



How do you get to the Tiwi Islands?

Sea

Ferry Sealink NT operates the passenger ferry from Darwin to Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island. The service operates on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. The journey is approximately 2.5 hours each way. Check the website for times. www.sealinknt.com.au

Barge Seaswift run a barge service for freight to Wurrumiyanga and Pirlangimpi twice weekly arriving on Monday and Thursday and to Milikapiti weekly arriving each Friday. www.seaswift.com.au

Barge The operators of Port Melville run a barge service for freight under the name of Top End Marine Supply Base. Weekly service to Wurrumiyanga, Paru, Pirlangimpi and Port Melville. Fortnightly to Milikapiti, Ranku and Port Hurd. Email: cargo@terasustralia.com

Private Boat A private boat will take approximately two hours from Darwin to reach Wurrumiyanga, approximately three hours to reach Pirlangimpi and approximately four hours to reach Milikapiti.

Air

Fly Tiwi runs a regular service to Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti. www.flytiwi.com.au

Charter Flights There are several organisations that will provide charter flights to various communities on the Tiwi Islands.

Permits

Visitor Permits Visitors will typically need a permit to visit the Tiwi Islands. It is an easy process that can be organised by tour operators or by contacting the Tiwi Land Council. While some areas on the Tiwi Islands do not require a permit to visit, in the interests of courtesy and visitor safety you are asked to contact the Tiwi Land Council if you are planning to visit the Tiwi Islands. www.tiwilandcouncil.com/permits

Transport

How do I get around the Tiwi Islands?

Hire Car

Wurrumiyanga Tiwi Enterprises has a range of vehicles available for hire from Wurrumiyanga. They can be arranged for pick up at the airstrip. www.tiwienterprises.com

Milikapiti There is car hire available from the Milikapiti Visitor Accommodation Centre Contact: (08) 8979 0312 and Tiwi Enterprises www.tiwienterprises.com

Barge and Boat Ferry Between Islands

Wurrumiyanga and Paru Tiwi Islands Regional Council Inter Islands Car Ferry runs Monday to Friday approximately 8.00am – 4.00pm, tickets are available at Council Offices or by phone. Contact: (08) 8970 9500 www.tiwiislands.org.au

Individual Tour Operators

Various locations Individual tour operators and fishing lodges are able to organise personalised transport around the islands by car, boat and aircraft.



What is there to see and do?

Wurrumiyanga

Tiwi Design A very popular attraction known for its art, craft, pottery and screen printing, with a great range of art and accessories for sale. www.tiwiart.com and www.tiwidesigns.com

Tiwi By Design One-day Tiwi By Design art and walking tour available through SeaLink NT. www.sealinknt.com.au

Bima Wear Established in 1969 is a Tiwi women's enterprise specialising in fabric design, printing and sewing. Sells fabrics, homewares and clothing. www.bimawear.com

Ngaruwanajirri (Keeping Place) Workshop and Gallery Traditional art and craft including carving, painting, lino block printing and batik on silk for sale. Contact: (08) 8978 3724

Football Australian Football was introduced in 1941 to the Tiwi Islands and now there are seven local teams with the highest participation rate in Australia at 35% on a per capita basis. The Grand Final is played in March every year.

Pirlangimpi

Munupi Arts and Crafts Association A highly regarded art centre for its community involvement and art practice. There is a great range of paintings and carvings available for sale. www.munupiart.com

Clearwater Island Fishing Lodge A fishing lodge in an attractive location with stunning views, accommodation and guides to take you fishing. www.munupi.com.au

Milikapiti

Jilamara Arts and Crafts Association The art centre produces fine art and also houses the Mulluwurri Museum, a collection of carvings, Tiwi artefacts, paintings and early photographs. www.site.jilamara.com

Melville Island Fishing Lodge A fishing lodge with a great location and relaxing views. It includes accommodation and guides to take you fishing. Ask about visiting spectacular Goose Creek. www.tiwiadventures.com.au

West Bathurst Island

Bathurst Island Lodge Located on the remote south western coast of Bathurst with dramatic views. The lodge was Australia's first ever guided barramundi sport-fishing lodge. It includes accommodation and guides to take you fishing. www.tiwiadventures.com.au

Melville Island

Johnson River Camp An extremely isolated fishing camp situated in a bush setting in the pristine upper reaches of the Johnson River on the north east coast of Melville Island. www.tiwiadventures.com.au

Robertson Creek Campsite A basic camp site for private boats, located on the north east of Cape Gambier. A private boat and visitor permit is required. www.nt.gov.au/d/Fisheries/recreational/documents/DPIF%20Tiwi-Brochure.pdf

Camp Point Camp Site A basic camp site for private boats, located on Cape Keith. A private boat and visitor permit is required. www.nt.gov.au/d/Fisheries/recreational/documents/DPIF%20Tiwi-Brochure.pdf



Where can I stay on the Tiwi Islands?

Wurrumiyanga

Tiwi Enterprises Visitors accommodation with ensuite. www.tiwienterprises.com

Tiwi Islands Regional Council A motel for accommodation. Contact: (08) 8970 9500

Pirlangimpi

Tiwi Islands Regional Council Contractors quarters. Contact: (08) 8970 9600

Port Melville

Port Melville Accommodation Village A workers village just outside the community of Pirlangimpi which provides accommodation and meals. Contact: (08) 8930 6500

Milikapiti

Milikapiti Visitor Accommodation Centre A ten room complex with a common kitchen, lounge and ablutions. Contact: (08) 8979 0312

Tiwi Enterprises An eighteen room complex with common facilities. www.tiwienterprises.com

Shops & Food Outlets

Where can I buy food and other items?

Wurrumiyanga

Piliyanyirra Supermarket Opening hours are typically 8.30am – 5.30pm Mon–Fri, 8.30am – 12.00pm Sat, Closed Sun.

NUA Supermarket

Opening hours are typically 9.00am – 4.30pm.

NUA Take Away

Opening hours are typically 8.00am – 8.00pm.

Tai's Take Away

Opening hours are typically 7.00am – 8.45pm Mon–Fri, 7.00am – 6.45pm Sat and Sun.

Melville Island

Milikapiti Store

Opening hours are typically 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Essentials

What essentials should I think about?

Communications

Phones Mobile phone coverage is limited to Telstra or a Telstra compliant network only in the communities of Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti. Public phones are also located in these three communities. A satellite phone will be required for coverage outside of the communities.

Internet There is no public internet access.

Medical and Emergency Services

Emergency call 000

Health Clinics Julanimawu (08) 8978 3984, Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi (08) 8978 3953, Milikapiti (08) 8978 3950

Police Stations Wurrumiyanga (08) 8978 3967 Pirlangimpi (08) 8978 3969 Milikapiti (08) 8978 3969

Money

ATMs Most stores have ATMs for use during opening hours.

Fuel

Opal and diesel fuels are available at Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi, Milikapiti and Ranku.

Climate

What sort of weather should I expect?

Dry Season (approx June–September)

What to expect The temperature ranges from approximately 18 degrees Celsius at nights through to approximately 33 degree Celsius during the days. There is very limited rain but there can be occasions of fog or sea mist. Bush fires, burning and smoke may occur.

What to wear and bring Sunscreen, hat, long sleeve shirts, trousers or shorts, sandals or boots, insect repellent, water and snacks.

Wet Season (approx October–May)

What to expect The temperature ranges from approximately 25 degrees Celsius to approximately 38 degrees Celsius with high humidity, regular tropical thunder storms, and tropical monsoons. Cyclones may occur.

What to wear and bring Umbrella, sunscreen, hat, long sleeve shirts, trousers or shorts, sandals or boots, insect repellent, water and snacks.

The Tiwi Islands and its People

What is the background of the Tiwi Islands and the Tiwi People?

Tiwi People

People The Tiwi People are Indigenous Australians that have their own unique culture and language.

Language The Tiwi People's first language is Tiwi and their second language is English.

Tiwi Islands Administration

Tiwi Land Council The Tiwi Land Council helps the Traditional Owners of the Tiwi Islands to manage their land and sea. www.tiwilandcouncil.com

Tiwi Islands Regional Council The Tiwi Islands Regional Council provides a range of services across the Tiwi Islands. www.tiwiislands.org.au

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TIWI ISLANDS SNAPSHOT

The Tiwi Islands, Bathurst and Melville, cover a large expanse of around 780,000 hectares and are approximately 70 kilometres north of Darwin, within easy reach via light aircraft or ferry.

Melville Island is the second largest island in Australia.





Pirlangimpi

- Clearwater Island Fishing Lodge
- Tiwi Islands Regional Council Accommodation
- Munupi Arts and Crafts
- Shop and food outlet
- Fort Dundas (historic site)

Port Melville

- Port Facility
- Accommodation
- Village

Ranku Waterhole

- Swimming

West Bathurst Island

- Bathurst Island Lodge
- Accommodation
- Recreational Fishing

Ranku

- Shop and food outlet

Wurrumiyanga

- Tiwi Enterprises Accommodation and Car Hire
- Tiwi Islands Regional Council Accommodation
- Shops and food outlets
- Tiwi Design
- Bima Wear
- Patakijiyali Museum
- Ngaruwanajirri (Keeping Place)
- Workshop and Gallery
- Historic Mission Precinct
- Tiwi Trail
- Football Grand Final
- Tiwi Islands Regional Council HQ (Local Government)

Pickataramoor

- Pickataramoor Cascades
- Tiwi Land Council HQ
- Tiwi College

Milikapiti

- Shop and food outlet
- Jilamara Arts and Crafts/Museum
- Melville Island Fishing Lodge
- Milikapiti Visitor Accommodation Centre and Car Hire
- Tiwi Enterprises Accommodation and Car Hire

Johnson River

- Johnson River Camp
- Accommodation
- Recreational Fishing

Camp Point

- Recreational Fishing
- Campsite (with permit)

Goose Creek

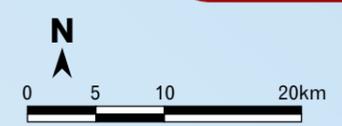
- Ecotourism
- Recreational Fishing

Taracumbi Falls

- Swimming

Robertson Creek

- Recreational Fishing
- Campsite (with permit)



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