

THE TOP END, NT

SOLOS ONLY 45 Years and Over

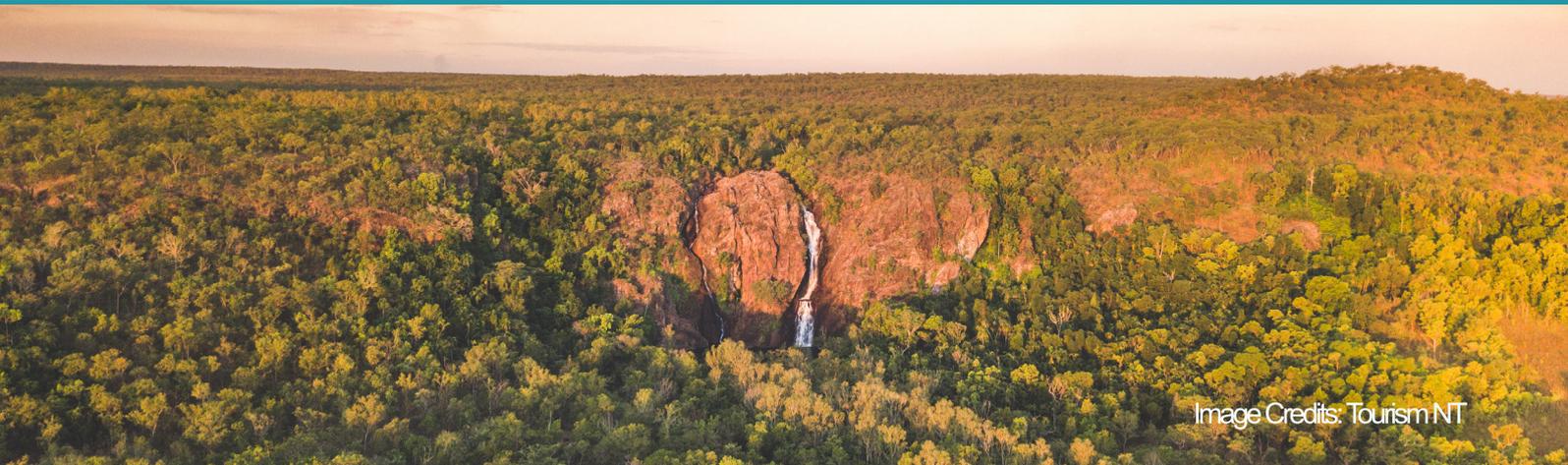


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A visit that showcases the very best of Australia's Tropical Top End.

The vibrant Indigenous culture, friendly local characters and magnificent landscapes you'll encounter on this Top End journey will leave you spellbound. Cruise waterways teeming with wildlife, and immerse yourself in the culture of the traditional Aboriginal owners of the lands you're exploring. A myriad of deep gorges, plunging waterfalls and tranquil rock-pools add to the drama of your Top End experience.

- The waterfalls of Litchfield provide the perfect retreat
- Stories of Indigenous culture in Katherine will inspire
- Waterhole swims to refresh
- An optional Kakadu scenic flight will take your breath away

SEE MORE OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
Connects with our Red Centre, NT Discovery

HOLIDAY SOME MORE
16 May 2022 tour connects with Peppers Beach Club, QLD 'Freedom Escape'

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy free time to explore the town of Katherine.
- Experience the wetlands of Kakadu
- Marvel at dramatic Katherine Gorge
- Swim in the cool waters of Litchfield National Park.
- The Stockman's Bush Dinner under the stars while in Katherine
- Relax and unwind enjoying the serenity of Kakadu National Park.
- Experience the NT's renowned, Jumping Crocodile Cruise



FELLOW TRAVELLERS

You will enjoy this group experience with a maximum of 21 travellers. This is a Solos Only tour (couple free). You are welcome to join with a friend, but couples do not join this tour.



TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded solo travellers
3. Small groups
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Roommate matching option

TOUR INCLUSIONS

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- 6 nights superior accommodation
- Daily breakfasts
- 5 dinners including Stockman's Bush Dinner under the stars

SIGHTSEEING & GUIDES

- Group driver-guide
- Sightseeing as specified by the itinerary
- English-speaking locally based guides as specified by the itinerary

TRAVEL

- Private group air conditioned coach travel
- Katherine Gorge cruise
- Yellow Water Billabong cruise
- 'Jumping Crocodile' boat cruise

Travel insurance is a mandatory requirement for joining this tour and is in addition to the package price.

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares to/from Darwin (unless requested)
- Airport transfers unless specified
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage
- Visa fees if applicable
- Any tips or portorage at airports, hotels, drivers & local staff
- Meals and beverages not specified on itinerary
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry & medical expenses
- Incidental expenses such as taxi fares, telecommunications

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ABOUT US

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TRAVEL DATES:

MON 16 - SUN 22 MAY 2022
SAT 20 - FRI 26 AUG 2022.

Starts: Darwin
Ends: Darwin

Day 1: Commences in the afternoon with a city sights tour. Book flights that arrive to Darwin prior to 1PM to join afternoon touring that commences 2PM

Day 7 (final day): Concludes after breakfast at hotel check out.

TOUR PRICE:

MAY 22: \$3989 with own room
AUG 22: \$4265 with own room

SHARE & SAVE:

Ask us about our share and save option with our roommmate matching option.

FREE TIME EXTRAS

If you have arranged to arrive a day/s prior to the tour commencement, here are some suggestions for activities you may like to consider.

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PRE OR POST TOUR STAY

Consider arriving a day before the tour or stay an extra night at the tour end on return to Darwin. The cost of the additional night/s of stay applies. Ask our travel team about this option; additional costs apply.

DAY 1 Arrive Darwin for overnight stay

Welcome to the Top End! This afternoon embark on a city sights tour of the cosmopolitan city. Visit East Point Reserve, NT Museum and Art Gallery, and city centre including Parliament and The Esplanade. This evening, join together for a welcome dinner at local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

SNAPSHOT – WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Afternoon city sights tour
- Welcome group dinner

DAY 2 Darwin – Litchfield - Katherine

Travel to Litchfield National Park, pausing to examine the amazing phenomenon of hundreds of magnetic termite mounds standing up to two metres high in a wide swathe of otherwise empty terrain. Stop at Florence Falls, a spectacular double-plunge waterfall leading to a popular swimming hole, before venturing on to tropical Wangi Falls for a swim in its large waterhole surrounded by spectacular monsoon rainforest. Continue to Katherine, a thriving town that was originally established as an outpost on the Australian Overland Telegraph Line.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SNAPSHOT – WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Private group transfer to Litchfield National Park to Katherine
- Visits at the magnetic termite mounds, Florence Falls, and tropical Wangi Falls

DAY 3 Katherine ~ Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge)

This morning depart for the Top Diji Aboriginal Cultural experience. Meet Manuel Pamkal to share his passion for the rich traditional culture into which he was born. There is the opportunity to purchase some local Indigenous art. This afternoon, join the Ninnit Dreaming Two Gorge cruise; the first two gorges of Nitmiluk, the longest in the 13 gorge system. Along the way cultural guides will share their knowledge about plants, animals, dreamtime stories and culture. Surrounded by the limestone escarpment, the scenery is second to none. Keep an eye out for freshwater crocodiles nesting along the banks. This evening, in

true NT style join the Katherine Outback Experience with dinner. The award winning Katherine Outback Experience celebrates the Northern Territory's unique pastoral history and culture through real horse-starting and working dog demonstrations, live music and story telling. Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SNAPSHOT – WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- First Nation's person Cultural encounter
- Katherine Gorge boat cruise
- Katherine Outback Experience

SPECIAL NOTES: Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise experience

For the walk between the first and second gorge we recommend wearing closed-in non-slip walking shoes; it is a man-made uneven path approximately 400m in length. There are about 70 stairs on the path in total and with handrails.

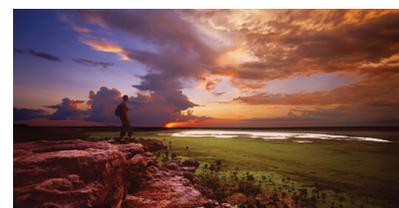
Day 4 Katherine (via Pine Creek) to Kakadu

This morning you have the opportunity to swim in the waterholes of magnificent Edith Falls. After relaxing at Edith Falls, travel to Kakadu National Park via the mining town of Pine Creek, where buildings date back to the heady gold-rush days. Travel deep into World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park and discover spectacular escarpment, serene waterholes and teeming wildlife. After lunch time, board the famed Yellow Water Billabong Cruise, spotting basking crocodiles and abundant birdlife with a local guide. Later, take a guided walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock paintings at Nourlangie, regarded as one of the premier rock art sites in the Top End.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SNAPSHOT – WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Time for a swim in a waterhole
- Kakadu National Park touring
- Yellow Water Billabong cruise



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DAY 5 Kakadu National Park

This morning there's the option to experience scenic flight over Kakadu. Later, visit Ubirr, another of Kakadu's foremost rock art galleries. The paintings here provide a fascinating record of Indigenous life over thousands of years: look for naturalistic paintings of animals, traditional x-ray art, and paintings of early contact with European people. Before leaving the site, climb to the top of a nearby rocky outcrop for superb views over the floodplains and escarpment country. Celebrate your Top End journey this evening at a dinner with your new-found friends.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

SNAPSHOT – WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Visit Ubirr; see rock art gallery
- Kakadu National Park touring
- Group hotel dinners

FREE TIME EXTRAS

- Scenic flight over Kakadu

DAY 6 Kakadu National Park – Darwin

Leave Kakadu this morning to return to Darwin. Keep an eye on the murky river crossings to see if you can spot saltwater crocodiles. On the way back to Darwin, it's a fun activity, joining the Jumping Crocodile Cruise. Then the final stop is Fogg Dam, a birdwatcher's paradise.

Touring services come to an end with a drop off at our group hotel mid afternoon, for a final night of stay in Darwin. The evening is at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

SNAPSHOT – WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Transfer Kakadu National Park to Darwin
- Entry/participation-Jumping Crocodile Cruise
- Stop at Fogg Dam, a birdwatcher's paradise

FREE TIME EXTRAS:

Why not have a night out in the city along the waterfront or in Knuckey Street, the main city street with restaurants and bars.

Ask our travel team about the additional night of stay/cost that applies.

DAY 7 Darwin. Check Out.

The morning is at leisure until the hotel check out time. If you have a flight later that day after checkout the hotel can store your luggage until you are ready to depart for your onward journey.

Meals: Breakfast

LIKE TO CONTINUE YOUR ADVENTURE?

This tour connects with Red Centre Discovery, commencing in Alice Springs. A flight Darwin to Alice Springs is required and an additional cost.

The May 2022 dates also connects with our resort package, Peppers Beach Club 'Freedom Escape', Port Douglas Queensland.

If trip details need to change, in most cases your final documentation issued prior to your departure will be updated. However, it's also possible that an itinerary change may be necessary while on the trip. It could be related to unexpected weather or road conditions, or another example could be an announcement of a closure of a facility we planned to use. In these cases, we will make all best endeavours to provide an alternative, of equivalent or similar standard.

HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS

TRAVELODGE DARWIN [MAY 2022]

Travelodge Resort Darwin is a small slice of paradise in the heart of Darwin's CBD, centrally located to all of Darwin's key attractions. Travelodge Resort Darwin has recently had a facelift. The resort's 192 hotel rooms now feature new beds and bedding, smart TVs, and a modern new design scheme. Enjoy the hotel's leisure facilities including a well-equipped gym, soothing spas, and an oasis resort style outdoor pool.

Wi-Fi: Free WiFi at 1 Mbps for four devices per room

ADINA APARTMENTS DARWIN [AUG 2022]

Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront is located just metres from Stokes Hill Wharf, Darwin's Wave Lagoon, and a great selection of restaurants and bars.

The serviced apartment style hotel is also close to the Deckchair Cinema, Bicentennial Park, Mindil Beach Sunset Markets, and the CBD, allowing you to easily explore all Darwin has to offer. You'll also have the benefit of hotel facilities and services, including an outdoor pool, fitness centre, on-site parking and 24 hour reception. Serviced apartment style living, combined with the hotel's inner-city, waterfront location.

Wi-Fi: Free WiFi

CONTOUR HOTEL, KATHERINE

Contour Hotel is only a short drive from all the Katherine region has to offer. Set amongst 4 acres of tropical gardens it is the ideal base to explore, or to come home to after a long working day. Here it is easy to relax and unwind... play tennis, go swimming, dine out, have a barbecue or enjoy a cool drink at the bar!

Wi-Fi: Free

MERCURE KAKADU CROCODILE HOTEL

The indigenous owned luxury accommodation is uniquely shaped to represent Kakadu's most famous inhabitant, the saltwater crocodile. Relax in the recently refurbished rooms, unwind in your private courtyard, by the shaded outdoor pool or take in the landscaped interior garden view from the balcony.

Note: Some twin share rooms may have single beds.

Hotel descriptions are taken from the hotel website and edited to suit our page.

If we have confirmation of hotel Wi-Fi inclusion we state it above. However if Wi-Fi is not stated it does not mean that a hotel is without Wi-Fi. Most hotels have Wi-Free; free or otherwise for a service fee. Our inclusion of free Wi-Fi above is not a guarantee as this can change without notice due to telco service interruptions or changes to hotel policy.

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