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## DARWIN, THE TOP END KAKADU & KATHERINE

Saturday 31 May - Sunday 8 June 2025

FLY/FLY

Come and experience a winter escape to the Top End, beautiful weather, clear blue skies, balmy nights and warm days.

This winter escape really showcases Darwin and the Outback Experience of Kakadu, Katherine, enjoying multiple night stays.

**Escorted by Vickie Lamble**

### Inclusions

- \* Home pick up & return service (metropolitan & Mornington Peninsula)
- \* Return flights
- \* Coach travel
- \* Hotel accommodation
- \* Reserved Seating Mindi Beach Markets
- \* Sunset dinner cruise Darwin Harbour
- \* Evening meals - breakfasts - lunches as per itinerary
- \* Entrance costs - guided tours
- \* Katherine Gorge cruise

**Cost: TBA**

\$200.00 deposit to secure booking

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## Day 1 (D): HOME TO DARWIN SATURDAY, 31 MAY 2025

Welcome to our 10-day tour of Darwin, Kakadu and Katherine. This morning, we meet at the Melbourne airport for our direct flight to Darwin. On arrival our local Darwin touring coach will be at the airport to meet us. We transfer to the city centre and check into our hotel that has a tropical resort style feel.

Hilton Garden Inn Darwin | 3 nights | 08 8901 0705

## Day 2 (BD): DISCOVERING DARWIN SUNDAY, 01 JUNE 2025

Today we take in sights of Darwin. Many people aren't aware of the importance of Darwin during World War II, so we'll look at the city as it is today and also learn about the involvement and history of the bombings of Darwin. The present city centre was established in 1869 and contains many of its remaining historic buildings such as the Old Court House and Government House. Late afternoon we will be heading to Stokes Hill Wharf with a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Bombing of Darwin tourist facility, two iconic stories in one iconic location! Late afternoon we are off to the Mindil Beach Sunset Market, a major social event and this fabulous local market offers over 200 stalls with nearly 60 food stalls from more than 30 different countries. With the multi-cultural background of Darwin, we are sure to be tempted by some delicious food and smells as we explore the market!

## Day 3 (BLD): MORE OF DARWIN MONDAY, 02 JUNE 2025

*Following breakfast, we take a look through the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens before arriving at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT). Set in a tropical garden at Bullocky Point, the MAGNT has a variety of collections that highlight the region's art, culture, and history. One of the more popular and powerful exhibitions tells the story of Cyclone Tracy and how it changed, not just the urban landscape, but the lives of Darwin residents. We have lunch at the café here, then head to East Point where we visit the Darwin Military Museum. Here we learn about life in the Northern Territory during World War II, of the contribution made in northern Australia to the war effort, and experience first-hand accounts of the bombing; a traumatic event that changed Darwin forever. This evening we join Charles Darwin for a sunset dinner cruise on Darwin Harbour. We will see the Darwin skyline from a totally different perspective while enjoying an interesting commentary and dinner.*

Breakfast at hotel | Lunch at MAGNT | Dinner cruise on Darwin Harbour

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## Day 4 (BLD): LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK & KATHERINE TUESDAY, 03

This morning our touring takes us south to the Litchfield National Park. The 65,000ha National Park with its untouched rainforests, hot springs, magnificent waterfalls and stunning scenery has gained the reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territory's crown. We stop to see Wangi Falls and Florence Falls, as well as the Magnetic Termite Mounds. Sit back and relax as this afternoon we head to Katherine and have some time after checking in to relax before dinner. *Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine | 2 nights | 08 8972 2511*  
Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Lunch at Litchfield Cafe

## Day 5 (BLD): KATHERINE GORGE WEDNESDAY, 04 JUNE 2025

No tour to the Top End, or Katherine would be complete without a cruise through Katherine Gorge. Discover the cultural significance of the two gorges to the traditional landowners, the Jawoyn people. 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. This afternoon we are in for a real treat as Golden Guitar winner and horseman extraordinaire, Tom Curtain, delights and entertains us with his Katherine Outback Experience. The show celebrates life in the outback through real horse-starting, working dog demonstrations, live music and humour bush tales

## DAY 6 (BLD): KATHERINE TO KAKADU THURSDAY, 05 JUNE 2025

Early morning we depart Katherine and make our way to the Kakadu National Park. Here the traditional Bininj/Mungguy have inhabited the land for more than 50,000 years, leaving behind incredible galleries of rock art - more than 5000 sites of historical or cultural importance have been identified, though only a few are open to visitors. Add Kakadu's magnificent scenery, unique flora and fauna, and you have one of the world's greatest natural wonders. Late morning we take a spectacular journey through Kakadu's wetlands. Yellow Water Billabong is at the heart of Kakadu offering a remarkable journey through the region's wetlands, with its rich wildlife, dramatic scenery and ever-changing landscape. On completion of our cruise we enjoy lunch at the nearby Coinda Lodge, then we visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre before arriving at our unique accommodation in Jabiru for the next two nights.

Mercure Kakadu Crocodile | 2 nights | 08 8979 9000

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## **Day 7 (BLD): ARNHEM LAND FRIDAY, 06 JUNE 2025**

Today we journey across Cahill's Crossing and enter Arnhem Land. Take in the wonderful pristine wilderness of this World Heritage landscape as you cruise up stream on the East Alligator River. An Aboriginal guide provides guests with an insight into their culture, local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, traditional uses for many plants & animals as well as bush survival skills. This afternoon we visit Ubirr Rock, the site of one of the best and most accessible rock art galleries in the park, with the Main Gallery an easy walk from the car park.

## **Day 8 (BLD): KAKADU TO DARWIN SATURDAY, 07 JUNE 2025**

This morning, we have some free time before bid farewell to Kakadu and start making our way to Darwin. At the Corroboree Park Tavern we have lunch before arriving the Adelaide River Queen Jumping Crocodile Cruise. See powerful saltwater crocodiles as they propel themselves high out of the water to snatch their prey. With the help of experienced guides, we learn more about these magnificent creatures, and have the opportunity to watch crocs jump for food from the safety of our boat. Late afternoon we arrive in Darwin and settle into our accommodation before meeting again for dinner.

## **Day 9 (BD): HEADING HOME SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2025**

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast, before we complete our check out formalities and head to the Darwin airport for our flights home. It's been a fantastic trip, with many wonderful memories of our time in the in the Top End.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.

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