

### **CONNECT WITH KAKADU**

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DEPARTS TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS MARCH – OCTOBER 2023

Explore the Top End's diverse natural habitats and connect with both Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks onboard a small group 4WD touring adventure.

#### **INCLUSIONS**

- 1 night accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast
- 2 nights of intimate small-group Kakadu, East Alligator River and Litchfield touring with Outback Spirit Tours, travelling on board a state-of-the-art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, including accommodation, guided touring and meals
- 1 night accommodation in Darwin, including breakfast
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Time at to relax and explore Darwin at your leisure
- Cruise on the Mary River spotting wildlife, including saltwater crocodiles and an abundance of birdlife
- Visit the Ubirr art site within Kakadu National Park, home to some of the world's most outstanding rock art
- · Swim in a waterfall at Litchfield National Park

#### **DAY 1 – ARRIVE DARWIN**

You've arrived in Darwin – it's yours to explore. Spend the day at your leisure before checking in to your accommodation.

OVERNIGHT: 1 night Adina Apartment Darwin Hotel Waterfront

#### DAY 2 - DARWIN TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Depart Darwin heading towards Kakadu National Park. Much of the route is along the Arnhem highway, passing the productive region of Humpty Do, where a vast array of tropical fruits is grown, and crossing the Adelaide River, with its vast wetlands, which attract migratory birds. At the Mary River, take to the water on a cruise that showcases the local wildlife, including saltwater crocodiles and the abundance of birdlife in the region.

Continuing east, you'll arrive at World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park and check in to the Crocodile Hotel at Jabiru, so named for the crocodile shape it takes. (B,L,D)

\*During March and April, the cruise will be on Adelaide River, with crossings at Mary River, West & South Alligator Rivers

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights at Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel \*Due to availability, some stays may be at Cooinda Lodge

#### DAY 3 – KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day with a drive to the East Alligator River region, known as the gateway to Arnhem Land. Take a walk to the World Heritage Ubirr art site, home to some of the world's most outstanding rock art. There will be time for those feeling fit to climb to the top of the escarpment for a magnificent view across the Magela floodplain.

Next up, take a local indigenous cruise on the East Alligator River. Hear the stories of the region as you spot the large saltwater crocodiles that dwell in these waters. Returning to our sturdy yet comfortable vehicle, we'll traverse Cahill's Crossing to visit the town of Oenpelli, stopping at the Injalak gallery to admire the indigenous artworks.

Returning to Jabiru, you'll gain another perspective on the incredible environments you experienced today on a 30-minute scenic flight that takes you over ancient escarpments, floodplains and winding rivers and exhibits the results of 1.8 billion years of continuous erosion. This flight includes live commentary from your pilot as you glide over these spectacular ancient lands. (B,L,D)

\*\*During March and April, touring may visit Nourlangie Rock Art, and the Bowali Visitor Centre, and cruise the South Alligator River in place of Ubirr, Injalak Gallery and cruising the East Alligator River. The order of sites is subject to change according to weather conditions.



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# DAY 4 – KAKADU NATIONAL PARK, LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK, DARWIN

Check out after breakfast to return to the Arnhem highway, diverting towards the town of Batchelor, the gateway to Litchfield National Park. Litchfield National Park contains several types of typical Top End habitats, including lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, waterfalls, and cascades. Your first stop is Florence Falls, but one waterfall is never enough, so you'll continue on to Wangi Falls. After a light lunch, you can take a dip in the large, crystal-clear pool of the waterfall before returning to Darwin and checking in to your hotel. (B, L)

**OVERNIGHT:** 1 night Adina Apartment Darwin Hotel Waterfront

#### DAY 5 – FAREWELL

Your Top End experience comes to an end as you check out of your accommodation after breakfast and farewell Darwin. (B)