

5 day

Top End Tour

Kakadu, Arnhem Land, Katherine & Litchfield

DAY 01

DARWIN TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | 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 settles over the landscape, we make our way to **Jabiru**, where we'll spend the next two nights in comfortable accommodation, ready for more exploration in Kakadu.



Lunch & Dinner



**Mercure Kakadu Crocodile
Hotel (Superior Room).**



DAY 02

ARNHEM LAND & UBIRR ROCK ART EXPERIENCE | SCENIC FLIGHT

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.

Mid-afternoon, we return to Kakadu and visit the iconic **Ubirr Rock**, featured in the film Crocodile Dundee. A short walk leads to the summit, offering panoramic views over the **Nadab floodplain** and deep into Arnhem Land.

To finish the day in unforgettable style, we head to Jabiru Airstrip for a scenic **1-hour flight over Kakadu**. This aerial journey reveals the park's breathtaking diversity, from winding river systems and lush wetlands to the dramatic Arnhem Land escarpment. It's one of the best ways to truly appreciate the vastness and beauty of this ancient landscape.



Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



**Mercure Kakadu Crocodile
Hotel (Superior Room)**



DAY 03

KAKADU TO NITMILUK NATIONAL PARK | WATERFALLS | LUXE ACCOMMODATION

Today, we continue our journey through **Kakadu National Park**, uncovering hidden waterfalls and tranquil swimming holes as we make our way toward the majestic **Katherine Gorge**.

Our first stop is the secluded **Moline Rockhole**, a special-permit area accessible only to a select few operators—ensuring a peaceful and uncrowded experience. Tucked away in the bush, this small waterfall and shaded plunge pool is the perfect place to cool off. Your guide will provide snorkels so you can explore the crystal-clear waters, home to freshwater fish, turtles, and other aquatic life.

From here, we travel to **Gunlom Falls**, a favourite among locals and visitors alike. A short 15 minute hike takes us to the rock pools at the top of the falls, where you'll find a naturally formed 'infinity pool' with breathtaking views stretching across the southern reaches of Kakadu. It's a rewarding spot to relax, swim, and soak in the serenity of the landscape.

In the afternoon, we head south to Katherine, stopping for a refreshing swim at the **Katherine Hot Springs** – a series of thermal pools nestled beneath shady palms.

Our day concludes with our arrival in **Nitmiluk National Park**, home to the awe inspiring **Katherine Gorge**. Settle in for two nights of comfort and indulgence at Cicada Lodge.



Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Cicada Lodge (Lodge Room).



DAY 04

KATHERINE GORGE CRUISE | EDITH FALLS

Enjoy a relaxed morning at Cicada Lodge before joining a **2 hour cruise** through the spectacular **Katherine Gorge**. As you drift between ancient sandstone cliffs, discover the rich stories and spiritual significance of this landscape through the eyes of the Jawoyn people.

Next, we'll visit the **Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre** in Katherine to explore the region's vibrant Aboriginal art and culture.

In the afternoon, we head to **Edith Falls (Leliyn)** in Nitmiluk National Park. Take the 2.7km loop walk to the upper pools, where you can swim and enjoy sweeping views of the falls and surrounding bushland.

Return to Cicada Lodge in the late afternoon to relax and enjoy your final evening on tour.



Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Cicada Lodge (Lodge Room).



DAY 05

LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK | RETURN TO DARWIN

Today we journey north from Katherine to **Litchfield National Park**, a scenic two-hour drive en route to Darwin. Known for its stunning waterfalls, clear swimming holes, and sandstone landscapes, Litchfield is a fitting finale to your Top End adventure.

Entering the park via Batchelor, our first stop is **Tolmer Falls**, where you'll take in dramatic views over a deep sandstone gorge. Nearby caves provide sanctuary for the rare Orange Horseshoe and Ghost Bats, two of the region's more elusive residents.

After a relaxed picnic lunch, we visit the fascinating **Magnetic Termite Mounds**, towering structures perfectly aligned north to south to regulate temperature. These tombstone-like formations give the area an otherworldly, almost eerie feel.

In the afternoon, cool off at two of Litchfield's most iconic swimming spots; **Buley Rockhole** and **Florence Falls**. Enjoy a swim in the crystal-clear plunge pool beneath Florence Falls and unwind in the series of cascading pools at Buley.

Our final stop is **Wangi Falls**, a popular swimming area surrounded by lush monsoon forest.

We then return to Darwin, arriving at your accommodation at approximately **7:00pm**. This ends your Venture North journey.



Breakfast & Lunch





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PRICING & INCLUSIONS

TOUR PRICE

Adult	AUD \$5,490.00 (twin share)*
Child	AUD \$5,190.00
*Single Supplement	AUD \$1,390.00

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 professional 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
- Injalak Aboriginal guide fee
- 4 nights accommodation
- All meals (as indicated for each day)

Excludes: Alcohol (can be purchased with dinner each evening)


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- For detailed information on the difficulty and grading of the tour walks, click [here](#)
- For detailed information about our vehicles, click [here](#)



Tours depart Darwin in May & September

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