

# KAKADU'S ANCIENT SECRETS

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | ABORIGINAL ROCK ART

06  
DAYS



Katherine Hot Springs

## 🌀 IMMERSE

Go on a journey through Australia's rural life, showcasing horsemanship, working dogs, and bush tales, and join an Aboriginal Guide at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art Site.

## 🍷 INDULGE

Dine under the stars on a sunset dinner cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge, and indulge in a degustation dinner in Kakadu.

## 🦎 EXPLORE

Spot crocodiles and other wildlife on the Corroboree Billabong Cruise, and disembark in Arnhem Land on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise.

## 🌸 RELAX

Soak in the thermal waters of Katherine Hot Springs, and take a dip in the paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at Leliyn (Edith) Falls.

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.

### Day 1: Welcome to Darwin

Touch down in Darwin and let the adventure begin with your airport transfer. Dive straight into the essence of Australia's Northern Territory at Aboriginal Bush Traders, where your taste buds will be tantalized with native flavours, before you explore the indigenous art. Later, immerse yourself in the heart of Darwin, where every corner reveals a new story. Trace the city's history through iconic landmarks like Parliament House, Government House, and the beautifully restored historical Administration building, on a short walking tour.

**HOTEL** Hilton Darwin

### Day 2: Darwin – Kakadu National Park

- 🦎 Embark on a whirlwind of adventure and cultural immersion in Australia's Northern Territory. Departing Darwin, **your journey begins with the serene beauty of the Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise**, where you'll glide through pristine wetlands, spotting crocodiles and colourful birdlife. Continue your exploration in Kakadu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where ancient landscapes await.
- 🌀 **Dive into the rich indigenous culture at the Murrawaddi Art Gallery**, admiring exquisite artworks that tell stories of tradition and spirituality. Cap off your day with a culinary extravaganza at the Mercure Crocodile Hotel, indulging in a degustation dinner.

**HOTEL** Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 3: Kakadu National Park

- 🌀 This is another day of unparalleled adventure and cultural immersion in the heart of Kakadu National Park. You might choose to begin your morning with a Kakadu scenic flight soaring over the ancient landscapes and majestic waterways in the early morning (own expense). Then **get ready for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you delve into the ancient history of the region with a guided tour of Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art**, hosted by knowledgeable Aboriginal guides, who will share stories of tradition and spirituality. Enjoy some leisure time for lunch. This afternoon, **embark on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise**, where you'll journey along the East Alligator River, encountering wildlife and learning about traditional customs and practices from local Aboriginal guides. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of culture and nature that defines the Northern Territory, creating memories to last a lifetime.

**MEALS** Breakfast

### Day 4: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

- 🌀 Travel to the small town of Katherine, where adventure and discovery await. Upon arrival, **immerse yourself in the heartwarming hospitality of the Curtin family** during an exclusive meet and greet, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience ahead. Dive into the immersive Katherine Outback Experience, where the essence of Outback life unfolds before your eyes. From the skills of working dogs to the art of horse training, gain insights into the challenges and triumphs of Outback living, deepening your appreciation for the rugged beauty of the Australian landscape. As the sun sets, **retreat to the luxurious comfort of Cicada Lodge in Nitmiluk National Park**, where your dinner awaits amidst the whispers of the bush, marking the perfect conclusion to a day filled with exploration, cultural immersion, and the timeless allure of the Northern Territory.

**HOTEL** Cicada Lodge, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 5: Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise

- 🌀 Start the day with a leisurely breakfast before **venturing to the tranquil Katherine Hot Springs for a mid-morning soak** amidst lush surroundings. Indulge in the soothing thermal spring waters, allowing nature's warmth to melt away any cares. Afterwards, enjoy free time for lunch in the charming town of Katherine. As the afternoon unfolds, embark on an enthralling cruise along majestic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, marvelling at towering cliffs and ancient rock formations that bear witness to millennia of natural history. With the sun beginning its descent, **board your Sunset Dinner Cruise, where the golden hues of twilight cast a magical spell over the Nitmiluk Gorge landscape** as you savour your meal, perfectly complemented by the stunning scenery. After a day filled with blissful moments and unforgettable experiences, retire again to the sanctuary of Cicada Lodge, where the comforts of home await amidst the rugged beauty of Nitmiluk National Park.

**MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

### Day 6: Nitmiluk National Park – Farewell from Darwin

- 🌀 On the final day of this remarkable journey, enjoy a delicious breakfast before bidding farewell to Cicada Lodge and setting out for one last adventure. Travel to the northern corner of Nitmiluk National Park, where **the enchanting Leliyn (Edith) Falls beckon**. With the opportunity for a refreshing swim (seasonal) immerse yourself in the cool waters and soak in the tranquility of this natural oasis. As the day progresses, travel up the Stuart Highway back to Darwin, where this unforgettable tour ends. Reflecting on the memories made amidst the stunning landscapes and cultural treasures of the Top End of the Northern Territory, cherish the experiences that have filled your heart and soul along this extraordinary journey.

**MEALS** Breakfast



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## DEPARTURES (2025-26 Season)

2025		2026	
Jun	04	Aug	27
Jul	16, 23, 30	Sep	03, 10, 17, 24

## INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 8 included meals
- 5 nights premium and authentic accommodation

## NOTES

### MNDD: DARWIN RETURN

- Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Darwin Airport
- Day 6 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport
- Private vehicle return airport to hotel transfers are included in the price.
- Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

