

Top End Treasures

Featuring

Darwin, Kakadu, Arnhem Land
and the Tiwi Islands

9 Days & 8 Nights

Ex any Australian Capital City



Day 1 (D): TRAVEL DAY

Welcome to our *Top End Treasures Tour*. Today we travel to **Sydney** arriving in the afternoon at our accommodation near the airport

Mantra Sydney Airport | 1 night

Lunch at own cost | Dinner at hotel

Day 2 (B): SYDNEY TO DARWIN:

This morning we meet at the Sydney airport for our direct flight to **Darwin**. On arrival our local Darwin touring coach will be at the airport to meet us. We transfer to the city centre and check into our hotel for the next three nights. We are located right on the **Esplanade** which is opposite **Bicentennial Park**. There are some delightful walking paths within the park, which are popular for locals and visitors alike – especially early in the morning before the heat of the day. This evening we have the opportunity to explore the **Mindil Beach Sunset Markets**. With the multicultural background of Darwin, be tempted by the delicious smells of food stalls featuring cuisine from across the world. After dinner (own expense), find the perfect gift among the arts and craft stalls to take home or be entertained by the fire twirlers, musicians and street performers. At a pre-arranged time, our coach will transfer us back to our hotel.

DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin | 3 nights

Breakfast at Hotel | Lunch and Dinner at own cost

Day 3 (BD): DISCOVER DARWIN:

We uncover the stories of Darwin's past with a **local guide**, discovering the role Darwin played during World War II. We'll find out that the city still contains many of its remaining historic buildings such as the Old Court House and Government House that sit alongside the newly constructed Parliament House. We have some time at leisure before heading to **Stokes Hill Wharf** to visit the **Royal Flying Doctor Service and Bombing of**

Darwin Facility – two iconic stories in one location. See, experience and learn through the wonder of technology as this facility brings history to life. This is also ideally located next door to the Cyclone Tracy museum for those wishing to visit (entry is free). This evening we experience Darwin's famous sunset onboard the **Spirit of Darwin**. We cruise the harbour waters while enjoying dinner as the sun sets behind the horizons. What a fabulous start to our first day on tour!

Breakfast at hotel | Dinner on Spirit of Darwin | Lunch by own arrangements



Day 4 (BLD): LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK (BLD)

This morning, we travel south to the small township of **Adelaide River** – about 110 kms from Darwin. We make a brief stop at the **Adelaide River War Cemetery**. Adelaide River is the site of the only Australian war cemetery on Australian soil. There are 432 servicemen and 63 civilians, all of whom died as a result of Japanese bombing raids, buried in the cemetery. From here we enter the **Litchfield National Park**. The 65,000ha National Park with its untouched rainforests, hot springs, magnificent waterfalls and stunning scenery has gained the reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territory's crown. There are some great photo opportunities. We stop to see the **Magnetic Anthills** and the magnificent **Florence Falls** from the lookout platform. We enjoy lunch at the Litchfield Café and visit nearby **Wangi Falls** where there is time for a refreshing dip - so bring your swimmers!

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Lunch at Litchfield Cafe



Day 5 (BLD): JUMPING CROCS

After breakfast we set off for Kakadu, the Top End's most treasured asset – the **World Heritage Listed Kakadu National Park**. Our first stop this morning is the **Adelaide River Queen Jumping Crocodile Cruise**. See powerful saltwater crocodiles as they propel themselves high out of the water to snatch their prey. With the help of experienced guides, we learn more about these magnificent creatures, and have the opportunity to watch crocs jump for food from the safety of our boat. Back on dry land, we have a break for a morning cuppa before heading into the park. Our lunch venue today is the **Mercure Crocodile Hotel** then we visit **Nourlangie Rock** for a short walk and to view examples of ancient aboriginal art. Following the road south we stop at **Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre**. The Aboriginal traditional land owners of Kakadu National Park have wanted to tell the story about their culture for a long time. Through the displays and exhibitions, we can gain an understanding of the Bininj and their country. The Gallery is definitely worth looking at as well. From here, we return back to Darwin. Late afternoon, we boarding our magical **Yellow Water Sunset Cruise**. Nowhere else will we see such a concentration of so many species of diverse wildlife than here, including Brolgas, Egrets, Jabiru and hopefully Crocs! Following our cruise, we return to the lodge for dinner.

Mercure Crocodile Hotel | 1 night

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Mercure Crocodile Hotel



Day 6 (BLD): ARNHEM LAND

Today we journey across **Cahill's Crossing** on the **East Alligator River** and enter **Arnhem Land**. We meet Aboriginal artists at the **Injalak Arts and Crafts Centre** in Oenpelli. There is time to watch Aboriginal people painting and to see the women weaving pandanus baskets. Next, we travel into the entrance of the **Mikkinj Valley** with its stunning scenery of towering escarpments, wildlife and the Inkiyu Billabong. This afternoon we experience Arnhemland's famous landscapes, consisting of sandstone escarpment outcrops, rock art sites, forests, floodplains and billabongs with birdlife. Farewelling our guide, we re-trace our steps and arrive back at Darwin.

DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin | 2 Nights

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch & refreshments included on tour



Day 7 (BLD): TIWI ISLANDS:

We have an early start today, as we are heading to the **Tiwi Islands** for a full days touring. The ferry ride takes around 2 hours, so sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as we arrive on **Bathurst Island**. Here we meet our local guide for a journey through the progressive Aboriginal community of **Wurrumiyanga**. Visit the Culture Museum with its fascinating displays of traditional art and depictions of the Tiwi 'dreamtime' stories as well as visiting the Mission Precinct with its unique Catholic Church. Hear the colourful history of the early mission days. Enjoy morning tea with the Tiwi ladies who will also perform a smoking ceremony to bless us. We call into the arts and crafts centres and see where the local artists work. We also have the opportunity to purchase Tiwi arts and crafts and screen-printed fabrics. Learn some of the complex rituals associated with the Pukamani (burial ceremony) before departing Bathurst Island for Darwin.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch included on tour



Day 8 (BD): DARWIN TO SYDNEY:

After breakfast, we have some free time to check out Darwin before our transfer to Darwin airport for our flight to Sydney. Overnight at the Mantra airport hotel including dinner.

Mantra Sydney Airport | 1 night

Breakfast and Dinner at hotel | Lunch by own arrangements

Day 9 (B): SYDNEY TO HOME

Today, we make our way home early to Forster Tuncurry to spend Father's Day with our families. It's been a fantastic trip, with many wonderful memories of our time in the Top End. Thank you for travelling with Tuncurry Coach Tours 😊



Tour Highlights

Discover the sparkling harbour of Darwin, the indigenous culture of the Top End, the misty waterfalls of Litchfield National Park and the exceptional natural beauty

Return economy airfares to Darwin ex Sydney	1 nights accommodation in Kakadu
5 Nights accommodation Darwin	2 nts accommodation Sydney Airport
1 full day in the Tiwi Islands (inc lunch and ferry transfer)	2 days in Kakadu National Park
National Park entry fees	Croc Jumping cruise
Yellow Waters Cruise	Sunset Dinner cruise Darwin
Free time in Darwin	Mindil Beach Sunset / Night markets
Litchfield National Park	Arnhem Land
Guided 4hr 'Bombing of Darwin' tour	Royal Flying Doctor Service
Adelaide River War cemetery	Cyclone Tracy Display (Darwin Museum entry)
Magnetic Ant Hills	Florence Falls and Wangi Falls
Nourlangie Rock visit (Aboriginal art site)	Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre
Kakadu Cultural Tours 4wd day tour with lunch	Kakadu Cultural Cruise – Arnhem Land

Tour Inclusions:

8 nights Quality Accommodation
 8 Breakfasts (B)
 4 Lunches (L)
 7 Dinners (D)
 Flights from Sydney to Darwin Return
 Entry fees to attractions & sightseeing as per itinerary

Departures:

Club Forster departing - 9.30am

Polynesian Village - 9.35am

Golden Ponds - 9.40am

Forster Keys - 9.45am

Evermore - 9.50am

Tuncurry Coach stop - 10:00am

Luggage:

Is limited to one bag not more than **20KG** and one **7KG** carry on bag to be stored in overhead on coach

Tour Participation:

It is the responsibility of passengers to ensure that their health is in a state that enables them to enjoy the tour and participate in the activities that the tour offers them. A medium level of fitness is required to participate in this tour which require passengers to manage uneven surfaces and walk for periods of 20min at a time.

Dietary Requirements:

It is the responsibility of passengers to address any dietary requirements with us at the time of booking. Whilst we will do our best to cater for these requirements, not all facilities will be able to meet individual dietary needs. It is the responsibility of the traveler to be prepared in the event this occurs and any additional costs will be the responsibility of the traveler.

Tour payment:

Non Refundable Deposit \$600.00 per person at time of booking.

Balance due 2 months prior to travel

Cancellation Charges:

60 days or more \$600 per person

0-59 days 100% of fare

Note: less than 60 days there is no refund

Please read full terms and conditions before booking

Travel Insurance is highly recommended by Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade, we advise passengers to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions and opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. Accommodation, churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any date or time changes due to pandemics, closures, inclement weather etc. Withdrawing from trips due to the above may see passengers liable to cancellation charges.

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