

Kakadu's Ancient Secrets

Explore Kakadu, an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Admire rock art and hear stories of the Dreamtime. Embark on a journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the crocodiles that roam Kakadu's floodplains.



📍 Edith Falls

Discover Nitmiluk National Park's beautiful waterfalls, freshwater crocodiles and spectacular views.

5 DAYS • Darwin • Kakadu National Park • Katherine Gorge • Litchfield National Park

🕒 Immerse

Visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery and learn of its moving history, and discover the ancient rock art gallery of Ubirr.

🍷 Indulge

Unwind on an indulgent Katherine Gorge dinner cruise, and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge, where the Chef's menu is crafted daily.

🗺️ Explore

Climb Ubirr for spectacular views over Kakadu, spot crocodiles and other wildlife on Yellow Water Billabong.

🛋️ Relax

Stay in the heart of Nitmiluk National Park at the eco-friendly Cicada Lodge, where you can enjoy sunset drinks and canapés poolside looking out to the native bushland.

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

Day 1: Darwin – Litchfield National Park – Kakadu

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 you'll also 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. Get ready for a cross-country journey into the magnificent Kakadu National Park. Keep your eyes open for Crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, Brolgas, Magpie Geese and Jabiru as you traverse along the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands. Kakadu really is a diverse UNESCO world heritage site. This afternoon check into the renowned Crocodile Hotel in the town of Jabiru and enjoy the wonderful Aboriginal Art Gallery within the hotel before getting to know your fellow travellers over dinner with wine.

🏠 **Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru, 2 nights**
🍷 **Dinner with wine**

Day 2: Kakadu

This morning there's a chance to take to the air 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. Join your Journey Director on

a walk at Kakadu's stunning Ubirr rock art site. You'll see ancient rock art and take a walk to discover remarkable views over the surrounding wetlands and escarpments from the fantastic vantage point, Nadab lookout. 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. Returning to your hotel you will have the chance to relax and unwind with a refreshing dip in the hotel's shaded outdoor pool or even wander through the on-site art gallery before enjoying a delicious dinner with wine.

🍷 **Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**



Yellow Water Billabong cruise

Day 3: Kakadu – Nourlangie – Katherine

🕒 Visit Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Mungguy people. Hear from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries', dating back 20,000 years. Continue driving through the ancient lands of Kakadu to the town of Katherine and further on into Nitmiluk National Park. This evening, indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge, a stunning eco-lodge surrounded by nature, where each private balcony opens out 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: Katherine Gorge

🕒 Today meet Manuel Pamkal who will welcome you with a traditional performance on the didgeridoo. Manuel was born and raised immersed in his rich traditional Dalabon culture. He'll share with you stories of growing up in the bush and teach you the fine art of rarrk (cross hatch) painting using a special brush from a reed called Julk. Call on the artist within you and paint your own masterpiece to take home! Enjoy lunch back on the deck at Cicada Lodge overlooking the natural surroundings, before time at leisure. This evening, relax on a Local Dining Experience cruise along Katherine River. Marvel at the gorges while you spot wildlife such as freshwater crocodile and barramundi, and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance during the candle-lit three course dinner onboard your boat.

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

Day 5: Katherine – Farewell from Darwin

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or get up early to experience the National Park completely immersed in the mystical morning light. Travel north along the Stuart Highway stopping at Edith Falls along the way for a relaxing dip. Continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery. During WWII, Adelaide River was the headquarters to a large military base and a cemetery was created especially for those who gave their lives in the service and defence of their country. Your Inspiring Journey concludes on arrival in Darwin.

🍷 **Breakfast, lunch**

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Departures

2022			
May	05, 12, 19, 26	Aug	04, 11, 18, 25
Jun	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	Sep	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
Jul	07, 14, 21, 29	Oct	06

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 May 2023 at inspiringjourneys.com/mnnd or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

Inclusions

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 11+ Unforgettable experiences
- 11 included meals
- 4 Nights premium accommodation

MNDD: Darwin Return

Flights are not included in holiday price.

Flight Information:

Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport

Day 5 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport

