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Kakadu National Park

9 Day 'Cloud 9' Darwin <=> Alice Springs

Highlights

Litchfield National Park
 Mary River
 Aboriginal Cultural Experience
 Wildlife Boat Cruise
 Jim Jim and Twin Falls
 Aboriginal Rock Art
 Kakadu National Park
 Katherine Gorge
 Mataranka Springs
 Tennant Creek
 Devils Marbles
 Uluru (Ayers Rock)
 Aboriginal Guided Mala Walk ^
 Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)
 Kings Canyon

Optional Activities (paid locally in AUD\$ from)

Katherine Gorge Canoe	\$35-\$45
Katherine Gorge Cruise	\$60
Helicopter Flight (Katherine Gorge)	\$75-\$350
Camel Ride	\$5
Helicopter Flight Kings Creek Station	\$50-\$400
Harley Davidson Ride (Uluru)	\$90-\$345
Helicopter Flight (Uluru)	\$120-\$260

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 in the Mary River region 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 our private campsite. (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

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 Overnight pre-tour dorm accommodation is included!

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 to Kata Tjuta & Uluru

Our first stop is the Outback Camel Farm where you can choose to ride atop one of these desert giants (own expense). From here it's off to Uluru (Ayers Rock) for lunch. Kata Tjuta will fascinate you, and you will get up close to the majestic features of this ancient geological formation during the Valley of the Winds hike. You'll be mesmerised as the desert sun sets over Uluru, and as the night grows darker, curl up in your swag (Aussie bedroll) under millions of stars. (LD)

Day 8 : Uluru to Kings Canyon

It's an early start this morning, but you'll be rewarded with a glorious Uluru sunrise. While the morning's fresh enjoy an unguided walk around the base of Uluru. You will then deepen your understanding of the land and the Mala people as you take a cultural interpretive walk with an Aboriginal guide (and interpreter). Explore the many caves of the Mala people, learning how they lived and prepared for ceremonies. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to purchase Aboriginal arts and crafts at the Cultural Centre before we travel to our exclusive campsite within the Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon). (BLD)

Day 9 : Kings Canyon to Alice Springs

Get your hiking shoes on today as we head out to explore the impressive formations of Kings Canyon including the Amphitheatre, Lost City, Garden of Eden and the North and South Walls. After lunch, take a well earned rest as we travel back to Alice Springs. (BL)

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

Included: Experienced guides, meals as indicated, accommodation transfers, Aboriginal guided Mala walk ^, 6 nights camping including camping fees and equipment, 3 nights dorm accommodation.

Note: Please 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 Nov/Dec to May, refer page 15 for details. ^ Aboriginal guided Mala walk is not available on 25 Dec or 01 Jan.

9 DAYS

(\$AUD) **\$1432⁻⁵⁰**

Includes \$50 (year round) & \$12.50 (dry season) park fees paid locally

Departs

Darwin accommodation 7.00am
 01APR-29JUNTue Fri Sun
 30JUN-31JULMon Tue Thu
 Fri Sun
 01AUG-31OCTTue Thu
 Fri Sun
 01NOV-31MARTue Fri Sun

Finishes

Alice Springs or Darwin accommodation early evening
 Day 9

Tour operates in reverse
 Please refer to page 9

Max. People 16 / 24



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Kings Canyon



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