

Darwin and Tiwi Islands Adventure

Monday 17 July to Saturday 22 July- 6 days / 5 nights

Tour Inclusions

- Economy Return Airfares
- 5 nights / 4.5-star Hotel
- Tour Escort
- Most Meals as per itinerary
- All touring and Entrance Fees as per itinerary
- Door to Door pick up and return (t&c's apply)



Tour Highlights

- Darwins Past Tour
- Darwin Military Museum
- Stokes Hill Wharf
- Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Sunset Dinner Cruise onboard Spirit of Darwin
- Litchfield National Park
- Florence Falls
- Wangi Falls
- Jumping Croc Cruise
- Mindil Beach Sunset Market
- Tiwi Islands Adventure
 - Return ferry Darwin to Bathurst Island
 - Traditional Tiwi welcome ceremony
 - Tour with local Tiwi guide
 - Morning tea and lunch
 - Guided tour through the old Catholic Church
 - Cultural art session and take home screen print



And much, much more....



Welcome to Darwin. The Darwin Region incorporates Darwin, Litchfield National Park and the Tiwi Islands. Darwin is a lively harbour city well-known as Australia's gateway to world-class nature and cultural experiences. July is the perfect time to visit Darwin, with warm days and low humidity. Join us as we say goodbye to the chill of Melbourne's Winter.

DAY 1: (D) MELBOURNE TO DARWIN

Mon 17 July

Enjoy the comfort of being **collected from home** and transported to Melbourne Airport (how easy is that!) Flights this afternoon have been arranged for us from **Melbourne to Darwin**. We have a stopover in **Adelaide** and whilst there, will enjoy a visit to the **Vickers Vimy IV Exhibition** commemorating the first official flight from England to Australia in 1919. We'll enjoy dinner before boarding our plane for the 2nd leg of our journey to Darwin. On arrival at Darwin Airport, we'll be transferred to our magnificent **4.5 star hotel**. Feel free to unpack as this is home for the next 5 nights.

Overnight – DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin (5 nights)

Day 2 (BD): HISTORY OF DARWIN

Tues 18 July

This morning after enjoying a delightful breakfast we uncover the **stories of Darwin's past with a local guide**, discovering the role Darwin played during World War II. We'll find out that the city still contains many of its remaining historic buildings such as the Old Police Station, Old Court House and Government House. On our tour we'll also visit the **Darwin Military Museum, Stokes Hill Wharf, the Bombing of Darwin tourist facility and the Royal Flying Doctor Service** – So much to see in one location! After a very interesting day we head back to our hotel with time to freshen up for a very special evening on our **Darwin Sunset Dinner Cruise**. We'll sail the tranquil harbour waters enjoying dinner as the sun sets on the horizon.

Overnight – DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin

Day 3 (BLD): LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Wed 19 July

Today, after another great breakfast, we visit **Litchfield National Park**. With untouched rainforests, stunning waterfalls and waterholes that are surrounded by monsoonal vine forests – all of which offer a cool respite on warm summer days. Litchfield has gained the reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territory's crown. We enjoy **lunch at Litchfield Café** before spending some time exploring the park. There are some great photo opportunities as we stop to see the magnetic termite mounds and see the cascading **Florence Falls**. For anyone looking for a swim – take a dip in the **Wangi Falls** plunge pool. Having experienced a day in nature we head back to our hotel for a lovely **dinner** together at the onsite restaurant.

Overnight – DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin



Day 4 (B/L): TIWI ISLAND & MINDIL BEACH MARKET

Thu 20 July

We have an early start today as we are heading to the **Tiwi Islands** for a full day's touring. Sit back and enjoy the scenery as we take a ferry ride to **Bathurst Island**. Here we meet our **local guide** & immerse ourselves in the busy day of one of the oldest and most artistically diverse art centres in Australia. Local artists & dancers will perform a traditional **Welcome to Country** with a smoking ceremony and totem dances. Enjoy a typical **Tiwi morning tea** of damper and a cuppa whilst getting to know some of the Tiwi Island community members. A gentle stroll with our guide will take in some of the local painted buildings and the historic mission precinct where you will see the beautiful **wooden Catholic church** that featured in the 'Top End Wedding' movie.

We'll visit the **Patakijiyali Museum** to learn the history of the Mission days, the Tiwi Creation story, Tiwi involvement in WWII and most importantly, (to the Tiwi!), celebrated football players! After a rest and **lunch** in the shade, you'll get to participate in an exclusive **'behind-the-scenes' screen printing workshop**. Choose from contemporary or traditional Tiwi design to print onto a take-home t-shirt, tea towel or fabric – a **wonderful souvenir of your Tiwi visit**. There's some free time to browse the carvings, paintings and fabric, your best opportunity to purchase authentic Tiwi pieces at Island prices. This is a leisurely day of absorbing the workings of a busy Indigenous art centre – you may see art pieces destined for international exhibitions, talk to artists who are carving or painting, and sometimes the ladies will be there weaving and chatting. It is always loud and busy with Tiwi people coming and going, Ngarukuruwala music playing. Take the time to connect, share where you're from and which footy team you support, ask about the stories you see on the paintings, or ask the artists there to show you their work. After a **leisurely cruise** back to **Cullen Bay** we'll head back to our hotel for a quick freshen up then we are off to the **Mindil Beach Sunset Market**. This fabulous local market offers over 200 stalls with nearly **60 food venues** from more than 30 different countries. With the multicultural background of Darwin, we are sure to be tempted by some delicious food and smells as we explore the market! Dinner will be at our own expense from whichever market stall takes your fancy. We'll meet up with our bus & driver and head back to our hotel. We're sure everyone will sleep soundly tonight.

Overnight – DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin



Day 5 (BD): JUMPING CROC CRUISE

Fri 21 July

This morning we head out of Darwin and step aboard the **Original Adelaide River Queen** for a thrilling **Jumping Croc Cruise**. With our knowledgeable guide leading the way, we learn about these magnificent creatures while watching them as they propel themselves high out of the water to snatch their food – all from the safety of our boat. Heading back to Darwin, we have an **afternoon at leisure** before meeting up again to share our stories from the day at our final dinner together.

Overnight – DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin

DAY 5: (B) HOMEWARD BOUND

Sat 22 July

Following breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for our flight home. We arrive home later today after a wonderful tour exploring Darwin. Once comfortably on board we will no doubt find ourselves reliving our special moments together. This evening, as always, our chauffeurs will be at Melbourne Airport to greet us and return us safely to our homes.

**Tour Cost from:
\$4495-pp
(\$750- single supplement)**

\$4095pp without Tiwi Island Tour (replaced with free day in Darwin)

Minimum numbers required.

Tour Price is Valid for Travel during 2023.

Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.

\$600pp deposit required to secure your seats....

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