

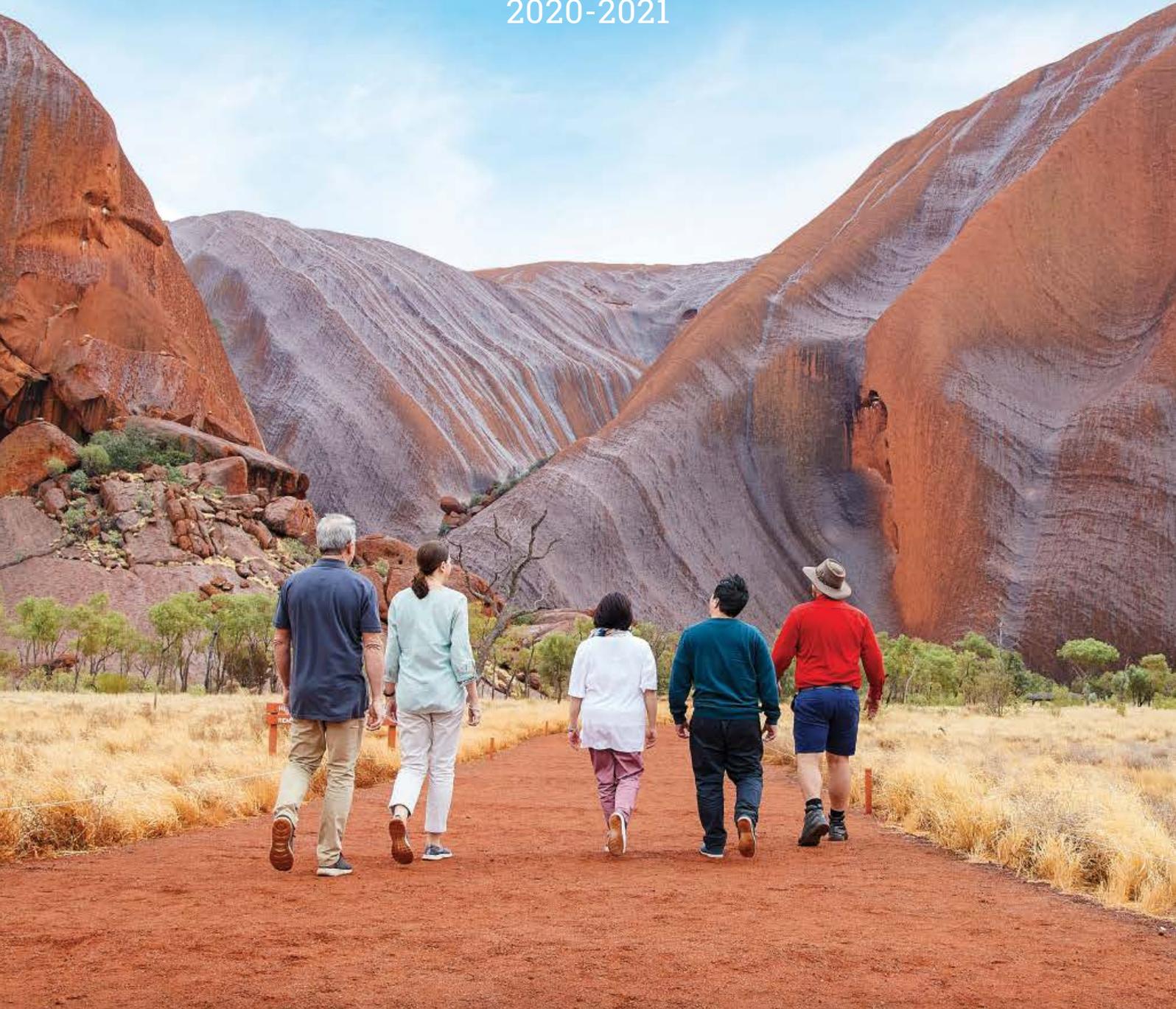
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# Top End Highlights

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## HIGHLIGHTS



FLEXIBLE HOLIDAYS

Enjoy free time to explore the town of Katherine and the Top End capital of Darwin.



ICONIC SITES

Experience the wetlands of Kakadu, marvel at dramatic Katherine Gorge and swim in the cool waters of Litchfield National Park.



TIME FOR YOU

Relax and unwind enjoying the serenity of Kakadu National Park.



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Through contributions to National Parks and Wildlife, you will be protecting Australia's wilderness.

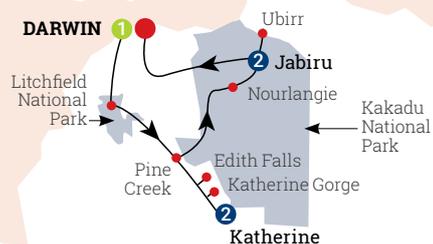


● START

● END

1 Number of night stays

○ Sightseeing stops



Termite mounds

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## CHOOSE THIS TRIP IF YOU'D LOVE TO:

- Be immersed in Kakadu's wilderness over two nights
- Discover hidden gems and icons with local experts
- Meet an Indigenous artist & didgeridoo expert in Katherine
- Take a dip in the waterfalls of Litchfield National Park

### 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 fresh BBQ seafood or authentic Indian, Chinese, Greek or Japanese cuisine. **Hotel: H on Smith.**

### 2 Darwin – Katherine

✂ Travel to Litchfield National Park, pausing to examine the amazing phenomenon of hundreds of magnetic termite mounds standing up to two metres high in a wide swathe of otherwise empty terrain. ✂ Stop at Florence Falls, a spectacular double-plunge waterfall leading to a popular swimming hole, before venturing on to tropical Wangi Falls for a swim in its large waterhole surrounded by spectacular monsoon rainforest. Continue to Katherine, a thriving town that was originally established as an outpost on the Australian Overland Telegraph Line. **Hotel: ibis Styles, 2 nights. B D**

### 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. A series of thirteen deep gorges carved through ancient rock, there are many Aboriginal paintings on the sandstone walls throughout the system, some of which are thousands of years old. Discover the history and culture of the Jawoyn people, the traditional owners of Nitmiluk, as you explore the magnificent gorges with a backdrop of stunning rock-faces that change colour with the setting of the sun. Keep an eye out for freshwater crocodiles nesting along the banks. ✂ This evening, consider the optional experience of the Stockman's Bush Dinner under the stars. **B**

### 4 Katherine – Kakadu

✂ This morning you have the opportunity to swim in the waterholes of magnificent Edith Falls. Then pass through the mining town of Pine Creek, where buildings date back to the heady gold-rush days. ✂ Travel deep into World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park and discover 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, take a guided walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock paintings at Nourlangie, regarded as one of the premier rock art sites in the Top End. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B**

### 5 Kakadu National Park

✂ This morning, perhaps take an optional experience scenic flight over Kakadu. Later,

visit Ubirr, another of Kakadu's foremost rock art galleries. The paintings here provide a fascinating record of Indigenous life over thousands of years: look for naturalistic paintings of animals, traditional x-ray art, and paintings of early contact with European people. Before leaving the site, climb to the top of a nearby rocky outcrop for superb views over the floodplains and escarpment country. Celebrate your Top End journey this evening at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and new-found friends. **B FD**

### 6 Farewell from Darwin

Leave Kakadu this morning to return to Darwin. Keep an eye on the murky 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**

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE



### Kakadu Scenic Flight

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

We recommend you book your optional experience at the same time as your holiday.



Darwin



Katherine Gorge



Kakadu National Park



Kakadu

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