

NORTHERN TERRITORY DREAMING

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK | ALICE SPRINGS | KINGS CANYON | KATA TJUṬA | ULURU

11
DAYS



Uluru Base Walk

🎯 IMMERSE

Learn the fine art of 'rarrk' painting and discover the ancient Aboriginal art galleries of Kakadu National Park.

🍷 INDULGE

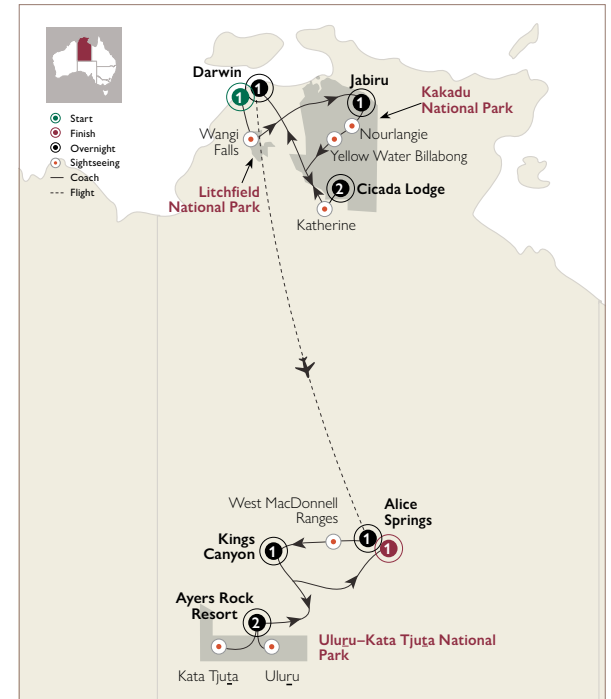
Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge.

🗺️ EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and keep an eye out for crocodiles on the Yellow Water Billabong.

🌿 RELAX

Unwind at Kings Canyon Resort, and stay in the heart of Nitmiluk at eco-friendly Cicada Lodge.



Be immersed into the very heartland of Australia and experience its **most sacred landscapes, bountiful National Parks** and thundering waterfalls. Discover the Top End's striking landscape then journey to the magical Red Centre, seeing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta, and windswept Walpa Gorge.



Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge Cruise

As this journey departs from Hilton Darwin at 7.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Darwin & Litchfield National Park

Welcome to Darwin! This morning meet your Journey Director and board your luxury vehicle to begin your journey of discovery in the Top End. Travel across the Finnis River to Litchfield National Park. You'll visit tumbling Florence Falls and enjoy a swim to cool off at Wangi Falls, surrounded by tropical monsoon rainforest, and hear about its importance in Aboriginal custom before stopping for lunch. This afternoon return to Darwin, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers over dinner with wine.

HOTEL Hilton, Darwin
MEALS Dinner with wine

Day 2: Darwin – Kakadu National Park

Get ready for a cross-country journey to magnificent Kakadu National Park. Kakadu really is a diverse UNESCO world heritage site. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, and Broilgas, Magpie Geese and Jabiru as you traverse along the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands. After lunch the famous Yellow Water Billabong boat cruise will be a highlight of your journey. You will see a myriad of different bird species, spot estuarine crocodiles and simply enjoy the stunning billabong and floodplains system. This afternoon check into the Crocodile Hotel where you'll have the chance to relax by the hotel's shaded pool or wander through the on-site Aboriginal Art Gallery.

HOTEL Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru
MEALS Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Kakadu – Nitmiluk National Park

This morning there's a chance to take to the air on an optional scenic flight over Kakadu, one of the best ways to experience the enormity of this wonderful National Park, as well as the diversity from waterfalls and billabongs to flood plains and wildlife. Later, visit Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Munggy people. Hear from your Journey Director a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries' with art that dates some 20,000 years. Continue driving through the ancient lands of Kakadu National Park to the town of Katherine and further on to Nitmiluk National Park. Indulge in five-star luxury at Cicada Lodge, a stunning eco-lodge surrounded by nature, where each room has a private balcony that opens to the National Park. Cool off in the pool after the heat of the day, and then experience a glorious sunset.

HOTEL Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 4: Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

This morning meet Dalabon didgeridoo expert Manuel Pamkal and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture into which he was born. Hear about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk (cross-hatch) painting. Later, board a special dinner cruise on Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.

MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 5: Katherine – Darwin

Emergence from the wilderness to journey north on your return to Darwin, stopping to cool off in the cascading and clear waters of majestic Edith Falls. Later, visit the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery.

HOTEL Hilton, Darwin
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 6: Darwin – Alice Springs

After a morning flight to Alice Springs your Central Australia Journey Director will share with you their take on what life is like in such an isolated town as Alice Springs. Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in the town. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage, as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 7: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

Now we're off the beaten track exploring the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry river beds and outback landscapes to Kings Canyon Resort. Another unique Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon, awaits you this evening. The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian outback.

HOTEL Kings Canyon Resort
MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 8: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a six-kilometre rim walk past the domed 'Lost City' and the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. If you'd prefer a more relaxed walk you can stroll along the boulder-strewn canyon creek bed. Immerse yourself in First Nations' culture on a visit to the Wanmarra Aboriginal Community and learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land. Discover bush food and medicine used for spirituality and healing. Leaving Kings Canyon behind travel across desert landscapes to Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. Afterwards, arrive at Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's heart, in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. This evening, watch as the outback sun bids a fiery farewell, the perfect backdrop for sparkling sundowners at Uluru.

HOTEL Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights
MEALS Breakfast, lunch

Day 9: Uluru & Kata Tjuta

Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before exploring, and learning about the spiritual connection the local Apangu caretakers have with the land. Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear ancient tales and see rock art, then visit Mutitjulu Waterhole. Relax by the resort pool or take to the skies to see Uluru from above before an afternoon visit to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge. This evening enjoy dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner with wine

Day 10: Field of Light – Uluru – Alice Springs

Observe the shifting lights of Bruce Munro's impressive Field of Light art installation as the desert awakens and the sunrise lights up across Uluru. Traverse the vast outback to the hidden gem, Rainbow Valley, a significant site to the southern Arrernte people, before arriving in Alice Springs. Enjoy free time to wander around the town. The Todd Street Mall has cafés and Aboriginal art galleries to explore. This evening, immerse yourself against the backdrop of the outback at our open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner. Located off the beaten track in the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges, you'll enjoy drinks as a bush balladeer sings classic Australian songs and shares stories of outback living, under the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters
MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

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Itineraries and inclusions may be subject to change

DEPARTURES

2023			
May	11, 25	Aug	03, 17, 31
Jun	08, 22	Sep	14, 28
Jul	06, 20		

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 May 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/mnrc or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 21+ Unforgettable experiences
- 23 included meals
- 10 Nights premium accommodation

NOTES

MNCR: DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS

- Flight Information:
Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport
Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport
*Internal-holiday flight: Please note that the price above includes land and internal-holiday airfare, which is required to be booked in order to fulfill the holiday itinerary:
Day 6 – Darwin to Alice Springs
- Return airfares from your home port are not included in the price above.

Day 11: Farewell from Alice Springs

Relax this morning as your journey comes to an end. You might choose to take an optional hot air balloon ride to experience the scenic landscapes of the outback before your journey comes to an end.

MEALS Breakfast



Field of Light