

# KAKADU'S ANCIENT SECRETS

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

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DAYS



Edith Falls, Nitmiluk National Park

## IMMERSE

Visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery and learn of its moving history, and discover the ancient rock art gallery at Nourlangie.

## INDULGE

Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise, and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge, where the Chef's menu is crafted daily.

## EXPLORE

Climb Nourlangie for spectacular views over Kakadu, spot crocodiles and other wildlife on Yellow Water Billabong.

## RELAX

Stay in the heart of Nitmiluk National Park at the eco-friendly Cicada Lodge, where you can enjoy sunset drinks and canapés poolside looking out to the native bushland.

Explore Kakadu, an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Admire rock art and hear stories of the Dreamtime. Embark on a journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the crocodiles that roam Kakadu's floodplains.

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 Brolgas, 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 Munggyu 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

- Today meet Manuel Pamkal who will welcome you with a **traditional performance on the didgeridoo.** Manuel was born and raised immersed in his rich traditional Dalabon culture. He'll share with you stories of growing up in the bush and teach you the fine art of rarrk (cross hatch) painting using a special brush from a reed called Julk. Call on the artist within you and paint your own masterpiece to take home! Enjoy lunch back on the deck at Cicada Lodge overlooking the natural surroundings, before time at leisure.
- This evening, relax on a **Local Dining Experience cruise along Katherine River.** Marvel at the gorges while you spot wildlife such as freshwater crocodile and barramundi, and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people. Enjoy the peaceful ambience during the candle-lit three course dinner onboard your boat.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience



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### Day 5: Katherine – Farewell from Darwin

Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or get up early to experience the National Park completely immersed in the mystical morning light. Travel north along the Stuart Highway stopping at Edith Falls along the way for a relaxing dip. Continue to Adelaide River War Cemetery. During WWII, Adelaide River was the headquarters to a large military base and a cemetery was created especially for those who gave their lives in the service and defence of their country. Your Inspiring Journey concludes on arrival in Darwin.

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch

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\*Itineraries and inclusions may be subject to change\*

### DEPARTURES

2022		2023	
Oct	06	May	04, 11, 18, 25
		Jun	01, 08, 15, 22, 29
		Jul	06, 13, 20, 27
		Aug	03, 10, 17, 24, 31
		Sep	07, 14, 21, 28
		Oct	05

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 May 2024 at [inspiringjourneys.com/australia](https://inspiringjourneys.com/australia) or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

### INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 11+ Unforgettable experiences
- 11 included meals
- 4 Nights premium accommodation

### NOTES

#### MNDD: DARWIN RETURN

- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Flight Information:  
Day prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport  
Day 5 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Darwin Airport

