions. 4WD only. Whether the falls are raging with water or the merest trickle, this

majestic waterfall is a sight to behold. Set in the red ochre of the Arnhem Land escarpment, and boasting white sandy beaches and crystal clear water, it is worth the two kilometre return walk across rocks to appreciate this special area during the dry season.

### Jarrangbarnmi (Koolpin Gorge)

46km from the Kakadu Highway Seasonal access only. 4WD only. Access to beautiful Koolpin Gorge (Jarrangbarnmi) is restricted. Those wishing to visit the site must obtain an entry permit and key to gain access. For details call (08) 8938 1140, Permits Officer, Kakadu National Park. Allow at least seven days for permit processing - book early to avoid disappointment. [www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu](http://www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu)

### Maguk

Open daily during the dry season. 4WD only. A one kilometre bushwalk along Barramundi Creek leads through shady monsoon forest to the base of Maguk with its beautiful plunge pool and small waterfall - a truly scenic and tranquil place.

### Mamukala Wetlands & Bird Hide

Open daily, subject to weather conditions. In the dry season, Mamukala Wetlands and Bird Hide displays the spectacle of thousands of magpie geese and whistling ducks congregating to feed. You can watch them from one of the bird hides or amble along the marked walking trails beside the tranquil wetlands. Walks vary from one to three kilometres.

### Yurmikmik Walks

In the south of Kakadu, 26km from the Gunlom turn off. Open daily. A series of interconnected walking tracks providing a wonderful tropical summer experience. Boulder Creek (2km return), Motor Car Falls (7.5km return), Yurmikmik Lookout (5km return) and Kurrundue Creek (11km return - permit required - through Bowali Visitor Centre).

### Nature's Way Drive

This 457 kilometre drive starts in Darwin and finishes in Katherine. It follows the Arnhem Highway through the Adelaide River and Mary River wetlands to Jabiru in Kakadu National Park and continues along the Kakadu Highway to Pine Creek, where it joins the Stuart Highway (Explorer's Way). It then continues south to Katherine and Nitmiluk National Park. Here is a sample itinerary:



#### Day 1

Nature's Way from Darwin to Kakadu National Park - 257km to Jabiru

- Depart Darwin
- Stop off - Corroboree Park Tavern
- Visit Mamukala Wetlands
- Lunch at the Border Store in Kakadu (dry season only)
- Guluyambi East Alligator River Cruise
- Explore Ubirr
- Overnight accommodation at Jabiru

#### Day 2

Experiencing Kakadu National Park - 52km Jabiru to Cooina

- Depart Jabiru
- Scenic flight over Kakadu
- Nourlangie art site
- Visit Warradjan Cultural Centre
- Overnight - Cooina Lodge

#### Day 3

Kakadu National Park to Katherine via Pine Creek -

- Cooina to Pine Creek 165km - Pine Creek to Katherine 90km
- Depart Cooina
- Early Yellow Water Billabong cruise
- Pine Creek - lunch at Pine Creek Railway Resort
- Travel south to Katherine and explore Nitmiluk National Park

Be sure to observe all park safety signs and swim only where recommended. Carry and drink plenty of water, wear a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent and suitable clothing and footwear. Ensure your vehicle is well maintained and equipped for the length of time that you plan to be travelling and avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day.

### Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre

4.5km off the Kakadu Highway enroute to Cooida. Open daily. Free entry.

To gain an understanding of the connection Kakadu's Aboriginal owners have with this special part of the Top End, spend some time at the Warradjan Cultural Centre and learn the stories that gave them their laws. Members of local Aboriginal clans developed this centre to share their culture with visitors. The building has been styled in the shape of a pig nosed turtle, Warradjan, and is based on the theme, 'our land is our life'. Allow at least an hour to view and appreciate this attraction.

### Yellow Water Billabong

Open daily.

Yellow Water is one of Kakadu's best known landmarks. Located near Cooida Lodge, Yellow Water is home to crocodiles, birds, barramundi and other wildlife. The billabong, which floods to join other waterways during the wet season, attracts millions of birds each year, including jacana,

egrets, jabiru, sea eagles, magpie geese and a number of migratory bird species. Paperbark forests, pandanus and freshwater mangroves line the banks, and the water is dotted with beautiful pink and white waterlilies. Explore the billabong by joining a wildlife cruise, or witness an unforgettable sunset from the boardwalk and viewing platform.

### Nourlangie (Burrungkuy)

#### Rock Art Site

Open daily.

The walls of the Nourlangie Rock Art Site have served as a shelter and canvas for thousands of years. Paintings such as Namarrgon, the Lightning Man, explore the relationship of the people to their country and beliefs. During the months of May until October, Park Rangers invite visitors to join them and share their knowledge of this ancient gallery.

### Twin Falls

Open daily during the dry season.

Boat Cruise fee applies. 4WD only.

Twin Falls Gorge is set in the Arnhem

Land escarpment. Take a ranger-guided boat cruise, followed by a bushwalk and a scenic stroll along a boardwalk to the cascading falls. Sit down on the white sandy shore and be rewarded with panoramic views of the towering cliffs and sparkling waters.

### Ubirr

40km from Jabiru. Open daily.

Subject to closure during wet season flooding. Ubirr is one of Kakadu's two most famous rock art galleries. The galleries can be viewed by following an easy one kilometre circular walking track. During the dry season, Park Rangers give free scheduled talks about the ancient rock art.

A moderately steep 250 metre climb takes you to a rocky outlook with views across the floodplains. Enjoying a spectacular tropical sunset from Nadab Lookout is not to be missed.

Note: The Traditional Owners of Ubirr request visitors to the park that no alcohol be consumed at this site.



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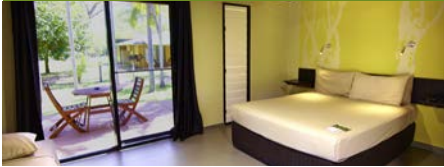


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# Accommodation

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# ARNHEM LAND

**A truly magical location! Explore a spectacular landscape with unspoilt shores and timeless culture. The scenery is beautiful and diverse, it includes rugged coastlines, remote islands, rivers teeming with fish, lush rainforest, towering escarpments and savannah woodland. Arnhem Land is made up of 91,000 square kilometres of unspoilt wilderness in the middle of Australia's northern coast.**

## Must Do:

- View some of the most prized indigenous arts and crafts in the world, including the didgeridoo (Yidaki)
- Have an amazing cultural experience in places like Gunbalanya, Maningrida & Yirrkala
- Witness spectacular wildlife, scenery and rare birdlife then complete the day with a sunset you will never forget
- Experience some of the best fishing in the world! Catch a coral trout, red emperor, Spanish mackerel or a trophy bill fish or barra.
- Visit the ruins of early European settlement on secluded Cobourg Peninsula

Arnhem Land is a habitat for abundant wildlife including saltwater crocodiles, buffalo, dugong, nesting turtles and migratory birds. One of the last pristine areas in the world, its small population is predominantly Aboriginal people, whose traditional culture remains largely intact. The region is an exciting destination for travellers wanting authentic traditional cultural experiences.

There are many areas of historic significance including the ruins of an early European colony at Victoria Settlement in Garig Gunak Barlu National Park, on the secluded Cobourg Peninsula and the Black Point Cultural Centre which displays Aboriginal, Macassan and European histories of the area.

Gunbalanya (Oenpelli), one of the first stops east of Kakadu National Park, is an Aboriginal community

where indigenous artists gather at the Injalak Art and Craft Centre. An open day is held in Oenpelli usually during July, when travellers can visit freely and enjoy the cultural activities without a permit.

The town of Maningrida, on the north coast of Arnhem Land, is famous for its indigenous art.



The town of Nhulunbuy is located on the Gove Peninsula, it is a major service centre, providing accommodation, supplies and offers spectacular beaches and great fishing. The hugely popular annual

Garma Festival is held here from the 3 to the 6 August 2018, this event is not to be missed!

To enter Arnhem Land a permit from the Northern Land Council (NLC) is required phone (08) 8920 5100 or visit [www.nlc.org.au](http://www.nlc.org.au)

Once you arrive into Nhulunbuy to visit any of the beaches you will require a permit from Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation phone 08 8939 2700 or apply online: - [www.dhimurru.com.au/permits.html](http://www.dhimurru.com.au/permits.html)

A permit is also required for the Cobourg Peninsula through Parks & Wildlife [www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/parks/find/gariggunak](http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/parks/find/gariggunak) For details on Road Conditions visit: [www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport](http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport)

# Attractions - West Arnhem Land Corboug Peninsula

## Aboriginal Art and Culture

Join a safari tour to Mount Borradaile and be guided to witness one of the most stunning Aboriginal cultural sites in Australia. View galleries of ancient rock art paintings which depict the indigenous history of the clans and show elements of the Dreamtime.

## Fishing

Considered to be one of the finest fishing spots in the country, the waters around the Cobourg Peninsula abound with Spanish mackerel, giant trevally, queenfish and coral trout, whilst in the tidal creeks and estuaries barramundi, mangrove jack and threadfin salmon lie in wait to tempt the serious angler.



## Historic Sites

Take the time to visit Kennedy Bay and Port Essington where, over 165 years ago, the British made an attempt to establish settlements.

Explore the ruins at Fort Wellington (1827) and Victoria Settlement (1838) which met with failure - the harsh conditions proving too much for those early settlers.

## Wildlife Photography

For the keen photographer, the Cobourg Peninsula offers excellent opportunities to capture the true nature of this remote region. With an abundance of wildlife including buffalo, Timor ponies, wild boar, crocodiles and wallabies, and with an array of colourful birdlife, there is no better location in the Top End to capture that 'once-in-a-lifetime' shot.

## Garig Gunak Barlu National Park, The Cobourg Peninsula

Pronounced Gah-rig Goon-uk Bar-loo, is Northern Australia's first flora and fauna protected reserve, and the surrounding Cobourg Marine Park, provide an ideal habitat for many thousands of waterfowl and other bird species.

The Cobourg Peninsula, remote and rugged, is fringed with magnificent white sandy beaches. The Peninsula, recognised as one of Australia's most spectacular fishing locations, is accessible only by four-wheel drive from Oenpelli via Jabiru (it's

essential you report to the Ranger Station on arrival), or a 30 minute charter flight from Darwin.

The Peninsula is the perfect destination for hiking, birdwatching and plenty of opportunities to photograph this truly unique landscape.

A permit is required by visitors to stay overnight in the Park, whether you arrive by road, air or sea. To apply please visit: <https://nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/permits-for-parks/permits-for-cobourg-peninsula-garig-gunak-barlu-national-park>

Access by road to the Cobourg Peninsula is not possible during the wet season. The area can be accessed by private air charter or boat.

For further information on accommodation and touring options in Arnhem Land contact Tourism Top End on 1300 138 886 [info@tourismtopend.com.au](mailto:info@tourismtopend.com.au) or visit [tourismtopend.com.au](http://tourismtopend.com.au)



# Attractions - East Arnhem Land

## Gove Peninsula

### Fishing

Fishing is a major drawcard for the region and Gove Peninsula offers some of the best sportfishing in the world. Fish are abundant - catches include red emperor, Spanish mackerel and coral trout. A range of fishing charters are available from half day to extended island safaris - or boat hire can be arranged for a self-guided trip.

The fishing in the region is all about options and something can be arranged to suit individual needs - talk to one of the licensed tour operators.

### Air Services

Airnorth has daily jet services to Gove Airport from Cairns and Darwin. The Cairns-Gove flight is one hour and forty minutes and Darwin-Gove flight is one hour and ten minutes. Aircraft are jets seating 73-80 passengers. There is also a turbo-propeller service from Darwin-Gove offered by Airnorth, seating 30 passengers. An airport shuttle bus meets every flight for transfers to accommodation houses in Nhulunbuy for a nominal fee.

Charter flights are also available to Arnhem Land from a range of operators. For details ask one of the friendly staff at Tourism Top End on 1300 138 886 [info@tourismtopend.com.au](mailto:info@tourismtopend.com.au)

### Touring the Region

The pristine environment can be enjoyed overland with eco-tours encompassing Yolngu culture and art, birds, flora and fauna. Other activities include scenic flights over spectacular landscapes, bushwalking, beachcombing, four-wheel driving, surfing and fishing.

### Travelling Overland

To travel the Central Arnhem Road (four-wheel drive only) requires crossing many Yolngu clan lands and a permit from the Northern Land Council (NLC) is required. There is no cost for this permit but it is necessary to monitor the numbers of people on the road to maintain this

region. Contact the Northern Land Council in Nhulunbuy on (08) 8986 8500

Visitors to the recreation beach and river areas require a visitor's permit and should contact Dhimurru Land Management Aboriginal Corporation / Nhulunbuy on (08) 8393 2700. Penalties apply for travelling throughout the region without a permit and visitors are requested to respect the wishes of the Traditional Land Owners.

Arnhem Land is scenic and enjoyable. If you're seeking adventure or simply a relaxing time, this is the place to visit.

### Baringura - Little Bondi

Visitors to the Gove Peninsula will be amazed by the quality of the beaches, ideal for picnics, and day trips. Daliwuy (Daliwoi Bay) is a popular fishing spot with the locals. Ngumuy (Turtle Beach) is a beautiful, sheltered sandy cove and Garanhan (Macassan Beach) has a historical link with the Macassan sea traders.

Note: Visitor's permit required.

### Gayngaru

Gayngaru is an area of lagoon wetlands extending some seven kilometres parallel to the beachfront. The lagoon, home to around 200 species of birds, has an over-water observation platform providing an ideal hideaway for keen bird watchers.

A marked walking trail offers easy access for those on foot. Guided interpretive tours are available. Note: Permits not required.

### Roy Marika Lookout

The Roy Marika Lookout offers visitors the opportunity to take in the extensive panoramic views of the town and its surroundings. Take time to look over the lagoon wetlands with their abundance of birdlife, the activity on Gove Harbour, the coastline, the town centre and the Gove buaxite mining operation. Note: Visitor's permit required.

The Gove Peninsula Arnhem Land is culturally strong, remote, pristine, easy to get to and has some of the best adventure fishing in the world! Yolngu people solely own Arnhem Land. Yolngu have lived in the region for tens of thousands of years with recognised land and marine estates. Clans live throughout Arnhem Land hunting fish, bush animals and seasonal bush foods. Today, Yolngu retain their cultural and spiritual links to the area.

East Arnhem Land is one of the last wilderness areas on earth, yet all services can be found in the town of Nhulunbuy, located on the Gove Peninsula approximately 750 kilometres by road from Katherine. The town is now an intricate part of the region, making it an ideal base from which to explore. Nhulunbuy has a lodge and motels in town. The Gove Airport is about 15 kilometres from town. Camping is possible at the recreation areas.

The Gove Peninsula is scenic with long white sandy beaches, azure waters and green vegetation. This is where the Gulf of Carpentaria meets the Arafura Sea and the temperature ranges between 28° and 30° with plenty of cool breezes.

For permits to visit recreational areas please contact the Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation on 08 8939 2700 or apply online: [www.dhimurru.com.au/permits.html](http://www.dhimurru.com.au/permits.html)



Wessel Islands, Bromby Islets, English Company Islands, Elizabeth Bay, Bremer Island  
 Accessible by boat from Gove Harbour, these island groups and coastline offer unbeatable fishing opportunities. Outstanding bluewater and reef fishing, sportfishing and estuary fishing. Day and overnight camping trips can be organised by local charter operators. Note: Visitor's permit required.

**Aboriginal Arts & Culture**

The strong Yolngu culture in the region is evident in the range of arts and crafts. Contemporary Yolngu art is available in the form

of milkwood carvings (unique to this region), bark paintings, screen prints, woven baskets and mats. Examples of traditional & contemporary art can be found at one of Australia's most renowned community-based traditional Aboriginal art museums at Yirrkala.

**Nanydjaka - Cape Arnhem**

Nanydjaka (Cape Arnhem), just a few hours drive from Nhulunbuy, has long white sandy beaches with sand dunes as far as the eye can see. This is the perfect destination for absolute peace, solitude and relaxation. Note: A visitor's permit is required.

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# TIWI ISLANDS

Just 80 kilometres north of Darwin lie Bathurst and Melville Islands, known collectively as the Tiwi Islands. Europeans first made contact with the Tiwi people in 1705. Then, 119 years later, the British established a settlement which was the first in Northern Australia. This was at the short-lived Fort Dundas on Melville Island near where Pirlangimpi now stands.

## Must Do:

- Try damper and billy tea straight from the fire with the Tiwi ladies
- Swim in the clear and shady waterhole at Tomorapi Falls
- Buy exclusive Tiwi Island artwork from the artists themselves - printed fabrics, clothing, carvings, painting and pottery
- Stay at the beachfront lodge or join a guided fishing trip from Darwin to experience the Tiwi Islands' world-class fishing

You can visit the Tiwi Islands on a guided tour and experience life in a modern-day Aboriginal community learning about the rich and fascinating history and culture of the Tiwi people. Visitors either board a small plane in Darwin for the short flight to the Islands, or cruise the Timor Sea for around two hours on a ferry - check wet season availability with Tourism Top End. Permits are only required if you intend to visit outside the main township of Wurrumiyanga, these permits are required before you travel to the Tiwi Islands. For more information please contact the Tiwi Islands Regional Council on (08) 8944 4480 or your tour operator.

The Tiwi people are known around the world for their distinctive

fabric prints, pottery, sculptures and carvings. There are several art galleries on both Melville and Bathurst Islands and visitors are more than welcome to purchase directly from the artists.



Tiwi people are coastal Aborigines with a culture different to those on the mainland. Their strong traditions, rituals and traditional foods are still a very important

part of everyday life today and they appear to have successfully combined both traditional and modern lifestyles.

The Tiwi people are also famous for their love of sports, in particular Australian Rules football. The Tiwi Football Grand Final and Art Sale is held in March and is the one time when you can visit the island without a permit.

The islands' isolation and high rainfall means you will find many species not recorded elsewhere in the world. The islands' are host to the world's largest breeding colony of Crested Terns and a large population of the vulnerable olive ridley turtle.



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# DOUGLAS & DALY RIVER

**Located midway between Darwin and Katherine, just off the Stuart Highway and an easy scenic drive from both destinations, the region is famous for its fishing, and also boasts hot springs, gorges, bushwalking and an abundance of wildlife.**

## Must Do:

- Have a relaxing swim in the Tjuwalyin (Douglas) Hot Springs
- Catch a Barramundi - (Daly)

## Douglas - Daly

Also known as the Douglas Daly, after its two major river systems, the region has become a favourite spot for travellers to spend time camping, fishing, bushwalking, and swimming.

Ooloo Crossing has also proven to be an excellent spot for barra fishing in the early dry and for black bream all year round.

A great spot for bird-watching and swimming are the Tjuwalyin (Douglas) Hot Springs. Swimming is best suited to the cooler pools upstream and downstream from the springs, which can be very hot. Owned by the Wagiman Aboriginal people and jointly managed by the NT Parks and Wildlife Commission,

this is an important place for women's ceremonies.

Butterfly Gorge is another picturesque swimming area where the pools are fringed with paperbark trees over 50 metres high and the crevices in the rock faces are inhabited by thousands of butterflies.



## Daly River

"The Malak Malak welcome recreational fishers to their country. Recreational fishers should respect and recognise the cultural importance of these waters to the Malak Malak people".

The Daly River, famous for its large barramundi, is one of the Top End's most popular waterways for recreational fishing and boating and hosts two major annual fishing competitions - the 'Barra Classic' and the 'Barra Nationals'.



Saltwater crocodiles inhabit these areas, visitors are urged to look out for and observe crocodile warning signs as incidents with crocodiles have caused injury and death.

# Douglas - Daly Attractions

The Arches and the Waterhole 'The Arches', located near Douglas Daly Tourist Park are a part of the Douglas River Esplanade Conservation Area, an amazing natural formation.

Butterfly Gorge Nature Park  
4WD access only.

Cool crevices in the rock face of beautiful Butterfly Gorge provide shelter for thousands of common crow butterflies. Rock pools provide a chance for a refreshing swim. The pools are shaded by paperbarks up to 50 metres tall. The sheer rock faces, edged by dense riverine vegetation and rocky spinifex country, offer shaded riverine walks and beautiful scenery.

Tjuwaliyn (Douglas)  
Hot Springs Nature Park  
47km from the Stuart Highway via Oolloo Road.

The popular Tjuwaliyn (Douglas) Hot Springs Park protects part of the Douglas River, where thermal pools create an oasis in the surrounding dry woodland.

The water attracts a wide variety

of birdlife and mammals such as bandicoots, wallabies and flying foxes. The campground is accessible to all vehicles including caravans during the dry season. Swimming is available in the Douglas River but please test the temperature before entering, the further downstream the cooler the water.



Nowadays, the site contains the remnants of the Northern Territory's first commercial copper mining enterprise and the graves of four deceased mine employees.

## Daly River Crossing

Daly River Crossing is a popular fishing and boating area that is renowned for its barramundi, scenic surrounds, and its diverse wildlife. Powerful saltwater crocodiles lurk beneath the tranquil waters, and millions of migratory birds visit the area each year.

## Peppimenarti

A small community, home to the Ngangikurrunggurr people famous for their weaving, is accessed by an unsealed road, a continuation of the Daly River Crossing. (Permit Required to visit)

The annual Merrepen Arts Festival incorporates both the art and various guest appearances such as the Darwin Symphony Orchestra. The festival is held over the first weekend of June each year.

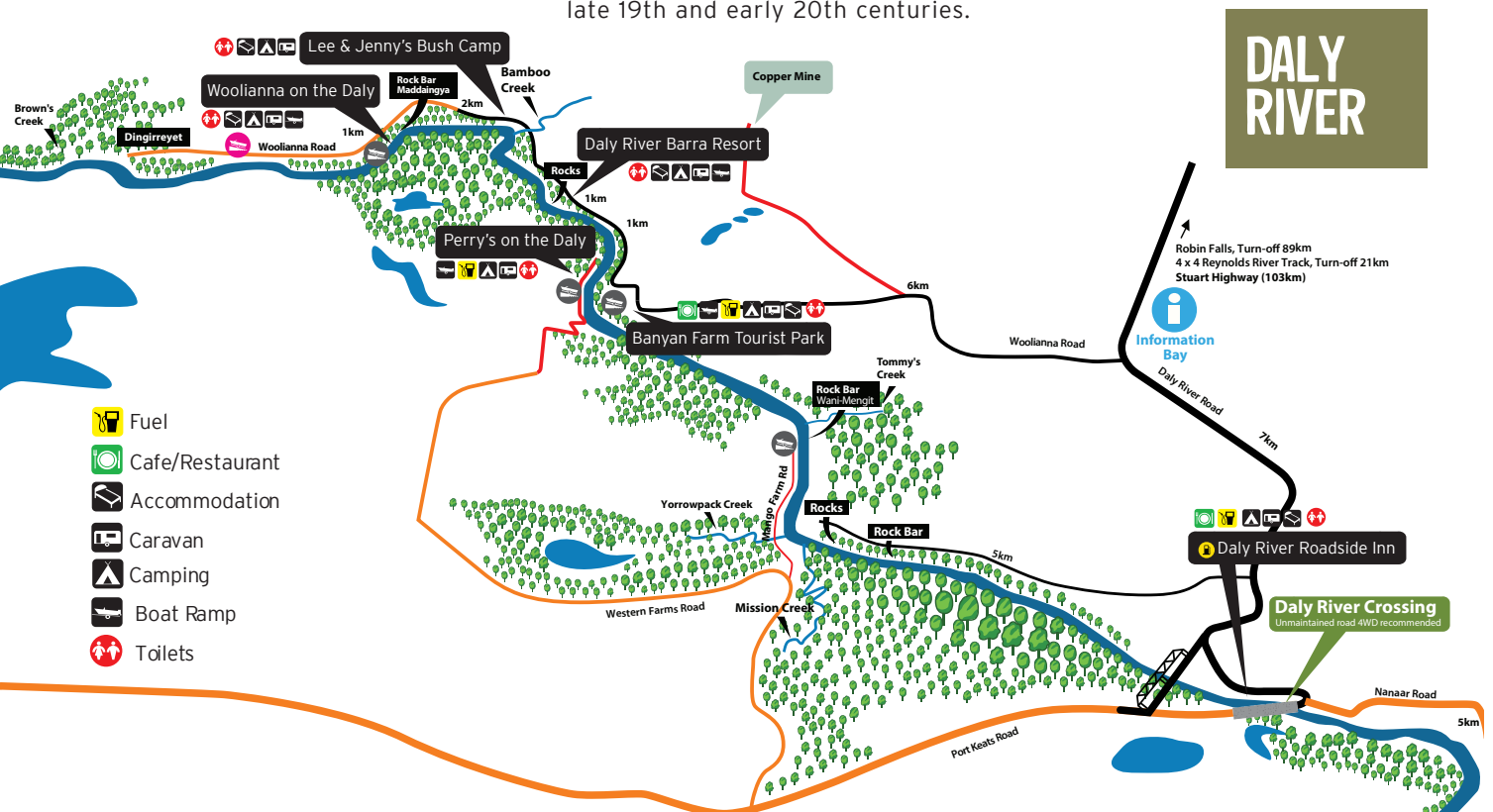
## Arts and Culture

The region is well known for its culture and beautiful indigenous arts.

# Daly River Attractions

## Copper Mine

Copper was first discovered in the Daly River area in 1883, with mining occurring sporadically over the following 26 years. The machinery relics now visible on the site are indicative of the early mining techniques and technology of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



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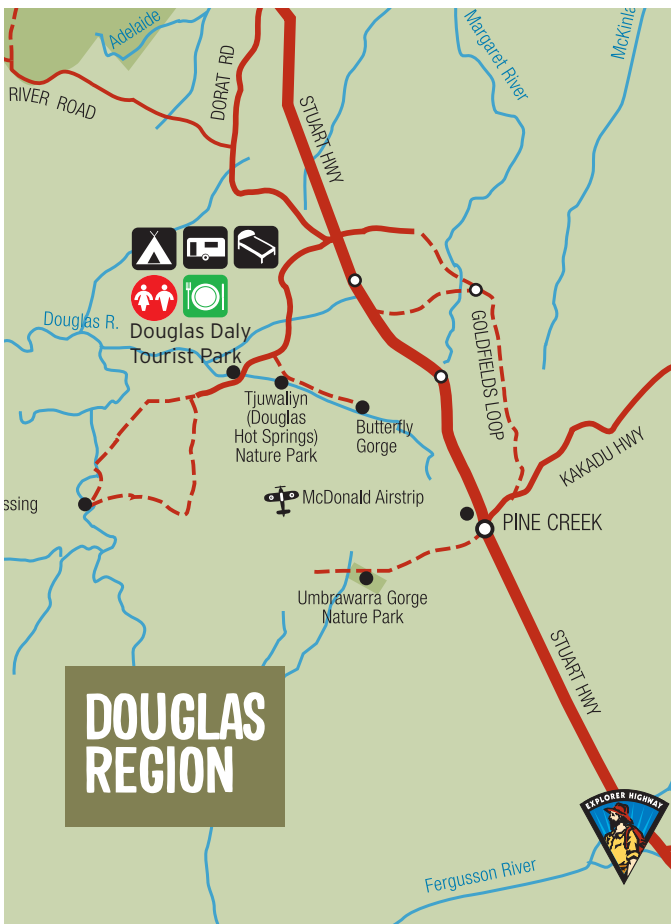
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# PINE CREEK

**Established in the late 1800s, Pine Creek is located 90 kilometres north of Katherine. It is the Top End's only original mining town remaining from the 1870s gold rush era and is a treasure trove of heritage bush buildings and mining sites. Gold was discovered in 1871 by workers on the Overland Telegraph Line. Although small, the township offers a range of accommodation options, including caravan parks and cabins.**

## Must Do:

- Explore the Pine Creek Railway Precinct and Miners Park
- Enterprise Pit Mine Lookout

Many of the original buildings still stand. The National Trust Museum building is the oldest surviving prefabricated structure in the Northern Territory. Originally the home of the Mining Warden in Burrundie, it was later moved to Pine Creek and over the years served as a doctors residence, clinic, dispensary, military hospital, post office and exchange. Today it houses the National Trust Museum and town library. Browse through the building and it's contents to gain an insight into the gold rush, local Chinese history, buffalo hunters and the Overland Telegraph Line. The Northern Goldfields Loop Heritage

trail that takes you from Pine Creek to Adelaide River offers an insight into life during the era.

The Pine Creek Railway Precinct is home to the original terminus of an uncompleted transcontinental railway system. The railway's contribution to the development of the mining boom in the late 19th Century was profound and enabled the transport of machinery and equipment with greater ease to the mine fields than had been previously possible.

Pine Creek maintained its importance after the railway was

extended to Katherine and during World War II when it became one of the four dispersal bases on the North Australian Railway. Miners Park has strong architectural and historical associations and remains a key feature in the township's heritage and streetscape.



# Attractions

## Copperfield Recreational Dam

Copperfield Recreation Dam is a cool haven just six kilometres south-west of Pine Creek. This reserve has a deepwater lake surrounded by hills and is an ideal place to swim and relax with shady picnic areas and toilets nearby. Day use only, camping is not permitted.

## Enterprise Pit Mine Lookout

The Mine Lookout affords a panoramic view of the open-cut Enterprise Pit, left when Pine Creek Goldfields ceased operation in 1994. The water-filled pit is 135 metres deep, but before its closure, more than 764,000 ounces of gold were extracted from the mine. Old Chinese mine shafts can also be viewed close to the lookout. Sunsets viewed from this vantage point can be spectacular.



## Miners Park

Open daily. Free entry.

This Bicentennial Park, next to the railway station and the old station master's residence, offers a fascinating look at the mining history of the region. It comprises an outdoor display of historic mining machinery and mining equipment from the old Pine Creek mines, together with interpretive signs, photographic displays and background information on mining history.

## Pine Creek National Trust Museum

The Museum has served a number of purposes over past years. It has been the home of a mining warden, a doctor's residence, clinic and dispensary, and a military hospital.

More recently it was used as a post office and telephone exchange. The Museum houses displays of gold and gemstones, Aboriginal and Chinese history and historic equipment.

## Pine Creek Railway Resort

Built in the shape of two trains parked at a railway station, the reception and restaurant area is furnished and styled after Pine Creeks' Chinese heritage. Complete with a showcase of images from local archives and attractions, the Pine Creek Railway Resort has already become a talking point up and down the Stuart Highway.

## Railway Station Museum

Open daily. Free entry.

Located in the original station building built in 1888 which served as a communications centre until 1976.



Historic photos, maps and memorabilia depict the history of the North Australian Railway. Next to the station is an 1877 Beyer Peacock locomotive which was restored as a Centenary of Federation project by the Pine Creek Community Government Council. Believed to be the oldest restored locomotive in Australia, it operated between Darwin and Pine Creek from 1915 until it was finally decommissioned in 1945.

## The Northern Goldfields Loop

A journey on the Northern Goldfields Loop, an area rich in history as well as in minerals, is a journey through time.

The area, once the heart of the

goldfields, supported several towns. Follow the signposts off the Stuart Highway and explore the area, which is dotted with historic sites and ruins of those bygone days after many a change in fortune.

This intriguing place is located against a backdrop of shady creeks, magnificent salmon gums and unusual rocky outcrops.

## The Water Gardens

Open daily. Free entry.

These water gardens in the middle of town were created after the old railway tracks were uplifted, leaving a series of unsightly trenches, which were then turned into a series of attractive ponds and landscaped gardens. Now a popular pleasant shady place for a quiet picnic or a walk.

## Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park

Open daily subject to weather conditions.

Umbrawarra Gorge, located 22 kilometres south-west of the town of Pine Creek past Lake Copperfield, features a pleasant little creek running between steep red cliffs, and a series of swimming pools with sandy beaches. The first pool is about a 15 minute walk from the car park.

The gorge is excellent for exploring and if you are willing to rock-hop and swim, you can find some pleasant, secluded swimming holes, and from the clifftops witness some superb views. Surrounding bushland abounds with wildlife, making the area a naturalist's delight. Camping with toilet facilities is available, but bring your own drinking water.





# KATHERINE & SURROUNDS

**While its star attraction is undoubtedly the famous Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, Katherine and its surrounds include great fishing, hidden natural wonders and a rich indigenous and pioneering history. The region stretches from the Gulf of Carpentaria to the West Australia border. Around 300 kilometres south of Darwin, Katherine is set on the banks of the Katherine River.**

## **Must Do:**

- Relax by the natural spring-fed pool of the Katherine Hot Springs.
- Visit Cutta Cutta Caves located, a series of limestone caverns featuring sparkling columns, pillars and flowstones of calcite crystal
- Take a cruise or canoe along the magnificent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge.
- Explore ancient rock art, crafts, galleries and culture of Katherine.

Katherine was named by explorer John McDouall Stuart in the late 1800s after the daughter of one of his expedition sponsors, and the gorge was renamed 'Nitmiluk' - meaning 'cicada place' - in 1989 when traditional owners, the Jawoyn Aboriginal people, gained title to the land, which is now Nitmiluk National Park.

The Katherine River flows through 13 separate gorges that carve their way through the Arnhem Land plateau. You can canoe, cruise and swim between sheer cliffs to the sandy freshwater beaches of

the main gorges, and view ancient Aboriginal rock paintings high on the rock faces. Waterfalls and rock pools are found along more than 100 kilometres of walking tracks, beginning at the park's visitor centre. Katherine offers a wide range of accommodation, facilities and attractions, including museums, art galleries, character-filled pubs and historic sites. It is also home to the Tindal RAAF Base. Although the airfield was constructed in 1942, it is the Air Force's youngest operational base and one of Australia's most important defence installations.

Other attractions within easy reach of the town include the Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park, the Katherine Hot Springs and Leliyn (Edith Falls).



# Attractions

## Nitmiluk National Park

Just 32 kilometres from the town centre, the gorge system is the major natural attraction in the area - a visitor's delight of 292,800 hectares of natural wonder. There are 13 gorges in the system, carved out of the rock by torrential summer rains over millenia.

Commercially operated cruises on the gorge system are available, with a breakfast and sunset dinner cruise being popular options. Helicopter scenic flights are also available.

Within the gorge system are many fine examples of Aboriginal rock paintings that are thousands of years old.

Nitmiluk Gorge / Katherine River was the cultural and spiritual foundation for the first inhabitants of the area, the Jawoyn and Dagomen people, providing food and water for both spiritual and recreational needs.

## Nitmiluk Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre is located at Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge. Information displays explain the geology, landscape and Aboriginal history of the national park. Informative staff are there to help you with tour enquires and information, and to assist with your enquiries about walks and camping.

The Centre has toilet facilities, a souvenir shop and café. The dining area on the deck overlooking the Katherine River is the ideal spot to relax, enjoy a meal or just savour a cooling drink and take in the glorious sunset.

## Leliyn (Edith Falls)

Located on the western boundary of Nitmiluk National Park, the paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at the base of the falls is safe for swimming throughout most of the year. The area is also great for bushwalking. Open daily - subject to weather conditions. Free entry. Camping available.

## Cutta Cutta Caves

Located off the Stuart Highway 27 kilometres south of Katherine, Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park covers an area of some 1,499 hectares. Ranger-guided tours of the cave system are conducted daily during the dry season. The caves are also home to the rare orange horseshoe bat and the ghost bat. The Jawoyn Aboriginal people have a long association with this area and evidence of their culture can be found throughout the park.



## Katherine Museum

The Katherine Museum was originally constructed as an air terminal during WWII and now contains an eclectic collection of artefacts, photographs, maps and pioneer memorabilia in an informative display. Outdoor and undercover exhibits illustrate a rich heritage of ingenuity in rural machinery and household equipment. Entry fees apply.

## The Jatbula Trail Walking Track

The famous Jatbula Trail is a 62 kilometre track traversing a variety of landscapes from sandstone escarpment to wet paperbark forests and features waterfalls, cultural sites and deep sandstone gorges.

The Jatbula Trail commences at Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and culminates at Leliyn (Edith Falls), following the Edith escarpment overlooking the 17 Mile Valley. It takes around five days to fully experience the Jatbula Trail. There are designated campsites each with natural swimming holes, waterfalls or wide rivers to cool off in.

The Jatbula Trail is limited to only 15 hikers per day. You must book and pay a deposit in advance with the Parks Office on (08) 8972 1886. The trail is open between June and September, subject to weather conditions, camping fees apply.

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# Katherine Accommodation

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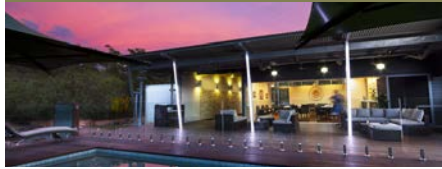


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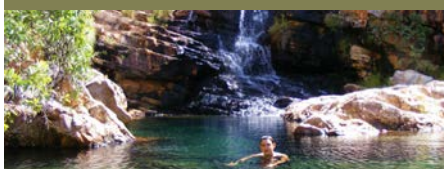


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# MATARANKA, STUART HIGHWAY & ROPER

**Mataranka township sits on the upper reaches of the Roper River, an hour's drive south-east of Katherine. With a population of about 250, it services outlying cattle stations and Aboriginal communities and is well-equipped with facilities for travellers. Attractions include the Mataranka Thermal Pool, Bitter Springs and the Never Never Museum with displays of local Aboriginal history.**

## **Must Do:**

- Stop in at the Daly Waters Pub for an outback pub experience.
- Learn about the history of the Mataranka Homestead and Elsey Station.
- Cool off in the picturesque waters of Bitter Springs.

The area was made famous in the Jeannie Gunn novel 'We of the Never Never' - written in 1905 about nearby Elsey Station. Elsey Cemetery, 21 kilometres south of the township, marks the resting place of many of the book's characters. At Mataranka Homestead there is a replica of the Gunn's original home. The Station is now administered by the local Aboriginal people.

Elsey National Park, on the eastern edge of Mataranka, is another of the region's natural attractions. The Roper River meanders through the park, flowing through waterholes and

tumbling over rocks and tufa dams. You can canoe and fish on the Roper River and swim at the palm-fringed thermal pools of Rainbow and Bitter Springs. Mataranka thermal pools are fringed by paperbark and palm forest and bubble at a constant temperature of 34° Celsius. Some 180 kilometres east is Roper Bar, a natural rock crossing separating the saltwater and freshwater sections of the Roper River.

Also in the area is Daly Waters, an outback town with a rich history. The Daly Waters Pub is the quintessential outback watering hole famous for

its bush hospitality, huge meals and quirky decorations on the walls.



# Attractions

## Bitter Springs

This tropical spring-fed thermal pool is located just two kilometres from Mataranka in Elsey National Park. Set among palms and tropical forest, it is an ideal location to bushwalk, swim or simply relax. Toilet facilities, picnic benches and barbecues are available.

## Daly Waters

Daly Waters, 273 kilometres south of Katherine has the distinction of being Australia's first international airfield. For almost 30 years, from the 1930s to the late 1950s, it was the focus of activity in the area. Initially, it was used for flying mail into the Northern Territory from Queensland. It then became a staging and refuelling point for Qantas international flights flying through Darwin and onto Singapore and other domestic flight services. By the beginning of World War II, military air traffic had replaced civilian air traffic. Although the aerodrome was closed to commercial traffic in 1965, the original Qantas hangar still stands, housing interesting facts, photos and equipment, where you can explore the terminal ruins and walk along the airstrip.



## Dunmarra

Dunmarra is located 316 kilometres south of Katherine. This roadside stop was named after a man called Dan O'Mara whose body was never found. The Aboriginal people of the area involved in the search couldn't pronounce his name and referred to him as 'Dunmarra'. Accommodation, caravan park, fuel and food are available.

## Elsey Homestead Replica

Open daily. Free entry.  
The Homestead is an authentic

replica especially constructed for the film 'We of the Never Never'. Every detail is duplicated down to the hand-hewn local cypress pine. Nearby Aboriginal gunyas, or wurlies, built with the advice of local Aboriginal elders can be seen.

## Elsey Memorial Cemetery

Located just 21 kilometres from Mataranka, the gravestones mark the resting place of many of the characters written about in the novel by Jeannie Gunn 'We of the Never Never'.

## Elsey National Park

Incorporating the spring-fed Roper and Waterhouse Rivers, the park offers opportunities for swimming, fishing, canoeing and bushwalking. Mataranka Thermal Pool, Bitter Springs, Stevie's Hole, Mataranka Falls and the tracks along the Roper River are some of the highlights of a visit. A popular activity is bird-watching. The rare Red Goshawk, Hooded Parrot, and Northern Rosellas are some of the many species to be observed. Camping and accommodation facilities are available near the thermal pool and at Bitter Springs, with bush camping at 12 Mile Yard on John Hauser Drive.

Roper River and surrounding areas support a range of plants and wildlife including the largest stand of *Livingstonia rigida* Palms in the world. The river is well known to anglers as one of the best spots to catch barramundi. A boat ramp is located at 12 Mile Yard off John Hauser Drive.

Restrictions: Outboard motor sizes are limited (maximum 15hp) at 12 Mile Yard boat ramp and National Park Fishing Restrictions apply. No pets. No generators.

## Larrimah

Larrimah, meaning 'meeting place' in the local Aboriginal language, is a small town 185 kilometres south of Katherine on the Stuart Highway. The town came into being in 1940 with the construction of the nearby Gorrie Airfield, a major airfield servicing the war effort and

later becoming the site of the rail head and shunting yards after the demise of the township of Birdum, remaining a busy terminus until the railway closed in 1976. Remains of the railway shunting yards near the Larrimah Hotel and remnants of World War II camp relics are dotted throughout town. Interpretive signs are located at the sites of the former BIPOD (Bulk Issue Petrol and Oil Depot) and the No. 45 Australian Camp Hospital, seven kilometres south of Larrimah.

The Larrimah Museum, housed in the old telegraph building, features displays and information about World War II activities in the area, the Overland Telegraph Line and the operation of the railway.

## Larrimah Pub

Originally the World War II Officer's Mess, the pub has some interesting memorabilia, as extensions were added using materials from the dismantled Birdum Hotel. It offers an ideal stop for history buffs - look out for the Pink Panther!

## Mataranka Thermal Pool

Open daily.  
Mataranka Thermal Pool located in Elsey National Park was dedicated as a reserve in 1967 to ensure the presentation of the thermal spring and surrounding palm forest. The pool is at a constant 34° Celsius and flows from Rainbow Springs at an amazing 30.5 million litres a day. Pets must be restrained in the private pet parking bay outside the park and the camping area.

## Roper Bar

The Roper Bar is 180 kilometres along the Roper Highway and well known as a great place to catch barramundi. This is where the Leichhardt Expedition of 1845 crossed the Roper River, named for John Roper, a member of this party. The bar was built in the early 1900s as part of the supply route for the Overland Telegraph Line. Accommodation, camping, fuel and a store are available. Turn east from the Stuart Highway, seven kilometres south of Mataranka.

# VICTORIA RIVER & TIMBER CREEK

The Victoria River Region is south-west of Katherine and is most often visited while travelling between Katherine and the Kimberley region. The area's colourful scenery features grassy plains, boab trees and majestic gorges.

## Must Do:

- Take in the panoramic view of the magnificent Victoria River from Policeman's Point
- Visit Gregory's Tree inscribed with the dates of Augustus Charles Gregory's North Australian Expedition
- Capture the ever-changing colours of the sandstone towers in the Keep River National Park on camera

The small township of Timber Creek, 286 kilometres west of Katherine and the region's main centre, is home to about 229 people. Fishing is Timber Creek's biggest drawcard and the beautiful Victoria River, running through deep valleys and gorges, is one of the Northern Territory's most scenic places to catch barramundi.

Closer to Katherine, Flora River Nature Park is a beautiful hideaway for those looking to escape from the crowds travelling west and should be accessed with a high set two-wheel drive vehicle or a four-wheel drive. Judbarra/Gregory National Park sitting at Timber Creek's doorstep and covering an area of some 13,000 square kilometres, features spectacular landscapes, prolific wildlife, ancient boab trees and significant remnants of Aboriginal and European history.

Historic Bullita Homestead is an old cattle outstation with stockyards where you can find out more about the park's nature, culture and history. Located just 19 kilometres northwest of Timber Creek is Gregory's Tree, a large boab that stands at the campsite of explorer Augustus Gregory's North Australian Expedition, undertaken between October 1855 and July 1856.

Keep River National Park, situated 180 kilometres west of Timber Creek, is a photographer's dream. The park encompasses towering sandstone landforms radiating a myriad of colours at sunrise and sunset.

The area is best explored on foot, following well-marked bushwalking trails. There are two camping areas in the park with barbeques, tables and pit toilets.

## Attractions

**Judbarra/Gregory National Park**  
Open daily. Free entry.

Judbarra/Gregory National Park is the Northern Territory's second largest national park, encompassing spectacular ranges, escarpments, gorges and eucalypt woodlands. A drive through the eastern section of the park along the Victoria Highway will reveal some of these landscapes while the easily accessed walks near the Victoria River Roadhouse provide close up experiences of the dramatic sandstone escarpment.

**Gregory's Tree**

Open daily. Free entry. Located in Judbarra/Gregory National Park 19 kilometres north-west of Timber Creek, a large Boab tree stands at the campsite of Augustus Gregory's North Australian

expedition, which was commenced in 1855. Gregory's Tree has special significance to the Ngarinman Aboriginal people and is a registered sacred site.

**Keep River National Park**

Open daily subject to weather conditions. Free entry.

This small park contains a diversity of landscapes. Visitors can explore sandstone ridges and 'Bungle Bungle-like' formations from the campgrounds. Spectacular walks include the two kilometre Gurrandalng walk which presents one magnificent view after the next; and the 5.5 kilometre Jarnem Lookout Walk which is particularly stunning in the soft light of early morning and late afternoon.

**Victoria River Crossing**

The Victoria River Crossing is 194 kilometres southwest of Katherine on the Victoria Highway. The stunning escarpment country provides the perfect backdrop for fishing tours and boat cruises, with Red Valley Gorge providing a shady and scenic rest area. The Victoria River Roadhouse is close to the crossing, and offers camping and accommodation facilities.

# BORROLOOLA & THE GULF

**Borrooloola, a remote community on the McArthur River in the Gulf of Carpentaria and once a frontier town, is now the capital of the Gulf region. It's home to four main indigenous language groups, the area includes many large cattle stations. Fishing and camping remain a way of life for locals and travellers chasing barramundi.**

## Must Do:

- Spend an afternoon swimming in the picturesque hot springs of Butterfly Springs
- Visit the towering sandstone pillars of the Lost City
- Take part in the Easter Fishing Classic and catch a prize barramundi in King Ash Bay
- Don't miss Seven Emu Station with culture, heritage, wildlife, coastal and river access, with the Shadforth family
- Visit Lorella Springs Wilderness Park and swim in natural hot and cold springs and waterfalls

King Ash Bay, a popular fishing spot 50 kilometres from Borrooloola, attracts thousands of visitors each year and a fishing competition is usually held over the Easter long weekend.

Barranyi (North Island) National Park, located in the Sir Edward Pellew Group of Islands, is a wildlife haven, providing a home to nesting turtles and migratory birds and offers excellent reef fishing opportunities. Access to the islands is limited, and visitors must contact Parks and Wildlife NT before making the journey.

Cape Crawford, at the junction of the Carpentaria and Tablelands Highways, is home to the famous Heartbreak Hotel. Cape Crawford is situated approximately 120 kilometres from the ocean and is so named because it is situated at the northern extremity or 'cape' of the Abner Ranges, first 'discovered' in 1880 by drover Lindsay Crawford.

The Abner Ranges are home to an impressive site known as the Lost City covering an area of some eight square kilometres and dotted with towering sandstone formations. These natural pillars conjure up images of skyscrapers, and are well worth a

visit. Helicopter flights which touch down in the Lost City give access to the site.

Surrounded by grasslands, escarpments, waterfalls and waterholes, Cape Crawford is within easy reach of Limmen National Park. The area is home to a stunning array of native wildlife.

## Attractions

**Barranyi National Park (North Island)**  
The park, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, is one of the Territory's most remote visitor destinations. This peaceful wilderness haven is the traditional home of the Yanyuwa people. Special features of the island park include long sandy beaches like Paradise Bay, a glorious stretch of white beach ideal for walking, beachcombing and birdwatching.

**Caranbirini Conservation Reserve**  
Open daily. Free entry.

Just 46 kilometres south of Borrooloola and easily accessed off the Carpentaria Highway, the reserve protects a diversity of habitats for such a small area, including sandstone hills and ridges, semi-permanent waterholes flanked by riverine vegetation, woodland and

intriguing sandstone spires.

### King Ash Bay

King Ash Bay is the location of the Borrooloola Boat and Fishing Club. The general store has fuel, ice and supplies. Campground, budget accommodation, houseboats and a boat ramp are available for visitors.

### Limmen National Park

Located 182 kilometres north-west of Borrooloola, this park is accessed from the Roper River Road or by travelling north from Cape Crawford. It features several large sandstone spires and rounded dome formations resulting from erosion of the sandstone escarpment. The main recreational activity is fishing throughout the towns and Limmen Rivers.

### The Lost City Formation of Ancient Columns of Sandstone

Located in the Abner Ranges the site of ancient columns of sandstone is isolated and access is by helicopter only from Cape Crawford. This is a breath-taking flight and well worth considering.

For further information contact the Tourism Top End Visitor Information Centre 1300 138 886

# EAST KIMBERLEY WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The East Kimberley Region, covering an area of around 200,000 square kilometres of Western Australia, is one of the most remote areas of the country. The region offers escarpment country, waterfalls, rivers, gorges and pristine coastline. Remote stations provide camping and access to some great landscapes in an area rich with Aboriginal culture.

## Must Do:

- Take a scenic flight, by helicopter or light plane and marvel at the sheer magnitude of the Bungle Bungles
- Take a cruise on the mighty Ord River between Lake Argyle and Kununurra - an area rich in wildlife and scenic beauty
- Join a tour to the Argyle Diamond Mine, the world's largest diamond producer

Surrounding rugged ranges, an abundance of water and wildlife make the town of Kununurra the ideal base to explore the region's natural wonders including the Bungle Bungles, the Mitchell Plateau, the Ord River and Wolfe Creek Crater National Park.

For more detailed information on the region pick up a copy of the East Kimberley Travellers Guide from the Kununurra Visitor Centre.

## Attractions

### Lake Argyle

The damming of the Ord River in 1972 formed Lake Argyle - the largest man-made lake in Australia. Set amongst the Carr-Boyd Ranges and covering an area of around 1000 square kilometres, Lake Argyle is

an awesome sight with many bays, islands, creeks and waterfalls.

Take a scenic flight over the lake, cruise the placid waters, take a canoe or simply relax on the banks and enjoy some leisurely fishing. The turnoff to the lake, which supports a wide variety of wildlife, is just seven kilometres from the Northern Territory/Western Australia border.

### The Ord River

The most famous river of the East Kimberley, the mighty Ord, creates a variety of diverse ecosystems and is the water source for the Ord Irrigation Scheme. A large number of tourism related operations utilise the river and it provides a huge recreational waterway for both locals and visitors alike.

### Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungles)

Purnululu National Park is home to one of the most spectacular landforms on earth, the peculiar rocky striped mounds (or Bungle Bungles). These huge orange and black striped domes, formed from layers of sandstone and minerals, are a sight to see.

There are some fantastic gorges around the park, with Echidna Chasm in the northern section, and Cathedral Gorge in the southern section. Both are a one-hour walk from the carpark, although if you have the time and energy the long ten hour walk of Piccaninny Gorge is worth the effort. Scenic flights over the park are available, or the 55 kilometre trip by four-wheel drive only, will take around 3 hours.

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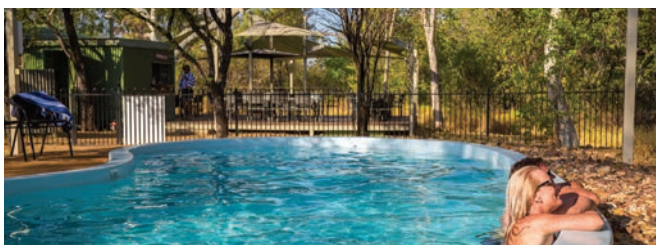


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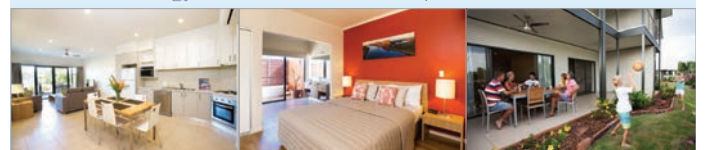
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EPiRBhire Australia Wide	0499 806 178
Explore Augmented Reality 360	0447 055 155
Flash Camp - Pop Up Tents	1800 113 640
Fusion Exhibition & Hire Services	0437 983 706
Group Training NT	08 8941 2112
Hire for Baby (NT)	08 7912 5111
HPA Helping People Achieve	08 89470681
Industry Skills Advisory Council NT (ISACNT)	08 7913 7507
Katherine Visitor Information Centre	08 8972 2650
Knight Frank	08 8982 2500
Moore Marketing & Distribution	08 8981 1933
Northern Territory Athletics Inc.	0447 717 556
Northern Territory Seafood Council	08 8981 5194
NT Beverages Group	0439 579 819
Pace Insurance	08 8948 1222
Palmerston Regional Business Association	0488 869 653
Paradise Outdoor Advertising	07 4758 4626
Parks & Wildlife Commission of the NT	08 8999 4561
Savannah Guides	0408 772 513
Territory Medical Group	08 89484333
Territory Proud	0419 906 524
Tourism Central Australia	08 8952 5199
Tourism NT	08 8999 3900

## Hire Vehicles

Advance Car Rentals	08 8981 2999
Apollo Motorhome Holidays	08 8981 4796
Bargain Car Rentals	1300 729 230
Britz Campervan Rentals	03 8398 8835
Budget Rent A Car	08 8418 7309

Europcar	1300 131 390
Maui Motorhome Rentals	03 8398 8835
Mighty Campervans and Cars	03 8398 8835
Thrifty NT (Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine)	08 8924 0000
Travellers Autobarn	02 9360 1500

## Markets

Adelaide River Market	08 8976 0547
Malak Marketplace	0421 955 282
Mindil Beach Sunset Market Association	08 8981 3454
Parap Village Markets	08 8942 0805

## Mechanical

Acarr Autoair	0889927703
BTC Parts & Accessories	08 8932 6777
Stuart Hwy Tyres	08 8972 1444
Terrys Mobile Auto Electrical and Auto Aircon	0407 721 039

## Media & Publications

Absolute Media & Marketing	0438873809
Alex Julius Fishing Media	08 8983 1738
Associated Advertising & Promotions	08 8942 3388
Australian Tourist Publications	08 8952 2366
Channel Nine Darwin	08 8981 8888
Coleman Printing	08 8982 4000
Country Wide Publications	08 9324 1574
Darwin Digital Television	08 8927 4410
Darwin Life Magazine	08 8981 2600
Hot 100/Mix 104.9 FM/92.3 Top Country/Classic	
Rock Digital	08 8941 9999
Image Offset	08 8947 1168
Imparja Television	08 8941 6124
John Batman Group -	
The Hospitality Supermarket	03 9879 8588
Lane Print Group	08 8179 9900
Let's Go Kids	0407 012 940
NT News	08 8944 9710
Off The Leash	08 8941 7413
Ontime Publications	0400 473 200
Southern Cross Broadcasting	08 8941 5777
Zip Print	08 8947 0179

## Pets

A1 Kennels & Cattery	08 8988 1793
Dogtainers	08 8988 5673
Helga's Pet Resort	08 8983 1717
i-vet (Gove Veterinary Services)	1300 080 806

## Restaurants, Cafes & Bars

Antiquity Greek Restaurant	08 8981 2270
Barrel & Cruse Bistro	0431216199
Berry Springs Tavern	08 89886186
Boost Juice Bars	0451 850 515
Border Store	08 8979 2474
Char Darwin	08 8981 4544
Crazy Acres	08 8988 6227
Crustaceans on the Wharf	08 8981 8658
Darwin Fish Markets	08 8941 2522
Darwin River Tavern	08 8988 6104
Darwin RSL	08 8981 5437
Darwin Sailing Club (The)	08 8981 1700
Darwin Ski Club	08 8981 6630
Darwin Trailer Boat Club Inc.	08 8981 6749
De La Plage	0415914727
Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Association	08 8981 7816
Eat-A-Pizza	08 89410963
Frying Nemo	08 8981 2281
Hanuman Restaurant	08 8941 3500
Hibiscus Tavern Dollys Bar	0889276388
Hotel Darwin	08 8941 7947
Karen Sheldon Catering	08 8945 6048

Katherine Country Club	08 8972 1276	Ethical Adventures	04 8844 2269
Little Miss Korea	08 89817092	Experience the Wild	0400 404 058
Monsoons	08 8941 7171	Kakadu 4WD Safaris	1300 525 238
Noonamah Tavern	08 8988 1054	Kakadu Cultural Tours	08 8938 3202
Oka Teppanyaki	08 8941 5453	Kakadu Dreams	1800 813 269
One Mile Brewing Company	0423 534 122	Kimberley Adventure Tours	08 9191 2655
Oyster Bar Darwin	08 8981 2242	Katherine Outback Experience	0428 264 030
Pee Wee's at the Point	08 8981 6868	Kimberley Offroad Adventure Tours	0447740880
Piper Collective	1300174737	Kimberley Outback Tours	08 9169 1995
Rachael's Seafood Shack	0407 722 422	Kimberley Wild Expeditions	08 9193 7778
Rum Jungle Tavern	08 8976 0811	Kimberley Wilderness Adventures	1800889389
Seafood on Cullen	08 8981 4666	Lirrwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation	
Shenannigans	08 8981 2100		07 5539 8231
Six Tanks Brewing Co.	0889 239 780	Litchfield Dreams	08 8981 3266
Stone House Wine Bar & Kitchen	0419 139 966	Litchfield Escapes	0456 893 160
Tandoori Vibes	0402 798 994	Lords Kakadu & Arnhemland Safaris	
The Bell Bar & Bistro	08 7917 8926		0438 808 548
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The Precinct	08 8941 9000		08 8978 8877
The Purple Mango Café	0407 739 738	Mulgas Adventure Tours	08 8952 1545
The Tap on Mitchell	08 8981 5521	Nitmiluk Tours	08 8971 0167
Trampoline Gelato	0411884655	North Tours Australia	0416 976 882
Wangi Falls Centre	08 8978 2077	NT Adventure Park	0468 615 608
Wharf One - il Lido	08 8941 9000	NT Bird Speciallists	0421 651 122
Wisdom Bar & Café	08 8941 4866	NT Day Tours	08 8947 5383

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### American Express Currency Exchange

	1300 139 0060		
Batchelor General Store	08 8976 0045	Outback Floatplane Adventures	08 8981 4881
Caryota Book Exchange	0455 747 220	Outback Spirit	1800688222
Casuarina Square	08 8920 2306	Outback Tour Services	08 8950 9900
Central Business Equipment	08 8947 4950	Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours	08 8984 9282
Charlotte's Web Chocolate Factory	0468 615 608	Sacred Earth Safaris	08 8555 3838
City Savvy	0889416060	Segway Tours	0417 781 178
Coca-Cola Amatil (Aust)	1300666120	Southern Cross Motor Bike Tours	08 8985 1681
Coolalinga Central	0437 961362	Spirit of Kakadu Adventure Tours	08 8922 5904
Creative Jewellers	08 8941 1233	Spirit Safaris	08 8120 0366
Croc Stock & Barra	0499 991 405	Star Safaris	0417 847 967
Darwin in the Wet	0408 428 221	Sugarbag Safaris	0407 250 370
Darwin Laundries	0419 199 299	Territory Expeditions	08 8988 3222
Darwin Tours	08 8985 6322	Territory Experiences	0428 142 724
di CROCO	08 8941 4470	Territory Wild Tours Darwin	0427 474 434
Dragonfly Fabrics	08 8948 0691	The Darwin History and Wartime Experience	
Ensign	08 8981 7488		0455998346
Eva Valley Meats	0419662052	The Rock Tour	08 8953 1008
Kimberley Fine Diamonds WA	08 9169 1133	Tiwi Tours	08 8923 6523
Louise Denton Photography	0406 811 479	Top End Day Tours	0456 375 264
Mitchell Centre	08 8981 5688	Top End Tandems	0417190140
Murray Oakley Discounts	08 8947 4844	Tour Tub	08 8985 6333
Paspaley Pearls Pty Ltd	02 9775 1024	Travel North	08 8971 9999
Paul Arnold Bush Photo's	08 8941 6062	Uluru Camel Tours	08 8956 3333
Paperbark Woman	08 89417142	Uluru Segway Tours	0889 563 043
Peterpans Adventure Travel	08 8941 4861	Venture North	08 8927 5500
Shine Gifts and Fashion	0407612570	Walk Darwin	0428 183 444
Splash on Knuckey	08 8981 4550	Walleroo Tours	08 8981 6670
Territory Jerky	08 89527332	Wayoutback Desert Safaris	1300 551 510
The Australian Opal & Diamond Collection		Wildman Wilderness Lodge Tours	08 8978 8955
	08 8211 9995	Willie Creek Pearls WA	08 9192 0000
Top End Tackle World	08 8932 3006	Willis's Walkabouts	08 8985 2134
		Woolah Tours	0423371926

## Tours

AAT Kings Darwin	08 8923 6555	ATG Downunder	08 8952 5688
Adelaide River Transfers	0438 946 444	Buslink	08 8947 0577
Adelaide River Tours	0472 786 877	Coach Charters Australia	08 8988 1447
Adventure Tours Australia	08 8309 2277	Darwin City Airport Shuttle Service	0889 473 979
Art.Walk.Eat	0409 015 951	Darwin Radio Taxi	08 8985 0704
Ask Darryl In Darwin	08 8927 9939	Grand Touring	08 8981 0300
Aussie Adventures	08 8923 6523	Spinway Northern Territory	0414 296 196
Bombing Of Darwin Heritage Tours	0432 041 132		
Brookes Australia Tours	08 8948 1306		
Bungle Bungle Expeditions WA	08 9168 7220		
Bungle Bungle Guided Tours WA	1800 899 029		
Cutta Cutta Caves	08 8972 7800		
Darwin Bike Tours	0487 453 488		
Darwin Chinese Tours	02 8378 0633		
Darwin Explorer	0416 140 903		
Darwin Photography Tours	0403545982		
Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris	08 8979 0413		
East Kimberley Tours WA	08 9168 2213		

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