

Kakadu Explorer

Small Escorted Group Darwin to Darwin

09-14 August 2022

Come and join us on the Kakadu Explorer, and discover the rugged and remote beauty of Kakadu, Australia's biggest National Park. Here you will find ancient landscapes with thundering waterfalls, lush rainforests, wandering wetlands, exotic wildlife and ancient rock art. Come and connect with the oldest living culture on earth and be enthralled by the stories and beauty of Kakadu, it will take your breath away and touch your heart.

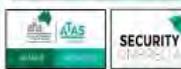
**6 days from
\$2,595 pp
twin share**

INCLUSIONS:

- 5 nights Superior accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- All touring and transfers as per itinerary
- Maximum 16 guests only
- Yellow Water Wetland Cruise
- Jumping crocodile Cruise
- Full day Litchfield tour including lunch
- Services of a Tour Escort



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Day 1: 09 August 2022 – Darwin

On arrival into Darwin you will meet with your fellow travellers at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel for two nights' accommodation.

Optional – Champagne Sunset Cruise on Darwin Harbour – \$130 per person
Overnight: Double Tree By Hilton – BB

Day 2: 10 August 2022 – Full Day Litchfield National Park Tour including lunch (BL)

Depart this morning on a full day tour to Litchfield National Park. Visit the Florence and Wangi Falls and Tolmer Falls. Cool off with a dip in the Buley Rockhole, and snap photos of the gigantic Cathedral and Magnetic Termite Mounds. Together with stunning tropical waterfalls and swimming holes, this is a truly beautiful destination found just south of Darwin. Litchfield National Park features numerous waterfalls which cascade from a sandstone plateau called the Tabletop Range, monsoon rainforests, intriguing magnetic termite mounds and historical sites. A stunning full day adventure.

Overnight: Double Tree By Hilton – BB

Day 3: 11 August 2022 – Kakadu National Park (B)

This morning we depart Darwin and travel through pristine wetland regions to Kakadu National Park. First stop Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve. These wetlands have international significance because of their beauty and natural ecosystems. A great variety of fauna can be found here throughout the year as well as a large variety of birdlife. Boardwalks take you through the different landscapes to observation platforms to view the large number of resident wading birds. From here we stop at the Famous Humpty Doo for lunch (own expense) – perhaps try our famous Trio Burger with Barra, Buffalo and Croc Burgers with fresh salad and chips. Next it onto the stunning Ubirr and view Aboriginal rock art dating back some 20,000 years. Take the short climb to lookout from the top of this rocky outcrop for superb views over the flood plains and escarpment country. Enter into Kakadu, a 20,000 square kilometre suite of landscapes varying from red-hued escarpments that shelter historic Aboriginal rock art dating back thousands of years to floodplains teeming with wildlife before our arrival at Cooida Lodge Kakadu.

Cooida Lodge Kakadu – a village style property located beneath a canopy of trees beside Yellow Water Billabong, home to world-renowned Yellow Water Cruises, where crocodiles and birds are seen on the flood plain amongst Paperbark, Pandanus and Fresh Water Mangroves. With its oasis style atmosphere, Cooida Lodge offers an inviting shaded swimming pool, bistro-style dining, bars, petrol station and a store that offers locally-made crafts as well as a wide range of essentials for touring.

Overnight: Cooida Lodge – BB

Day 4: 12 August 2022 – Kakadu National Park (B)

We start our morning on a Yellow Waters Wetlands cruise. Yellow Waters billabong is located at the end of Jim Jim Creek, a tributary of the South Alligator River. This is the largest river system in Kakadu and contains extensive wetlands, including river channels, floodplains and backwater swamps. About one third of Australia's bird species are represented in Kakadu National Park, with at least 60 species found in these wetlands. There are also plenty of crocodiles in their natural habitat, and buffalo on the floodplains. Whistling Ducks and Magpie Geese are the most abundant. Eagles can be seen hovering searching for prey, and at times you will see distinctive Jabirus and may even get to see Brolgas dancing. We then visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre before continuing onto the ancient Aboriginal artwork at Nourlangie. Here you'll find some of the world's oldest and most impressive rock art, and

spectacular views of the Arnhem Land escarpment. Nourlangie is one reason why Kakadu is World Heritage-listed for outstanding cultural values. This famous site, with its stunning rock paintings, documents life in the region from 20,000 years ago to the first contact with European explorers. This 1.5 km walk invites you to take a visual journey through time to an outdoor cultural museum where paintings, shelters and artefacts present traditional ways of life from numerous epochs. Later this afternoon we arrive at the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel where we check in for two nights.

Overnight: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel – BB

Day 5: 13 August 2022 – Kakadu National Park (B)

There is so much to do in Kakadu, today is free for optional touring including cruises, helicopter flights, Jim Jim Falls, Fishing trips or join us on our Full day excursion to Arnhemland.

Optional – Full day Arnhemland Cultural Tour – \$278 per person (8 hours) Journey across Cahill's Crossing on the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land. Visit the entrance to Mikkinj Valley with its stunning scenery of billabongs, wildlife & towering escarpment. Enjoy either morning tea or lunch beside the Inkiyu Billabong. Travelling in comfortable 4WD buses, you will experience the region's world-famous landscapes consisting of sandstone escarpment outcrops, rock art sites, forests, floodplains and billabongs alive with abundant birdlife. Arnhem Land permits, refreshments & lunch are included.

Overnight: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel – BB

Day 6: 14 August 2022 – Kakadu National Park (B)

After a leisurely morning we leave the park and slowly make our way back to Darwin. First stop the Corrobboree Park Tavern for some lunch (own expenses) then onto the famous jumping Crocodile Cruise. Spectacular Jumping Crocodile Cruises is the only aboriginal owned cruise on the Adelaide River. This means you are not just getting a croc cruise, you are introduced to the floodplains ecosystem, its history, wildlife and a peek in to over 40,000 years of human interaction with this stunning environment. Suitable for all levels of fitness or mobility. After all, everyone should be able to witness the power of the mighty Australian Estuarine (Saltwater) Crocodile. Continue onto Darwin where we say goodbye.

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