

10 Day Red Centre & Top End Crocodile Rock Tour Package (Budget)



Visit the Northern Territory from the bottom to the top! Incorporating 3 three-day safaris plus three nights hostel accommodation between safaris, this package offers you the best value NT escape around!

Itinerary

Day 1 - Alice Springs to Uluru

It's an early rise if you are joining us in Alice Springs where you will make the journey to Ayers Rock where we will meet our fellow travellers joining us there. This afternoon embark on an interpretive base walk of Uluru. Those choosing to climb will have the opportunity to do so, weather permitting. (Note: Uluru is a sacred site and the Anangu people ask visitors to respect their law and do not climb it). The Cultural Centre is impressive and well worth a visit before watching the ever changing colours of Uluru at sunset. After dinner, some stories and stargazing, it's time for a good night's rest at our private campsite before another active day tomorrow. *Lunch on Day 1 is only included for passengers beginning their tour in Alice Springs. Passengers starting in Ayers Rock will need to have eaten prior to pick up.

Meal(s) included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Uluru to Kings Creek Station via Kata Tjuta

Your guide will wake you bright and early to experience a mesmerising Uluru sunrise, early mornings being such a magical time in the desert. Then it's a short drive to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), an Aboriginal word for "many heads", to explore its domes of which there are 36 in total. Pull on your hiking boots and take the Valley of the Winds walk through creek beds, domes and beautiful wilderness. After lunch, it's farewell to Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park as we travel to Kings Creek Station to spend the night at our private camp.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - Kings Creek Station to Alice Springs via Kings Canyon

This morning we enter the Watarrka (Kings Canyon) National Park, home of a mighty chasm with sheer red rock faces which soar over 100 metres above lush palm forests. The rim of Kings Canyon is a 6km round trip walk and you will visit the Amphitheatre, Lost City and tranquil Garden of Eden. After lunch together we begin our journey back to Alice Springs arriving in the early evening. Hostel accommodation included.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 - Leisure Day

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

Meal(s) included: None

Day 5 - Alice Springs to Banka Banka Cattle Station

You will be collected from your Alice Springs accommodation at approximately 6.00am and then our adventure through the 'Territory' to Darwin begins. Just north of Alice Springs is the Tropic of Capricorn (80% of the Northern Territory lays north of this point). Further along the track is the Devils Marbles (Karlukarlu) which are a collection of gigantic granite boulders magically balanced on top of one another. Our day winds to a close just north of Tennant Creek at historic Banka Banka Cattle Station where we camp in swags for the night.

Meal(s) included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Banka Banka to Mataranka

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'! Later in the day you can take a soak in the Mataranka Thermal Pools, a lush oasis fringed by paperbark trees and nearby where we camp overnight.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Katherine Gorge to Darwin

Your guide will wake you early this morning for the short drive to the 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 (not available all year due to seasonal conditions) through the peaceful water (both optional and additional cost). In the afternoon, relax and watch the changing landscape as we travel to cosmopolitan Darwin and arrive in the early evening. Overnight hostel accommodation included.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8 - Darwin to Kakadu via Mary River Region

You will be collected from your Darwin accommodation at approximately 6.30am where our Top End adventure begins as we travel to the Mary River Wetlands for our cruise. This region is home to over 250 bird species and has the highest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the Southern Hemisphere. Search for the mighty crocs who rule this waterway, buffalo, birds and other wildlife. Our entrance to Kakadu National Park is at the South Alligator River, a picturesque location for a picnic lunch. There's the opportunity to purchase Aboriginal arts and crafts at the Bowali Visitor Centre before our late afternoon arrival at Ubirr. 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. As the day draws to a close we head to our private campsite for dinner and our overnight stay.
Meal(s) included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - Kakadu to Litchfield National Park via Twin and Jim Jim Falls*

This morning the jewels of Kakadu National Park await. After breakfast and departing camp we travel off road to the majestic Twin and Jim Jim Falls* for a day of adventure and exploration. Travelling into Twin Falls by 4WD track, a boat shuttle and finally a rocky track and boardwalk, we will be rewarded by the beauty of this remote waterfall deep within Kakadu National Park. Afterwards we stay off the beaten track where a walk through monsoon forests and over boulders leads us to Jim Jim Falls. Surrounded by 150 metre cliffs, we spend some time soaking up the natural beauty of this majestic location. This afternoon we depart Kakadu National Park and travel towards Litchfield National Park where we will stop along the way at our private campsite. Tonight, enjoy a hearty meal with your fellow adventurers.
Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Litchfield National Park to Darwin

Today is spent exploring the waterfalls, spring-fed streams and rugged sandstone escarpments of Litchfield National Park. Marvel at the intriguing magnetic and cathedral termite mounds and swim, hike and explore Florence and Wangi Falls*. Discover the many rock holes and cascading waterfalls of Buley Rockhole before our early evening arrival back in Darwin.
Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch

Highlights of this fantastic ten-day tour include:

- Camel Farm (currently unavailable)
- View Mt. Connor (Atila)
- Sunset at Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Uluru and Kata Tjuta Sunrise
- Kata Tjuta walks
- Kings Creek Station
- Watarrka (Kings Canyon) National Park walks
- Tropic of Capricorn
- Devils Marbles (Karlukarlu)
- Banka Banka Cattle Station
- Daly Waters Pub
- Mataranka Thermal Pools
- Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park
- Boat or Canoe Katherine Gorge (optional)

Mary River Wetlands
Kakadu National Park
Litchfield National Park
Florence Falls
Wangi Falls*
Buley Rockhole
Magnetic and Cathedral Termite Mounds
Crocodile and Wildlife cruise
Bowali Visitor Centre
Ubirr
Twin and Jim Jim Falls*

Important Information:

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

*Twin and Jim Jim Falls may not be accessible between the shoulder periods of May-Jun and October. During this time we will visit Gunlom Falls, Maguk or the Yurmikmik Region (Motor Car Falls or Boulder Creek). Wangi Falls can close during the Tropical wet season and will be substituted during this time. During the months of November – April inclusive the first 3 days of your itinerary will be upgraded to our 4WD Dragonfly Dreaming Wet Season itinerary. There is no additional charge for this upgrade. During this period days 1-3 will be accommodated in permanent tents.

This trip is not suitable for pax under the age of 18. The general demographic of this tour is 18 to 35. Pax outside of this age bracket should book the Crocodile Rock with comfort camping.

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.

Camping on this package uses a mixture of swags and basic twin-share tents with mattresses. Guests can hire a tent for days 1-3 and there is a \$60 per person hire fee. Tents can sleep up to two passengers and must be requested prior to departure. Single passengers will be paired with another person of the same gender when tents are included however the dorm or single fare must be chosen for accommodation.

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

Clients joining at Ayers Rock airport or resort will do so after lunch and therefore need to have had lunch prior to pick up as we will be travelling straight to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to start the afternoon's sightseeing. We cannot guarantee you will be able to join the tour should your flight not arrive as scheduled. Those arriving into AYQ in the morning can catch the free shuttle bus to Ayers Rock Resort for pick up from Outback Pioneer. Please ensure all relevant flight details are provided at the time of booking and you have travel insurance.

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 Alice Springs to Darwin component and for those starting in Ayers Rock. 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 safaris

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