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TOP END ROCK ART & WILDERNESS

Immerse yourself in the ancient cultures and impossibly beautiful wilderness of Australia’s Top End.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries

Australia, Northern Territory

7 days Call for a quote pp

Private

Journey Overview

Immerse yourself in the ancient cultures and impossibly beautiful wilderness of Australia’s Top End. Venture into rugged terrain teeming with native wildlife and birds. Unearth the stories of ancient rock art. And stay on the coastal floodplains of the Mary River, on the edge of Kakadu National Park.

Journey Highlights

- Get up close to the striking wilderness and culture of the Top End
- Cruise through waters teeming with saltwater crocodiles, birds and barramundi
- See Australia’s best Aboriginal rock art and meet local artists
- Journey to another world in Arnhem Land



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Darwin

Welcome to Darwin and privately tour the city. Wander around the botanical gardens and Government House. Step back in time at Fannie Bay Gaol and East Point, site of the tragic WW2 bombing of Darwin.

Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin

Day 2: Kakadu

Journey to World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park. Pause at Fogg Dam Reserve, a major water bird feeding and roosting site. Take in the beautiful Leaning Tree Lagoon, a billabong strewn with delicate water lilies, and at Cooinda, board the Yellow Water cruise to the heart of a pristine tropical environment. See your first glimpses of the extraordinary Top End wildlife, including saltwater crocs.

Permanent Bush Camp | BLD

Day 3: Arnhem Land

Today, visit Gunbalanya Aboriginal community in Arnhem Land and have the opportunity to meet and watch traditional local artists in action. After visiting the arts centre, head up into Mikinj Valley to see amazing rock art with incredible views. This is only accessible with your guide and is not open to the public.

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Day 4: Mary River

Head to the southern end of Kakadu to a pristine waterfall, Maguk. Take the one-kilometre walk through sub-monsoon rainforest to the beautiful plunge pool for a refreshing dip. Conclude at Bamurru Plains for the night, located on a sprawling buffalo station mixing bush camping with the comforts of a luxury getaway.

Bamurru Plains | BLD

Day 5: Mary River

Rise early for an airboat ride across the Mary River catchment area. Glide along lily-fringed waterways, through pockets of river mangroves, to spot birdlife and crocs. Then, a choice of activity: river cruise, guided wilderness walk, quad biking or an open-top safari drive. Cool off in the pool and later a three-course dinner with bush-inspired dishes.

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Day 6: Darwin

Enjoy a leisurely morning before heading back to Darwin by air where the rest of the day is at leisure. Soak up the city’s laid-back vibe at your own pace.

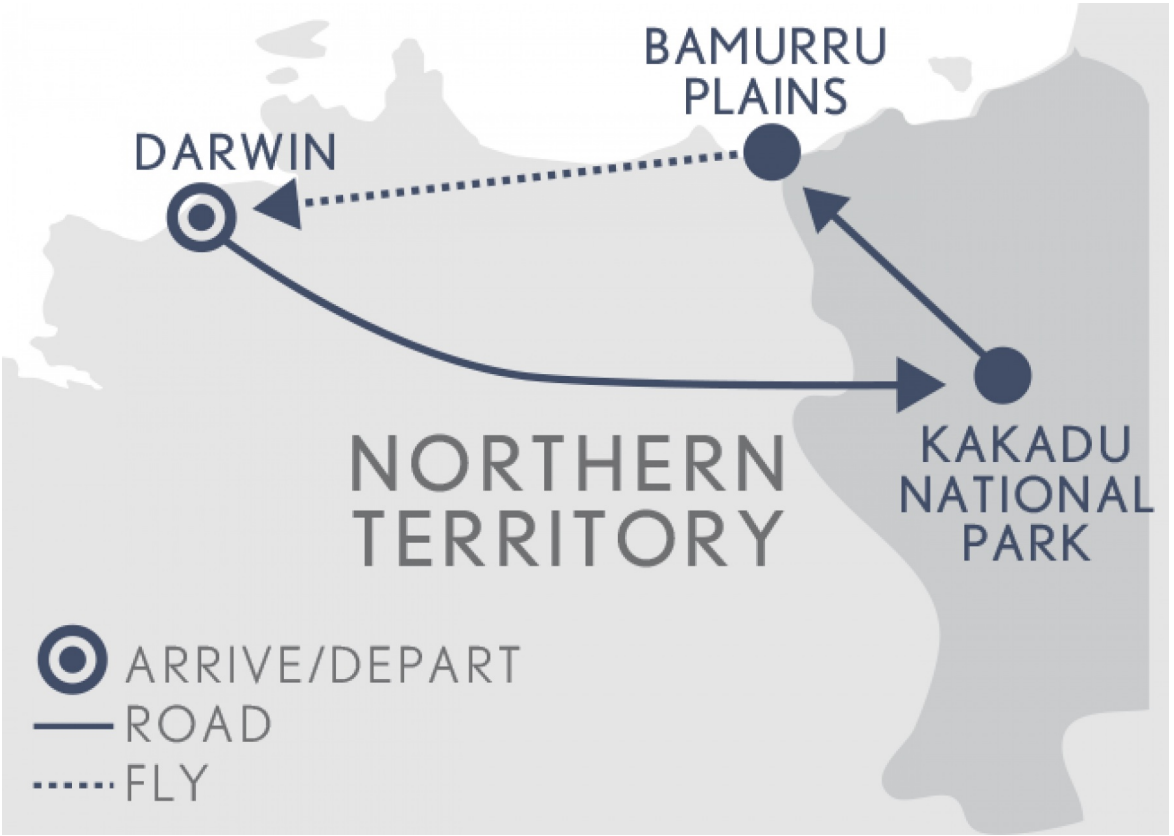
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Day 7: Depart Darwin

After breakfast, depart Darwin.

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BAMURRU
PLAINS
DARWIN
NORTHERN
TERRITORY
KAKADU
NATIONAL
PARK
ARRIVE/DEPART
ROAD
FLY

Accommodation

Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront



Previously known as the Medina Grand, the Adina Apartment Hotel is located on the fringe of Darwin’s waterfront precinct in the heart of the Top End. You can enjoy contemporary yet luxurious living in one of the well-appointed apartments or studios, equipped with all modern amenities and an en suite bathroom, and the majority of rooms afford their own private balcony.

Curve Café and Bar offers an all-day dining menu created from locally sourced produce, while the bar is an ideal place to relax with an Australian glass of red after an action-packed day. Being situated in Darwin’s central hub means there are many boutique shops, restaurants, bars and picturesque parklands all just a short stroll away.

Why we like it

- Ideally located on Darwin's waterfront
- Contemporary and spacious apartments and studios
- Close to the promenade, boutiques and restaurants
- Overlooking the recreational lagoon and manmade Wave Lagoon.

Bamurru Plains, Mary River National Park



The focus of a stay at Bamurru is on the environment around the camp and the wildlife and birdlife to which it is home. Each individual safari bungalow is designed to blend with the surrounding landscape and, as such, exposes guests to the sights and sounds of the bush, whether it is the haunting call of a Whistling Kite, the raucous cacophony from the Blue-winged Kookaburras as dawn breaks or the sound of a full grown buffalo splashing its way through the floodplains. The morning chorus of tens of thousands of Magpie Geese, after whom the camp is named, is an experience in itself.

With no telephones, TVs, CD players or the typical features of a hotel room, the focus is on creature comforts - a supremely comfortable bed, 100% cotton linen, large soft bathtowels, a high pressure shower and lots of space. With just 9 safari suites built amongst the savannah bush fringing the floodplains, the camp is exclusive and guests will not see other tourists on the property.

Why we like it

- Each safari suite is raised on a timber platform and opens onto a private outdoor space
- Bamurru Plains offers 'wild bush luxury' on the edge of Kakadu National Park
- Meals in the lodge building are wholesome and innovative with a hint of native produce in many dishes
- Other facilities and activities include an atmospheric lounge and bar, airboat tours, bird watching, wildlife viewing, river cruises, 4WD safaris, scenic flights and cultural excursions
- Bamurru Plains is a dedicated fishing lodge between 1st February to 30th April each year

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