

4 Day Litchfield, Kakadu and Arnhemland (Accommodated)



Day One:

We depart Darwin (8.00 am) and head south on the Stuart Highway to Litchfield National Park via the back road. Litchfield is encompassed by a sandstone plateau that feeds a large number of waterfalls and creeks year round.

The abundance of water in the area has created an environment which is very popular with not only the wildlife but also Darwin local people due to its close proximity to the city. With its pristine waterways, waterfalls and intriguing magnetic termite mounds it is an interesting mini ecosystem of the Top End. We visit Wangi Falls which is the easiest of the falls to access and to swim at. Next we visit Tolmer Falls which provides an excellent photographic opportunity of both the falls and surrounding landscape. We also visit Florence falls, the viewing platform allows an outstanding view not just of the falls but also of the surrounding monsoon forest and the inviting plunge pool at the bottom of the walk. Time allowing we will also visit Sandy Falls. The other amazing attraction in Litchfield is the Cathedral and Magnetic Termite mounds. After Litchfield we travel further south on to the historic town of Adelaide River. We will stay tonight at Mt Bundy Homestead.

Mt. Bundy: Homestead. (L, D)

Day Two:

After breakfast we drive first into the southern end of Kakadu National Park to visit the beautiful Gunlom Falls (Waterfall Creek.) Although not as well known as Jim Jim & Twin, Gunlom boasts white sand, clear water and an invigorating walk to the plunge pools at the top of the escarpment. From here there is an outstanding view across the Savannah woodlands that make up the Southern end of Kakadu. After lunch we are back on the road to our next stop at Coinda, where we will experience one of Kakadu's icons - a Yellow Water Cruise. This 10sq. km pristine environment supports a truly wonderful variety of plants, birds, crocodiles and Top End wildlife. The wildlife on this pristine billabong is too numerous to mention, you will see saltwater crocodiles, a Jacana bird walking on water, the magnificent sea eagle or any one of the many other 280 species that call this billabong home. Here we will witness at close hand the wealth of wildlife in this tranquil habitat and enjoy one of the Top Ends great sunsets.

Overnight: Crocodile Hotel in Jabiru (B, L)

Day Three:

Today we visit two of Kakadu's icons - Jim Jim and Twin Falls. Both areas are set in the magnificent Arnhem Land escarpment. This is a day of adventure for the more active traveller and access to these two magical areas is only available by 4.W.D.vehicles with high clearance. Jim Jim gorge is a 900 metre walk over rocks through the sub-tropical rainforest. As we bushwalk, we take time to marvel at the inspiring 200 metre high cliffs towering on both sides of the walk. At the base of the falls we take time to enjoy a swim in the magnificent plunge pool. (Please note that the Falls finish flowing at the end of June.)

After a further 12km of 4WD, access to Twin Falls is by a short stroll to the edge of the water, we then join a boat cruise, relax and marvel at the changing hues of the Arnhem Land Escarpment. After being dropped off we have a small walk to the base of Twin Falls where we will enjoy the sandy beach and the shade of the Pandanus trees. Here we take time to better understand why these places are important not only to us as visitors but to the Aboriginal people of Kakadu National Park. *(Please note this tour requires a reasonable amount of balance and agility)*

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Day Four:

Today we visit Aboriginal Lands (Arnhem Land) access to this area is restricted to a select group of tour operators.

Visitors to Arnhem Land are able to experience a fascinating mixture of traditional and living culture. Arnhem Land is perhaps the one area in Australia where indigenous culture is still dominant, despite a long history interacting with other cultures. For example the Macassans who visited the shores of Arnhem Land for more than five hundred years to harvest sea slug. They came by sailing boats from Indonesian Island of Sulawesi and left their legacy with the Aboriginal people.

Then the Europeans, their impact on Aboriginal people was more far reaching and profound. Arnhem Land today has weathered all the storms and it has managed to stay as a last frontier and homeland of around 20.000 people.

While we are in Arnhem Land a traditional Aboriginal guide will show you excellent examples of rock art on Injalak Hill (Long Tom Dreaming), this area has some of the best rock art examples in Western Arnhem Land and some say Australia. The view from the top of the hill is simply breathtaking, looking out across the floodplains and around the escarpment. When we farewell our Aboriginal guide back at the Injalak Art & Craft Centre there is an opportunity to browse or purchase goods from this non-profit Aboriginal organisation. At the award winning Injalak Arts and Crafts Centre there is time to watch the traditional Aboriginal people painting and to see the women weaving pandanus baskets.

This afternoon we are privileged to have access into the valley, with its stunning scenery of billabongs, birds, escarpment this is truly a place where you can escape and experience this unique untouched haven of the Northern Territory. *(Please note this tour requires a reasonable amount of balance and agility)*

Return to Darwin Late (B, L)

(Please note that Injalak Arts & Crafts centre is closed on Sundays)

Inclusions:

- Luxury Toyota Air Conditioned GXL for four days with experienced Guide
 - One night's accommodation at Mt Bundy Station
 - Two night's accommodation at Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn
 - Gunlom
 - Yellow Water Cruise
- All locations as per itinerary (Arnhemland, Jim Jim & Twin Falls)
 - Permits and royalties to enter Aboriginal Lands
 - Aboriginal guide for Injalak Hill
 - Meals where marked (B, L, D)

Not included:

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Personal requirement



What to bring on Safari...

Luggage is restricted to 10 kilos per person. We recommend you include:

- **Good walking shoes or boots**
 - **Suntan lotion**
 - **Insect repellent**
 - **A hat**
- **Swimming costume and a towel**
 - **Light, comfortable clothing**
 - **Camera gear and video**
- **A jacket (Mainly for June July and August nights)**
 - **Medications and other personal requirements**
 - **Binoculars**