

TOP END & KAKADU SAFARI

KAKADU NATIONAL PARK • NITMILUK (KATHERINE GORGE) • LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

THE OFFER

With World Heritage national parks, cascading waterfalls and expansive wetlands filled with exotic wildlife, not to mention some of the oldest rock art anywhere earth, it's little wonder the Northern Territory's Top End has captured the attention of travellers from Taree to Timbuktu. Departing throughout 2022, this small group tour is your chance to experience its majesty for yourself.

Over five unforgettable days you'll discover the indigenous culture and wildlife of Kakadu National Park, the waterfalls and rugged sandstone escarpments of Litchfield, the still waters of Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park and beyond. Spot wild crocodiles on a wetlands cruise on Mary River, do your best Crocodile Dundee impression at picturesque Gunlom Falls (that's not a knife!), witness 20,000-year-old indigenous art at Ubirr Rock, and more. After travelling by 4WD by day, you'll retire to private eco campsites with pre-erected permanent tents, beds and hot showers each night, sharing stories and stargazing beneath spectacular night skies. Sound like fun?

This sensational small group tour includes private campsite accommodation, 12 meals including daily breakfast, camping equipment and fees, as well as the services of two professional guides.

5 DAY CULTURAL ODYSSEY

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Darwin - Kakadu National Park

Departing from Darwin around 7.00am begin the short journey to Corroboree Billabong on the Mary River Wetlands, home to the largest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the world. Enjoy viewing plenty of crocodiles plus a huge variety of birds and other local wildlife in their natural environment. The boat design allows you to get up close to the animals with plenty of opportunities to take amazing pictures as we cruise around this nature lovers paradise.

From here we travel past billabongs and head into the northern end of Kakadu National Park to the campsite, set up with permanently erected tents, hot shower and toilet facilities. Having lunch at camp we will then visit the Bowali Visitor Centre, a Gundjeihmi name for the local area and creek on land owned by the Mirarr clan. See the audio-visual presentations and Marrawuddi Gallery showcasing Aboriginal art by artists from within Kakadu and the wider region.

In the late afternoon travel for 30 minutes to the culturally significant Aboriginal art site, Ubirr, located within the East Alligator region of the park. Here you will view a wide range of ancient Aboriginal art which will be interpreted by your guide. Learn the story of the Rainbow Serpent and climb the Nadab Lookout for panoramic sunset views over the floodplain and beyond into Arnhem Land. Afterwards head back to our campsite at Jabiru where you'll have time to shower and refresh while your guides prepare dinner before enjoying an evening with your fellow travellers and some stargazing.

Please note: Campsites feature private twin share, permanent pre-erected tents with beds and linen. All camps have hot shower and toilet facilities.

Overnight: Permanent Campsite

Meals included: Lunch;Dinner

Day 2 Gunlom Falls - Jim Jim Falls and Plunge Pools

Awake for breakfast this morning before we travel to one of the many waterfall areas within Kakadu National Park. During the shoulder months, we will visit Maguk and other waterfalls such as Gunlom Falls and Yurmikmik, and during the peak months of July to October we visit mainly Twin or Jim Jim Falls. Enjoy walking through monsoon forests, swimming in waterfalls and plunge pools, surrounded by escarpment and cliffs.

Spend the afternoon taking in the sheer beauty of your spectacular surrounds before we make our way back to camp for a hearty dinner and well-earned rest. Time permitting we may also take in a second rock art site at Nourlangie Rock. Here you can see how local Aboriginal people lived in this area through changing times. Environmental and social changes are reflected in the rock art and in the ground, where archaeologists have uncovered over 20,000 years of Aboriginal occupation.

Overnight: Permanent Campsite

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 3 Edith Falls - Private Campsite Katherine Gorge

This morning begin travelling south to Pine Creek, a small town in the Katherine region made famous in 1970 by the discovery of gold, when pioneers were building the overland telegraph station.

Enjoy a refreshment stop before moving on to Edith Falls, one of the most spectacular waterfall and swimming areas in the NT. With both a top and bottom "pool" this afternoon you can enjoy this wonderful area. We will finish the day at our private camp near Katherine Gorge, relaxing with a cold beverage until dinner is ready.

Overnight: Permanent Campsite



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Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 4 Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) - Top Didj Indigenous Cultural Experience

It's up early this morning to get into Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge) for a 2 hour dawn boat cruise (optional and at your own expense, approximately \$110) or walk along the sheer rock walls that make the area so spectacular. Those wanting to do a scenic helicopter flight will have a range of options taking in Nitmiluk Gorge, the Arnhem Land escarpment and local wildlife. Enjoy lunch here at the gorge in the beautiful picnic grounds.

A short drive later arrive at Top Didj Cultural Experience and meet Indigenous artist Manuel Parrikal who will teach you about Aboriginal culture and the significance of his painting style in this interactive activity.

End the day arriving back at our private campsite in the early evening.

Overnight: Permanent Campsite

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 5 Litchfield National Park including Florence - Wangi Falls

On your final leave the Katherine region for Litchfield National Park to explore the waterfalls, spring-fed streams and rugged sandstone escarpments via a comfort and refreshment break at the Adelaide River.

Discover the intriguing cathedral and magnetic termite mounds before we head to Buley Rockhole for an invigorating swim. A short journey later arrive at Florence Falls where you will enjoy a short hike and another final swim before heading back to Darwin accommodation at approximately 6.30pm.

Please note:

- The itinerary may change due to cultural reasons, seasonal changes, operational logistics and accessibility. Waterfalls may be closed by Park Authorities at any time and itineraries may be amended to reflect this.

- In recent years, Parks Australia have closed areas of Kakadu National Park with little warning to Tour Operators and the public. As such certain areas may not be accessible in particular between the shoulder periods of May-Jun and October. As such our itineraries must be fluid and we trust our professional guides to show you the best locations available. We have access to a number of waterfall locations to allow the best trip, including Maguk (Barramundi Gorge) the Yurmikmik Region (Motor Car Falls or Boulder Creek), Moline Rockhole, Gunlom Falls, Twin & Jim Jim Falls. If most of these locations are closed then we also have the option of visiting more waterholes in the Katherine region.

Meals included: Breakfast



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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- A small group 4WD safari adventure ex Darwin
- Visit 3 of the Top End's most iconic national parks: Kakadu, Litchfield and Nitmiluk
- Spot crocodile and marvel at the local wildlife on a Mary River Wetlands cruise
- Visit the Bowali Visitor Centre
- Witness 20,000-year-old indigenous art at Ubirr Rock
- 4WD, hike and boat into the heart of Kakadu National Park
- Sleep in remote campsites under a canopy of stars
- Relax with nights at leisure enjoying stargazing and magnificent surrounds
- See Gunlom Falls - made famous by the movie Crocodile Dundee
- Enjoy the amazing view beyond the natural infinity pool atop the Gunlom Falls
- Witness the 200m plunge waterfall of Jim Jim Falls
- Enjoy a walk through monsoon forest
- Experience the majesty of Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge)
- Marvel at Edith Falls, one of the NT's most stunning waterfall and swimming areas
- Learn directly from an indigenous artist at a hands on cultural experience in Katherine

ACCOMMODATION

- 4 nights in private, permanent eco-campsites

DINING

- Enjoy 12 meals including daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Two professional guides
- Kakadu National Park Fees
- Camping equipment, permit and fees
- Drinking water

TRANSPORT

- Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: This tour requires a minimum of 6 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. If booking flights, we recommend purchasing a flexible fare, so in the instance of a minimum number or Covid related issues prior to departure, you may be able to arrange an alternative travel date. If minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Covid-19 Booking Policy

TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by TripADeal, not the property you are due to stay with.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 29th October 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

Travel offer is based on twin share. Solo travellers will share a tent with another solo traveller of the same sex. There is no additional cost for solo travellers.

Travel Period

2 May 2022 – 29 October 2022

Departures available every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

ACCOMMODATION

Comfort Camping

Private, and often exclusive, campsites featuring permanent pre-erected tents with beds and linen. All camps have hot showers and toilet facilities.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 People.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 5 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not Available

Bedding Configuration

2 x Single Bed (subject to availability).

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 6, maximum group size 16 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 4 (Katherine Gorge) for a 2 hour dawn boat cruise approx. \$110 per person

Day 4 (Katherine Gorge) Helicopter flight: range between approx. \$110-270 per person

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flights / transfers not stated in the itinerary
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Day 2: Twin Falls boat shuttle fee \$12.50 per person payable on day of travel.
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

4WD SAFARI INFORMATION

Luggage is restricted to 10kg per person in a soft bag or backpack. Due to limited space on the vehicle please restrict luggage to one day pack and one soft bag or backpack.

WHAT TO BRING

Torch, wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle (1.5 litres), walking shoes/boots, sleeping bag (if you prefer to use your own), toiletries, swimwear, towel, camera, comfortable and casual clothing for 5 days

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the

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required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Darwin and surrounds

Darwin has a tropical climate with distinct wet and dry seasons and the average maximum temperature is similar all year round. The dry season runs from about May to October, during which nearly every day is sunny, and afternoon relative humidity averages around 30% with cool nights.

Meals

Most meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note:

- A general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.
- All passengers over 70 years of age will be required to complete a Medical Assessment Form prior to travel.
- The areas in which the tour operates vary greatly in terrain and weather conditions. Travellers may be required to undertake walking experiences up to 4 hours in duration in challenging conditions. Travellers must be aware that depending on which region the tour is visiting & the southern hemisphere weather season in which you are travelling, you could encounter extremes of heat (40C+) or cold (-5C).
- The tour has two guides for the entire trip, for taking customers on walks with different fitness levels, where one guide can do longer walks with the fitter members of the group, and the other guide can do a shorter walk for those less mobile.
- By law, it is required that customers advise TripADeal or our travel partners in Australia of any pre-existing medical conditions &/ or Dietary conditions before they join the tour. Customers may also be asked at the time of each tour commencement to sign a liability waiver.

Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customers own discretion.

Sightseeing

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/ or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.