

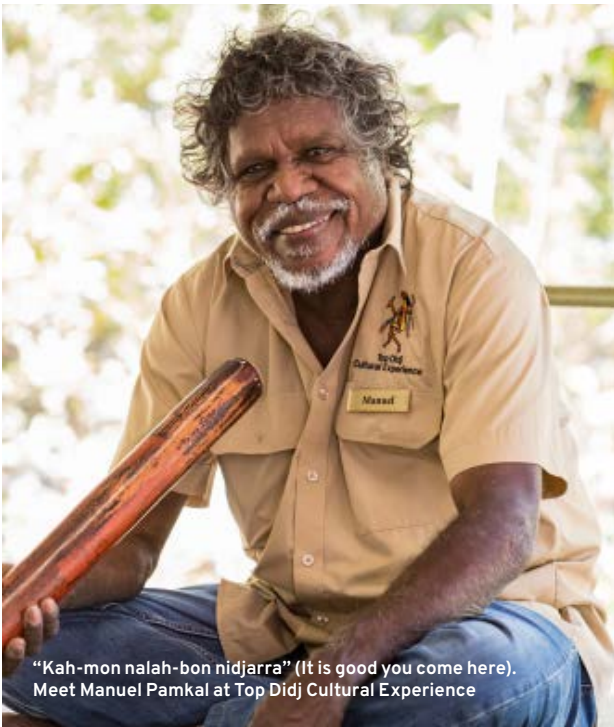
Northern Territory Dreaming

Be immersed into the very heartland of Australia and experience its most sacred landscapes, bountiful National Parks and thundering waterfalls. Discover the Top End's striking landscape then journey to the magical Red Centre, seeing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta, and windswept Walpa Gorge.



© Rarrk painting at Top Didj Cultural Experience

Top End Aboriginal artist Manuel Pamkal will teach the technique of Rarrk painting (Cross Hatch). You will then paint your own artwork to take home as a memento of your experience.



"Kah-mon nalah-bon nidjarra" (It is good you come here).
Meet Manuel Pamkal at Top Didj Cultural Experience



Wangi Falls



Ubirr Rock Art

10 DAYS Darwin • Mary River • Kakadu National Park • Katherine Gorge • Litchfield National Park • Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuṯa • Uluru

Discover

Discover World Heritage listed Kakadu & Litchfield National parks, and wander through the fascinating Angkerle (Standley Chasm).

Explore

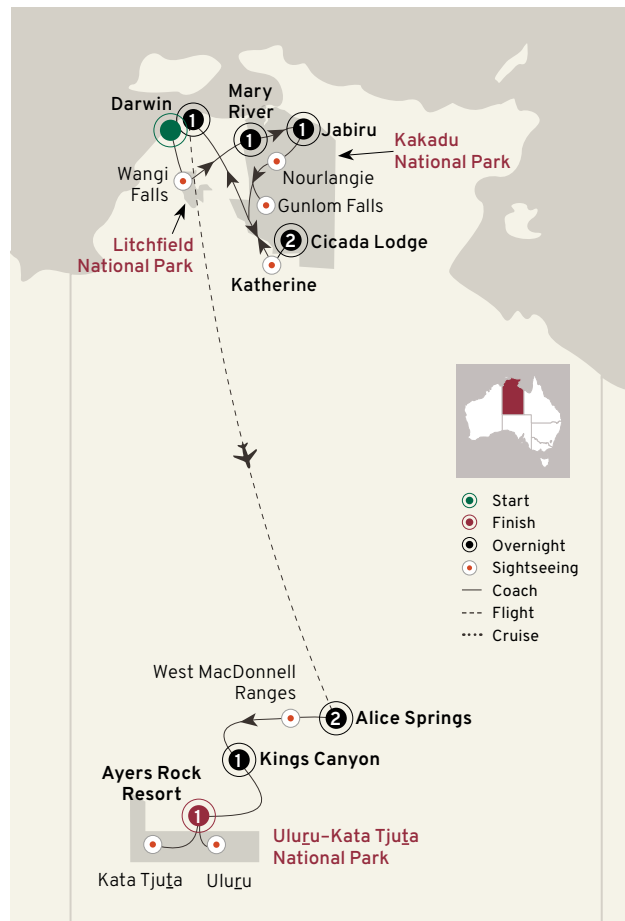
Explore spectacular Kings Canyon on the six-kilometre Rim Walk, and embark on a safari cruise exploring thriving Mary River Wetlands.

Immerse

Learn the fine art of 'rarrk' painting, and enjoy a sunset walk at the rock art galleries in Ubirr.

Relax

Take a refreshing dip at Gunlom Falls overlooking Kakadu, and unwind on an indulgent Katherine Gorge dinner cruise.



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Gunlom Falls

As this journey departs at 7.30am from Mantra on the Esplanade Darwin, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Day 1: Darwin – Mary River



Your epic Top End adventure begins in the tropical northern city of Darwin. **Join your Journey Director and board your bespoke 4WD vehicle to experience stunning Litchfield National Park** before embarking on a cross-country journey along the rugged Marrakai Track (seasonally accessible) to the Mary River Wetlands. Tonight, stay in private, permanent safari tents to really connect with your destination nestled deep in the bush. Join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés, followed by dinner.

🏠 **Wildman Wilderness Lodge**

🍷 **Lunch, dinner with wine**

Day 2: Mary River – Kakadu



Wake up to the sounds of local wildlife and head to Corroboree Billabong, where you'll take a cruise in the company of a local guide to explore its floodplains and spot the creatures that find sanctuary in its lotus-covered waters such as jabiru and brolga. Next, **journey into the tropical depths of iconic world heritage and Ramsar listed Kakadu National Park**, enjoying a sunset walk at the rock-art galleries of Ubirr. Perched atop Nadab Lookout, watch the sun set over the lush Kakadu floodplains.

🏠 **Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru**

🍷 **Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**

Day 3: Kakadu – Katherine



Enjoy a leisurely start to your day, or take to the skies on an optional experience early-morning flight over Kakadu before venturing to Nourlangie to admire the ancient Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Mungguy people. Continue cross-country to Gunlom Falls, where a short hike to the summit is rewarded with a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear plunge pool. Enjoy lunch in the shade of rustling gum trees before driving on to tonight's five-star eco-lodge accommodation.

🏠 **Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, 2 nights**

🍷 **Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine**

Day 4: Katherine Gorge



This morning meet Dalabon didgeridoo expert Manuel Pamkal and share in his passion for the rich traditional culture into which he was born. Hear about life in the bush and experience first-hand the fine art of rarrk (cross-hatch) painting. Later, **board a special dinner cruise on Katherine Gorge** and learn about the history and culture of the local Jawoyn people.

🍷 **Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience**



Katherine Gorge dinner cruise

Day 5: Katherine – Darwin

Emerge from the wilderness to journey north along the Stuart Highway on your return to Darwin, stopping to cool off in the cascading and clear waters of majestic Edith Falls. Later, visit the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery.

🏠 **Mantra on the Esplanade**

🍽️ **Breakfast, lunch**

Day 6: Darwin – Alice Springs

After a morning flight to Alice Springs there's free time before meeting your Red Centre Journey Director and group of fellow travellers. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see how this facility provides vital medical assistance to outback inhabitants. Nearby, call into the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. This evening, **join your Alice Springs family hosts for a Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner** around a campfire, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

🏠 **Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights**

🍽️ **Breakfast, Local Dining Experience**

Day 7: Alice Springs

Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage, as you **embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap and dramatic Angkerle (Standley Chasm)**. The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor.

🍽️ **Breakfast, dinner with wine**

Day 8: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

En route to Kings Canyon you'll **travel off-road along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road passing Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff**. Another **unique Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon**, awaits you this evening. The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian outback.

🏠 **Kings Canyon Resort**

🍽️ **Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience**



Under a Desert Moon dinner

Choose this journey if you'd love to experience:

- Swimming in Gunlom Falls crystal-clear plunge pool
- Works of Indigenous artist, Manuel Pamkal
- An Uluru sunrise and sunset
- The ancient Northern Territory in depth

Dining

- 9 Breakfasts
- 8 Lunches
- 4 Dinners with wine
- 3 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner

Day 9: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a six-kilometre rim walk past the domed 'Lost City' and the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. Now you're bound for Uluru. On the way visit Curtin Springs Station, home to the Severin family since 1956. **Kick back in true Aussie-style at a barbecue lunch while hearing from one of the locals about the Severin's** and gain an insight into the cattle rearing heritage. Afterwards, enter Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa National Park and experience the magnificence of the 36 red conglomerate rock domes that form Kata Tjuṯa, and joining your Journey Director for a guided walk through the immense Walpa Gorge. Later, witness the changing colours as the sun sets over Uluru, then join your Journey Director for a Celebration Dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

🏠 **Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort**

🍽️ **Breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner**

Day 10: Farewell from Uluru

Experience a majestic sunrise over Kata Tjuṯa and Uluru from the sunrise viewing area. From here it's **off to the Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa Cultural Centre for an insight into the history of the local Anangu people**. At the base of Uluru hear timeless stories, view spectacular rock art, and visit the culturally-significant Muṯitjulu Waterhole. In the late morning, when your Inspiring Journey comes to an end, you'll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.

🍽️ **Breakfast**

MNCR: Darwin to Uluru (Ayers Rock)

(Previously called The Ultimate Territory Adventure in Style)

Flights are not included in the holiday price. Flight Information:

Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Darwin Airport

Day 10 – flights to depart after 1.00pm from Ayers Rock Airport.

Internal-holiday flight required to be purchased in order to fulfil the itinerary:

Day 6 – Darwin to Alice Springs

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.