

7 day

# Ultimate Arnhem Land Tour

## Kakadu, Arnhem Land, Cobourg Peninsula & Mi Borradaile

**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.

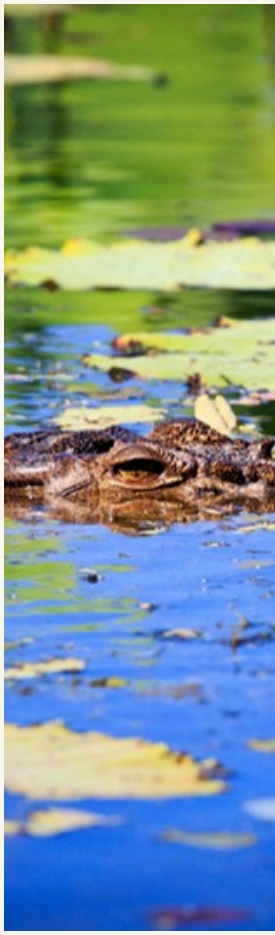
Continue your journey along the historic **old Jim Jim Road**, stopping to take in the peaceful surroundings of **White Lily Billabong**. Then it's on to **Maguk (Barramundi Gorge)**, where a scenic 1 km walk leads you along Barramundi Creek to the base of the stunning plunge pool. Cool off with a refreshing 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 falls, make your way to **Jabiru**, where you'll settle in for the night at **Anbinik Kakadu Resort**.

**Lunch & Dinner**

**Anbinik Kakadu Resort (Bush Bungalow)**





**DAY 02**

# ARNHEM LAND ROCK ART | PRIVATE COASTAL 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.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Cobourg Coastal Camp (Permanent Safari Tent)**







## DAY 03

# MARINE 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.

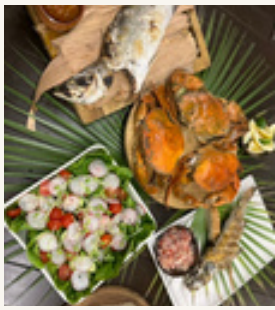
As the sun sets, gather for a freshly prepared seafood dinner, featuring the day's catch – an authentic Cobourg experience to remember.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Cobourg Coastal Camp (Permanent Safari Tent)**







## DAY 04

# COASTAL 4WD ADVENTURE | CULTURAL CENTRE | 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.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Cobourg Coastal Camp (Permanent Safari Tent)**



**DAY 05**

# COBOURG TO MOUNT BORRADAILE DAVIDSONS ARNHEM LAND SAFARIS



This morning we'll travel to the local airstrip on the Cobourg Peninsula for your 7.45am charter flight to **Mt Borradaile.**
Mt Borradaile is a registered Aboriginal sacred site in a remote 700 sq-km, exclusively leased area. Nestled against the Arnhem Land escarpment and the tropical woodland is Davidsons safari camp.



The lodge encompasses a lounge, bar, library, internet area and a large outdoor deck for alfresco dining which overlooks the pool. The en-suited cabins are stylish and very comfortable.

After settling into your accommodation, discuss with the Mt Borradaile team the activities for the coming days. Depending on your interests these may include; rock-art tours, cruising the nearby creek systems, barramundi fishing, wildlife spotting, bird watching, viewing exotic flora or a traditional bush tucker and medicine walk.

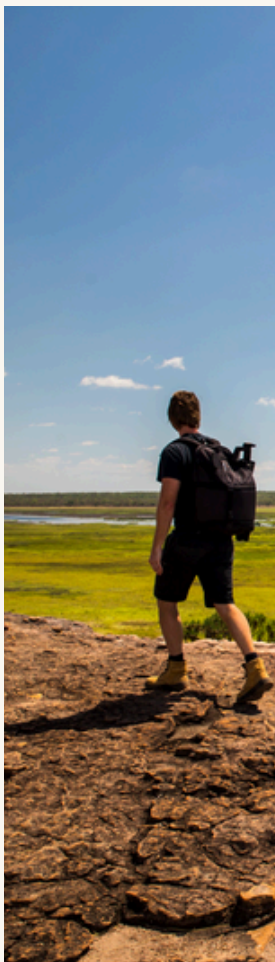
Today you may like to visit Mt Borradaile's most well-known art site; the **Rainbow Serpent**. A spectacular six metre long rainbow serpent dominates an awe inspiring rock shelter. The Rainbow Serpent is one of the most powerful and dominant creation spirits of the 'dreamtime'. Lie down and gaze at the shelters rooftop as your guide depicts and interprets the meaning behind the many layers of art.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Davidsons Arnhem Land Safari Lodge (Deluxe Cabin)**

**DAY 06**

# DAVIDSONS ARNHEM LAND SAFARIS



This morning we prepare for a full day of exploring the regions must see attractions. Travel in open air 4WD vehicles through the rainforest and floodplains before arriving at the sandstone escarpment which is home to an area known as **'Major Art'.**

Major Art is one of the largest recorded rock art galleries in the world, covered with layers of paintings dating back thousands of years. Illustrations depict not only ancient spiritual beings but a huge array of more recent art painted throughout the 'contact period'. The contact period refers to periods when Aboriginal people had either a direct or indirect contact with non-Aboriginal people.

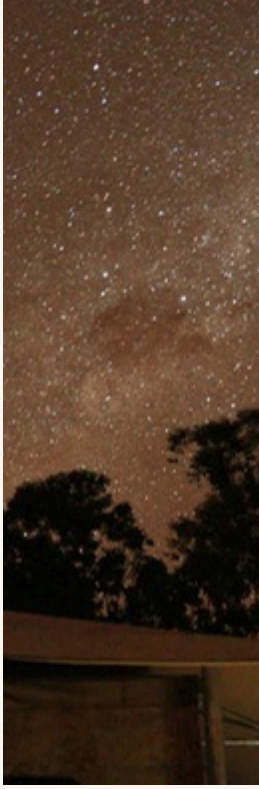
As a result Macassan praus (boats), rifles used by buffalo hunters and many intricate hand stencils were recorded on the sandstone. This gallery is so extensive it's possible to spend hours exploring it at your own leisure.

Further into the shelter are a series of catacombs and grottos forged by nature over millions of years. This site was once occupied by the local Aboriginal people who have lived in the area for millennia. Artefacts of stone tools and weapons are still scattered through the living areas as well as several burial sites, which may be viewed in accordance with the traditional owners.

Return to the lodge for lunch and some time to relax.
Mid-after travel down to the Cooper Creek Billabong for a scenic cruise and sunset drinks. The billabong is home to both saltwater and freshwater crocodiles as well as a large array of waterbirds including the jabiru, brolga, magpie goose and the intriguing jacana or 'Jesus bird'. Take in this majestic landscape as the sun sets over Mt Borradaile.

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

**Davidsons Arnhem Land Safari Lodge (Deluxe Cabin)**





**DAY 07**

## MOUNT BORRADAILE TO DARWIN

This morning we board a charter flight back to Darwin, arriving at approximately 9:30am.

Here Ends your Venture North Safari.

**Breakfast**



# INCLUSIONS

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Expert tour guide/driver
  Venture North Safaris; 6.45am Day 1 – 7.45am Day 5
  Mt Borradaile; 8:30am Day 5 – 8:30am Day 7
- Luxury Toyota Landcruiser 4WD ( fully air-conditioned)
- Maximum of 6 passengers
- All entry permits & National Park fees
- Arnhem Land royalties
- All attractions & activities listed
- 6 nights accommodation
- All inclusive, meals and drinks (as indicated for each day)
- Charter Flights as stated in the itinerary

## 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**
**Monday and Thursday | June to October**

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