

TOP END TROPICAL SAFARI

KAKADU • NITMILUK GORGE • MATARANKA SPRINGS • LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

THE OFFER

Though spectacular in the dry, the tropical summer from November to April is when the Top End truly comes alive. It's when the waterfalls are at their fullest and most majestic, the wetlands transform in a blaze of colour, and millions of migratory birds return to nest in its national parks. And you can be there on the ground - and above it - to witness it all on this unforgettable five day tropical safari.

Departing from Darwin, you'll experience three of the region's most iconic national parks: Kakadu, Litchfield and Nitmiluk, plus a whole lot more. Impressive gorges carved from ancient sandstone; billabongs home to crocodiles, buffalo and a variety of other wildlife; and clear thermal pools that invite you to dive right in... every moment feels like a nature documentary brought to life. As a special highlight, you'll also get to soar across the wonder that is Kakadu on a 60-minute scenic flight. Plus, learn about the indigenous culture of the region on a Nit Nit Dreaming cruise of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, stop at beautiful Edith Falls for a refreshing dip in its cool waters, marvel at 20,000 year old rock art and enjoy stunning views across the floodplains from Ubirr Rock - and more.

Package includes four nights quality hotel accommodation, nine meals, transport by air-conditioned 4WD vehicle, and a professional guide to reveal the stories of the region.

5 DAY EXPLORER PACKAGE

\$2399

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE



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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Darwin to Katherine via Litchfield National Park

This morning hit the road for the beginning of your 5 day adventure!

Depart Darwin travelling 1.5 hours south, stopping at the stunning Litchfield National Park. Here we have the opportunity to explore the glorious waterfalls, spring fed streams and rugged sandstone escarpments of the National Park. Bring your hiking boots and swimwear as we journey along the walking trails to find refreshing swimming holes to cool off in, whilst taking in the incredible scenery along the way.

After lunch in the park, we jump back into our 4WD vehicle and continue our course along the Stuart Highway to our accommodation for this evening, The Knotts Crossing Resort in the town of Katherine. Freshen up and enjoy dinner and drinks (at your own expense) at the Savannah Bar & restaurant on-site.

Please note:

- The tour will start at approximately 7am. It is advisable for travellers to arrive in Darwin at least one day prior.

- 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.

Overnight: Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine

Meals included: Lunch

Day 2 Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) and Mataranka Thermal Springs (approx. 130 km)

This morning after breakfast at the resort, depart for a morning two hour 'Nit Nit Dreaming Two Gorge Cruise'. On the

cruise we explore the first two gorges of the extensive gorge network that surrounds Katherine. As we sail along the calm waters, cultural guides will share their knowledge about the flora, fauna, dreamtime stories and culture of the area, as we admire the changing landscapes from abundant vegetation to dramatic exposed rock faces.

After our incredible morning tour we travel South of Katherine, firstly to Katherine Hot Springs for a refreshing swim in the clear pools framed by native vegetation and then to Mataranka Thermal Springs for relaxing walks and serene swimming in the pristine tropical pools this afternoon. Tonight, we head into town for dinner and some well-earned drinks at your own expense.

Overnight: Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 3 Katherine to Kakadu National Park via Edith Falls (approx. 60 km)

Say goodbye to Katherine this morning as we journey back North to yet another incredible National Park, the World Heritage listed Kakadu. Our first stop on the way is beautiful Edith Falls, another incredibly scenic section of the Nitmiluk National Park, only a short drive from Katherine. Here have the chance to stretch your legs for a hike along the walking trails that span the length of the Edith River, taking in the lush flora and fauna, and of course, enjoying some of the territory's most beautiful swimming holes along the trail.

Have an early lunch in the park before we jump back into the 4WD for journey into Kakadu. As we enter the World Heritage listed National Park, stop for another swim at Moline Rockhole and time permitting, a short trek into Boulder Creek.

After a long day of adventure, arrive at Cooina Lodge, your



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accommodation for the next two nights. Dinner and drinks will be at the fantastic Barra Bar & Bistro on-site, at your own expense.

Overnight: Coinda Lodge, Kakadu

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 4 Kakadu National Park - Scenic Flight

Have an early breakfast this morning and embark on an unforgettable 60-minute scenic flight from Jabiru over rugged escarpment country and Twin and Jim Jim Falls.

Fly over the National Park taking in the vastness of Kakadu as we glide towards the incredible waterfalls for a bird's eye view of the stunning landscape and dramatic sandstone cliffs. Truly a once in a lifetime experience and scenes you will never forget!

With your feet now firmly on the ground we explore some of Kakadu's other famous sites within the park. Maguk (Barramundi) Gorge for a swim, more ancient rock art at Nourlangie Rock, as well as the chance to learn more about the culture and heritage of Kakadu at the Bowali Visitor Centre or Warradjan Cultural Centre are some of the sites we have the option to visit.

To end the day on a high, we participate on a sunset cruise of Kakadu's most famous wetland. Located at the end of Jim Jim Creek, the Yellow Water cruise is a two hour experience of a lifetime, as we drift along the majestic billabong spotting crocodiles, buffalo and the diverse birdlife of the area, while taking in the incredible surroundings as the sun rises over the territory.

After our cruise we head back to our resort in Coinda for the night.

Overnight: Coinda Lodge, Kakadu

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 5 Kakadu National Park to Darwin Via Berry Springs Nature Park (approx. 150 km)

This morning check out of Coinda Resort after breakfast but the adventure's not over yet as we travel 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.

Embark on our journey back to Darwin with a stop at Mamukala Wetlands with beautiful scenery and views of some of the birdlife of the National Park.

As we approach the city along the Arnhem Highway, we'll have the chance to stop for one last incredible swim with your fellow tour mates at Berry Springs Nature Park. A beautifully kept natural swimming area that has remnants of its WWII history, when more than 100,000 armed forces personnel based themselves in the area.

Say goodbye to your incredible guides, as we arrive at Darwin for the end of the tour. Arrival time will be approximately 6:30pm.

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch



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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
- Spend your nights in air-conditioned comfort in Kakadu and Katherine
- Explore the glorious waterfalls of Litchfield National Park
- Swim in the clear tropical pools of Mataranka Thermal Springs
- See Kakadu National Park by 4WD and by air
- Explore Kakadu National Park by small group 4WD and by air
- Enjoy an hour scenic flights over Kakadu National Park
- Visit the Bowali Visitor Centre, which highlights the landscape and wildlife of Kakadu
- Spot crocodiles on the famous Yellow Waters Cruise
- Hike your way through the rugged terrain to majestic waterfalls
- Experience the majesty of Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge)
- Enjoy 2 hour Nit Nit Dreaming Nitmiluk Cruise
- Cruise amid the stunning gorges of the national park
- 4WD, hike and boat into the heart of Kakadu National Park
- Marvel the beautiful scenery of Mamukala Wetlands
- Stop at Edith Falls, one of the NT's most stunning waterfalls and swimming areas
- Learn from an indigenous artist at a hands-on cultural experience in Katherine
- Witness 20,000-year-old indigenous art at Ubirr Rock

ACCOMMODATION

4 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 9 meals including daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Professional guide
- Kakadu National Park 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.

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.

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.

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 26th of April 2022.

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

Single Traveller Supplement

No discounts apply for solo travellers. Twin share voucher must be purchased.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Departure Cities

Darwin

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

Katherine: Knot Crossing Resort

Kakadu: Cooina Lodge Kakadu

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available at check-out.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights accommodation pre or post tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 12 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

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

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

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EXCLUSIONS

- Domestic flights / transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

4WD SAFARI INFORMATION

Luggage is restricted to approx. 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, toiletries, swimwear, towel, camera, comfortable and casual clothing for 5 days

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 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, the tropical capital of the Northern Territory, and surroundings experiences the typical Wet (November–April) and Dry (May–October) seasons of the Top End. During the dry season, you'll be welcomed by blue skies daily with temperatures sitting comfortably between 20°C and 33°C.

COACH TOUR

Meals

9 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

Land

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 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.