

6 Day Northern Exposure Adventure ex Alice Springs



Travel from Alice Springs to Darwin and take in highlights such as Mataranka thermal pools, the Devil's Marbles and the beautiful Kakadu, Litchfield and Katherine Gorge (Nitmiluk) National Parks.

Itinerary

Day 1: 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.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: 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.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: 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 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 lead us to 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Highlights of this fantastic six-day tour include:

Tropic of Capricorn
Devils Marbles (Karlu Karlu)
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 last 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 4-6 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.

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. 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.

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 final three days, with excess luggage stored in Darwin accommodation. All passengers are permitted to bring 23kg plus a day pack on the Alice Springs to Darwin sector.

This six day package is a combination of two 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: 2 bis max. 24 Personen (Mindestalter 18 Jahre)

Transport: kleiner Bus / Van

Inkludierte Mahlzeiten: Frühstück, Mittagessen, Abendessen

Übernachtung: festinstalliertes Camp des Veranstalters + 1 Nacht im Mehrbettzimmer in Darwin

Gepäck Limit: 10 kg, please bring a soft sided bag only

Rollstuhlgeeignet: nein

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

Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch