

## Top end and Kakadu 4WD safari

Depart Cairns 24th September at 9.30AM arrive Darwin 11.35AM – Jetstar

Accommodation: Mantra Pandanas Darwin IN: 24th September OUT: 25th September

Commence the following tour in Darwin on the 25th September and ending in Darwin on the 29th September

### *Day 1 Darwin - Litchfield National Park - Kakadu National Park*

Today depart from Darwin around 7.00am for the beginning of the short journey to Litchfield National Park to explore the waterfalls, spring-fed streams and rugged sandstone escarpments. Discover the intriguing cathedral and magnetic termite mounds before continuing on to Buley Rockhole for an invigorating swim.

A short journey onward arrive at Florence Falls where you will enjoy a hike and another welcome swim followed by a picnic lunch.

Early afternoon leave the highway behind and hit the dirt travelling along a typical outback track heading deep into Kakadu National Park. Travel past billabongs and traverse water crossings allowing ample opportunity for wildlife spotting before a comfort stop and chance for refreshment.

In the early evening arrive at the private campsite complete with comfortable permanent tents. Have time to shower and refresh while the guides prepare dinner before enjoying an evening with your fellow travellers and some stargazing.

Please note: Campsites feature private twin share, permanent pre-erected tents with beds and linen. All camps have hot shower and toilet facilities.

**Overnight: Permanent Campsite**

**Meals included: Lunch;Dinner**

### *Day 2 Yellow Water Cruise - Twin Falls - Jim Jim Falls*

Enjoy breakfast this morning before joining an iconic Yellow Water Cruise. A must do activity within Kakadu National Park, the award-winning Yellow Water Cruises is Indigenous owned and centres around a spectacular billabong system that is home to some remarkable and diverse wildlife. Spotting crocodiles is only one of the many wildlife viewing opportunities on this unique water system.

On completion of your cruise travel to Twin and Jim Jim Falls\*. Explore Twin Falls Gorge, accessed by 4-wheel drive track, a boat shuttle service (payable on day of travel) and a rocky walking track and boardwalk. Be rewarded by relaxing on the sandy banks and admiring the falls. There's more 4-wheel driving as we make our way to Jim Jim Falls where a walk through a monsoon forest and over boulders takes you to the waterfall and plunge pool, surrounded by 150 metre cliffs.

Spend the afternoon taking in the sheer beauty of the spectacular surrounds before making our way back to camp for a hearty dinner and well-earned rest.

Unfortunately, National Parks only provide tour operators with 1-2 weeks notice of when certain areas in the park will open and close, but that is the benefit of having experienced guides and a good operational team for the tour to ensure that the best locations available are visited.

\*Twin and Jim Jim Falls may not be accessible between the shoulder periods of May-June and October. During this time you may visit Maguk or the Yurmikmik Region (Motor Car Falls or Boulder Creek). Located in the very southern end of the park, Yurmikmik (Motor Car Falls) is lesser known than the other two, but is another great walk and swim at that time of the year. You

may see antilopine wallaroos, red-tailed black cockatoos, and many other bird species such as Azure Kingfishers in that region and there is a large long drop waterfall and natural pool there also, hence a great alternative.

**Overnight: Permanent Campsite**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### *Day 3 Nourlangie Indigenous Art Site - Bowali Visitor Centre - Ubirr Art Site*

This morning travel to nearby Nourlangie Rock. Here you can see how local Aboriginal people lived in this area through changing times. Environmental and social changes are reflected in the rock art and in the ground, where archaeologists have uncovered over 20,000 years of Aboriginal Occupation.

Visit the Bowali Visitor Centre and Marrawuddi Gallery. Enjoy the audio-visual presentations and Aboriginal art by artists from within Kakadu and the wider region.

Lunch today is at the culturally significant art site, Ubirr, located within the East Alligator region of the park. Here you will view a wide range of ancient Indigenous art accompanied by commentary from the guide. Learn the story of the Rainbow Serpent and climb the Nadab Lookout for panoramic views over the floodplain and beyond into Arnhem Land.

Afterwards continue on to the private campsite at Jabiru where you can enjoy some free time and relax by the pool with a cold beverage before dinner is ready.

**Overnight: Permanent Campsite**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### *Day 4 Gunlom Falls - Katherine Region*

Enjoy a relaxed start to the morning today with the chance of a sleep in before a leisurely breakfast. Then it's time to head to Gunlom Falls, made famous by the movie Crocodile Dundee! After a tasty picnic lunch, relax around the lower plunge pool before hiking to the top of the falls where you can enjoy the many rock holes and the amazing view on offer beyond the natural infinity pool. After lunch, travel toward the Katherine region arriving at the private campsite in the early evening.

**Overnight: Permanent Campsite**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### *Day 5 Nitmiluk National Park - Darwin*

An early start this morning to get into Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge) for a 2 hour dawn boat cruise (optional and own expense) or walk along the sheer rock walls that make the area so spectacular.

Afterwards, take a short drive to enjoy a Top Didj Cultural Experience and meet Indigenous artist Manuel Parrikal who will teach you about Aboriginal culture and the significance of his painting style in this interactive activity.

The next stop is at Edith Falls for lunch and one final swim before heading back to Darwin, enjoying a comfort and refreshment break at the Adelaide River.

Arrive in Darwin at approximately 6.30pm this evening.

Please note: Itinerary may change due to cultural reasons, seasonal changes, operational logistics and accessibility. Waterfalls may be closed by Park Authorities at any time and itineraries may be amended to reflect this.

Accommodation: Mantra on the Esplanade IN: 29th September OUT: 2nd October

Depart Darwin 2nd October at 12.05PM arrive Cairns 3.00PM – Jetstar

Cost per person \$2524.00 and includes the following:

Airfares

Airport taxes

5 day tour including 13 meals and touring as per itinerary

4 nights accommodation in Darwin