

# 8 Day Darwin, Kakadu & Katherine



Departing: 1st August 2022

*An exciting Outback Holiday that is the ultimate Northern Territory experience. Explore Darwin's museums and exhibitions, relax and enjoy an exquisite sunset dinner cruise aboard the 'Cape Adieu'. Get up close and personal on a thrilling Jumping Crocodile cruise. In Kakadu take to the air on a scenic flight (own expense), discover Aboriginal rock art and cruise the Yellow Water wetlands. Cruise the magnificent Katherine Gorge, immerse yourself in a genuine Australian Aboriginal Cultural Experience that allows you to see, feel and experience the Aboriginal culture. Its all there waiting for you to explore with your Down Under crew.*



## **FLY/COACH/FLY**

Fitness Level: A – Moderate/Active

Meals: B = Breakfast, M = Morning Tea, L = Lunch, A = Afternoon Tea, D = Dinner

### **DAY 1 HOME – DARWIN D**

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August: Fly into Darwin Airport where transfer to your accommodation has been arranged. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelling companions. Three night stay Doubletree on Hilton Hotel Esplanade

### **DAY 2 DARWIN SIGHTSEEING BD**

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Be prepared for a great day of sightseeing as we explore Darwin. Our first stop is the Territory Wildlife Park. Observe the Top End's wildlife in their natural habitats, standing nose-to-nose with a saltwater crocodile, and glimpsing elusive nocturnal creatures. Next, the Australian Aviation Heritage Centre. If you like aircraft and you like 'em big, you're going to love this place! For a little art and culture, we visit the Museum & Art Gallery of the NT, followed by the Defence of Darwin Experience where you can uncover the story of Darwin's role in World War II through iconic objects from the Bombing of Darwin, firsthand accounts, and multimedia presentations. Return to our motel for a well-earned rest.

### **DAY 3 JUMPING CROCODILES BMLD**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August: This morning experience the thrill of jumping crocodiles on an Adelaide River cruise and observe primeval saltwater crocodiles - commonly referred to as 'salties' - as they leap from the water to snatch food that your boat guide dangles from above. We lunch at the Humpty Doo Hotel – a classic top-end pub made famous by Slim Dusty then, head back to Darwin to prepare for our magnificent sunset cruise aboard a traditional fishing ketch. Enjoy a delicious dinner including a selection of locally caught seafood while you relax and enjoy Darwin's picturesque coastline which is even more magical in the evening hours.

### **DAY 4 DARWIN - KAKADU BMLD**

Thursday, 4th August: A special day of sightseeing ahead of us today as we make our way to Kakadu National Park. Our morning adventure takes us to Mamukala Wetlands for morning tea and a chance to spot the birdlife then onto the Aboriginal rock art site of Ubirr Rock which offers spectacular escarpment views. Enjoy a 30-minute flight (own expense) over Kakadu NP and Arnhem Land. From winding rivers to sunburnt escarpments and stunning waterfalls, Kakadu's timeless landscape will take your breath away. Next, inspect magnificent Nourlangie Rock to view ancient Aboriginal rock art then visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre before settling into our accommodation. Stay Cooinda Lodge

#### **DAY 5 KAKADU NP – KATHERINE BMD**

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August: Join an early morning cruise along the tranquil Yellow Waters Billabong as your guide provides expert commentary on the region's natural history, abundant flora and wildlife. Departing Kakadu NP make our way to Nitmiluk NP for lunch (own expense) and some free time to browse the centre then it's all aboard for your NitNit Dreaming Two Gorge Cruise. Cruise down Katherine River as the large rock formations of the gorge tower over the calm water. Stay Contour Hotel Katherine

*Please note: A walk of approximately 500 metres over rocky terrain is required in both directions between the First and Second Gorges. It is suggested a good level of mobility is required to participate in this excursion.*

#### **DAY 6 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCE BM**

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August: Dip your toes in the Katherine Hot Springs this morning. These natural thermal springs are situated on the banks of the Katherine River and comprise of a series of clear pools framed by native vegetation. Then, immerse yourself in a genuine Australian Aboriginal cultural experience that allows you to see, feel and experience the Aboriginal culture. Join Manuel Pamkal who will tell stories about life in the bush and let you experience aboriginal practices such as rarrk painting using a reed brush, fire lighting with two sticks and spear throwing with a woomera. After lunch in Katherine (own expense) head northward bound for Darwin.

Tonight experience a melting pot of cultures at the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. See the congregation of over 200 unique stalls. The combination of amazing food, arts and culture, set to the backdrop of the spectacular sunset, creates an electric atmosphere. Two night stay Doubletree on Hilton Hotel Esplanade

*Please note: Dinner tonight is at your own expense at the Markets.*

#### **DAY 7 DARWIN FREE DAY BD**

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August: Enjoy a free day today to take in the sights at your leisure. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner with your travelling companions.

#### **DAY 8 DARWIN – HOME**

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> August: A farewell breakfast for passengers leaving us to return home today. A free day in Darwin for passengers continuing on tour.

Adult: \$4880 pp

Pensioner: \$4864 pp

Past Passenger: \$4856 pp

Single Supplement: \$998 pp

Final Payment Due: Friday, 17th June 2022