

# Northern Territory Dreaming

**11 DAYS** • Darwin • Kakadu National Park • Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge • Litchfield National Park • Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuta • Uluru

Be immersed into the very heartland of Australia and experience its most sacred landscapes, bountiful National Parks and thundering waterfalls. Discover the Top End's striking landscape then journey to the magical Red Centre, seeing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta, and windswept Walpa Gorge.



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Meet Christine, a multi-talented artist who will show you the ancient art of wooden jewellery. Learn about their inspirational family-run business, on a mission to teach younger generations about their culture and empower the community.





### 🎯 Immerse

Learn the fine art of 'rarrk' painting and discover the ancient Aboriginal art galleries of Kakadu National Park.

### 🍷 Indulge

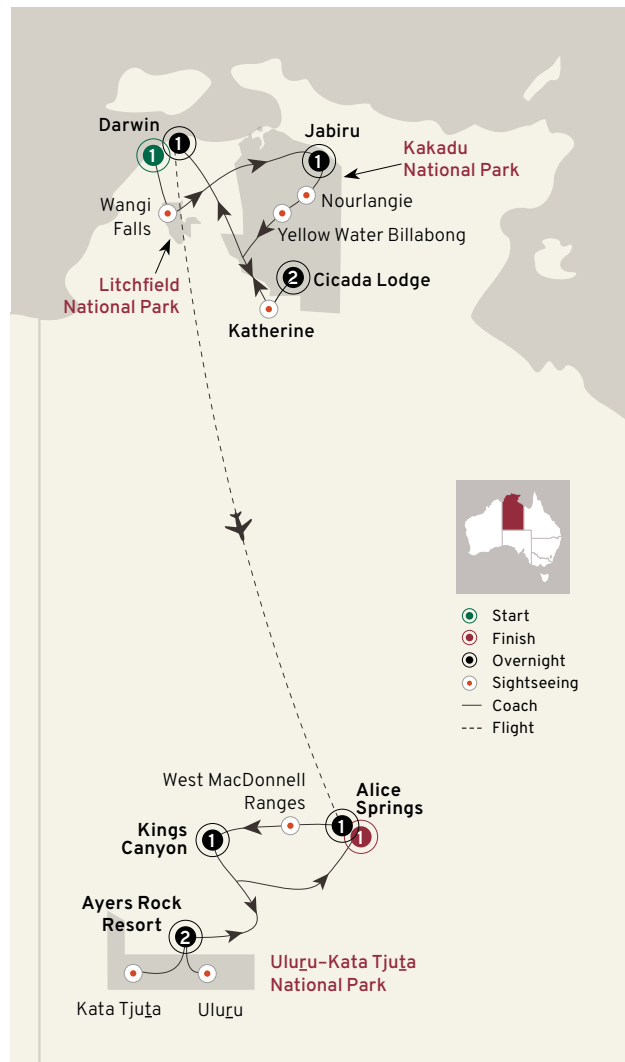
Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge.

### 🔍 Explore

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and keep an eye out for crocodiles on the Yellow Water Billabong.

### 🌸 Relax

Unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort, and stay in the heart of Nitmiluk at eco-friendly Cicada Lodge.





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*Be welcomed to Katherine by award-winning Aboriginal artist Manuel Pamkal. Brought up in the bush near the King River, Manuel is a passionate teacher and storyteller ready to share his beloved childhood memories with you.*

As this journey departs from Hilton Darwin at 7.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### Day 1: Darwin & Litchfield National Park

Welcome to Darwin! This morning meet your Journey Director and board your luxury vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finnis River to Litchfield National Park. You'll visit tumbling Florence Falls and **enjoy a swim to cool off at Wangi Falls, surrounded by tropical monsoon rainforest**, and hear about its importance in Aboriginal custom before stopping for lunch. This afternoon return to Darwin, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers over dinner with wine.

- 🏠 Hilton, Darwin
- 🍷 Dinner with wine

### Day 2: Darwin – Kakadu National Park

Get ready for a cross-country journey to magnificent Kakadu National Park. **Kakadu really is a diverse UNESCO world heritage site.** Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, and Brolgas, Magpie Geese and Jabiru as you traverse along the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands. After lunch **the famous Yellow Waters Billabong boat cruise will be a highlight of your journey.** You will see a myriad of different bird species, spot estuarine crocodiles and simply enjoy the stunning billabong and floodplains system. This afternoon check into the Crocodile Hotel where you'll have the chance to relax by

the hotel's shaded pool or wander through the on-site Aboriginal Art Gallery.

- 🏠 Mercure Crocodile Kakadu, Jabiru
- 🍷 Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Kakadu – Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

This morning there's a chance to take to the air on an optional scenic flight over Kakadu; one of the best ways to experience the enormity of this wonderful National Park, as well as the diversity from waterfalls and billabongs to flood plains and wildlife. Later, **visit Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Munggyu people.** Hear from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries' with art that dates some 20,000 years. Continue driving through the ancient lands of Kakadu National Park to the town of Katherine and further on to Nitmiluk National Park. **Indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge**, a stunning eco-lodge surrounded by nature, where each room has a private balcony that opens to the National Park. Cool off in the pool after the heat of the day, and then experience a glorious sunset.

- 🏠 Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights
- 🍷 Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

This morning meet Dalabon didgeridoo expert Manuel Pamkal and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture





into which he was born. Hear about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk (cross-hatch) painting. Later, **board a special dinner cruise on Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge** and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.

🍷🍴 **Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience**

### Day 5: Katherine – Darwin

Emerge from the wilderness to journey north on your return to Darwin, stopping to cool off in the cascading and clear waters of majestic Edith Falls. Later, visit the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery.

🏠 **Hilton, Darwin**

🍷🍴 **Breakfast, lunch**

### Day 6: Darwin – Alice Springs

After a morning flight to Alice Springs your Central Australia Journey Director will share with you their take on what life is like in such an isolated town as Alice Springs. Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in the town. Then the **stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage**, as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap.



🏠 **Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters**

🍷🍴 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 7: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

Now we're off the beaten track exploring the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry river beds and outback landscapes to Kings Canyon Resort. Another **unique Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon, awaits you this evening**. The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian outback.



🏠 **Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Room**

🍷🍴 **Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience**



Bread making at The Old Quarry

### Day 8: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a six-kilometre rim walk past the domed 'Lost City' and the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. If you'd prefer a more relaxed walk you can stroll along the boulder-strewn canyon creek bed. **Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture on a visit to the Wanmarra Aboriginal Community and learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land**. Discover bush food and medicine used for spirituality and healing. Leaving Kings Canyon behind travel across desert landscapes to Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. Afterwards, arrive at Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's heart, in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. This evening, watch as the outback sun bids a fiery farewell, the perfect backdrop for sparkling sundowners at Uluru.



🏠 **Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights**

🍷🍴 **Breakfast, lunch**

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### Departures

2022

May	12, 26	Aug	04, 18
Jun	09, 23	Sep	01, 15, 29
Jul	07, 21		

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 May 2023 at [inspiringjourneys.com/mnncr](https://inspiringjourneys.com/mnncr) or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

### Inclusions

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 21+ Unforgettable experiences
- 23 included meals
- 10 Nights premium accommodation

### MNCR: Darwin to Alice Springs

Flight Information:

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport

Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport

Return airfares from your home port are not included in the price above.

### Day 9: Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light – Kata Tjuta



Observe the shifting lights of the impressive **Field of Light art installation** as the desert awakens and the sunrise lights up across Uluru. Then you're off to explore the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre and learn about the spiritual connection the local Anangu caretakers have with the land. Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear timeless stories, view spectacular rock art, and visit the culturally significant Mutitjulu Waterhole. Experience the magnificence of the 36 red conglomerate rock domes that form Kata Tjuta and join your Journey Director for a guided walk through the immense Walpa Gorge.

🍷🍴 **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

### Day 10: Uluru – Alice Springs



Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before traversing the outback to Alice Springs. This evening, **join your Alice Springs family hosts for a Celebration Barbecue Dinner around a campfire**, as the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way lights up the sky.

🏠 **Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters**

🍷🍴 **Breakfast, Celebration Dinner**

### Day 11: Farewell from Alice Springs

This morning after breakfast your Inspiring Journey comes to an end and you'll be transferred to Alice Springs Airport for your onward flight.

🍷🍴 **Breakfast**