

7 DAY HIGHLIGHTS PACKAGE

TOP END SELF DRIVE LUXURY TOUR

\$3549

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

KAKADU • KATHERINE • ARNHEMLAND

THE OFFER

A trip to the Top End is always a good idea. The open spaces, the strange and unusual landscapes, exotic animals you won't find anywhere else... all right in our own backyard. And just because you're heading out bush doesn't mean you need to rough it either - there's a lot of luxury to be found in our wild and remote outback! Designed for couples, this self-drive 4WD adventure ex Darwin offers just that, showcasing the beauty and culture of the region with a splash of luxury and indulgence.

Once you've arrived in Darwin, load up your 4x4 and prepare for a journey you will never forget. Enjoy a cruise amid the dramatic cliffs and pandanus-lined canals of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge; visit remote Arnhem Land, where you'll join an indigenous guide to learn the living and ancient history of the region; experience a Guluyambi cultural guided cruise on the Alligator River - and so much more! Recommended activities and general instruction are also provided to make the most of your trip. Along the way you'll stay at three different properties including the five-star Cicada Lodge in Nitmiluk National Park. A key highlight of the trip will be two nights at the unique 'Wild Bush Luxury' Bamurru Plains, where you'll enjoy an Ultimate Wilderness Escape Package with all meals and alcoholic drinks, together with daily wilderness experiences such as airboat safaris. Magic.

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TDay 1 Darwin - Katherine, Northern Territory (approx. 400 Km)

Today 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.

Departing Darwin, you will be heading south on the Stuart Highway towards your overnight stop in Katherine.

Recommended activity:

Around 1.5 hours out of Darwin, take a slight detour off the highway to start your Top End adventure in Litchfield National Park. Explore waterfalls, spring-fed streams, and the rugged sandstone escarpments. Stop to look at the Magnetic and Cathedral Termite mounds, which are an amazing architectural feat containing arches, tunnels, and chimneys. They are plentiful in this region and can stand as high as 6 metres. Head further into the park to spend the day hiking and swimming in Florence and Wangi Falls, then sit back and relax in the many rock holes and cascading waterfalls of Buley Rockhole.

Upon arrival at Cicada Lodge enjoy a 'Welcome to Nitmiluk' sunset drinks and canapes on the poolside. All rooms are air conditioned and feature full length doors to the private balconies, allowing guests the choice of opening the room to the sounds and sights of the native bush or closing them for the cool privacy of their room sanctuary. Each room features Indigenous artwork from local artists - the rich colours blending with and complimenting the more modern design and fittings. The ancient stories within the paintings weave the modern with the traditional to create a unique blend that is Cicada Lodge.

Overnight: Cicada Lodge, Katherine

Meals included: None

Day 2 Nitmiluk National Park

This morning you will be exploring the breathtaking gorges in Nitmiluk National Park on the NitNit Dreaming Two Gorge tour. The tour starts at 9:00am for 2 hours.

Travel along the river through Nitmiluk National Park, moving deeper into the stunning Katherine Gorge. Experience the varied and ever-changing landscapes, from dramatic cliffs and sandy beaches to pandanus-lined channels, and meet the local wildlife, including cockatoos, eagles, and wallabies.

Along the way cultural guides will share their knowledge about plants, animals, dreamtime stories and culture. Immerse yourself in the cultural significance and geology of the park - discover historical facts, such as how the river has been named. While also hearing about the history of the local indigenous people.

Recommended activity:

A great afternoon can be spent doing the Top Didj Aboriginal Cultural Experience. Operating from May to October there is a 2:30pm session time you could fit into your free afternoon. The Top Didj Cultural Experience is a two and a half hour interpretive experience where visitors can interact with Top End Aboriginal artist Manuel Pamkal and ask questions about aboriginal culture whilst being educated on the significance of his painting style, weapons used and how he lived off the land.

After playing a tune on his didgeridoo and telling stories of growing up in the bush the traditional way, Manuel will teach:

- How to paint your own Rarrk painting using a special reed brush called a Jalk.
- How to light a fire using two sticks
- How to throw a spear using a woomera

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Visitors can view and purchase some of the best indigenous art and didgeridoos in the Northern Territory. The selection ranges from the unique tourist gift to artworks of collectable value. They will provide a certificate of authenticity.

Please note: a minimum of 24 hours' notice is required for booking the experience which we can arrange for you if you prefer, or alternatively you can book direct on their website. If you don't wish to do the Cultural Experience, the Gallery is still a great place to go and view amazing Art Work, traditional to the region. You will get to see and feed Agile Wallabies as the owners belong to wildlife rescue so there are always wallabies around.

Overnight: Cicada Lodge, Katherine

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Katherine - Kakadu National Park (approx. 370km)

Today you will travel from Katherine into Kakadu National Park. We have recommendations for both the morning and afternoon to help you make the most of your day.

Recommended activity in the morning:

Before departing Katherine, grab picnic supplies for lunch. Approximately 45 minutes' drive north of Katherine is Edith Falls (turn off on the Stuart Highway). Here you can enjoy swimming in the paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at the base of the falls most of the year. The area is great for bushwalking with the 2.6 kilometre Leliyn Trail offering a challenging walk along a steep, rocky loop. There is a chance for a refreshing swim in the upper pool of Edith Falls halfway around the trail. Enjoy an early lunch before heading back onto the Stuart Highway and continuing your drive towards Kakadu National Park.

Recommended activity in the afternoon:

Approximately 30 minutes before you reach your accommodation, is Nourlangie Rock (turn off on Kakadu Highway). The walls of the rock art site have served as a shelter and canvas for thousands of years. The paintings are a window to a rich spiritual tradition. Through ancient artwork, 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. Later reach your overnight resort.

Overnight: Anbinik Kakadu Resort, Jabiru

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Arnhemland - Injalak Hill

This morning you will be collected at 8:30am from your hotel for a full day (8 hours) Arnhem Land - Injalak Hill tour.

Access to this area in Arnhem Land is restricted to a select group of tour operators and is by invitation by the local Aboriginal people. Arnhem Land entry permits are included.

Visitors to Arnhem Land can experience a fascinating mixture of traditional and living culture. Arnhem Land is perhaps the one area in Australia where indigenous culture is still dominant, despite a long history of interaction with other cultures.

With its stunning scenery of billabongs, birds, escarpment this is truly a place where you can escape and experience this unique untouched haven of the Northern Territory.

While we are in Arnhem Land a traditional Aboriginal guide will show you excellent examples of rock art on Injalak Hill

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(Long Tom Dreaming), this area has some of the best rock art examples in Western Arnhem Land and some say Australia.

The view from the top of the hill is simply breathtaking, looking out across the floodplains and around the Arnhemland escarpment. When we farewell our Aboriginal guide back at the Injalak Art Craft Centre there is an opportunity to browse or purchase goods from this non-profit Aboriginal organisation. At the award winning Injalak Arts and Crafts Centre (Gunbalanya) there is time to watch the traditional Aboriginal people painting and to see the women weaving pandanus baskets. Enjoy a picnic lunch atop Injalak Hill and afternoon tea with tea/coffee and snack.

Please note: this tour requires a good amount of balance, agility and a reasonable level of fitness.

Overnight: Anbinik Kakadu Resort, Jabiru

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 5 Kakadu National Park - Bamurru Plains (approx. 180 km)

You have an early start today and will be joining a morning Guluyambi Cultural Cruise on the East Alligator River at 9:00am (duration 1 hour 45 min). Allow 45 minutes from Jabiru for getting there.

Guluyambi Cultural Cruise is a unique boat tour on Kakadu's scenically spectacular East Alligator River. Take in the wonderful pristine wilderness of this World Heritage landscape as you leisurely cruise up stream. An Aboriginal guide provides guests with an insight into their culture, local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, traditional uses for many plants, animals as well as bush survival skills.

Disembark on the Arnhem Land side of the river for a

display of traditional hunting and gathering implements. Limited to just 25 guests, the Cruise ensures an intimate and personalised cultural experience.

Recommended activity:

After your morning cruise, we recommend heading back towards the Jabiru township to the Bowali Visitors Centre. Named after the Bowali Creek which flows nearby, the Bowali Visitors centre's design was inspired by an Aboriginal Rock Shelter. The Bowali Visitor Centre contains a wealth of information about Kakadu National Park. Information staff, videos, displays and a library are all available to help plan your visit to Kakadu. Grab a light lunch (not included) at the Jabiru township before heading on to your next destination.

Afternoon instruction:

The drive from the Jabiru township to your next destination, Bamurru Plains (approximately 2.5 hrs). We recommend filling up your vehicle with petrol here before departing. After booking, you will receive a separate sheet with driving instructions on how to get from Jabiru to Bamurru Plains.

Bamurru Plains will be a 2 day / 2 night 'Wild Bush' Luxury experience, a highlight of your itinerary. Bamurru is built amongst the savannah bush fringing the floodplains to provide a high level of comfort whilst giving guests unobstructed views of the surrounding wetlands and their teeming populations of birds and animals. The main lodge provides an oasis of tropical calm amid a noisy wildlife spectacle; comfortable wicker sofas; a well-stocked library offers a collection of reference books on the Top End and Australia's natural heritage. During the heat of the day the cooling waters of the infinity pool beckon and later the lodge deck is the ideal place to watch wildlife graze through the camp. An expert chef conjures up delicious meals, peppered with local ingredients.

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Anytime of the day you can help yourself to a cold drink from the bar – be it a crisp white wine, a gin and tonic or sparkling water – best enjoyed with one of Bamurru’s spectacular sunsets.

You are booked onto the ‘Ultimate Wilderness Experience Package’ with 2 nights in a Safari Bungalow Spacious and cool, each of the nine safari bungalows are built on stilts overlooking the floodplains frequented by a myriad of bird and animal life. Mesh screens serve as your walls on three sides of your Safari Bungalow. Being surrounded by semi-transparent screens provides an experience in which you can hear, see, and almost touch the wildlife and wilderness around you. The alarm clock in the morning is the call of Magpie Geese, after whom the camp is named, as the orange light of dawn spreads across the floodplain, all is audible and visible without having to leave your bed! The bungalow décor reflects the region’s earlier indigenous, hunting and pastoral history with buffalo horns, explorer’s maps, Aboriginal art work and fish traps as well as old photos providing a sense of the human heritage of the area. Each room has a cold water thermos, local flora and fauna reading materials and species list.

You will not find a television, CD player, mini bar, or even mobile phone reception here – a true escape to your immediate environment. At night, the only sound is the meanderings of marsupials in the foliage and the croak of frogs.

Chef prepared meals, beverages from a select open bar, and daily guided wilderness safaris which may include airboat safaris, quad bike adventures, open top safari drives, crocodile spotting river cruises and guided wilderness walks.

During your first evening, the various activities available will be discussed with you so you can advise your preferred activity/s for the following full day of your experience

Overnight: Bamurru Plains, Kakadu

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 6 Bamurru Plains, Kakadu

Today you will be enjoying the activities you secured with the local team. Relax in this incredible place for the rest of the day.

Overnight: Bamurru Plains, Kakadu

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 7 Bamurru Plains, Kakadu - Darwin

Check out time is 11:00am so you have time for one last relaxed breakfast before it is time to hit the road. The drive from Bamurru Plains back to Darwin is approximately 3 hrs and make your own travel or accommodation arrangements from here onwards.

Meals included: Breakfast

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Northern Territory on a self-drive 4WD safari ex Darwin

Visit the Top End's most iconic national parks: Kakadu and Nitmiluk

Visit the culturally significant Arnhem Land

Stay in luxury accommodation in the wild

Enjoy sunset drinks and canapes each evening at the Cicada Lodge

Take part in a guided NitNit Dreaming Two Gorge tour

Explore the breathtaking gorges in Nitmiluk National Park

Experience the majesty of Katherine Gorge

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

Enjoy a one-day Arnhemland guided walking Tour - Injalak Hill.

Experience a fascinating mixture of traditional and living culture in Arnhem Land

Marvel the rock art on Injalak Hill showed by an Aboriginal guide

Enjoy a picnic lunch atop Injalak Hill

Visit to Gunbalanya's Injalak Arts and Craft Centre

Enjoy a unique Guluyambi Cultural guided Cruise on the Alligator River

See the wonderful pristine wilderness of the World Heritage landscape

Enjoy the 'Ultimate Wilderness Experience Package' at the exclusive Bamurru Plains in Kakadu

Take part of daily guided wilderness safaris in Bamurru Plains like airboat safaris, quad bike adventures, open top safari drives, crocodile spotting river cruises and guided wilderness walks

Immerse yourself in an extraordinary bush experience

ACCOMMODATION

2 nights accommodation at the 5* Cicada Lodge

2 nights accommodation at Anbinik Kakadu Resort in an Anbinik Suite

2 nights 'Wild Bush' Luxury experience at the Bamurru Plains, Kakadu National Park in a safari bungalow - 'Ultimate Wilderness Experience Package'

DINING

Enjoy 10 meals including daily breakfast and all meals and beverages (including alcohol) at the Bamurru Plains, Kakadu

TOUR ESSENTIALS

'Recommended activities' and general instruction included for making the most of your Safari

Professional guides during tours

Arnhem Land entry permits and Aboriginal Guide

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.

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

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 24th of October 2021.

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

Single Traveller Supplement

This package is not available for solo travellers.

Departure Dates (2021)

Please see TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

Please note:

*dates/months with a * incur a land shoulder season surcharge of \$110 per person.*

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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3-5 Star (self-rated)

Katherine: Cicada Lodge, King or Twin bed room

Jabiru: Anbinik Kakadu Resort in a Anbinik Suites

Kakadu: Bamurru Plains in a Safari Bungalow

Extra Nights

Not Available

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people (subject to availability).

Child Policy

Valid for adults 18 years old and above only.

Triple Share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

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

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 2, maximum group size 20 per tour.

Optional Tours / Activities

We have provided 'Recommended activities' and general instruction in the itinerary, to help customers to have the best trip possible, ensuring all locations visited are accessible by 2 wheel drive, as we cannot assume everyone partaking the itinerary to have a 4WD vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS

- Domestic flights / transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Kakadu park pass (please use the following link for instructions on how to obtain either online, or at the listed locations: <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/plan/passes/>)
- Optional gratuities/tipping

- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 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.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

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

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 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).

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/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 \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

