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Kakadu National Park

9 Day 'Cloud 9' Darwin <> Alice Springs

Highlights

Litchfield National Park
 Mary River Wetlands / Pt Stuart
 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)
 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 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

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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 to Kata Tjuta & Uluru

Kick off your adventure on top of a camel! Our first stop is the Outback Camel Farm where you can choose to ride atop one of these desert giants (at 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. Take the opportunity to stretch your legs with a walk around Uluru's base (unguided). You'll deepen your understanding of the land and its stories at the Cultural Centre. After lunch we travel to our permanent campsite at Kings Canyon where we camp for the night. (BLD)

Day 9 : Kings Canyon to Alice Springs

Get your hiking shoes on today as we head out to explore the impressive formations which make up Kings Canyon. You'll be left breathless by the sheer beauty of the canyon as we trek through the Amphitheatre, the Lost City, the lush and ancient 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, 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 December to May, refer page 15 for details.

9 DAYS

(\$AUD) **\$1458**

Includes \$50 (year round) & \$13 (dry season) park fees paid locally

Departs

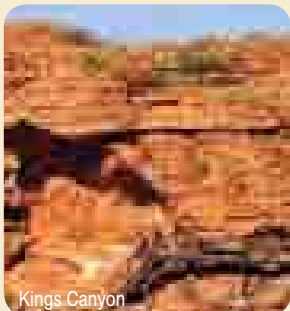
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Finishes

Alice Springs or Darwin
 accommodation early evening
 Day 9

Tour operates in reverse
 Please refer to page 10

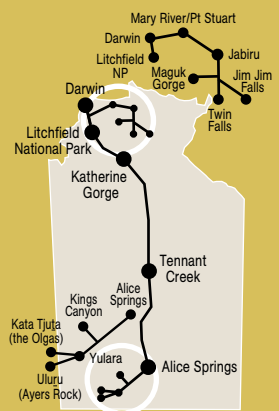
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Kings Canyon



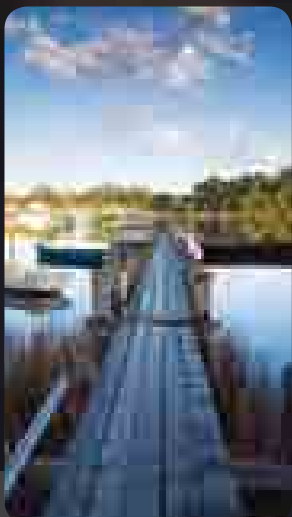
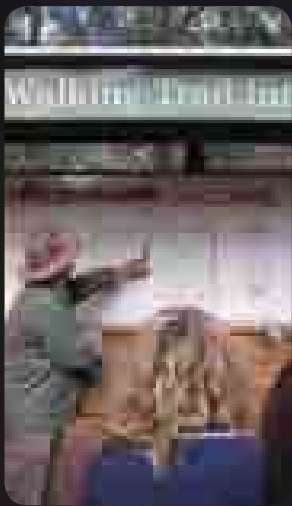
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Terms and Conditions



Climate

Australia is a large country with weather conditions varying considerably from one region to another. You can expect high temperatures in the summer (Dec-Feb) but be prepared for lower temperatures at night and during the Australian winter (Jun-Aug), particularly in Southern Australia where conditions can change quickly. New Zealand's weather is sub-tropical to temperate but be prepared for lower temperatures during winter (Jun-Aug) and we recommend you bring a good wind and/or waterproof jacket year-round. Further weather information can be found at: www.bom.gov.au (AUS) www.metservice.co.nz (NZ).

Weather conditions in the Australian summer are very warm and hiking in these conditions requires an intake of 1.5 litres of water per hour. Our guides are trained professionals and it is very important that their advice is adhered to.

Average Temperatures and Rainfall Days*

Region	Location	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep
NSW	Byron Bay	20°/26°/10	20°/27°/13	13°/20°/10	14°/22°/7
NSW	Sydney	18°/27°/7	18°/27°/8	9°/18°/7	12°/23°/6
NT	Alice Springs	20°/35°/4	18°/33°/2	5°/20°/2	10°/28°/1
NT	Darwin	26°/34°/12	25°/33°/14	20°/31°/0	23°/33°/12
NT	Jabiru	25°/35°/13	24°/34°/18	19°/32°/1	22°/36°/1
QLD	Cairns	23°/32°/9	23°/31°/15	17°/26°/7	18°/28°/5
SA	Adelaide	15°/27°/4	15°/26°/4	9°/16°/11	9°/18°/9
SA	Coober Pedy	19°/37°/2	18°/33°/1	7°/19°/2	10°/25°/2
SA	Kangaroo Is.	14°/22°/3	14°/22°/3	9°/15°/11	9°/17°/9
TAS	Hobart	11°/22°/5	10°/21°/4	4°/11°/5	6°/15°/6
TAS	Launceston	10°/21°/7	10°/21°/6	3°/12°/9	5°/14°/10
VIC	Melbourne	12°/24°/6	13°/24°/6	6°/14°/8	7°/17°/9
WA	Broome	26°/34°/4	25°/34°/5	15°/28°/1	18°/32°/1
WA	Kununurra	26°/38°/7	24°/35°/7	16°/31°/1	21°/36°/1
WA	Perth	16°/29°/2	16°/30°/3	9°/19°/13	10°/20°/11
NZ	Auckland	12°/24°/8	13°/20°/11	9°/15°/15	11°/18°/12

*Average Minimum Temperature Celsius / Average Maximum Temperature Celsius / Average Number of Days Rain for Month

How much luggage can I bring?

Our vehicles have limited space so please keep your luggage to a **MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS (except KAKADU tours which are MAXIMUM 10KGS & ROAD TRIPS which are a maximum of 20KGS)** in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. This is relevant also, when travelling on packages which include Kakadu, as all tours start from and return to Darwin. Any package touring totally within the Northern Territory which includes the Red Centre will start from and return to Alice Springs. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

What do I eat?

Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. If you are vegetarian or gluten intolerant we can cater for you, but if you have very specific dietary needs you may need to provide your own food. Please discuss this at time of booking. For breakfast we supply cereals, toast, tea and coffee. Lunch is usually a self-serve sandwich and salads; in the evening we have a cooked dinner. We always carry water in the vehicle and you will often have the chance to buy your own drinks, ice-creams etc at stops. Please refer to each individual tour/package to establish which meals are included. Meals are indicated as: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

'Road Trips': A meal kitty of AUD/NZD\$10 per person per day is payable locally. The meal kitty is utilised at the discretion of the tour leader and passengers. Please refer to pages 67 & 91 for further information.

Where do I meet the tour?

Please ask your agent for your pick-up details at time of booking. Adventure Tours pick up from select accommodation (except Melbourne, Sydney and Cairns where tours depart from 3-4 central locations). Accommodation pick-up times will be earlier than published tour departure time.

'Road Trips': Depart from pre-departure hotels as indicated.

Do I need to reconfirm my tour?

YES! FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR BOOKING. You must call us on 1300 654 604 (within Australia) and 09 5262149 (within New Zealand) at least 48 hours before departure with the name of your accommodation and room number (except Road Trips, where reconfirmation is not required).

How fit do I have to be?

Our tours are active and require a reasonable level of fitness. Please refer to our fitness guide. If you enjoy hiking through gorges, swimming in waterfalls and directly experiencing the environment then our tours are perfect for you. If you have any doubts about your suitability for our tours, please check with our Reservations Department before making a booking. We reserve the right to assess your ability to participate at check-in.

NOTE: Tours graded '3 boots' on the Fitness Guide are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children.

Do I have to participate?

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is bonding with a group of like-minded adventurers so we make them active and hands on. 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. 'Road Trips' use a rotating roster system, please refer to pages 67 & 91 for further information.

Cancellation policy

Cancellation of a booking or part thereof will incur the following fees. Once travel has commenced, no refunds will be made for any unused services and clients will be responsible for their travel arrangements from that point onward.

Other operator and accommodation cancellation fees may vary from the below and are available on request. Please note: Kangaroo Island airfare is non-refundable. It is necessary to reconfirm tours 48 hours prior to travel - failure to do so may result in the booking being cancelled and fees charged.

Adventure Tours Australia / New Zealand:

48 Hours - 30 Days 25% of Fare
24 Hours - 48 Hours 50% of Fare
Within 24 Hours 100% of Fare

'Road Trips'

30 Days - 8 Weeks 25% of Fare
14 Days - 29 Days 50% of Fare
Within 14 Days 100% of Fare

Cancellations should be made with your booking agent who may charge an additional fee.

Conditions of travel

Adventure Tours reserves the right to alter the route or itinerary of any of its tours and arrange alternative carriers to those advertised if necessary. No refunds will be given in these circumstances or in the event of any delay, curtailment or alteration of a trip resulting from any cause including severe weather conditions or mechanical failure. A minimum of four passengers is required to operate each tour (except Road Trips where the minimum number is five passengers). It may therefore be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and to offer an alternative or full refund for that tour. Adventure Tours can't guarantee pick up or drop off times and are not liable for passenger failure to connect with other services or any costs associated in such delays. We accept no responsibility for loss or damage to personal belongings or baggage. The Aboriginal components of our Northern Australian tours are subject to cultural conditions. Participants may be absent due to Cultural commitments with little prior notification and Adventure Tours Australia reserves the right to amend the itinerary in these circumstances and no refunds will be given. Components of our tours are weather dependant and we cannot be held liable if they are not available on the day of travel.

Itinerary disclaimer

Our itineraries are correct at time of printing and may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements based on comments from past travellers and our own research or there are changes in the offerings from operators we use. If we are unable to utilise a product, service or activity detailed in our itinerary, a suitable alternative will be offered where possible. Our brochure is printed in December for release in April, therefore if you have booked from a previous brochure there may have been changes to improve the itinerary.

Liability

Whilst we make every effort to safeguard our clients, we cannot be held responsible for personal injury or sickness to any customer or damage or loss of property due to events which are beyond our control. Passengers should note that adventure travel involves a higher than normal risk and a signed release will be required from all participants before tour departure. We also take no responsibility for any act of neglect by any operator whose services are used as part of your trip including, but not limited to activity and accommodation providers.

Child policy

- Children 7 years and under are not recommended to travel on any tour however requests may be considered;
- Children aged 8-12 years receive a discount on most tours, children 13 years or older pay full adult fare;
- Children 12 years and under:
 - Are not permitted to travel on Kimberley Safaris, Kakadu Unleashed or Wilderness 4WD Adventures (N/P = not permitted);
 - Are not recommended to travel on the 2 Day Red Centre Highlights, 2 Day 4WD Kakadu Safari or Western Australian touring other than the Pinnacles Day Tour. (N/S = not suitable).
 - Requests however, may be considered;
- Children under 14 years are not permitted to travel on day tours ex Melbourne (N/P);
- Travellers under 18 years of age are not permitted to travel unless accompanied by an adult. In agreed circumstances written parental consent may suffice if arranged at time of booking;
- 'Road Trips' are designed for travellers 18 years plus;
- Child prices for accommodated tours are based on one child sharing an ensuite room with two adults. If one child travels with one adult the adult rate for accommodation applies and will be provided upon request;

- Requests for child travel and pricing should be directed to reservations@adventuretours.com.au;
- The policies for children travelling on code-share tours may vary from the above and are available on request.

Insurance

Travel insurance is NOT included, we strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings and not being able to travel on the confirmed departure date.

Fees and levies (subject to change) per person

- : Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park: AUD\$25
- : Kakadu National Park: AUD\$25
- : Boat transfer to Twin Falls (Kakadu National Park): AUD\$12.50
- : Tasmanian National Parks: AUD\$12 per entry
- : Fraser Island: AUD\$18
- : Whitsunday sailing: AUD\$50 (includes Environment Management Charge, national park walks fee and wetsuit hire)
- : Credit card payments will attract a 1.5 – 3% surcharge
- : Fuel levy: We reserve the right to impose a fuel surcharge should fuel prices escalate post brochure release. This will be at a maximum of \$20 per person per tour and payable on day of travel.

Doubtful Sound (Adventure Tours New Zealand)

This overnight cruise operates through the months September to April inclusive. Outside these months this trip is substituted with an overnight cruise on Milford Sound. If for any reason the Doubtful Sound trip is not available through circumstances beyond our control you will be advised at the time of booking and offered either a Doubtful sound day trip or Milford Sound overnight trip as an alternative.

Smoking & drinking

Australian Government regulations prohibit smoking and the drinking of alcohol inside tourist vehicles in Australia (smoking and drinking should be limited to stops along the route).

Behaviour

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Prices

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