

# TOP END & KAKADU SAFARI



KAKADU NATIONAL PARK • NITMILUK (KATHERINE GORGE) • LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

## THE OFFER

Australia's Top End is one of the most captivating destinations on earth; a one-of-a-kind region of unique wildlife, expansive national parks, and remote communities filled with new friends you just haven't met yet. From mighty Jim Jim Falls to the ancient rock art galleries of Ubirr and so much in between, this small group 4WD adventure is a perfect introduction to this national treasure.

From the tropical city of Darwin, venture deep into the Litchfield National Park to explore rugged escarpments, view towering termite mounds, and swim beneath the cool spray of waterfalls. Travel along a dusty outback track into Kakadu, a vast national parkland synonymous with beauty and biodiversity, with several opportunities for wildlife spotting along the way. Enjoy an early morning boat cruise on Yellow Waters, keeping an eye out for crocodiles and wetlands birds, and gaze upon the stunning 200-metre plunge falls of Jim Jim. Delve into the local indigenous culture with visits to Nourlangie and Ubirr rock art galleries, which date back some 20,000 years. Stroll along the sheer cliffs that line Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, plus enjoy a picnic lunch along the lower plunge pool of Gunlom Falls - made famous by the 1986 classic 'Crocodile Dundee' - and much more!

5 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

FROM

\$1899

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE



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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Darwin - Litchfield National Park - Kakadu National Park

Make your own way to Darwin. As Day 1 is an early start we recommend arriving at least 1 day or more prior to the tour start date.

Today depart from Darwin around 7.00am for the beginning of the short journey to Litchfield National Park to explore the waterfalls, spring-fed streams and rugged sandstone escarpments. Discover the intriguing cathedral and magnetic termite mounds before continuing on to Buley Rockhole for an invigorating swim.

A short journey onward arrive at Florence Falls where you will enjoy a hike and another welcome swim followed by a picnic lunch.

Early afternoon leave the highway behind and hit the dirt travelling along a typical outback track heading deep into Kakadu National Park. Travel past billabongs and traverse water crossings allowing ample opportunity for wildlife spotting before a comfort stop and chance for refreshment.

In the early evening arrive at the private campsite complete with comfortable permanent tents. Have time to shower and refresh while the guides prepare dinner before enjoying an evening with your fellow travellers and some stargazing.

*Please note: Campsites feature private twin share, permanent pre-erected tents with beds and linen. All camps have hot shower and toilet facilities.*

**Overnight: Permanent Campsite**

**Meals included: Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 2 Yellow Water Cruise - Twin Falls - Jim Jim Falls

Enjoy breakfast this morning before joining an iconic Yellow Water Cruise. A must do activity within Kakadu National

Park, the award-winning Yellow Water Cruises is Indigenous owned and centres around a spectacular billabong system that is home to some remarkable and diverse wildlife. Spotting crocodiles is only one of the many wildlife viewing opportunities on this unique water system.

On completion of your cruise travel to Twin and Jim Jim Falls\*. Explore Twin Falls Gorge, accessed by 4-wheel drive track, a boat shuttle service (payable on day of travel) and a rocky walking track and boardwalk. Be rewarded by relaxing on the sandy banks and admiring the falls. There's more 4-wheel driving as we make our way to Jim Jim Falls where a walk through a monsoon forest and over boulders takes you to the waterfall and plunge pool, surrounded by 150 metre cliffs.

Spend the afternoon taking in the sheer beauty of the spectacular surrounds before making our way back to camp for a hearty dinner and well-earned rest.

Unfortunately, National Parks only provide tour operators with 1-2 weeks notice of when certain areas in the park will open and close, but that is the benefit of having experienced guides and a good operational team for the tour to ensure that the best locations available are visited.

\*Twin and Jim Jim Falls may not be accessible between the shoulder periods of May-June and October. During this time you may visit Maguk or the Yurmikmik Region (Motor Car Falls or Boulder Creek). Located in the very southern end of the park, Yurmikmik (Motor Car Falls) is lesser known than the other two, but is another great walk and swim at that time of the year. You may see antilopine wallaroos, red-tailed black cockatoos, and many other bird species such as Azure Kingfishers in that region and there is a large long drop waterfall and natural pool there also, hence a great alternative.

**Overnight: Permanent Campsite**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**



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#### Day 3 Nourlangie Indigenous Art Site - Bowali Visitor Centre - Ubirr Art Site

This morning travel to nearby Nourlangie Rock. Here you can see how local Aboriginal people lived in this area through changing times. Environmental and social changes are reflected in the rock art and in the ground, where archaeologists have uncovered over 20,000 years of Aboriginal Occupation.

Visit the Bowali Visitor Centre and Marrawuddi Gallery. Enjoy the audio-visual presentations and Aboriginal art by artists from within Kakadu and the wider region.

Lunch today is at the culturally significant art site, Ubirr, located within the East Alligator region of the park. Here you will view a wide range of ancient Indigenous art accompanied by commentary from the guide. Learn the story of the Rainbow Serpent and climb the Nadab Lookout for panoramic views over the floodplain and beyond into Arnhem Land.

Afterwards continue on to the private campsite at Jabiru where you can enjoy some free time and relax by the pool with a cold beverage before dinner is ready.

**Overnight: Permanent Campsite**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 4 Gunlom Falls - Katherine Region

Enjoy a relaxed start to the morning today with the chance of a sleep in before a leisurely breakfast. Then it's time to head to Gunlom Falls, made famous by the movie Crocodile Dundee! After a tasty picnic lunch, relax around the lower plunge pool before hiking to the top of the falls where you can enjoy the many rock holes and the amazing view on offer beyond the natural infinity pool. After lunch, travel toward the Katherine region arriving at the private campsite in the early evening.

**Overnight: Permanent Campsite**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 5 Nitmiluk National Park - Darwin

An early start this morning to get into Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge) for a 2 hour dawn boat cruise (optional and own expense) or walk along the sheer rock walls that make the area so spectacular.

Afterwards, take a short drive to enjoy a Top Didj Cultural Experience and meet Indigenous artist Manuel Parrikal who will teach you about Aboriginal culture and the significance of his painting style in this interactive activity.

The next stop is at Edith Falls for lunch and one final swim before heading back to Darwin, enjoying a comfort and refreshment break at the Adelaide River.

Arrive in Darwin at approximately 6.30pm this evening, and make your own travel or accommodation arrangements from here onwards.

*Please note: Itinerary may change due to cultural reasons, seasonal changes, operational logistics and accessibility. Waterfalls may be closed by Park Authorities at any time and itineraries may be amended to reflect this.*

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**



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### TOUR INCLUSIONS

#### HIGHLIGHTS

A small group 4WD safari adventure ex Darwin

Visit 3 of the Top End's most iconic national parks: Kakadu, Litchfield and Nitmiluk

Enjoy a refreshing dip in Litchfield National Park's Buley Rockhole

Marvel at the stunning cascades of Florence Falls

4WD, hike and boat into the heart of Kakadu National Park

Witness the 200m plunge waterfall of Jim Jim Falls

Enjoy a walk through monsoon forest

Sleep in remote campsites under a canopy of stars

Relax with nights at leisure enjoying stargazing and magnificent surrounds

Spot crocodiles and birdlife on a Yellow Waters cruise in Kakadu National Park

Witness 20,000-year-old indigenous art at Nourlangie and Ubirr

See Gunlom Falls - made famous by the movie Crocodile Dundee

Enjoy the amazing view beyond the natural infinity pool atop the Gunlom Falls

Experience the majesty of Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge)

Learn directly from an indigenous artist at a hands on cultural experience in Katherine

#### ACCOMMODATION

4 nights in Private Permanent Eco-Campsites

#### DINING

Enjoy 13 meals including daily breakfast

#### TOUR ESSENTIALS

Two professional guides

Kakadu National Park Fees

Camping equipment, permit and fees

Drinking water

#### TRANSPORT

Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle

# 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 tour provider. If you do not receive an email from the tour 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.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### Covid-19 Booking Policy

- TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website. Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by TripADeal, not the property/tour operator you are due to stay/travel with.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in NZD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until 31 October 2021.

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

## Single Traveller Supplement

Travel offer is based on twin share. Solo travellers will share a tent with another solo traveller of the same sex. There is no additional cost for solo travellers.

## Departure Dates

1 May 2021 – 31 October 2021

Departure every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

Comfort Camping

Private, and often exclusive, campsites featuring permanent pre-erected tents with beds and linen. All camps have hot shower and toilet facilities.

### Extra Nights

Not Available.

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 People.

### Child Policy

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

- Valid for Children 5 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.*

### Triple Share

Not Available.

### Bedding Configuration

2 x Single Bed (subject to availability).

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 18 per vehicle.

### Optional Tours / Activities

Day 5 (Katherine Gorge) for a 2 hour dawn boat cruise approx. \$105 AUD per person

*Please note:*

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Flights / transfers not stated in the itinerary
- Visa fees and requirements (A visa for Australia is not required if travelling on a New Zealand Passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Day 2: Twin Falls boat shuttle fee \$12.50 AUD per person payable on day of travel
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### 4WD SAFARI INFORMATION

Luggage is restricted to 10kg per person in a soft bag or backpack. Due to limited space on the vehicle please restrict luggage to one day pack and one soft bag or backpack.

### WHAT TO BRING

Torch, wide brimmed hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle (1.5 litres), walking shoes/boots, sleeping bag (if you prefer to use your own), toiletries, swimwear, towel, camera, comfortable and casual clothing for 5 days.

### TOUR GUIDE

#### Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

### CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

#### Darwin and surroundings

Darwin has a tropical climate with distinct wet and dry seasons and the average

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maximum temperature is similar all year round. The dry season runs from about May to October, during which nearly every day is sunny, and afternoon relative humidity averages around 30% with cool nights.

## Meals

Most meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

## Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### 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:*

- A general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

- All passengers over 70 years of age will be required to complete a Medical Assessment Form prior to travel.

- The areas in which the tour operates vary greatly in terrain and weather conditions. Travellers may be required to undertake walking experiences up to 4 hours in duration in challenging conditions. Travellers must be aware that depending on which region the tour is visiting & the southern hemisphere weather season in which you are travelling, you could encounter extremes of heat ( 40C+) or cold (-5C).

- The tour has two guides for the entire trip, for taking customers on walks with different fitness levels, where one guide can do longer

walks with the fitter members of the group, and the other guide can do a shorter walk for those less mobile.

- By law, it is required that customers advise TripADeal or our travel partners in Australia of any pre-existing medical conditions &/or Dietary conditions before they join the tour. Customers may also be asked at the time of each tour commencement to sign a liability waiver.

## Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customers own discretion.

## Sightseeing

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## 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

### Voluntary Changes

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

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ accommodation/other travel provider.

## Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/ or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

## Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider