

GROUP ADVENTURES

Red Centre Croc Adventure 10D/9N (from Darwin)

18 to 30 somethings

10 Days / 1 Country

Australia

Departure city: **Darwin, Australia**

End city: **Alice Springs, Australia**

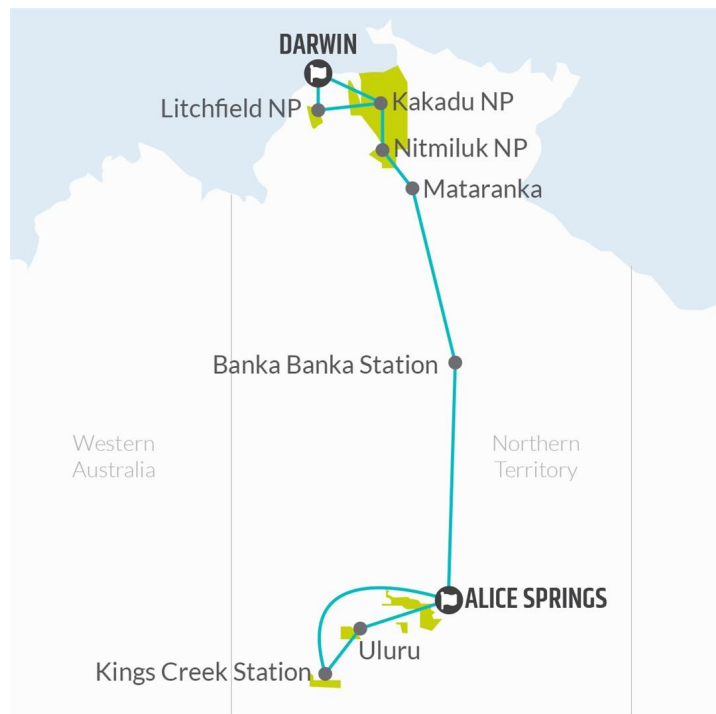


HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Uluru and the magnificent Ayers Rock
- Learn about Australia's first people in Kakadu at the Warradjan Cultural Centre
- Hike and experience the magic of Kakadu National Park

Discover the Northern Territory highlights with a fun 10-day safari experience beginning from Darwin in which you will be stopping at Uluru, Kings Canyon, Mataranka Thermal Pools, Kakadu National Park, Mary River Wetlands and Litchfield National Park!

MAP



What is included



Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers



Accommodation: 9

- 9 Nights camp dorm, camp twin, camp single depending on package as per Itinerary



Transport: 3

- Pick up from central DRW accommodation Drop off at central ASP accommodation
- All transport on tour in air-conditioned mini-bus and 4WD



Meals: 21

- 6 Breakfast(s), 9 Lunch(es), 6 Dinner(s),



Guides:

- Experienced guide during experiences Local driver throughout tour

What is not included

- *Airport transfers
- *Darwin accommodation before journey
- *Alice Springs accommodation after journey
- *Optional activities
- *Other meals/drinks
- *Personal expenses
- *Tips
- *Travel insurance
- -Payments-
- *Twin Falls boat shuttle fee (\$12.50AUD)
- *Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and Kakadu National Park entry fee

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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Physical Demand

Please note that this region can have very hot temperatures, making some activities a bit more physically demanding. As such, this tour may not be for everyone.

Suggested Packing List

Torch, wide brimmed hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle (1.5 litres), walking shoes/boots, sleeping bag (or can be hired for \$50AUD), toiletries, swim wear, towel, camera, comfortable and casual clothing.

Age Restriction

Minimum 18 years old, recommended for travellers 18-35.

Accommodation Note

Single passengers will be provided with a single hotel room in Alice Springs and Darwin, however, you will be required to share a tent with another same sex passenger whilst on safari

Camping Note

Camping is in swags on days 8-10 on this safari. For guests requiring a tent there is a \$60AUD per person hire fee payable direct on date of travel. Tents must be requested prior to departure.

Luggage Restrictions

Due to limited space on the vehicle, please restrict luggage to a day pack and one soft overnight bag/backpack (maximum 10kg)

Travellers during November-April (inclusive)

On days 1-3 you will be upgraded to WD Dragonfly Dreaming Wet Season itinerary at no additional charge. This is to take advantage of the areas only accessible via 4WD during this time.

Travel Insurance (not included)

Is compulsory and evidence of cover is required to be sighted on morning of departure.

Itinerary

Day 1: Darwin - Kakadu NP, Australia

Darwin Accommodation Pick-Up - Kakadu National Park (L/D)

You will be collected from your Darwin accommodation at approximately 6.30am for your Top End adventure as we travel to the Mary River Wetlands for a cruise. This region is home to over 250 bird species and has the highest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the Southern Hemisphere. Search for the mighty crocs who rule this waterway, buffalo, birds and other wildlife. We will enter Kakadu National Park from the South Alligator River - the perfect location to enjoy a picturesque picnic lunch. There will be the opportunity to purchase Aboriginal arts and crafts (not included) at the Bowali Visitor Centre before our late afternoon arrival at Ubirr. Here you will view a wide range of ancient Aboriginal art which will be interpreted by your guide. Learn the story of the Rainbow Serpent and climb the Nadab Lookout for panoramic views over the floodplain and beyond into Arnhem Land. As the day draws to a close we head to our private campsite for dinner and our overnight stay.

Day 2: Kakadu NP - Litchfield NP, Australia

Kakadu National Park Litchfield National Park (B/L/D)

This morning the jewels of Kakadu National Park await. After breakfast you will travel off road to the majestic Twin and Jim Jim Falls for a day of adventure and exploration. Travelling into Twin Falls by 4WD track, a boat shuttle and finally a rocky track and boardwalk we will be rewarded by the beauty of this remote waterfall deep within Kakadu National Park. Staying off the beaten track you will walk through monsoon forests and over boulders lead us to Jim Jim Falls. Surrounded by 150 metre cliffs, you can spend some time soaking up the natural beauty of this majestic location. This afternoon we depart Kakadu National Park and travel towards Litchfield National Park where we will stop along the way at our private campsite. Tonight, enjoy a meal with your fellow adventurers before getting some rest.

Note: Twin and Jim Falls may not be accessible between the tropical summer months. During this time we will visit Gunlom Falls, Maguk or the Yurmikmik Region (Motor Car Falls or Boulder Creek)

Twin Falls Boat Shuttle Fee (\$12.50AUD) is not included and is payable direct on day of cruise

Day 3: Litchfield NP - Darwin, Australia

Litchfield National Park - Darwin (B/L)

Today is spent exploring the waterfalls, spring-fed streams and rugged sandstone escarpments of Litchfield National Park. Marvel at the intriguing magnetic and cathedral termite mounds and swim, hike and explore Florence and Wangi Falls. Discover the many rock holes and cascading waterfalls of Buley Rockhole before your early evening transfer to Darwin where you will spend the night.

Note: Wangi Falls may not be accessible during the wet season. During this time we will provide an alternative or spend more time in other locations

Day 4: Darwin - Nitmiluk NP, Australia

Darwin - Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park (L/D)

You will be collected from your Darwin accommodation at 6:00 to begin your adventure through the Alice Springs 'Territory'. We will drive to the Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park which is owned by the Jawoyn Aboriginal people. Ancient sandstone has been carved away by the Katherine River to create a deep and picturesque gorge. You may like to take a boat cruise or paddle a canoe (seasonal) through the peaceful waters (both optional and additional cost). In the afternoon, relax and watch the changing landscape as we make way to our nearby campsite.

Day 5: Nitmiluk NP - Banka Banka Station, Australia

Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park - Mataranka - Banka Banka Station (B/L/D)

Today you will continue your relaxation with a dip in the Mataranka Thermal Pools; a lush oasis fringed by paperbark trees. As you leave Mataranka behind you will make a quick yet important stop at Daly Waters Pub. Daly Waters Pub was an important watering hole for exporters and drovers in the past and now it serves as a great spot to take a break and have a cold beer (not included). Tonight we will be spending the night in historic Banka Banka Cattle Station.

Day 6: Banka Banka Station - Alice Springs, Australia

Banka Banka Station to Alice Springs (B/L)

Rise early and enjoy the views before hopping onto the minibus as we continue our journey. Just north of Alice Springs you will be passing by the Tropic of Capricorn-the circle of latitude that indicates that 80% of the Northern Territory lies north of this point! Further along the track you will view one of Australia's most famous rocks- the Devils Marbles. Be sure to take photos of these unique red, rounded granite boulders that seem to have been magically placed on top of one another. As the day winds to a close you will be arriving to Alice Springs where you will be spending the night.

Day 7: Alice Springs, Australia

Alice Springs Free Day

Today you will be free to explore the Red Centre township of Alice Springs. Alice Springs depicts the uniqueness of Aboriginal Australia as in its streets you can hear six different Australian languages! Stroll around and take advantage of all the unique attractions available to travellers including a wide variety of museums and galleries of Indigenous art before purchasing souvenirs and sampling the food in the area (not included). Overnight in Alice Springs.

Day 8: Alice Springs - Uluru, Australia

Alice Springs - Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park (L/D)

Hop on your early morning pick-up from Alice Springs and to continue your journey to Ayers Rock. Get to know Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and all its attractions! Visit a camel farm where you will discover the workings of the region's earliest form of transport where you have the option of taking a camel ride (additional cost) before joining your travel group for a guided walk of Uluru. Widen your horizons with a visit to The Cultural Centre where you can learn all about the Tjukurpa culture, traditions and Uluru's natural environment before you marvel at the ever changing colours of Uluru at sunset. Discuss your discoveries with your travel group over dinner and enjoy stargazing in the outback. Get a good night's rest in your campsite to prepare you for tomorrow's activities. Overnight in Uluru.

Note: Uluru is a sacred site and the Anangu people ask visitors to respect their law and not climb it

Day 9: Uluru - Kings Creek Station, Australia

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to Kings Creek Station (B/L/D)

Mornings are a magical time in the desert so rise and shine and experience a mesmerising Uluru sunrise. Next you will visit Kata Tjuta, the aboriginal word for “many heads”, where you will have time to explore as many of the dome-shaped rock formations 36 as you can. Following your dome-sighting you will need to gear up in your hiking boots as we take on the Valley of the Winds to explore the breathtaking wilderness. Recover from your hike and take in the beautiful surroundings during lunch. Then it is time to say goodbye to Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park and continue your journey onwards to Kings Creek Station. You will be spending the night in a private camp.

Day 10: Kings Creek Station - Alice Springs, Australia

Kings Creek Station - Watarrka (Kings Canyon) National Park - Alice Springs (B/L)

Enjoy your breakfast before entering majestic Watarrka (Kings Canyon) National Park, home of a mighty chasm with sheer red rock faces which soar over 100 metres above lush palm forests. The rim of Kings Canyon is a 6km round trip walk in which you will get to visit the Amphitheatre, Lost City and tranquil Garden of Eden. Enjoy lunch with your travel group before the journey back to Alice Springs where you will be dropped off at your chosen accommodation. Upon arrival your experience has come to an end, we wish you safe travels for the rest of your journey.

