

Australian Wilderness Tours 2017/18

GCD10



Cairns to the Top End, Gulf, Kakadu & Litchfield Experience

Duration: 10 Days, 9 Nights

Travel in the comfort of a luxurious fully equipped Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle with a maximum of just 6 passengers

Day 1 – Monday 15th June 2015

You guide will pick you up at 3.00pm from your Cairns accommodation to take you on an afternoon tour of the sights of Cairns visiting local landmarks and places of interest before taking you to view sunset on the beach before returning you to your accommodation.

Overnight: CAIRNS (your accommodation)

Day 2 – Tuesday 16th June

Departing Cairns we firstly head up the range to visit the Atherton Tablelands, viewing beautiful Lake Barrine, Lake Eacham and the famous Curtain Fig to Yungaburra and Atherton. Traveling through the rich tablelands we visit Ravenshoe and Mitta Mitta Falls and then head over to the western side of the range to the Undarra Lava tubes where we will enjoy a guided tour and our overnight stay.

Overnight: Undarra Experience, UNDARRA (DBB)

Day 3 – Wednesday – 17th June

We travel across the outback today to Georgetown and Croydon. Croydon is the destination for the historic Gulflander Rail Motor which runs from Normanton, our next destination. We take an afternoon visit to Karamba in the gulf. This area is known as a major fishing destination.

Overnight: Purple Pub & Brolga Palms Motel, NORMANTON (DBBL)

Day 4 – Thursday – 18th June

Today we travel through the large cattle stations of the gulf country towards Gregory Downs to arrive at Adel's Grove in the late afternoon and we can relax and enjoy the many wonders this area has to offer.

Overnight: Adel's Grove, LAWN HILL (DBB)

Day 5 – Friday – 19th June

This morning we continue to enjoy the inland oasis of Lawn Hill National Park and in the pleasant surrounds of this garden like setting, we shall relax in canoes as we travel slowly along the waters in Lawn Hill National Park before returning to Adel's Grove, once again our overnight stay.

Overnight: Adel's Grove, LAWN HILL (DBB)

Day 6 – Saturday – 20th June

Leaving Lawn Hill we travel towards the north approaching the Nicholson River area. River crossings in the next two days will be subdued at this time of year disguising their wet season flooding. We travel through isolated areas to Hells Gate where we can marvel at the tenacity of miners who traveled this route through rough bush tracks. We trek our 4WD vehicles northwest we travel into the Northern Territory. The vegetation changes as we travel and we can gain some appreciation of this isolated area. We arrive for our bush stay at Borroloola.

Overnight: Borroloola Hotel Motel, BORROLOOLA (DBB)

Day 7 – Sunday – 21st June

Our adventure through the gulf continues today with one of our first sites, we travel off the beaten track to view the unique rock formations known as the "Lost City" and travel on to visit Nathan River in Limmen National Park and experience the contrasting landscapes of the Northern Territory. We arrive at Roper Village, an outpost on the Roper River which is abundant with Barramundi. We then head inland to Mataranka with plenty of time in the afternoon to swim and enjoy the hot springs, which are surrounded by palms and other tropical vegetation.

Overnight: Mataranka Homestead, MATARANKA (DBB)

Day 8 Monday - 22nd June

Continuing today into the Warmermere tropical region of the territory we visit Katherine before moving into the old gold mining region of Pine Creek and travel on to view Gunlom falls (when operating) – made famous in the movie "Crocodile Dundee" as Echo Pool and Majuk / Barramundi Gorge. Here we take a scenic 1 km walk along the edge of

Barramundi Creek before arriving at the base of Barramundi Falls for a swim in the large plunge pool below, along with the large array of aquatic life that is present at Maguk. We then travel on to our overnight stay at Cooida.

Overnight: Gagudju Lodge, COOINDA (DBB)

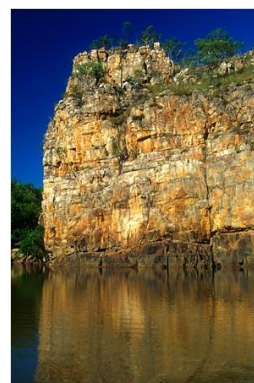
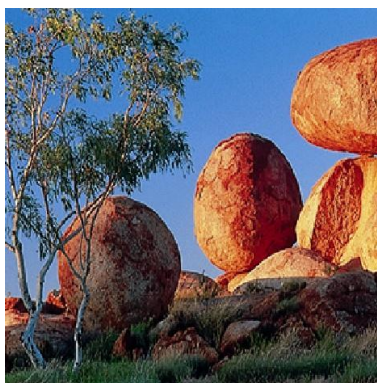
Day 9 – Tuesday 23rd June

Today you enjoy a sunrise cruise on the famous Yellow Waters, abundant with many species of birds and the mighty salt water crocodile. Returning from this memorable cruise we return to the resort for a late breakfast before heading to experience true Arnhemland with amazing sites including Nourlangie Rock and occupation sites dated in excess of 20,000 years. We explore and view unique aboriginal art & culture, where the art is inspiring, colorful and sacred, from a culture dating back more than 45,000 years and regarded as some of the oldest and finest to be found anywhere in the world recorded on rock walls and inside caves which were once occupation sites and give a fascinating insight into one of the world's oldest and most unique cultures in this remote region. This area is filled with spectacular scenery, pristine wetlands, billabongs, birdlife and wildlife. We continue on through the Nadab floodplain to the Alligator River to Ubirr where groups of Aboriginal people camped in rock shelters around to take advantage of the enormous variety of foods available from the area. We then travel across the floodplains of the South Alligator River and further through Kakadu National Park to Bark Hut at Annaburroo where we take a short break. From here we head off to the small village of Corroboree before heading off the main road and travel through the Marrakai region crossing the Alligator River viewing Lake Bennett to Batchelor in the Litchfield region for our stay.

Overnight: Batchelor Resort, BATCHELOR (DBB)

Day 10 – Wednesday – Wednesday 24th June

Today we head to some incredible lookouts and falls. We venture through Batchelor discovering some amazing natural wonders at one of Litchfield's most unique sites as we visit the incredible Termite Mounds. Hundreds of termite mounds standing up to two metres high in a wide swathe of empty ground will amaze. The mounds are like enormous magnetic compasses, with their thin edges pointing north south and broad backs east west minimising their exposure to the sun, keeping the mounds cool for the termites inside. Nearby, a large cathedral termite mound stands. Continuing on, we head to our next stops which include Florence Falls, Tolmer Falls lookout, Wangi Falls and Buleys Waterhole. This concludes our tour and we depart for our back road trip to Darwin to conclude our memorable journey.



Departs Cairns every 1st and 3rd Monday May to November.

INCLUSIONS:

- 4WD air-conditioned deluxe transport
- All accommodation twin share private facilities
- All breakfasts, dinners & morning teas
- All entries to National Parks
- Experienced driver guide

TOUR COST: AUD

\$4,275.00 Adult (twin share)

\$1,150.00 Single Supplement

\$2,790.00 Child (5-12 years – share with adult)

Minimum 4

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Note: Accommodations are subject to availability and may be changed without notice.