

10 Day Top End to Red Centre Crocodile Rock Package (Budget) ex Darwin



Visit the Northern Territory from the top to the bottom! Incorporating 3 three-day safaris including the comfort camping safaris of the Dragonfly Dreaming and Goanna Dreaming, plus three nights hostel accommodation.

Itinerary

Day 1 - Darwin to Kakadu Nationalpark (via Litchfield Nationalpark)

Departing from Darwin from 6.00am, we begin the short journey to Litchfield National Park. Explore the waterfalls, spring-fed streams and rugged sandstone escarpments of Litchfield National Park. Discover intriguing cathedral and magnetic termite mounds and swim, hike and explore Florence and Wangi Falls and enjoy a picnic lunch. After lunch we leave the highway behind and hit the dirt travelling along the Murrakai Road before joining the Old Jim Jim Road taking us deep into Kakadu National Park. Travelling past billabongs and traversing water crossings bringing ample opportunity for wildlife spotting. Arrive at our private campsite complete with comfortable permanent tents at Coinda where we spend the night enjoying dinner and some stargazing.

Meal(s) included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Kakadu Nationalpark

Awake for breakfast this morning before joining an iconic Yellow Waters Cruise. A must do activity within Kakadu National Park, the award winning Yellow Waters cruise is Aboriginal

owned and centres around a spectacular billabong system that is home to some remarkable and diverse wildlife. Spotting crocodiles is only one of the many wildlife viewing opportunities on this unique water system. Departing camp we travel to nearby Nourlangie Rock. Here you can see how local Aboriginal people lived in this area through changing times. Environmental and social changes are reflected in the rock art and in the ground, where archaeologists have uncovered over 20,000 years of Aboriginal occupation. After lunch visit the Bowali Visitor Centre, a Gun-djeihmi name for the local area and creek on land owned by the Mirarr clan. See the audio-visual presentations and Marrawuddi Gallery showcasing Aboriginal art by artists from within Kakadu and the wider region. Later this afternoon we arrive at the culturally significant Aboriginal art site, Ubirr, located within the East Alligator region of the park. Here you will view a wide range of ancient Aboriginal art which will be interpreted by your guide. Learn the story of the Rainbow Serpent and climb the Nadab Lookout for panoramic views over the floodplain and beyond into Arnhem Land. After learning about the area, it's time to pick out a quiet spot to sit while we watch the sun set over the Kakadu escarpment before making the short journey to our private and permanent campsite for the night.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Kakadu Nationalpark to Darwin via Twin and Jim Jim Falls*

Today the jewels of Kakadu National Park await. Departing early we travel to Twin and Jim Jim Falls. Explore Twin Falls Gorge which is accessed by 4-wheel drive track, a boat shuttle service and a rocky walking track and boardwalk. Once there relax on the sandy banks and admire the falls. There's more 4-wheel driving as we make our way to Jim Jim Falls where a walk through monsoon forest and over boulders takes us to the waterfall and plunge pool which are surrounded by 150 metre cliffs. Spend the afternoon taking in the sheer beauty of your spectacular surrounds before we make our way back to Darwin and your accommodation after three magical days of adventure and wildlife, rich in cultural history and natural beauty. Overnight Darwin in hostel accommodation.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 - Darwin to Katherine Gorge Nationalpark

You will be collected from your Darwin accommodation at approximately 6.00am and then our adventure through the 'Territory' to Alice Springs begins. The afternoon is spent at Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park which is owned by the Jawoyn Aboriginal people. Ancient sandstone has been carved away by the Katherine River to create a deep and picturesque gorge. You may like to take a boat cruise or paddle a canoe (seasonal) through the peaceful water (both optional and additional cost) before retiring to our campsite nearby.

Meal(s) included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Katherine Gorge to Banka-Banka (via Mataranka)

A great start to the day is a soak in the Mataranka Thermal Pools, a lush oasis fringed by paperbark trees. No trip to the 'Territory' is complete without a visit to the Daly Waters Pub, an important watering hole for explorers and drovers in days gone by and now a great spot for a cold beer, a bit of history and a 'fair dinkum Outback experience'! Our day winds to a close at historic Banka Banka Cattle Station where we camp for the night.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Banka Banka to Alice Springs

We pass through Tennant Creek and then further along the track are the Devils Marbles (Karlukarluk) which are a collection of gigantic granite boulders magically balanced on top of one another. Later in the day we cross the Tropic of Capricorn (only 20% of the Northern

Territory lays south of this point) then a short time later we arrive into Alice Springs. Overnight hostel accommodation included.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 7 - Leisure Day

A day at leisure to either relax or explore the Red Centre township of Alice Springs. All activities and meals are at your own expense. Dorm accommodation in Alice Springs is included.

Meal(s) included: None

Day 8 - Uluru

After picking you up from your accommodation in Alice Springs bright and early, we hit the road on our adventure of a lifetime. Our journey begins heading south to Erldunda travelling through the Waterhouse and James Ranges with a stop at the Camel Farm for refreshments and a Camel ride if you're keen (own expense). We stop at Mount Ebenezer Roadhouse where you can view or purchase Aboriginal artifacts. On the way to Uluru we stop to view Atila (Mount Connor), a mesa tableland and the first significant rock formation of our trip. After a stop for lunch and our arrival at the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, we travel to the base of Uluru where your guide will lead you on an interpretive walk, hearing of the Aboriginal law and religion (Tjukurpa). Continuing on, we meet our local Aboriginal Guide who will provide a once in a lifetime authentic Indigenous cultural experience with an interpretive walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole where you will hear the stories of the unique landscapes, art and culture of the local custodians, the Anangu people. This experience is followed by a hands-on dot painting session where you will take your artwork as a memento of your experience. We conclude at the Cultural Centre, where you may explore the displays and learn of the flora and fauna of this unique area. Experience the famous changing colours of Uluru at sunset, complete with sparkling wine and nibbles. It's a great time to kick back and contemplate the day and the vastness of the desert. Afterwards settle in at our remote private camp, complete with our signature Endless Star dining experience before retiring to your swag under the amazing night sky or your comfortable safari tent complete with beds.

Meal(s) included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - Kata Tjuta

Rising early, take a short walk to a lookout close to our campsite to view sunrise over Uluru and Kata Tjuta avoiding the hustle and bustle of the public viewing areas. We then head off to Kata Tjuta, an Aboriginal word for "many heads". Take a walk through the Valley of the Winds to explore its domes of which there are 36 in total. We walk through creek beds, domes and beautiful wilderness. Afterwards, we're off to Kings Creek Cattle Station for our second nights' private bush camp, complete with bush toilet and shower. With nobody else for miles, this camp has stunning views out over the George Gill Ranges and gives you a real feel for the Outback. Dinner around the campfire makes for a very social time with another night out under the stars. Tonight, listen for the sound of dingoes howling in the distance while watching the desert sky light up above you.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Kings Canyon

Today we head off to Watarrka (Kings Canyon) for a mind-blowing 6km walk through the towering walls, crevices and plateaus. We'll visit the Amphitheatre, Lost City and the tranquil Garden of Eden. Later we start making our way back to Alice Springs travelling on a typical Outback dirt road. We'll drop you back at your accommodation early evening and usually all meet later for an optional night on the town (Alice seems like the 'big smoke' after three days in the bush!)

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch

Highlights of this fantastic ten-day tour include:

Litchfield National Park
Kakadu National Park
Remote 4-Wheel Drive Tracks
Jim Jim & Twin Falls*
Florence Falls
Wangi Falls*
Buley Rockhole
Magnetic and Cathedral Termite Mounds
Nourlangie Aboriginal art site
Bowali Visitor Centre
Ubirr art site and sunset
Yellow Waters morning cruise
Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park
Boat or Canoe Katherine Gorge (optional)
Mataranka Thermal Pools
Daly Waters Pub
Banka Banka Cattle Station
Devils Marbles (Karlukarlu)
Tropic of Capricorn
Camel Farm *currently unavailable*
View Mt. Connor (Atila)
Aboriginal guided cultural walk at Uluru
Sunset at Uluru (Ayers Rock)
Endless Star dining experience
Uluru and Kata Tjuta Sunrise
Kata Tjuta walks
Kings Creek Station
Outback permanent bush camp
Watarrka (Kings Canyon) National Park walks
Outback dirt roads

Important Information:

Itinerary may change due to cultural reasons, seasonal changes, operational logistics and accessibility.

Safari is not suitable for children under 5 years of age. Pax 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants should have a good to moderate fitness level for this tour and be aware that walks often take place over uneven ground. Customers need to prepare for hot to very hot temperatures in summer and temperatures sometimes below zero of a night time in winter. Toilets and showers are a short walk from your campsite and you will have to participate in assisting the guide with meals and cleaning up on occasion.

Tents are on a twin-share basis. Single pax will be paired with a traveller of the same gender. Swags are used for the overland journey between Alice Springs and Darwin.

At pick up, please be dressed in comfortable walking clothing and footwear, have a water bottle, hat and sunscreen in easy reach.

Scheduled onward travel ex Alice Springs must occur the day after the tour finishes.

Please refer to Extras section for details on National Park fees and optional additional payments

Travel Insurance is highly recommended.

Luggage is restricted to 10kg for the Top End and Red Centre components with the remainder of luggage to be stored at Darwin and Alice Springs accommodation. 23kg plus a small day pack is permitted for the Darwin to Alice Springs component. Please no plastic or hardshell suitcases.

The free day included in this itinerary is dependent on the booked departure day and will be spent in either Alice Springs or Darwin. Please see Departures section for more info.

This 10 day package is a combination of three safari products and the guide and passengers may differ on each safari. Passengers will be staying independently at the accommodation between each of the safari

Teilnehmer: min 2 bis max. 24 Personen (Mindestalter 5 Jahre)

Transport: kleiner Bus / Van

Includierte Mahlzeiten: Frühstück, Mittagessen, Abendessen

Übernachtung: in freier Natur, 3 Nächte Hostel im Schlafsaal

Gepäck Limit: 23 kg, please bring a soft sided bag only

Rollstuhlgeeignet: nein

Geeignet für Menschen mit eingeschränkter Mobilität: nein (genauere Informationen auf Anfrage)

Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch