

Kakadu's Ancient Secrets

Venture to Australia's Top End, through the untamed wilderness and wetlands of Kakadu – an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Embark on an Inspiring Journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the mighty crocs that roam Kakadu's floodplains.



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

Discover

World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park
Litchfield National Park's many wonderful waterfalls
Uncover the Mary River on a safari cruise 🚤

Explore

Climb Nourlangie for spectacular views over Kakadu National Park
Get off road on the Marrakai 4WD track 🚙

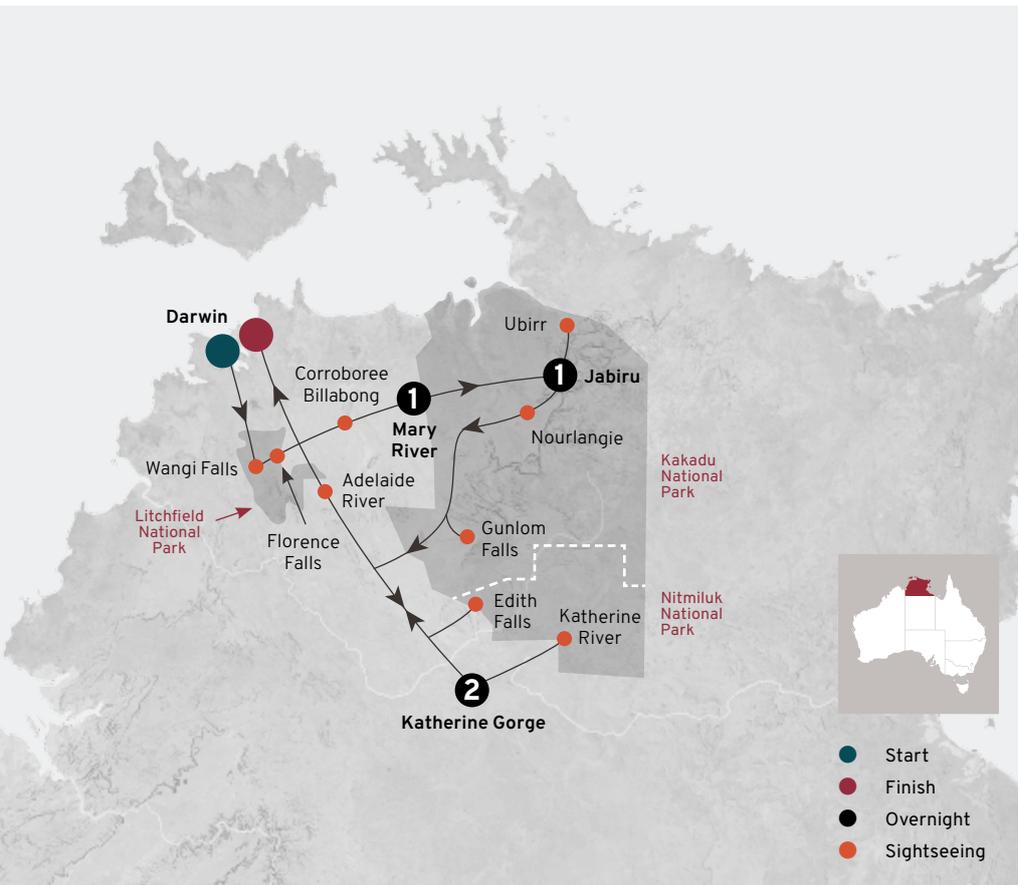
Immerse

Delve into WWII history at Adelaide River War Cemetery
Learn about Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr 🗺️
Enjoy an exclusive Aboriginal cultural experience 🎭

Relax

With a swim at Gunlom Falls overlooking Kakadu
Stay in luxury accommodation at Cicada Lodge and Wildman Wilderness Lodge
Take a refreshing dip at Wangi Falls





At a glance:

TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. An indulgent two night stay at Cicada Lodge
2. Swimming at Gunlom Falls
3. Katherine Top Didj Aboriginal Cultural Experience

DINING

- 4 Full buffet breakfasts
- 5 Lunches
- 3 Dinners with wine
- 1 Local Dining Experience



As this Inspiring Journey departs early morning, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night at Mantra on the Esplanade, Darwin.

Day 1: Darwin – Mary River

Your epic Top End adventure begins in the tropical northern city of Darwin. **Meet your local Journey Director and board your luxury 4WD vehicle.** Your brush with Australia's natural treasures begins in Litchfield National Park. Hear how the local Aboriginal people's ancestral spirits have shaped the landscape, before embarking on a cross-country journey along the rugged Marrakai Track (seasonally accessible) to the Mary River Wetlands. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés followed by dinner.

Wildman Wilderness Lodge, Mary River
 Lunch, dinner with wine

Day 2: Mary River – Kakadu

Wake up with the wildlife of Mary River and **head to Corroboree Billabong, where you'll board a wildlife cruise** in the company of a local guide to explore its floodplains and spot the creatures that find sanctuary in its lotus-covered waters. Journey into the tropical depths of the iconic Kakadu National Park next, stopping at Bowali Visitor Centre. Prime your adventurer legs this afternoon for a **sunset walk at the rock art galleries of Ubirr.** Perched atop Nadab Lookout, watch the sun dip into the lush Kakadu floodplains.

Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru
 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Katherine

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or take to the skies on an optional experience early morning scenic flight over Kakadu before venturing to Nourlangie to **admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Munggyu people that is said to span 20,000 years.** Later, veer off the sealed road and onto a gravel track for a scenic cross-country journey to Gunlom Falls – hike to the top of the falls rewarded with a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear plunge pool. Enjoy lunch in the shade of rustling gum trees before you

continue to Nitmiluk National Park, where you'll stay tonight in a five-star eco-lodge.

Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine, 2 nights
 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: Katherine Gorge

The hypnotic rhythms of the didgeridoo take centre stage this morning as you **meet Manuel Pamkal and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture** into which he was born. Learn about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk painting using a special reed brush, after which you'll create your very own masterpiece to take home. Later, **board a special dinner cruise and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.**

Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Katherine – Farewell from Darwin

A leisurely start to the day could see you relaxing at the lodge or embarking on a walk. Later, leave the wilderness behind and journey north along the Stuart Highway, stopping to cool off in the cascading waters of Edith Falls. Next, continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery and pay homage to the heroes who gave their lives in the service and defence of Australia. Bid farewell to this Inspiring Journey as you return to the tropical Northern Territory capital of Darwin.

Full buffet breakfast, lunch

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