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Edith Falls

Top End Highlights

6 DAYS **DARWIN → DARWIN** **NDKD**

Darwin • Litchfield National Park • Katherine Gorge • Kakadu • Edith Falls • Mary River

The vibrant Indigenous culture, friendly local characters and magnificent landscapes you'll encounter on this Top End journey will leave you spellbound. Cruise waterways teeming with wildlife, and immerse yourself in the culture of the traditional Aboriginal owners of the lands you're exploring. A myriad of deep gorges, plunging waterfalls and tranquil rock-pools add to the drama of your Top End experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightseeing tour of Darwin
- Toast a Top End sunset on Mindil Beach
- Wander through the Mindil Beach Sunset Market
- Explore amazing Litchfield National Park
- Take a refreshing dip at Wangi Falls
- Aboriginal cultural experience with Manuel Pamkal
- Cruise on Katherine Gorge
- Taste bush tucker with the Jawoyn Community
- Swim at glorious Edith Falls
- Discover the wilderness of Kakadu National Park
- Climb to Nourlangie Lookout for spectacular views
- View the rock art galleries of Ubirr in Kakadu
- Enjoy a spectacular Top End sunset
- Spot crocodiles on Yellow Water Billabong Cruise



Mindil Beach



Katherine Gorge Cruise

Day 1 Welcome to Darwin

On arrival in tropical Darwin, enjoy a tour of the cosmopolitan city before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers at the colourful Mindil Beach Sunset Market to experience a spectacular sunset under the coconut palms. There's plenty of time to explore the art and crafts, aromas and atmosphere of the marketplace. You may like to try some succulent fresh BBQ seafood or authentic Indian, Chinese, Greek or Japanese cuisine. **Hotel: H Hotel, Darwin.**

Day 2 Darwin – Katherine

En route to the renowned waterfalls of Litchfield National Park today, stop to explore a stand of architectural, two-metre-tall termite mounds. At Florence Falls, view the beautiful waterhole from a high vantage point before venturing further to tropical Wangi Falls for an unforgettable swim in the large crystal-clear pool surrounded

by spectacular monsoon rainforest. Later, travel on to Katherine. **Hotel: Paraway Motel, Katherine, 2 nights. B D**

Day 3 Katherine Gorge

This morning, meet Manuel Pamkal to share his passion for the rich traditional culture into which he was born. There is the opportunity to purchase some local Indigenous art. Later, sit back and relax in tranquil surroundings as you cruise on Katherine Gorge. Stunning rock faces will tower over you as you discover the history and culture of the Jawoyn people, traditional owners of Nitmiluk. This evening, consider an optional experience at the Stockman's Bush Dinner under the stars. **B**

Day 4 Katherine – Kakadu

This morning stop at Edith Falls where there's an opportunity for a swim. Then pass through the mining town of Pine

Creek, whose buildings date back to the heady gold-rush days. Travel deep into World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park and discover its spectacular escarpment, serene waterholes and teeming wildlife. Board the famed Yellow Water Billabong Cruise, spotting basking crocodiles and abundant birdlife with a local guide. Later, view spectacular Aboriginal rock art at Nourlangie. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru, 2 nights. B**

Day 5 Kakadu National Park

Be amazed as you visit Ubirr to view astounding Aboriginal rock art dating back some 20,000 years. Take the short climb to the top of this rocky outcrop for superb views over the floodplains and endless escarpment country. This afternoon, perhaps take an optional experience scenic flight over Kakadu. Celebrate your Top End journey this evening at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends. **B FD**

Day 6 Farewell from Darwin

Leave Kakadu this morning to return to Darwin. Keep an eye on those river crossings to see if you can spot saltwater crocodiles. Your final stop is Fogg Dam, a birdwatcher's paradise. Bid farewell to your fellow travellers as your holiday comes to an end and you are transferred to Darwin Airport for your onward flight. **B**



Yellow Water Billabong

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE



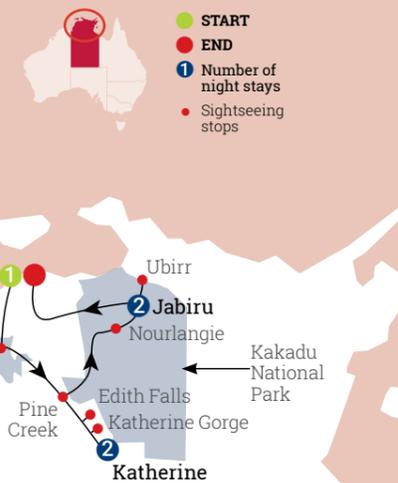
Kakadu Scenic Flight

One of the best ways to experience Kakadu is by a scenic fixed wing flight which allows you to see the amazing escarpments, waterways and wetlands. You will be amazed by the vastness and varied landscape that can be best experienced from the air.

You can book your optional experience at the same time as your holiday.



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Nourlangie



Yellow Water Billabong Crocodile



Nourlangie rock art



Darwin



Litchfield National Park



Kakadu National Park

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