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# AUSTRALIA

2024-2025 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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# Top End Highlights

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### ✂ Flexible Holidays

You'll want to linger in Katherine, Kakadu and Darwin. It's a good thing you've got free time to discover the steamy Top End at your leisure.

### 📍 Iconic Sites

If you love the great outdoors, you've come to the right place. Discover the wilds of Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks, as well as Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge.

### ♻ Sustainable Travel

With every visit to a Top End national park, you're helping to protect some of Australia's most fragile wilderness areas.

### 🌿 Natural Wonders

Litchfield National Park is shaped by water, from its lakes and rivers to its waterfalls and waterholes. And there's nothing quite as invigorating as taking a dip.



Edith Falls

## 6 DAYS

## 11 Included Experiences

### Departure Dates

2024	2024 continued
May <b>23</b> , 30	Aug <b>01</b> , 08, <b>15</b> , 22, 29
Jun <b>06</b> , 13, 20, 27	Sep <b>05</b>
Jul <b>04</b> , 11, <b>18</b> , 25	

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit [aatkings.com/ndkd](https://aatkings.com/ndkd) or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are also available.

### Dining

5 Full breakfasts B  
2 Dinners D

1 Farewell Dinner FD

### Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 1.30pm into Darwin Airport  
Day 6 – flights to depart after 1.30pm from Darwin Airport  
Flights are not included in the holiday price.

#### 1 Welcome to Darwin

Darwin is the kind of place that excites all your senses. It's always steamy, which means you have a constant glow. The aroma of tropical fruits wafts from markets. The horizons are wide and sunsets blazing. Take in sights and attractions that tell stories of the NT capital's unexpected history on a city tour. As the day begins to disappear, follow the lead of the colourful locals to the Mindil Beach Sunset Market, where you'll meet some of them. Your Travel Director will give you the lowdown, highlighting the eclectic range of cuisine on offer – expect everything from Greek to Japanese. What a tasty start to your getaway. **Hotel: Travelodge.**

#### 2 Darwin – Katherine

The ancient landscapes of Litchfield National Park are shaped by water, as you'll fast discover when exploring this immense protected wilderness. There are lakes and rivers, waterfalls and waterholes. Get set to visit Florence Falls, then take a dip (seasonal) in the gin-clear pool of Wangi Falls, this dreamy setting enveloped by monsoon forest. The landscape is also shaped by termites. The national park is pocked with enormous termite mounds, which are architectural feats complete with tunnels and nursery chambers. **Hotel: Contour, 2 nights. B D**

#### 3 Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

Join Manuel Pamkal, Aboriginal artist and prominent Katherine local, at his Top Didj Cultural Experience. You'll learn different techniques behind Aboriginal art styles, and hear about Manuel's life growing up near the King River. Katherine is a little bit tropical, a little bit outback, and a whole lot gorgeous. The region's main attraction is its gaping Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, which carves the countryside in spectacular form. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, your guides will share their knowledge of plants, animals, dreamtime stories and their culture. Sit back on your boat and enjoy a cruise through this ancient landscape, home to the Jawoyn people for millennia. **B D**

#### 4 Katherine – Kakadu

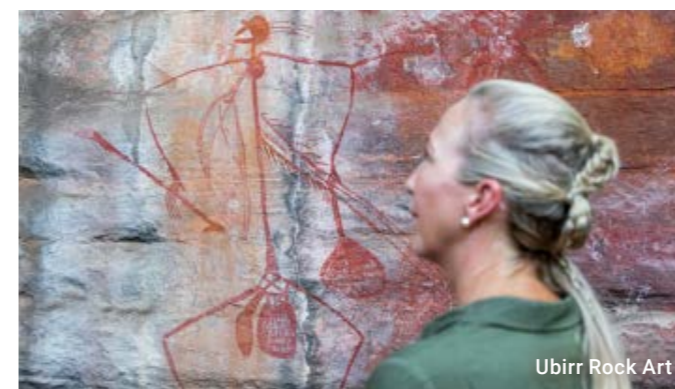
Today is your chance to reset your body's natural rhythms with a morning dip in Edith Falls – because days are better when you begin them with your head under water. This series of cascades in Nitmiluk National Park will set your pulse racing. Before venturing deep into Kakadu, you're poised for refreshments – we recommend a mango smoothie – in the film-set-like town of Pine Creek, where buildings date back to the heady gold rush days. In Kakadu, you'll take a guided walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock art at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie). **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B**

#### 5 Kakadu National Park

If you want a different perspective, sign up for an optional scenic flight over the national park, revealing just how wide, wild and wonderful this part of the world really is. Australia is home to some of the oldest art in the world, and much of it decorates rock walls at Ubirr – this jaw-dropping site protects Aboriginal rock paintings and carvings dating back more than 20,000 years. If you thought that was impressive, wait till you see the view over Kakadu from the top of the escarpment. This afternoon, there's nothing between you and nature, the dramatic escarpments, waterholes and abundant wildlife of Kakadu looming large. Speaking of large, there are saltwater crocs to spot while you drift away on a Yellow Water Billabong cruise. Your local guide will share the secrets of these ancient waterways. Top off your holiday sharing a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and travel mates. **B FD**

#### 6 Farewell from Darwin

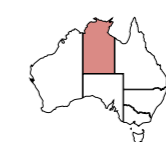
Following your Kakadu tour, you may also spot enormous 'salties' lurking in river crossings you pass by, and again at Fogg Dam. But here you will definitely witness a cacophony of birds. This really is a twitchers paradise. A fitting (and slightly noisy) end to this epic wilderness journey. **B**



Ubirr Rock Art



Mindil Beach Sunset Market



- START
- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops

