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**Darwin/Gulumerrdgen, Kakadu and Katherine**

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**DAY 1 Darwin/Gulumerrdgen**

*As the Northern Territory’s thriving capital, Darwin attracts travellers from all around the globe looking to experience its outdoor tropical lifestyle. With waterfront dining, crocodile adventures, rich historical experiences, and access to the Tiwi Islands all within a few minutes of the city centre, there’s enough to do to fill a weekend or a week.*

Enjoy a [**Darwin Heritage Walk**](https://walkdarwin.com.au/darwin-heritage-walk/)with [**Walk Darwin**](http://www.walkdarwin.com.au/).

As you walk the paths of pioneers, guides share their passion for the town they call home as they tell of its history through the World War II bombings and Cyclone Tracy, to current day. Discover many of the remaining buildings such as the old Court House and Police Station, Browns Mart and the Old Palmerston Town Hall ruins, all of which have been painstakingly reconstructed. View Government House, Parliament House and the Northern Territory Supreme Court on our journey through the streets of this modern tropical city.

At the conclusion of your walking tour, head to [**Rendezvous Café**](https://www.rendezvouscafedarwin.com.au/) for lunch before your afternoon helicopter tour.

Take a scenic [**Litchfield Waterfalls**](https://www.nautilusaviation.com.au/experience/litchfields-waterfalls-60-minute-scenic-flight/)helicopter flight with [**Nautilus Aviation**](http://www.nautilusaviation.com.au/).

Departing from Darwin, enjoy a special 60-minute return scenic flight taking in the beauty of Litchfield’s treasures: Wangi Falls, Tolmer Falls, Florence Falls and The Lost City. Take in the impressive sights of the Magnetic Termite Mounds and Darwin’s main water supply, the Darwin River Dam, holding half the volume of Sydney Harbour, before returning to Darwin.

This evening, head on down to the [**Mindil Beach Sunset Market**](https://mindil.com.au/)**\*.**

The Mindil Beach Sunset Market is the heart of Darwin's cultural melting pot and truly epitomises the word 'multicultural'.

The Market sees the congregation of over 200 unique stalls, ranging from food stalls offering incredible local and international cuisine to an array of arts, crafts, and services stalls. The markets support and provide opportunity for artists from all genres of creative and performing arts to showcase their talent. This combination of amazing food, arts, and culture, set to the backdrop of the spectacular sunset, creates an electric atmosphere.

*\*Operates Thu and Sun end April to end October.*

**Overnight: Darwin Waterfront Luxury Suites**

**DAY 2**

Join a [**SeaLink NT - Tiwi Islands**](https://www.sealinknt.com.au/tiwi-islands/tiwi-by-design)tour and discover what makes these islands so special.

Take the 2.5-hour SeaLink ferry trip to Bathurst Island and meet a local Tiwi guide for a journey through the progressive community of Wurrumiyanga. Enjoy a traditional Welcome to Country ceremony before a walking tour which includes the historic mission precinct. Visit the Patakijiyali Culture Museum to view its fascinating displays of traditional art and depictions of the Tiwi Creation story and learn the history of the Mission days. Participate in a screen-printing workshop, then browse the carvings, paintings and fabric with the opportunity to purchase Tiwi arts and crafts.

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Tonight, don’t miss a dining experience at [**Hanuman**](https://www.hanuman.com.au/darwin-1) – one of Darwin’s iconic restaurants.

**Overnight: Darwin Waterfront Luxury Suites**

**DAY 3**

Check out of your hotel and make an early start for your trip to Jabiru.

Stop off at the **Corroboree Billabong** for a thrilling [**45-minute Airboat Safari**](https://www.wildlands.com.au/tour/45-minute-airboat-safari/) with [**Wildlands**](https://www.wildlands.com.au/).

This is a truly unique experience which takes you into privately owned areas that no one else can access. Glide across seemingly endless floodplains of the Mary River wetlands system and discover a vast array of native wildlife and amazing flora including saltwater crocodiles, a multitude of bird species, and vast stands of lotus flowers.

Arrive Jabiru.

*Nestled near the spectacular Arnhem Land Escarpment in the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park, Jabiru was established as a mining town in the 1970s. It is the only Australian town set inside a national park, and is now the main service area for Kakadu, offering a range of accommodation and facilities.*

Check into the [**Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel**](https://kakadutourism.com/accommodation/mercure-crocodile-hotel), then head to **Cooinda** where you will join a [**Kakadu Tourism Yellow Water sunset cruise**](https://kakadutourism.com/trip-planning/yellow-water-cruises).

Experience this magical time of day on Yellow Water on a two-hour sunset cruise. This beautiful billabong is home to remarkable scenery and wildlife (60 species of birds, plenty of crocodiles and buffalo on the floodplains). Bininj guides provide fascinating insights into the flora and fauna.

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Return to the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel for dinner at the **Escarpment Restaurant**.

**Overnight Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel**

**DAY 4**

Take a [**4WD Arnhemlander Tour**](https://www.kakaduculturaltours.com.au/index.php/arnhemlander) with [**Kakadu Cultural Tours**](https://www.kakaduculturaltours.com.au/index.php).

Journey across Cahill’s Crossing on the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land.

Visit the entrance to Mikkinj Valley with its stunning scenery of billabongs, wildlife & towering escarpment. Enjoy either morning tea or lunch beside the Inkiyu Billabong.

Travelling in comfortable 4WD buses, experience the region's world-famous landscapes consisting of sandstone escarpment outcrops, rock art sites, forests, floodplains, and billabongs alive with abundant birdlife.

Visit the **Injalak Arts & Crafts** retail outlet at the Border Store, Kakadu.

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Return to your hotel.

This evening, take a 10-minute stroll to the [**Anbinik Restaurant**](https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/eat/anbinik-restaurant/) for dinner.

**Overnight Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel**

**DAY 5**

Make your way to Cooinda where you will join [**Kakadu Tourism**](https://kakadutourism.com/) for a [**Spirit of Kakadu Tour**](https://kakadutourism.com/explore-kakadu/explore-kakadu-tourism).

See the less accessible parts of Kakadu on our full day 4WD adventure tour. Visit the stunning waterfalls and waterholes of Kakadu's stone country. Depending on the time of year, weather and road conditions the tour itinerary varies so each day is an adventure. Itineraries can include Gubara Rock Pools, Motorcar Falls, Boulder Creek, Ikoymarrwa Rock Holes, Gunlom Falls or Maguk Gorge. Tour includes packed morning tea and lunch to enjoy at the destinations.

Head over to [**Aurora** **Kakadu Lodge**](https://aurorakakadulodge.com.au/) for a casual dinner at the **Poolside Bar and Bistro**.

**Overnight Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel**

**DAY 6**

This morning, board a [**Guluyambi Cultural Cruise**](https://www.kakaduculturaltours.com.au/index.php/guluyambi)with[**Kakadu Cultural Tours**](https://www.kakaduculturaltours.com.au/index.php) on Kakadu’s spectacular East Alligator River.

Take in the wonderful pristine wilderness of this World Heritage landscape as you leisurely cruise up stream. An Aboriginal guide provides guests with an insight into their culture, local mythology, the river’s abundant food chain, traditional uses for many plants and animals as well as bush survival skills. Disembark on the Arnhem Land side of the river for a display of traditional hunting and gathering implements.

This afternoon, drive to **Katherine** and check into your accommodation at [**Cicada Lodge**](https://www.nitmiluktours.com.au/accommodation/cicada-lodge).

*A trip to the Northern Territory is not complete without visiting the spectacular Nitmiluk Gorge. Open all year round, it features some of the most stunning gorge scenery in the Northern Territory, with raging waterfalls, a myriad of wildlife and breathtaking views of the Jawoyn country. Nitmiluk Gorge winds along 12km of sheer rock extending more than 70m high. Consisting of 13 seperate gorges, Nitmiluk Gorge is a maze of waterways sculpted from the sandstone over countless millennia by the Katherine River.*

[**Nitmiluk Tours**](http://www.nitmiluktours.com.au/) is a successful 100% wholly owned and operated Indigenous tourism operation within Nitmiluk National Park and is the exclusive provider for touring the breathtaking Nitmiluk Gorge, located approximately 320km south of Darwin. From campgrounds to tented accommodation, self-contained chalets and the boutique Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk Tours has an accommodation option for everyone.

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This afternoon depart on the [**Nabilil Dreaming Sunset Dinner Tour**](https://www.nitmiluktours.com.au/gorge-experiences/gorge-tours/nabilil-dreaming-sunset-dinner-tour).

Discover the stories and ways of the Jawoyn people against the magnificent backdrop of the Nitmiluk Gorge, changing colour with the setting sun, and concluding with the shimmering of the stars and the moon.

The tour includes a three-course candlelit dinner, featuring fresh, local Australian produce cooked by one of chefs on board, accompanied by a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

**Overnight Cicada Lodge**

**DAY 7**

Today enjoy a private helicopter[**Adventure Swim Tour**](https://www.nitmiluktours.com.au/gorge-experiences/helicopter-flights/adventure-swim-tour-private).

Fly over all 13 Gorges then continue via the Katherine River into the rugged rock country of Nitmiluk National Park. Discover one of the most remote and beautiful

waterfall swim sites in Australia. Enjoy a swim at this pristine wilderness rock pool, which is yours exclusively. A picnic hamper is available at additional cost.

This afternoon take a one-hour tour of[**Cutta Cutta Caves**](https://www.nitmiluktours.com.au/cultural-experiences/cultural-tours/cutta-cutta-caves-nature-park)**.**

Formed millions of years ago the Cutta Cutta Caves system is home to a variety of native wildlife and is rich in Indigenous culture and modern European history. Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park is located 27km south of Katherine and is easily accessible from the Stuart Highway. The park covers 1499 hectares of limestone landscape, and is home to five species of bats, including the rare Ghost and Horseshoe bats. About 170 species of birds have been recorded within the park, including the Hooded Parrot and the endangered Gouldian Finch.

For this evening’s dinner, enjoy native Australian foods and fresh local produce at [**Cicada Lodge Restaurant**](https://www.nitmiluktours.com.au/dining/cicada-lodge-restaurant).

**Overnight Cicada Lodge**

**DAY 8**

Journey into Katherine for the [**Top Didj Aboriginal Cultural Experience**](http://www.topdidj.com/).

The Top Didj Cultural Experience is a **2-to-2.5-hour activity** where visitors can interact with Top End Aboriginal artist Manuel Pamkal and ask questions about Aboriginal culture whilst being educated on the significance of his painting style, weapons used and how he lived off the land. The highlight of the Cultural Experience and what sets it apart from other cultural experiences, is the painting style which is demonstrated by an aboriginal artist.

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This afternoon take a [**Malappar Traveller**](https://www.nitmiluktours.com.au/gorge-experiences/canoeing-trips/malappar-traveller) canoe trip.

The boat ride through the first gorge introduces you to the Jawoyn culture and natural surrounds.

Explore the gorge system at a relaxed pace, with ample time to admire the scenery and wildlife. Enjoy a picnic on the shaded riverbanks or cool off with a swim in the alluring waters of the second or third gorge. On this self-guided canoe adventure, you will no doubt be drawn into the lush hanging gardens. This is a fertile section of the gorge with an almost rainforest-like atmosphere. Enjoy the shade and cooling atmosphere from the green foliage.

Dine at [**Cicada Lodge Restaurant**](https://www.nitmiluktours.com.au/dining/cicada-lodge-restaurant).

**Overnight Cicada Lodge**