

## THE OFFER

With sweeping tropical sunsets, lush forests and waterfalls, unique wildlife, and some of the oldest rock art anywhere on the planet it's no wonder why the Northern Territory is one of Australia's most inspiring destinations. Let this seven day tour give you a proper 'taste of the top end' and uncover one of the countries' best kept secrets.

The journey begins in Darwin on the edge of the gorgeous Timor Sea. Take some time to explore the famous outdoor markets and give your taste buds a holiday with some of the freshest seafood around. Then set off to explore the Territory Wildlife Park before cooling down in the Berry Springs Waterhole. Search for unique animals in the surrounding wetlands. Wander the forest walking tracks of Howard Springs Nature Park and see incredible jumping crocodiles on a special river cruise. Uncover the secrets of past generations with 20,000 year old rock art in Kakadu National Park - some of the most ancient historical records on earth. Discover the one-of-a-kind 'magnetic' termite mounds of Litchfield National Park, swim in the crisp blue waters of Florence and Wangi Falls, unwind watching grazing wallabies and much more.

With six nights quality accommodation, 16 meals including daily buffet breakfast, and an expert tour guide through three national parks, this 'Top End' trip is the Australian tour you've been waiting for!

\$1499





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## **Day 1 Arrive in Darwin**

Before you begin your adventure, drop your bags off at the hotel and take some time to immerse yourself into the local culture. We suggest you experience a spectacular sunset at the colourful Mindil Beach Sunset Market, which runs every Sunday from 4:00pm until 9:00pm. Explore the art and crafts, aromas and atmosphere of the marketplace. Head back over to the hotel at your own leisure and recharge for the start of your tour tomorrow.

Overnight: Darwin City Edge

Meals included: None

## **Day 2 Territory Wildlife Park - Berry Springs**

After breakfast, you will be met and greeted by your tour guide (approx. 8:30am-9:00am). Today, head off to the Territory Wildlife Park, where you can stroll beneath the surface in their walk-through aquarium and meet some of the Top Ends most amazing aquatic life. The experienced team love sharing their knowledge of the wildlife and the habitats in their care. By now, you may need to cool off so what better way to do this than to take a dip in the Berry Springs Waterhole before stopping off for some locally made mango ice-cream at Crazy Acre Mango Farm. On your way back to Darwin City Edge for the night, you will stop off for dinner at the Noonamah Tavern.

Overnight: Darwin City Edge

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 3 Howard Springs - Fogg Dam - Jumping Crocs - Windows on the Wetlands

Your first stop today is at Howard Springs Nature Park

with it's diverse habitats including monsoon forests and extensive woodlands, providing a valuable wildlife habitat. Enjoy a pleasant wander along the walking tracks and take in the beauty of the nature that surrounds you. Next, leave the hustle and bustle behind as you head to Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve, a protected wetland area. Experience the prolific birdlife and capture the view from lookouts and shaded viewing platforms.

This afternoon, jump aboard a spectacular Jumping Croc Cruise to see these impressive reptiles up close and personal. As you head towards Mary River, overlook the Adelaide river Floodplains from Windows on the Wetlands. One of the highest points on the Adelaide River, the Window on the Wetlands will open your eyes to many of the amazing wonders you'll experience over the coming days. Finally, arrive at your final destination for the day, Mary River Wilderness Retreat.

Overnight: Mary River Wilderness Retreat Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

# Day 4 Kakadu - Ubirr - East Alligator - Bowali Information Centre

Today, experience the wonders of World Heritage-listed, Kakadu National Park, enjoy a stop at Mamukala Wetlands and Bird hide to overlook the magnificent waterway nestled into the paperbarks - You may even spot a croc or two. Head on to Ubirr, one of Kakadu's foremost rock art galleries. The paintings here provide a fascinating record of Indigenous life over thousands of years. Look out for traditional x-ray art, naturalistic paintings of animals and the early contact with European people. Afterwards, take a walk through the sandstone outliers in the Bardedjilidji before heading





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to Cahills Crossing. This will be an excellent opportunity to watch crocodiles from a safe distance. Before making your way back to the Park, stop off at Bowali Visitor Cultural Centre, the home of Marrawuddi Gallery which stocks art and crafts, books and gifts.

Overnight: Mary River Wilderness Retreat Meals included: Breakfast:Lunch:Dinner

# Day 5 Mary River Wilderness Retreat - Free Time - Mary River Cruise

Today, have the chance to wake up to wallabies casually grazing on the lush green grass that surrounds the park. Enjoy a cooked buffet breakfast in the dining area this morning. Today is a day of rest and relaxation. Come and watch the wildlife show, laze around the pool or hire one of the buggies and take yourself for a drive around one of the nature walks on the property. This afternoon enjoy a cruise along the Mary River in 'Tom Tough' and spot the resident crocodiles. To cap the day off on a high, finish with a campfire.

Overnight: Mary River Wilderness Retreat Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

# Day 6 Litchfield National Park - Florence Falls - Wangi Falls

Enjoy breakfast before travelling to Litchfield National Park, pausing to take in the amazing phenomenon of hundreds of magnetic and Cathedral termite mounds. You will also have the chance to swim under the falls at Florence and Wangi Falls before marvelling at the beauty of the larger Tolmer Falls. Sit back and relax as you make your final journey back to Darwin today.

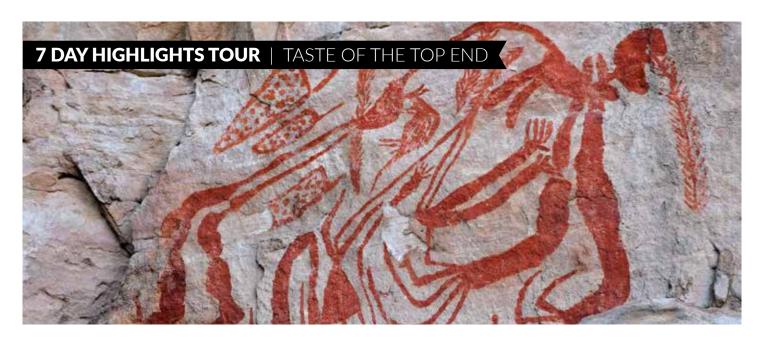
Overnight: Darwin City Edge Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

## **Day 7 Depart Darwin**

With the tour now over, help yourself to breakfast before you begin your day.

Meals included: Breakfast





## **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Visit Kakadu, Litchfield and Mary River National Parks

Stroll through Territory Wildlife Park's walk-through aquarium

Cool off with a dip in the Berry Springs waterhole

Witness beautiful birdlife at Fogg Dam conservation reserve

Wander through Howard Springs diverse habitats

Enjoy a spectacular Jumping Croc Cruise

Marvel at 20,000 year old rock art at Ubirr Rock

Walkthrough the towering sandstone outliers in East Alligator

Stop at Bowali Visitor Cultural Centre

Enjoy free time to explore Mary River National Park

Experience a Mary River Wilderness Cruise

View the incredible termite mounds in Litchfield National Park

See the magnificent Florence Falls, Wangi Falls & Tolmer Falls
Crocodile and wildlife spotting

## **ACCOMMODATION**

3 nights accommodation at 4 star Mary River Wilderness Retreat

3 nights accommodation at 3.5 star Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites

## **DINING**

Enjoy 15 meals including daily buffet breakfast

## **TOUR**

Expert tour guide (Days 2-6)



## 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**

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.

#### **Booking Guarantee:**

Booking is subject to final confirmation from the accommodation provider. If you do not receive an email from the accommodation provider within 7 Business Days please contact TripADeal. If the selected dates cannot be secured an alternative date can be selected. In the event no available dates are suitable, a full refund will be provided.

Please refrain from booking travel arrangements prior to final email confirmation from the accommodation provider.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to the Property unless stated otherwise.

## **OFFER ESSENTIALS**

Travel offer is valid for travel until the 13th September 2020

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

## **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$240 AUD applies (payable direct to the tour operator).

#### **Departure Dates (2020)**

Please see TripADeal.co.nz for selected departure dates.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

#### **Accommodation Used**

Mary River Wilderness Retreat

4 Star (self-rated)

Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites

3.5 Star (self-rated)

## **Room Type Offered**

Mary River Wilderness Retreat

**Bush Bungalow** 

**Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites** 

**Guest Room** 

## **Upgrade Options**

Please enquire direct with the property if you are interested in upgrading to one of the below room types:

## Poolside Bungalows: \$105 AUD per room

- The poolside bungalows feature cathedral ceilings are fully tiled throughout and have large ensuites. Built in 2009 they are modern cool comfortable and clean. All have a queen sized bed and some with one single bed. They are equipped with wardrobes, bar fridge, tea and coffee making facilities, ceiling fan and air-conditioning and all have a balcony overlooking the secluded pool area.

## Family Bungalow: \$150 AUD per room

- All have a queen size bed and three single beds. They are equipped with a bar fridge, tea/coffee making facilities, ensuites, ceiling fan and air-conditioning with verandahs overlooking the lush green grass

Please note: upgrades are subject to availability until confirmation with the property.

#### **Extra Nights**

Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites (pre/post): Contact the property directly to receive best available rate at time of booking.

Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until confirmation with the property. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

## **Combining Multiple Bookings**

Not available

## **Maximum Room Capacity**

## Mary River Wilderness Retreat

- Bush/Pool Bungalow: 2 People
- Family Bungalow: 4 People

## Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites

Guest Room: 2 People

(subject to availability)

Please note: the maximum room capacity refers to the total number of people each room can accommodate. This may exceed the number of people included in the deal and additional fees will apply for extra people added. Please see Extra Child Policy and Extra Adult Policy for further details.

## **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 13 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.

## **Extra Child Policy**

Not available.

#### **Extra Adult/s Policy**

Not available.

## **Bedding Configuration**

## **Mary River Wilderness Retreat**

- Bush/Poolside Bungalow: 1 x Queen Bed & 1 Single Bed
- Family Bungalow: 1 x Queen Bed & 3 x Single Beds



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#### **Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites**

Guest Room: 1 x Large Double Bed (subject to availability)

# Adjoining Rooms (Interconnecting Rooms)

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

#### **ABOUT THE PROPERTY**

## **Mary River Wilderness Retreat**

The 4 star Mary River Wilderness Retreat is located 110km south of Darwin, just 39 kilometres from Kakadu National Park. This family owned and operated eco-tourism property features bush walks, river cruises and many other great facilities and experiences.

Mary River Wilderness Retreat is the ideal base to fish and explore the Mary River, Hardies Lagoon, Shady Camp or the South Alligator. It is also a great stop over on Natures Way which takes in Kakadu and a range of other Top End attractions.

## Room Type: Bush Bungalow

The Bush Bungalows have sweeping views of green lawns and a parkland setting. They all have a balcony overlooking the lush green grass and often wallabies grazing.

## **Room Option Valid For:**

1 Adult

#### Max occupancy\*:

3 People

#### **Bedding configuration:**

1 x Queen Bed and 1 x Single Bed

#### In-Room Facilities:

- Bar Fridge
- Tea/coffee making facilities
- Ensuite
- Ceiling fan

- Air-conditioning
- Balcony

## **Property Facilities:**

- Onsite restaurant
- Two outdoor swimming pools
- Walking tracks
- Abundant wildlife and birdlife
- Tour desk
- River frontage
- Billabongs
- Boat hire
- Buggy hire
- Mountain bike hire
- Wi-Fi (available in restaurant)
- Non-smoking rooms

## **Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites**

Only 0.5 km from the centre of Darwin, Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites offers you the perfect location to explore one of Australia's most vibrant, tropical and modern cities. Ideally located in Darwins CBD, Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites is within 5 minutes strolling distance from the major attractions in Darwin, including the Botanic Gardens, SkyCity Casino and the famous Mindil Beach Markets.

#### **Room Type:**

**Guest Room** 

A spacious open plan room featuring plenty of natural light, complete with an equipped ensuite.

## **Room Option Valid For:**

1 Adult

#### Max occupancy\*:

2 People

#### **Bedding configuration:**

1 x Large Double Bed

#### **In-Room Facilities:**

- Air conditioning

- Free WiFi
- Flat-screen TV
- Ensuite
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Bar fridge

## **Property Facilities:**

- Gym and fitness centre
- Coin operator washing and dryers
- Luggage storage
- Cot for hire
- Meeting and conference facilities
- Tour desk service
- Swimming pool
- BBQ
- Parking
- WiFi
- Non-Smoking rooms

## **Optional Tours / Activities**

Not available.

#### **Property Policy**

- Strictly no refunds for this package for amendments and change of date - fees are at the Tour operator's discretion/ policy.
- Not valid in conjunction with any other offer or on existing reservations.
- Any unused portion of the package is non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for other services or cash.
- Package cannot be split.
- Offer only available for consecutive nightly stays.
- The value and savings has been determined based on the properties published rack rates and inclusions. Please note that rates change.
- All activities and services are subject to availability.
- Please note: breakfast is not supplied on the first day of the tour.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All surcharges are payable directly to the supplier.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

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

#### **GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**

Minimum group size 2, maximum group size 32 per vehicle.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Inclusions Information**

Daily Breakfast is buffet style.

#### **Collection point:**

Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites, 38 Gardens Road, Darwin at approx. 9.00am.

## **Drop-off point:**

Darwin City Edge Motel & Suites, 38 Gardens Road, Darwin at approximately approx. 6.00pm.

# CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

#### Top End & Kakadu:

Kakadu is located in the tropics, 12 to 14° south of the Equator. During the dry season (April/May to September), dry southerly and easterly trade winds predominate. Humidity is relatively low and rain is very unusual.

## Wurrgeng - Cold Weather Season

Wurrgeng, from mid-June to mid-August, is the 'cold weather' time; humidity is low, daytime temperatures are around

30°C and night-time temperatures are around 17°C. Most creeks stop flowing and the floodplains quickly dry out. Burning continues, extinguished by the dew at night. By day, birds of prey patrol the fire lines as insects and small animals try to escape the flames. Magpie geese, fat and heavy after weeks of abundant food, and a myriad of other waterbirds crowd the shrinking billabongs.

## **Gurrung - Hot Dry Weather**

Gurrung, from mid-August to mid-October, is hot and dry with temperatures ranging from 22-37°C. It is still 'goose time' but also time for Bininj/ Mungguy to hunt file snakes and longnecked turtles.

#### **OTHER**

#### Meals:

Please note: It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

## 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: you must be able to walk up to 3 km on uneven surfaces unaided where necessary. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

#### Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you get a similar experience.

#### Visas

A tourist visa is not required for Australia if travelling on a New Zealand passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

#### **INSURANCE**

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

#### **SCHEDULE OF FEES**

#### **Post-Purchase Change**

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- \$50 NZD per change request postpurchase + any additional charges applied by the travel partners associated with the order.

