

Northern Territory Explorer

23 July 2024 | 13 days | Fly & tour package



TRAVEL



HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Air credit towards flights
- 3 nights in Darwin
- 2 nights in Kakadu National Park
- 1 night in Katherine
- 1 night in Tennant Creek
- 2 nights in Alice Springs
- 3 nights in Uluru
- 12 breakfasts (B), 3 dinners (D) and 1 farewell dinner (FD)
- Visits to 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Sunrise at Uluru
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Highly experienced Travel Director and Driver
- All airport taxes



Day 1-2: 23-24 July 2024

Darwin

Depart Tasmania for the steamy NT capital of Darwin. Upon arrival, make your own way to the hotel (as your flight is overnight, your room has been prebooked for immediate check-in). Explore Darwin at your own pace – you'll fast find that the characters here are almost as colourful as the sunsets. You'll enjoy the latter over drinks and nibbles with your Travel Director and fellow adventure-seekers. A tasty entrée to your 11-day odyssey. (B)

Hotel: Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront

Day 3: 25 July 2024

Darwin

Today is about getting your Darwin bearings on a city tour revealing the events that have shaped the city over the decades, from wars to natural disasters. You'll be a Darwin expert after visiting attractions like East Point Military Reserve and the Darwin Museum. The afternoon is at your leisure. If you're at a loss for ideas, we can point you in the direction of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility, perhaps, or the Mindil Beach Sunset Market, loaded with 200+ stalls. Grab a bite and watch the day end with your feet in the sand. (B)

Hotel: Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront

Day 4: 26 July 2024

Darwin - Kakadu

Aboriginal culture is strong in this part of Australia, and its kept alive by Traditional Landowners on this morning's tour. 100% Aboriginal

owned and operated family business, Pudakul offers cultural and nature-based cultural experiences from the Adelaide River Flood Plains on Aboriginal owned land Limilngan-Wulna. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, dive deep into First Nations heritage, highlighting art, music, and bush tucker. Your next deep dive is into the heart of Kakadu, a World Heritage listed national park that is one of Australia's most important living ecosystems. (B, D)

Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel

Day 5: 27 July 2024

Kakadu National Park

Kakadu is vast, spanning almost 20,000 square kilometres. The best way to gain appreciation for just how immense it really is from the air on an optional (but highly recommended) morning flight. Now that you have your bearings, take to the land to discover ancient Aboriginal rock art and cruise the wildlife-packed Yellow Water Billabong to search for enormous saltwater crocs – your eagle-eyed guide knows where to look. End your Kakadu tour on a high, watching the sun set over floodplains. (B)

Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel

Day 6: 28 July 2024

Kakadu - Katherine

From one glorious national park to another... today's backdrop is the end-of-Earth escarpments of Nitmiluk National Park, carved by



rivers millions of years ago. Cruising through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge is a humbling experience even before you know the region's history. Small wonder freshwater crocs and all manner of birds call the cavern home. (B, D)

Hotel: Contour Hotel Katherine

Day 7: 29 July 2024

Katherine - Tennant Creek

If the Elsey Homestead looks familiar, that's because it starred in the 1982 Aussie drama, *We of the Never Never*. Today it's better known for its Mataranka thermal hot springs. Pop on your swimsuit and have a soothing soak, the magical setting surrounded by palms. The only thing more refreshing is a cold beverage at the Daly Waters Pub, self-declared as Australia's 'original outback pub'. You can imagine the kind of swagger the locals bring. Visitors are encouraged to leave their mark as well; a memento, perhaps, or autograph on the walls. (B, D)

Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn

Day 8: 30 July 2024

Tennant Creek - Alice Springs

The Stuart Highway is long (2,700 kilometres), very straight and very flat. Which makes the appearance of Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) on the horizon all the more dramatic. These massive granite boulders pock the countryside. But they're not just a pretty sight – they're a sacred place for the Aboriginal community, created by the fossilised eggs of the Rainbow Serpent. Get the lay of the

land atop Alice Springs' Anzac Hill. From this vantage, the East and West MacDonnell Ranges appear to stretch to the horizon. (B)

Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Alice Springs

Day 9: 31 July 2024

Alice Springs

This morning is yours to spend as you choose. Sleep in, take to the skies in a hot-air balloon as the desert awakens, explore the West Macs on a guided tour or visit the Alice Springs Desert Park. It's home to a vast range of plants and wildlife native to the area. You can really experience the beauty and diversity of this incredible landscape. The Arrernte people, traditional owners of the park, are also on hand to share their local wisdom and knowledge. This morning is yours to spend as you choose. Save some energy for this afternoon's visit to the historic Telegraph Station – the reason the town was formed – and School of the Air, to gain an insight into outback and remote learning. (B)

Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Alice Springs

Day 10: 01 August 2024

Alice Springs - Uluru

From the moment you wake up until the last of day disappears, spiritual Aboriginal culture is all around on today's Northern Territory tour. Get set to be in awe over Dreamtime stories about the creation of Uluru, the world's largest monolith. It's particularly pretty at sunset when the fading rays change the desert's

colour with every sip of your sparkling wine. (B)

Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge

Day 11: 02 August 2024

Uluru

There aren't many things worth getting up in the dark for. Sunrise over Uluru is one. It's a magical time of day, the shifting light casting the countryside aglow. Exploring the base of 'the Rock' on an Uluru tour, you'll begin to understand why this part of the country is so special to the Anangu people, who have called the region home for millennia. Go at your own pace this afternoon. We wouldn't blame you for taking a dip in the resort pool to cool off. But if you want to see the monolith in another different light, opt to chopper around it on a scenic helicopter flight. Either way, you'll have plenty of stories to tell over your Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge

Day 12: 03 August 2024

Uluru

Another reason to rise early: to catch the (optional) Field of Light art installation by artist Bruce Munro that blankets the desert floor. The rest of your day is yours to explore this region! (B)

Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge

Day 13: 04 August 2024

Uluru

Today you bid farewell to this epic Northern Territory tour. Please make your own way to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

13 Day Northern Territory Explorer Tour

2024 Departure 23 July – 04 August	From (Air credit included)
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