5 day

Kakadu, Arnhem Land & Cobourg Peninsula Tour

DAY DARWIN TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK O1 CORROBOREE BILLABONG | MAGUK

Depart your Darwin accommodation between 6:45am and 7:00am, bound for the World Heritage-listed **Kakadu National Park.**

Along the way, enjoy a morning cruise on the tranquil and scenic **Corroboree Billabong,** a haven for wildlife and one of the best places in the Top End to view saltwater crocodiles in the wild. Keep your camera ready as your expert guide shares fascinating insights into the region's rich biodiversity, including an impressive array of birdlife and aquatic species.

Continue your journey along the historic **old Jim Jim Road**, stopping to take in the peaceful surroundings of **White Lily Billabong**. Then it's on to **Maguk (Barramundi Gorge)**, where a scenic 1 km walk leads you along Barramundi Creek to the base of the stunning plunge pool. Cool off with a refreshing swim or snorkel in the waterhole, home to a variety of freshwater aquatic life.

In the late afternoon, travel to **Nawurlandja Lookout**. A short climb rewards you with panoramic views of **Anbangbang Billabong**, **Nourlangie Rock**, and the **Arnhem Land escarpment**.

As twilight falls, make your way to **Jabiru**, where you'll settle in for the night at **Anbinik Kakadu Resort**.









ARNHEM LAND ROCK ART | PRIVATECOASTAL CAMP | COBOURG PENINSULA

After breakfast, we depart Jabiru and journey into the northern reaches of Kakadu National Park, heading for **Cahill's Crossing** on the East Alligator River – our gateway into **Arnhem Land**.

A 15 km scenic drive to **Gunbalanya Aboriginal community** provides some of the best driving views in the Top End, with floodplains covered in bird life and water lilies running up alongside the Arnhem Land escarpment.

Upon arrival at Gunbalanya, we visit the acclaimed **Injalak Arts** and Crafts Centre, where you'll have the unique opportunity to meet local artists and witness traditional techniques being practiced firsthand. Known for its high quality, traditional Aboriginal art, including bark paintings, weavings, and carvings—Injalak's pieces are showcased in galleries across Australia and the world.

Then, accompanied by an **Aboriginal guide**, we venture to the **Injalak Hill rock art sites**, home to some of the finest Indigenous rock art in Australia. Here, you'll see incredible examples of ancient 'x-ray' style paintings. Learn the stories of the dreamtime, and gain a deep insight into the cultural and spiritual significance of this remarkable landscape.

We then continue our adventure toward the remote northern tip of Arnhem Land – the **Cobourg Peninsula**, located within **Garig Gunak Barlu National Park**. The 3-4 hour drive takes us through wild and rugged country, with stops and creek crossings along the way.

On arrival at Cobourg, we head straight to **Venture North's private safari camp**, perched on a cliff overlooking **Port Essington**. Here, you'll be warmly welcomed by our resident camp host and treated to delicious nibbles at sunset. Unwind and soak up the stunning views as the sun dips below the horizon over this pristine and remote coastal wilderness.











DAYMARINE PARK BY BOAT |VICTORIA SETTLEMENT | FISHING

Awaken to the sounds of native birdlife and start your day with a hearty, 'Cobourg-style' cooked breakfast.

This morning, we set off by boat to explore the spectacular **Cobourg Marine Park**, the Northern Territory's largest. Teeming with life, these pristine waters are home to six of the world's seven marine turtle species, along with manta rays, dolphins, crocodiles, sharks, mud crabs, and an impressive variety of fish.

As we cruise through the Marine Park, we'll make a stop at the historic **Victoria Settlement** – an abandoned British military outpost established before Darwin. Built between 1838 and 1849, the settlement represents the third failed attempt at colonising northern Australia. Today, its weathered stone ruins still line the shores of **Port Essington**, offering a poignant glimpse into the struggles and resilience of early settlers.

After exploring the ruins, enjoy a relaxed cruise back to camp, with opportunities to **spot marine wildlife** and try your hand at **fishing**.

This afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure. Wander the remote beaches, discover the local creek systems, cast a line from shore, or simply unwind in a hammock overlooking the Arafura Sea.

As the sun sets, gather for a freshly prepared seafood dinner, featuring the day's catch – an authentic Cobourg experience to remember.



Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



DAYCOASTAL 4WD ADVENTURE | CULTURALCENTRE | MUD CRABBING

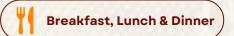
Today we explore the coast road on the eastern side of the Cobourg Peninsula by 4WD, taking in some of the region's lesser-seen landscapes.

Cobourg is home to the first **RAMSAR wetland** (wetlands of international importance) in the world, with freshwater **paperbark swamps** and billabongs 100m from the coastline.

We travel through this unique environment before reaching **Shell Beach**, often used by nesting turtles and dotted with a wide variety of shells. At low tide, there's time to explore rock pools and exposed coral reefs, home to a mix of marine life.

After lunch, you will have an opportunity to go **hunting for mud crabs** using traditional Aboriginal methods. Learn how to hunt and gather these local delicacies before having a go yourself.

Later in the afternoon, we will visit the Park's **Cultural and Information Centre** before returning to camp.













DAYCOBOURG TO DARWINUBIRR | MAMUKALA WETLANDS

We depart Cobourg early this morning, beginning our journey back through Arnhem Land toward **Kakadu National Park**. Sit back and enjoy the changing landscapes, with several scenic stops along the way.

We'll break for lunch on the banks of the **East Alligator River**, a peaceful spot to relax and take in the surrounding environment.

After lunch, we visit the iconic **Ubirr Rock**, home to some of Kakadu's most renowned **Aboriginal rock art**. Take time to explore the ancient galleries, then follow the short walk to the top for expansive views over the **Nadab floodplain** and surrounding stone country.

From Ubirr, we begin the return journey to Darwin via the Arnhem Highway, stopping at the **Mamukala Wetlands**. This area is a key wildlife habitat, especially during the dry season when thousands of magpie geese and other bird species gather around the shrinking waterholes.

We arrive back in **Darwin at approximately 7:00 pm.** This ends your Venture North journey.











PRICING & INCLUSIONS



TOUR PRICE

Adult	AUD \$4,590.00 (twin share)*
Child	AUD \$4,190.00
*Single Supplement	AUD \$910.00

Price includes GST and is valid until 31 March 2027. Please note the above itinerary is subject to change at late notice due to weather conditions & cultural reasons.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Expert tour guide/driver
- Luxury Toyota Landcruiser 4WD (fully air-conditioned)
- Maximum of 6 passengers
- All entry permits & National Park fees
- Arnhem Land royalties
- · All attractions & activities listed
- 4 nights accommodation
- All meals (as indicated for each day)

Excludes: Alcohol (BYO)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- For detailed information on the difficulty and grading of the tour walks, click <u>here</u>
- For detailed information about our vehicles, click <u>here</u>





