

Kakadu's Ancient Secrets

 5 DAYS

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HIGHLIGHTS



DISCOVER

Refresh in the picturesque swimming holes of Litchfield National Park, then discover World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park.



EXPLORE

Uncover the Mary River on a safari cruise, spotting wildlife along the way, then embark on a 4WD journey on the Marrakai Track.



IMMERSE

Admire ancient rock art at Ubirr and Nourlangie, and meet didgeridoo expert, Manuel Pamkal and gain an insight into bush life.



RELAX

Unwind at Wildman Wilderness Lodge, and board a dinner cruise where you will learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.

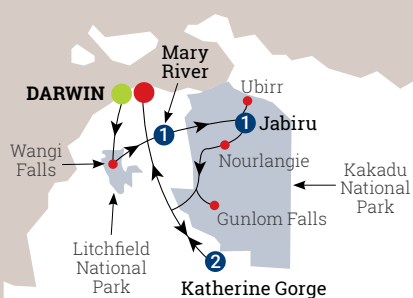


● START

● END

① Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops



CHOOSE THIS TRIP IF YOU'D LOVE TO:

- Swim in a natural infinity pool that overlooks Kakadu
- Immerse in an exclusive Indigenous cultural experience
- Embark on a sunset walk at the rock art galleries of Ubirr
- Take a dinner cruise along majestic Katherine River

As this journey departs at 7.30am from Mantra on the Esplanade Darwin, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Darwin – Mary River

Welcome to Darwin! This morning, meet your Journey Director and board your luxury 4WD vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finnis River to Litchfield National Park. You'll enjoy a swim to cool off at tumbling Florence Falls and you'll also visit Wangi Falls, surrounded by tropical monsoon rainforest and hear about its importance in Aboriginal custom before stopping for lunch. Get ready for a cross-country journey via the unsealed Marrakai Track (seasonally accessible), through cattle stations and back country to the Mary River region. Late-afternoon you'll arrive at Wildman Wilderness Lodge, where you'll stay in private permanent safari tents. Situated in the Mary River Wetlands and renowned for its incredible wildlife, the property seamlessly combines comfort and chic with the beauty of the surrounding landscape. Enjoy a beverage while the sun sets over the floodplains and after dinner maybe sit back with a nightcap by the fire pit. **Hotel: Wildman Wilderness Lodge. L DW**

2 Mary River – Kakadu

Wake up to the evocative sounds of the floodplains. Head out to Corroboree Billabong and enjoy a wonderful wildlife cruise on a safari style boat to see a myriad of different bird species, spot estuarine crocodiles and simply enjoy the stunning Mary River floodplains. Next stop is Australia's largest National Park – Kakadu. World Heritage listed, as both a cultural and natural sanctuary, Kakadu National Park is an Australian icon. Visit park headquarters, Bowali Visitor Centre then check in to your hotel where the building is shaped to represent a crocodile – the region's most famous resident. Relax and unwind with a refreshing dip in the hotel's shaded outdoor pool or even wander through the on-site art gallery before you join your Journey Director on a sunset walk at Ubirr rock art site. You'll see ancient rock art and take a walk to discover remarkable views over the surrounding wetlands and escarpments from the fantastic vantage point, Nadab lookout. An Ubirr sunset is something that has to be seen to be believed, you will remember it forever. Return to your hotel for a delicious dinner. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. B L DW**

3 Kakadu – Katherine

If you're an early riser there's a chance to take an optional experience early morning scenic flight over Kakadu and Arnhem Land, or perhaps you might just want to sleep in before your day of activities. This morning you'll visit Nourlangie to see its fascinating Aboriginal rock art for yourself. You'll also hear first-hand from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries' with art

that dates some 20,000 years. Later you'll veer off the sealed road and onto a gravel track for a scenic cross-country journey to Gunlom Falls. You'll have time to take a hike to the top of the falls for a splash in picturesque natural plunge pool where you're awarded with spectacular views over the National Park. Take in the natural beauty of the area while you enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon you continue through Katherine to Nitmiluk National Park. Indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge, a stunning architect designed eco-lodge surrounded by nature, where each room has a private balcony that opens to the glories of Nitmiluk National Park. **Hotel: Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights. B L DW**

4 Katherine Gorge

Today meet Manuel Pamkal who will welcome you with a traditional tune on the didgeridoo. Manuel was born and raised immersed in his rich traditional culture. He'll share with you stories of growing up in the bush and teach you the fine art of rarrk (cross hatch) painting using a special brush from a reed called Julk. Call on the artist within you and paint your own masterpiece to take home! This evening, relax on a Local Dining Experience cruise along Katherine River. You'll marvel at the gorges while you spot wildlife and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people. Enjoy the peaceful ambiance during the candle-lit three course dinner onboard your boat. **B L DE**

5 Katherine – Farewell from Darwin

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or get up early to experience the National Park completely immersed in the mystical morning light. Travel north along the Stuart Highway stopping at Edith Falls along the way for a relaxing dip. Continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery. During WWII, Adelaide River was the headquarters to a large military base and a cemetery was created especially for those who gave their lives in the service and defence of their country. Your Inspiring Journey concludes on arrival in Darwin. **B L**

 Inspiring Journeys

From **\$2995** per person twin share land only

DEPARTURES AND PRICES

2019

Start	End	Twin Share
Oct 06	Oct 10	3250

2020

Start	End	Twin Share
Apr 26	Apr 30	2995
May 03	May 07	2995
May 17	May 21	2995
May 31	Jun 04	2995
Jun 07	Jun 11	2995
Jun 14	Jun 18	2995
Jun 21	Jun 25	2995
Jun 28	Jul 02	2995

2020 continued

Start	End	Twin Share
Jul 05	Jul 09	2995
Jul 12	Jul 16	2995
Jul 19	Jul 23	2995
Jul 26	Jul 30	2995
Aug 02	Aug 06	2995
Aug 09	Aug 13	2995
Aug 16	Aug 20	2995
Aug 23	Aug 27	2995
Aug 30	Sep 03	2995
Sep 06	Sep 10	2995
Sep 13	Sep 17	2995
Sep 20	Sep 24	2995
Sep 27	Oct 01	2995
Oct 04	Oct 08	2995

Single Supplement* (add to price above): \$985pp
Exception 06/10/19: \$955pp

*Single traveller must pay the single price.

SMART WAYS TO SAVE

Early bird savings
Save up to \$330pp

DINING

4 Full buffet breakfasts B 5 Lunches L 1 Local Dining Experience DE 3 Dinners with wine DW

FLIGHT INFORMATION

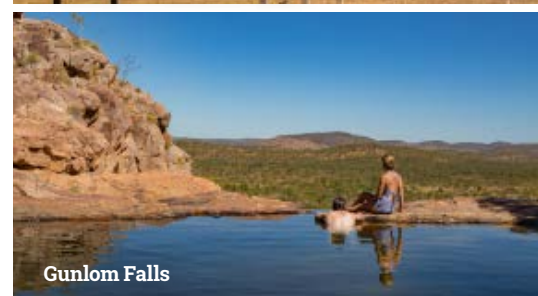
Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport

Day 5 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price



Wildman Wilderness Lodge



Gunlom Falls