

11 Day 'Heaven 11' Darwin to Alice Springs



Highlights

Litchfield National Park
Kakadu National Park
Aboriginal Cultural Experience
Jim Jim and Twin Falls
Katherine Gorge
Mataranka
Devils Marbles
Tennant Creek
Uluru (Ayers Rock)
Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)
Kings Canyon
Mereenie Track
Palm Valley
Hermannsburg
Western MacDonnell Ranges

Day 1 : Darwin to Mary River

Pre-tour overnight dorm accommodation is included. A refreshing start to your day checking out the waterfalls of Litchfield National Park. Travel west into Woolna Country and receive a 'Cul Cul' or unique 'Welcome to Country' by the traditional owners of the land, the Limilngan – Wulna people. Experience the local Aboriginal culture including cooking bush tucker, playing the didgeridoo, basket weaving and spear throwing. To finish the day we head to the spectacular Mary River Wetlands, where birds aren't the only wildlife abundant; keep a watch for lurking crocodiles on our private river cruise! A secluded campsite at Point Stuart Wilderness Lodge is where we'll stay tonight. (LD)

Day 2 : Mary River to Kakadu

Discover ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr and clamber to the top of a rocky lookout for fabulous views over the Nardab floodplain. Next it's on to Maguk (Barramundi Gorge) where a hike is rewarded with a reviving swim in the plunge pools. Tonight we stay at our permanent camp within Kakadu National Park. (BLD)

Day 3 : Kakadu to Darwin

Get ready for some 4WD action today on our way to Jim Jim Falls! Once we get there, we'll hike to the base of the falls before continuing on to Twin Falls. Feel the beauty of the stunning gorge and powerful falls from the National Park operated boat and boardwalk experience. The impressive scenery will continue to amaze you as we journey back to Darwin in the afternoon. Overnight dorm accommodation included. (BL)

Day 4 : Darwin to Katherine Gorge

Leaving Darwin, we stop for a break at Adelaide River on the way to Katherine. We spend the whole afternoon at the majestic Katherine Gorge (Nitmiluk), which is part of the Nitmiluk National Park. Experience the striking beauty while canoeing or cruising (at own expense and seasonal) through the gorge itself. Want to see more? Jump aboard a helicopter flight (at own expense) which will take you high above the vast gorge system. Tonight we stay at our permanent camp near Katherine Gorge. (LD)

Day 5 : Katherine Gorge to Tennant Creek

Not far to the south is Mataranka, where you can revive in a sparkling thermal pool surrounded by lush tropical forest. Next stop is the iconic Daly Waters outback hotel, the Territory's oldest pub. Nearby lies Australia's first international airport, but you won't get a flight back home from here these days! After lunch, we continue south to Tennant Creek where we camp overnight at Juno Horse Farm. (BLD)

Day 6 : Tennant Creek to Alice Springs

This morning we check out the sacred site of the Devils Marbles, which balance precariously on their rocky perch. From here we stop in at Barrow Creek Pub, home to the historic Telegraph Station – catch a glimpse of what Outback telecommunication used to be like! We cross over the Tropic of Capricorn, before arriving early evening into Alice Springs. (BL) Overnight dorm accommodation included.

Day 7 : Alice Springs

Relax and explore Alice Springs. Overnight dorm accommodation included (meals at own expense).

Day 8 : Alice Springs to Kata Tjuta & Uluru

Welcome to the Outback! Our first stop is the Outback Camel Farm where you can see the world from the top of a camel if you choose to take a ride (own expense). Next we travel to the Ayers Rock Resort for your first glimpse of Uluru, located in the heart of the Red Centre.

After lunch, we explore fascinating Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) on a guided interpretive walk through the Valley of the Winds. We make it back in time for an enthralling desert sunset over Uluru. After dinner, curl up in your swag (Aussie bedroll) under millions of stars. (LD)

Day 9 : Uluru to Kings Canyon

Sunrise over Uluru is magical and it's an early start to catch it. While the morning's fresh (and your legs are too) enjoy an unguided walk around the base of Uluru. Gain a further insight into the land, its stories and the people who inhabit it at the Cultural Centre, where you'll also have the opportunity to invest in original arts and crafts by Indigenous artists. We'll have lunch before heading over to Kings Canyon. We spend the night at our permanent campsite at Kings Canyon Resort. (BLD)

Day 10 : Kings Canyon to Glen Helen

There's a lot to explore at Kings Canyon and we check out the Amphitheatre, Lost City, the lush and ancient Garden of Eden and the sheer outcrops of the North and South walls. After lunch, we travel along the well-known Mereenie Loop Track (also called the Red Centre Way). We pass the 140 million year old meteorite crater, Gosse Bluff as we travel towards Glen Helen where we camp tonight nestled in the western end of the majestic MacDonnell Ranges. (BLD)

Day 11 : Glen Helen to Alice Springs

Discover the spectacular geological features of Ormiston Gorge, before heading to morning tea at the historic Hermannsburg Mission, established by Lutheran Missionaries in the 1870's. There's time to wander around the old church, school house, museum and the art gallery which features many works by renowned Aboriginal artist Albert Namitjira. After a hot 'cuppa' and piece of traditional German cake, prepare for some 4WD action! We travel along the ancient track of the Finke River to access the majestic scenery of Palm Valley and Cycad Gorge, exploring what was once a prehistoric inland sea. Keep your eyes out for the Livistonia Mariae, a tropical palm and one of the rarest trees in the world. The spectacular Western MacDonnell Ranges will continue to impress you all the way back to Alice Springs. (BL)

TROPICAL SUMMER ITINERARY (Dec to May)

Day 1

: Litchfield National Park
: Cultural Experience
: Crocodile Cruise
: Overnight Camp Point Stuart (LD)

Day 2

: Mamukala Wetlands (seasonal)
: Ubirr or Nourlangie Rock (seasonal)
: Bowali Visitor Centre
: Walk to Gubara Springs
: Overnight camp Kakadu (BLD)

Day 3

: Cathedral Termite Mounds
: Boulder Creek Falls
: Hike to Motor Car Falls
: Return to Darwin (BL)

Bring: Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), hat and sunscreen, water bottle, towel and toiletries, torch, warm clothing in winter, insect repellent/net, camera, pillow and sleeping bag (can be hired for AUD\$20).

Included: Experienced tour guides, meals as indicated, accommodation transfers, camping fees and equipment.

Note: This package is made up of three individual tours; therefore you may travel with a different guide and passengers during each section. Tropical Summer Program applies December to May.

YOUR TRIP DETAILS

Confirmation Number

Departure Date

Departure Location

Finish Date

Local Payment Amount

THINGS TO REMEMBER

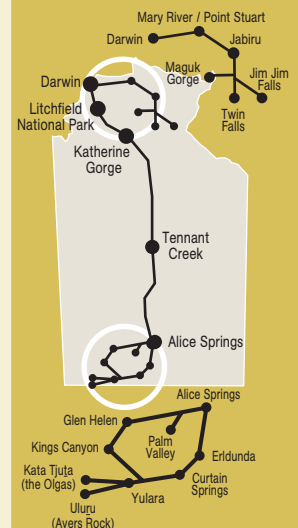
You need to reconfirm your tour on 1800 068 886 at least 48 hours before departure.

Your luggage **MUST** be kept to a maximum of 15kgs, except on tours to Kakadu, where the maximum is 10kgs.

Drink lots of water, wear a hat and sunscreen.

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is participating!

Max People: 16/24



Tour Code: H11DA

Terms & Conditions



LUGGAGE: Luggage must be kept to a MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS (except KAKADU tours which are MAXIMUM 10KGS) in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, film, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

MEALS: Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. We cater for vegetarian and gluten intolerance – please advise at time of booking.

FITNESS & PARTICIPATION: Our tours are active and most require a reasonable level of fitness. Tours graded '3 boots' are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children. If you have any doubts about the suitability of your clients please check with our reservations team as we reserve the right to assess suitability to participate at check-in. With the exception of our 'Safari in Style' tour, passengers are expected to help with the preparation of food, washing of dishes and general assistance to the guide as directed.

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