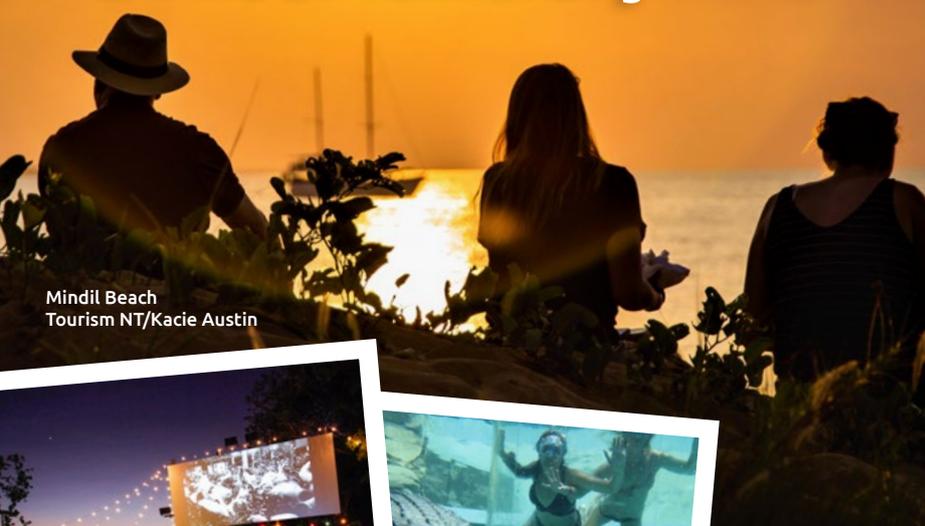




Darwin & surrounds

24-hour itinerary



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Begin your morning with breakfast with a view at **Darwin Waterfront**. From high end restaurants to more casual cafés and bars, there's something for everyone. Make sure to pack your swimwear this morning so you can enjoy the Wave Pool or Recreation Lagoon. Paddle, swim or play in these man-made attractions where the Wave Pool rolls out wave patterns from gentle swell to waves up to 1.2 metres high. Both areas are safe for swimming and are patrolled by life guards.

Explore the vibrant streets of Darwin and get lost in the magnificent street art. As part of the annual **Darwin Street Art Festival**, murals have been painted by renowned local and interstate artists and some you

can interact with using augmented reality. These incredible outdoor experience takes 2-D artworks into 3-D animations using a smartphone app. You can find these amazing public art displays all around Darwin, which create an unforgettable cultural experience for travellers and locals alike.

Take a walk through the shady **George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens**, or better yet hop on a Segway tour to experience the incredible flora of Northern Australia from a new perspective. Wander through monsoon forests, coastal dunes, mangroves and open woodlands before relaxing with lunch at the on-site café.

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Make the most of your day in Australia's northern-most capital city and find out why Darwin really is your port to adventure.

This 24-hour itinerary will introduce you to the thriving Darwin Waterfront, give you a taste of the city's culinary diversity and café culture, and lead you to its local characters and fascinating creatures. Get local tips on where to go for the best views, find out more about the city's history and catch a famous Top End sunset.



Top 10

1. Enjoy breakfast and coffee at one of the many cafes at the **Darwin Waterfront** and don't forget to take your bathers for a swim in the Wave Pool and Recreation Lagoon
2. Wander around the vibrant streets in the CBD and be captivated by the **Darwin Street Art**
3. Discover the beauty of the **George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens on foot or Segway and check out the new interpretive centre**
4. Visit the **Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory** for an insight into traditional art practices and fascinating historical exhibits
5. Feed the young jumping crocs or get up close and personal with a saltwater crocodile in the Cage of Death at **Crococaurus Cove**
6. Immerse yourself in Aboriginal culture by visiting the **art centres and galleries** in and around Darwin
7. Get amongst the interactive displays of the **Defence of Darwin Experience, Darwin Military Museum** and the **Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility**
8. Watch the magnificent tropical sun set over the water with dinner and champagne aboard a **cruise around Darwin Harbour**
9. Unwind with a film at the open-air **Deckchair Cinema**
10. Browse local art stalls and enjoy delicious international cuisine at the beachside or suburban weekend **markets** around Darwin



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Next stop, visit the **Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT)** to learn more about Aboriginal art, the history of Darwin and to see the local crocodile celebrity, Sweetheart. The famous 5-metre, 780-kilogram saltwater crocodile which is on permanent display in the museum.

After lunch, make your way to **Crocobarium Cove** located in the heart of Darwin on Mitchell Street. Here you'll have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the largest reptile on the planet, the saltwater crocodile, and learn about other fish and reptile species at the aquarium. There's a twice-daily crocodile and fish-feeding show not to be missed. And, if you're feeling particularly brave, climb into the Cage of Death for a face-to-face encounter with one of the largest saltwater crocodiles in captivity. It's the ultimate adrenaline rush!

Or take the option to immerse yourself in the local **Aboriginal art** scene this afternoon. Darwin City and Parap are great places to view and invest in art pieces from around the Northern Territory.

Take a 5-minute drive and reach the **Defence of Darwin Experience** in East Point Reserve. Learn about the Bombing of Darwin and the city's role in WWII walking through the galleries and multimedia presentations. Check out the displays of vehicles, uniforms, firearms and artillery at **The Military Museum** next door or head to Stokes Hill Wharf for a virtual reality experience at the **Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility**.

Then visit the Cenotaph in Bicentennial Park, Darwin's first war memorial commemorating Australians who lost their lives in WWI, and the Aboriginal men and women whose bush skills assisted the Army during WWII to protect the remote northern coastline.

As the daylight hours start to wane, head to Stokes Hill Wharf to board a historic pearling lugger or catamaran for a drink or dinner **cruise** and watch a magnificent tropical sunset from the water.

Tonight, relax under the stars with a film at the **Deckchair Cinema** located along the esplanade. The open-air cinema screens Australian, popular, family, foreign and classic films during the dry season (April – November).

