## NT Learning Adventures

Different in every sense



E Save and Learn in the Northern Territory

#### What is Save and Learn?

Australian school groups are invited to submit an application for increased funding in 2024 to support their NT school tour!

The planned excursion simply needs to meet the terms and conditions available online.

Application forms and list of current NTLA partners can be found at **ntlearningadventures.com** 

For help planning your NT Learning Adventure and to register for the NTLA Save and Learn program, or request a copy of the NTLA guide, please contact Tourism NT:

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Cover image: Canoeing along the Katherine River, Nitmiluk National Park Adjacent left: Wangi Falls, Litchfield National Park Adjacent right: Simpsons Gap, West MacDonnell Ranges

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#### **NT Learning Adventures**

The Northern Territory – a place of vast horizons, inspiring landscapes and outstanding natural and cultural assets, where educational experiences abound and learning becomes an adventure. From the majesty of Ulu<u>r</u>u to the detailed rock art in Kakadu, it's the ideal destination to deliver on many learning outcomes of the Australian curriculum.

With strong links to key learning areas and endless opportunities to exercise students' general capabilities, the NT is uniquely positioned to address the crosscurriculum priorities of; sustainability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture, as well as Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia.

The NT authentically connects students to the living culture of Australia's Aboriginal peoples with unrivalled opportunities for cultural immersion, authentic exchange and two-way learning. World Heritage-listed areas and national parks offer stimulating outdoor activities that focus on sustainability, Earth and environmental sciences plus history and culture. In-depth learning experiences beckon in the bustling vibrancy of modern towns, where the Northern Territory's history and multi-cultural identity embed together. Darwin's geographical position also provides a unique spotlight on Australia's close links with Asia, past and present.

Bring your students on a fascinating discovery of ancient geology, follow the pioneering journeys of early explorers and unravel the mysticism of Aboriginal culture. They'll be captivated with the intricacies of the natural world and enjoy a rare opportunity for digital detox.

To make it easier for educators and school excursion organisers to choose the best options for their students, the Northern Territory Government's tourism department (Tourism NT) has worked with tourism businesses, schools, national parks and other services to create NT Learning Adventures. A collaboration of tour, transport, accommodation, attraction and experience providers, NT Learning Adventures partners offer specialised services for the education sector.

Hands-on and active NT Learning Adventures bring the Australian curriculum to life, with inspiring experiences that ignite your students' imaginations.

The NT Learning Adventures Save and Learn program provides funding to schools, making it even easier to bring your students to this truly captivating part of Australia. Cover key learning areas, general capabilities and crosscurriculum priorities while on the learning adventure of a lifetime - in the Northern Territory.



This guide provides an A-Z directory of NT Learning Adventures partners – connecting you with operators who are experts in their field and offer stimulating, safe learning activities for students of all ages.

#### Committed to working with schools and excursion organisers to provide experiences that meet educational needs, they'll ensure memorable and enjoyable student journeys.

The tourism providers that partner with NT Learning Adventures understand the needs of teachers and excursion coordinators. They're ready to help with the information you need to confidently plan your school trip, including:

- risk assessments and emergency action plans
- safety and security while on school excursions
- Working with Children checks
- curriculum-based activities focused on key learning areas, incorporating general capabilities and crosscurriculum priorities
- flexible learning adventures to suit students' needs and capabilities
- opportunities to visit with remote Aboriginal communities and engage in genuine cultural exchange
- sustainability programs
- cultural immersion programs
- 'Giving back' programs
- student and teacher resources (pre and post tour)
- sample itineraries
- assistance with developing sisterschool relationships.

In addition to the NT Learning Adventures presented here, the Territory can provide further educational opportunities that address specific learning requirements. Meet with Traditional Owners, rangers or natural resource groups, visit aquaculture facilities, arrange an agricultural or horticultural experience, explore trade, commerce and mining opportunities, examine our world class medical facilities or attend a community festival or major event.

To connect with other providers that can fulfil your excursion requirements, simply contact us for guidance. We're here to help! For more information about how to get the most out of your NT Learning Adventure, or to apply for the Save and Learn rebate, please contact Tourism NT:

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For general visitor, product or destination information visit **northernterritory.com** or chat to our friendly locals at the visitor information centres:

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- Katherine Visitor Information Centre T 08 8972 2650 E visitor@ktc.nt.gov.au

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## Cultural immersion programs

While in the NT visit Aboriginal communities and engage students with an in-depth cultural immersion program. Take the opportunity to participate in authentic Aboriginal cultural experiences by choosing one of the following recommended operators:

#### Central Australia

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- Maruku Arts (p. 47)
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- Remote Education Tours (p. 25)
- Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye (p. 37)

#### Top End

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- Offroad Dreaming (p. 22)
- Pudakul Aboriginal Tours (p. 70)

# Suggested itineraries

Exploring Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye



**Central Australia** 7 days

#### Sustainability and culture

Fly in and out of Alice Springs.

#### DAY ONE

#### **Alice Springs**

Be met at the airport by your driver / guide and travel 10min to Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre where you'll camp overnight and learn about ecology, astronomy, sustainability and culture in Central Australia. Hands-on activities provide students with an understanding of sustainability, learning simple ways to reduce their carbon footprint. The phenomenal southern skies create a perfect classroom at night for the team to captivate students with their knowledge of the stars and the cosmos.

#### DAY TWO

#### **Alice Springs**

Spend the morning undertaking an interactive educational program with Desert Knowledge Australia. Use the afternoon to discover Aboriginal art and artefacts at the Araluen Cultural Precinct, host to a number of attractions including the Museum of Central Australia. Stay overnight in Alice Springs.

#### DAY THREE AND FOUR

#### Watarrka National Park

Travel towards Watarrka National Park and discover bushfoods, bushcraft, traditional weaponry and desert survival on the way with a Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience. Or, arrange an Aboriginal Cultural Discovery Session with Remote Education Tours, at Lilla community, with a chance to end the day with a game of footy with the local community students.

In the morning hike and explore Watarrka (Kings Canyon), before travelling towards Alice Springs and Tjoritja / the West MacDonnell Ranges.

#### DAY FIVE AND SIX

#### Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park and Alice Springs

Explore the Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park's stunning gorges, gaps, chasms and waterholes. Visit the ochre pits where local Aboriginal people have sourced ochre for rock art and ceremonies for thousands of years. Take a guided walk with the Traditional Owners at Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye. Stay for a cultural conversation or a traditional art workshop.

Lighting the Milky Way

Back in town, visit Megafauna Central where students unravel the mysteries of an 8 million year old mass extinction event, influenced by climatic changes. This evening take a Nocturnal Tour at the Alice Springs Desert Park and meet many threatened desert critters who now reside in Central Australia and enjoy sanctuary here.

#### **DAY SEVEN**

#### **Return travel**

Depart Alice Springs at your leisure with the culture and landscape of Central Australia captured in students' minds forever.



## **Central Australia** 9 days

#### Environment, history and culture

Fly or drive into Alice Springs and out of Yulara (Uluru) or easily reverse the trip.

#### DAY ONE TO THREE

#### Alice Springs and Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park

Check in to your accommodation for three nights. Start your Central Australian exploration by visiting the largest classroom in the world, at the Alice Springs School of the Air. Understand how flexible learning works in the remote outback. Afterwards, drive up Anzac Hill to see the sunset on the surrounding ranges and enjoy sweeping views of the town.

Tonight, have the team from the Alice Springs Reptile Centre bring their slithery friends to your campground, for a live demonstration and information session.

On morning two, visit the Alice Springs Desert Park and either take a self-guided tour or arrange an educational experience to learn about semi-arid ecosystems, native flora and fauna and Aboriginal survival in the desert. The free-flying bird show is not to be missed. Head out to Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye for lunch and an interpretive walk. Receive an introduction to Arrernte culture with the Traditional Owners and participate in a range of cultural activities.

On the way back to town, stop by Simpsons Gap to find some elusive Blackfooted Rock Wallabies. Don't forget to visit Rev John Flynn's grave too!

Spend day three investigating the importance of this regional centre in Australia's pioneering past, with a visit to the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. At the Royal Flying Doctors Service Alice Springs Tourist Facility learn how this essential service started and how they continue to save lives in remote Australia today.

Include visits to the Women's Museum of Australia and the National Road Transport Hall of Fame to discover other fascinating aspects of pioneering history.

#### DAY FOUR AND FIVE

#### Watarrka National Park

Settle in for a scenic drive this morning and travel towards Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon). Lunch at Kings Creek Station before doing an afternoon tour with Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience. Time permitting, explore Kathleen Springs before relaxing at camp under a million stars. Stay at Kings Creek Station or Kings Canyon Resort.

Curtin Springs Statio

Wake early to complete the challenging 3-4 hour Kings Canyon Rim Walk. Prepare for breathtaking views of ancient sandstone domes, striking canyon walls, relic flora and a hidden oasis.

Depart Watarrka after lunch and arrive at Curtin Springs Station for your overnight stay. This afternoon explore station life and learn how they successfully raise cattle in the desert while preserving a million acre wildlife corridor.



Watarrka National Par

Kings Canyon

A hands-on paper-making workshop using native grasses, a surreal salt lake and magnificent views of Mt Connor make Curtin Springs a learning destination not

#### DAY SIX TO EIGHT

to be missed.

#### Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Travel one hour to reach Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and visit the Cultural Centre to learn about Anangu, the traditional custodians of the land, and their Tjukurpa (Aboriginal lore). Join Parks Australia for an educational ranger experience. Take a guided Uluru base walk or complete the 10km circuit on bicycles hired from Outback Cycling before watching the stunning colours of Uluru transform as the sun sets on the rock.

Sunrise at Kata Tjuta this morning means an early start. Take your time to complete the Valley of the Winds Walk and be awestruck by the 36 conglomerate domes. Unravel extraordinary geological mysteries with your guide.

Drive back to Yulara and enjoy a BBQ lunch at the Camel Farm. Take an afternoon ride and learn about the important role camels had during early settlement and exploration. Enjoy a leisurely evening with an Ulu<u>r</u>u sunset close to camp.

Day eight, arrange a cultural experience and dot painting workshop with Maruku Arts where students learn in the company of Anangu.

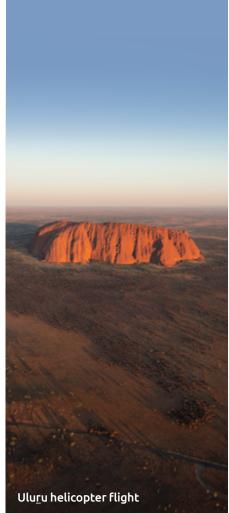
The 'Field of Light Uluru' is another spectacular way to spend an evening in the Red Centre. The 50,000 mesmerising solar lights are sure to excite your students.

#### DAY NINE

Simpsons Gap Emu Run Experience

#### Return travel

Explore the Yulara town square for those last minute souvenirs before you depart for the airport.



## Across the Territory 12 days

#### Environment, history and culture

Fly into Darwin and out of Yulara (Uluru) or vice versa. This is easily adjusted to suit a one-way coach drive.

#### DAY ONE AND TWO

#### Darwin and Litchfield National Park

Fly into Darwin and transfer to your accommodation for the next two nights. Spend the afternoon touring the town by coach or on foot with Walk Darwin. Visit the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory for a dedicated school program or the Darwin Military Museum and Defence of Darwin Experience. Or re-live the Bombing of Darwin Harbour at the Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Tourist Facility. The famous Mindil Beach Sunset Markets (Thurs or Sun) are a great way to experience the multi-cultural heart of the city.

Start early and travel south for a prearranged excursion package at the Territory Wildlife Park. Continue on to spend the remainder of the day touring Litchfield National Park. See the incredible Magnetic Termite Mounds, and enjoy a walk and refreshing swim at Buley Rockhole or Florence Falls. Return to Darwin for dinner at your overnight accommodation.

#### DAY THREE AND FOUR

#### Kakadu National Park and Katherine

Depart Darwin and spend the morning with Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours for an interactive 2hrs of bush tucker descriptions, dilly-bag making, Yidaki (didgeridoo) and clap-stick demonstrations.

Continue into World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park, stopping at Cahills Crossing to spot crocs. Take a guided walk at Ubirr with Kakadu rangers and discover vibrant Aboriginal rock art. Wonder at the expansive views across the Nadab floodplain before heading to your overnight accommodation in Jabiru or Cooinda.

Enjoy a morning boat tour with the awardwinning Yellow Water Cruises and visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre before making your way 21/2 hrs south to Katherine. This afternoon, drop in to see the entertaining horse and working dog show at Katherine Outback Experience. Stay in Katherine for two nights.

#### DAY FIVE

#### Nitmiluk National Park and Katherine

Exploring Kata Tjuta

Spend the morning soaking up the ancient culture and geological formations of Nitmiluk Gorge. Explore by tour boat, on foot, by canoe or with an educational cultural activity with Nitmiluk Tours. Depart early afternoon to visit the Top Didj Aboriginal Art Gallery.

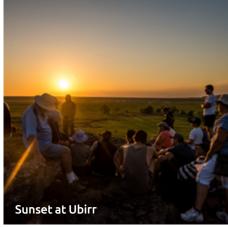
#### DAY SIX AND SEVEN

#### Mataranka, Tennant Creek and Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles

Over the next two days, travel south following the journey of one of Australia's most accomplished explorers, John McDouall Stuart. Experience the stunning Mataranka thermal pools, visit the Battery Hill Gold Mining and Heritage Centre and aim to stay at one of the well-equipped caravan parks in Tennant Creek.

Plan for an early morning study of the fascinating geological phenomena at Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles, 100km south of Tennant Creek.







Complete the final 400km drive to Alice Springs, where you'll stay for the next two nights. Drive up ANZAC Hill this evening for stunning views of the town and the

Cultural experience at Pudakul

#### DAY EIGHT

MacDonnell Ranges.

#### Alice Springs

Spend the day exploring Alice Springs and its surrounds. With a myriad of educational attractions to choose from, it's easy to create a suite of activities to keep students engaged in key learning areas throughout the day. Visit the Alice Springs Desert Park, School of the Air, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Women's Museum of Australia, the Alice Springs Telegraph Station or the Reptile Centre. Alternatively, a short drive to the east or west of town rewards with impressive gaps, chasms, remote waterholes and other ancient features of the MacDonnell Ranges.

#### DAY NINE

#### Watarrka National Park

Depart Alice today and head towards Watarrka National Park. If your vehicle is suitable for off-road touring, detour from the highway to visit Rainbow Valley or the Henbury Meteorite Craters. This afternoon arrange for a Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience or a 4hr cultural engagement with Remote Tours at Lilla Aboriginal community. Stay one night nearby.

#### DAY TEN TO TWELVE

#### Watarrka National Park, Curtin Springs Station and Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park

Up early this morning, enjoy the spectacular 3-4hr Kings Canyon rim walk. Visit Curtin Springs Station and take in the views of Mt Conner enroute to Yulara, where you'll stay for two nights. Enter Uluru-Kata Tjura National Park in the morning and be mesmerised by the enormous domes of Kata Tjura on the Valley of the Winds Walk. Enjoy a picnic lunch and take in every angle of the magnificent formations from various viewing areas. Drive towards Uluru and visit the Cultural Centre for an introduction into Tjukurpa and the cultural aspects of Uluru. Arrange for a dot-painting workshop with Maruku Arts or an educational ranger talk before finding a prime position to watch the setting sun intensify the colours of the enormous monolith.

Rise early and break camp for a sunrise over Uluru or jump on a camel. Take your time exploring the base walk with a guided tour, or hire bicycles with Outback Cycling. Meet your return flight at the airport and leave with the wonders of the NT vivid in student's minds.



## Top End / Darwin 7-9 days

#### Culture, environment, outdoor education and history

Fly in and out of Darwin.

#### DAY ONE

#### Darwin

Arrive in Darwin, settle in to your accommodation and spend the remainder of the day exploring the city. Get your bearings by tour coach or with a local guide on a Walk Darwin tour.

#### DAY TWO AND THREE

#### Greater Darwin, Litchfield National Park and Katherine

Depart Darwin and visit the Territory Wildlife Park, delving into an educational program with their team of experts. Alternatively, arrange a tailored group experience at Crocodylus Park with live-handling sessions, croc-feeding tours or an eco-cruise introducing a range of Top End habitats.

Spend the afternoon learning about sustainability while developing bush and survival skills with a wilderness education workshop, delivered by Sticks and Stones Adventures. Or, stay at Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre and arrange a catered program of activities.

Make the wonderful features of Litchfield National Park the focus on Day 3. Study the Magnetic Termite Mounds, marvel at waterfalls and enjoy pristine swimming holes.

Continue south to Katherine, where you'll stay for the next two nights. This afternoon join the highly engaging horse and working dog show with Katherine Outback Experience.

#### DAY FOUR

#### Katherine and Nitmiluk National Park

Explore Nitmiluk National Park and its ancient gorge at your leisure. Choose a guided bush walk with a local park ranger, paddle a canoe in the Katherine River or cruise the gorge on a boat tour. Nitmiluk Tours provides award-winning, informative cultural programs that offer a deeper understanding of the area's unique cultural aspects. This afternoon visit Top Didj Aboriginal Art Gallery.

#### DAY FIVE AND SIX

#### Kakadu National Park and Mary River region

Take an early drive north towards Kakadu National Park with an optional hike and swim at Leliyn / Edith Falls. Enter Kakadu and visit the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre where students can engage in experiences such as weaving lessons and art tutorials, with local Aboriginal people.

This afternoon arrange a guided tour by Ayal Aboriginal Tours or Kakadu Rock Art Tours of the outstanding rock art protected by ancient shelters at Nourlangie. Visit nearby Anbangbang Billabong and Nawurlandja Lookout for amazing views of the site. Choose a tropical camp in Cooinda or Jabiru for the night.

In the morning, do some croc spotting at Cahills Crossing before marvelling at the Aboriginal rock art sites at Ubirr.



Take in the captivating views across the Nadab floodplains. After lunch join the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise (smaller groups only) for insights into local culture, mythologies and bush survival or, visit the Bowali Visitor Centre.

Travel west stopping at the Mamukala wetlands, one of Kakadu's best bird watching spots. Finish with a leisurely afternoon at camp and allow students time to reflect on their learnings so far. Arrange a 'Welcome to Country' with the Uwynmil Traditional Owners and explore the property at Mary River Wilderness Retreat. Basecamp Wallaroo also boasts incredible natural surroundings and outdoor education activities with Adventure Bound.

#### **DAY SEVEN**

#### Greater Darwin and Mary River regions

A short drive this morning and you'll discover the region's fascinating flora and fauna on-board a Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise followed by a visit to the Wetland View Top Centre. Continue north to join a two hour handson interactive experience with Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours.

Groups travelling home today can return to Darwin at any time to meet departing flights. Alternatively continue your Top End learning adventure in Darwin for the next two nights.

#### DAY EIGHT AND NINE

#### Darwin military history, culture and environments

Spend the next day(s) immersed in the fascinating culture and history of Darwin that has influenced modern-day Australia. A range of museums and educational attractions present significant historical events. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Tourist Facility, Darwin Aviation Museum and the Darwin Military Museum and Defence of Darwin Experience.

Gain a different perspective on the Bombing of Darwin, local Aboriginal culture, marine science and eco-systems while cruising or sailing on the stunning waters of Darwin Harbour. A range of quality operators deliver specialised educational content during these nautical experiences.

Continue environmental studies at Crocosaurus Cove or tailor a program to address specific learning areas at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Before taking the resounding beauty of the Top End home, spend an evening at the vibrant Mindil Beach Sunset Markets (Thu and Sun nights), catch a movie at Darwin's Deckchair Cinema or check out a community event or festival.

## Tour and travel operators



## AAT Kings

Since 1912, AAT Kings has been helping people from all over the world discover and explore Australia and New Zealand from top to bottom. Providing simple transfers and day excursions through to extended, accommodated multi-state touring programs.

AAT Kings have a wealth of experience working with school, special interest and alumni group travel. A dedicated groups and charters team work with planners and group leaders to create trips that meet educational and logistical requirements. The team are warm, friendly, engaged and have a genuine passion for providing outstanding guest service. Along with offering great value for money with all the must-see sights, hidden gems, exclusive dining experiences and cultural highlights included, AAT Kings have flexible programs to suit your needs.

Whether organising a small group tour for select students or a holiday fit for an entire sports team, AAT Kings leads you through the booking process for a pleasant hasslefree experience. The AAT Kings philosophy is that it's as much about enjoying the journey, as the places you visit. A commitment to quality and service is visible in every aspect of the tours, including a fleet of modern luxury coaches.

AAT Kings provides Australia's finest fleet of luxury coaches, superbly engineered and equipped with the latest technology and features to ensure you travel in safety and comfort.

The coaches are maintained in peak condition by expert engineers in their own workshops. Quality control and safety is assured by a sophisticated computer maintenance system.

The fleet comprises various sized vehicles, including 50 and 58 seat luxury coaches, some 21 and 32 seat mini coaches and a limited fleet of 16 seat 4WD vehicles.



Luggage trailers are on select vehicles and wheelchair facilities available upon request. With depots located in Sydney, Cairns, Ulu<u>r</u>u, Alice Springs and Darwin, multi-state touring programs are easy to facilitate.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: 100+ passengers Regions: All of NT and Australia

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## Across Australia Travel

Across Australia Travel specialise in educational excursions offering a wide range of activities throughout the Northern Territory. All itineraries can be tailored to suit the school's curriculum and your requirements.

Across Australia Travel is a fully licensed Travel Agent and a member of AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents). Owner Ian Wheeler's 60 years industry experience enables Across Australia Travel to prepare, create and deliver your excursion to the highest level.

Excursions are fully inclusive from 'door to door', including all sightseeing, accommodation, meals and transport there are no hidden extras. Schools are supplied with a customised four page colour promotional brochure comprising of a detailed itinerary. This is a great tool for communicating with students and families. Sub-contracted coach companies offer only the highest standard of coaches available, so you'll always travel in a 5 star climate controlled, luxury touring coach with standard safety measures and latest inclusions such as leather seats, PA system and DVD player. The professional crew are trained to the highest standards, have WWC and food handling certification and Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a and / or Kakadu National Park accreditations.

Camping equipment including special pyramid tents and mattresses are supplied. Students are required to bring their own sleeping bag, pillow, luggage and basic cutlery / crockery.

Include an exclusive opportunity to work with an Aboriginal community in Watarrka National Park into your Central Australian itinerary. Known as 'Project Karrke', students get a rewarding and insightful experience supporting an Aboriginal



community, whilst meeting the learning outcomes of the Australian curriculum. Karrke also offer an award-winning one hour cultural tour.

Take the time to review the website and read the online testimonials that verify the first class service and excellent standards provided.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: 120+ passengers Regions: All of NT

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## ATG Downunder

ATG Downunder, Darwin's specialist educational operator provides exclusive experiences for adolescent traveller's through the Northern Territory and beyond. Students travelling with ATG Downunder can experience the best of the Northern Territory with set or bespoke itineraries as per the requirements of the school.

Our professional coach drivers all hold Northern Territory working with children's checks and are regarded as some of the best drivers in the industry. Our drivers complete regular verification of competencies prior to being selected to work for ATG Downunder and yearly checks follow for each of our drivers.

Allow us to escort your students through the various regions of the Northern Territory with Darwin airport collection services included, prior to setting out to our stunning national parks for an educational experience of a lifetime. Our 5, 7 and 10 day risk assessed Darwin to Darwin touring itineraries will provide students many opportunities to learn about the various cultures of the region, view local wildlife and witness thrilling waterfalls. ATG Downunder can also provide cross country experiences through the rugged outback with extended touring from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, or Perth towards UNESCO listed world heritage sites including Uluru-Kata Tjura and Kakadu National Parks. Be picked up in your city of choice and learn about culture, eco systems and history along the way by an expert driver / guide prior to flying back home from Darwin.

Our touring coaches are of high standard with a local team of mechanics who ensure all vehicles meet Australian safety regulations. Our Darwin based office are here to assist you with additional support including an after-hours service available outside of general business hours.

Interested in learning more? Why not email darwin@austransit.com.au to find out how ATG Downunder can best support your requirements.



Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: 250 pax (5 touring coaches) Regions: All of NT

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## Benchmark Tours

Benchmark Tours work with you to give students the best and most memorable learning experiences. With over 30 years of experience the team offers individualised bookings and will make the whole process exciting.

Benchmark Tours are with you every step of the way from itinerary planning to the excursion itself, so you can concentrate on making the excursion fun and thrilling for students.

Benchmark Tours offer flexible itinerary arrangements to suit your school curriculum.

Dedicated tour coordinators are passionate about providing you with the best experience and knowledge of each activity and place you go, knowing what works, advising you on the best places to see and stay. Continuing to comply with all COVID-safe protocols integrated with your school's protocols Benchmark Tours want to keep you and your students safe and have vast risk assessment resources.

Benchmark Tours offer:

- full itinerary planning
- all dietary requirements catered for
- top accommodation choices
- all transport arrangements (including flights to / from Darwin and / or Alice Springs).

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: All group sizes Regions: All of NT

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## Educational Journeys

The team from Educational Journeys understands the educational landscape which is why all of the programs are developed around the Australian Curriculum framework. Their expertise and trusted travel relationships provide a completely customisable service for every group. Each program will have a dedicated Program Consultant and Program Co-ordinator to plan and communicate with teachers, students and parents. This makes planning for your trip easy and seamless.

Their top priority is protecting the safety and wellbeing of both the students and teachers on each trip, reflected by a robust Risk Assessment Process and Crisis Management Plan.

Educational Journeys is committed to reducing the carbon footprint and driving sustainable development through tourism, and is proud to be a member of Sustainable Travel International. As a member, they are part of a global movement of conscientious travellers and businesses that are passionate about making a difference and giving back to the places we depend on.

The Northern Territory provides the perfect location for teaching students about intercultural diversity and engaging them in a range of skills-based activities. Educational Journeys Northern Territory experiences provides students the chance to engage in valuable immersive activities and learn from those in local Aboriginal communities. Students learn about culture, belief systems and values through storytelling. They will discuss modern day cultural practices with Aboriginal community members and consider how they contrast with traditional practices.

Itinerary ideas are available on their website.



Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: 10+ Regions: All of the NT

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## Educational Tours & Safaris

Educational Tours & Safaris (EDTS), is a 100% Australian owned and operated company specialising in educational tours for school groups to the Northern Territory.

Lisa Anderson, a veteran of the educational touring market, has teamed up with the owners of Nuline Charter and Bayside Coaches to create EDTS. With over 60 years of combined operational and touring experience in school group travel around Australia, your school will get the best in customer service, coach and travel options, along with tailored tours with educational outcomes.

Offering tours that range from 5 to 17 days, which take in all the sights of Ulu<u>r</u>u and Kata Tju<u>t</u>a, Alice Springs and Watarrka as well as Nitmiluk, Kakadu, Litchfield and Darwin.

All tours are fully inclusive of 5-star safety, service and comfort in modern coaches fully compliant with risk and fatigue management. All equipment is supplied including tents, sleeping mattresses, amazing cooks and the best food on tour. Packages include camping and entry fees and friendly knowledgeable coach captains.

Itineraries are customised to suit your educational needs, year levels, budget and group size, as well as adding in the "fun" factor! Sample itineraries can be found on the website.

EDTS provide one-on-one service from quoting to departure, collaborating towards educational content that goes beyond the classroom. You'll be assured of superior safety and service.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: Any size dependent on availability of accommodation. Regions: All of NT



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## Ethical Adventures

Specialising in small group, bespoke touring, Ethical Adventures is passionate about providing high value, educational experiences. From Darwin to Litchfield, Kakadu, Katherine and beyond, students and teachers enjoy a relaxed, safe, friendly educational touring environment delivered by qualified, local professionals.

Students are immersed in the local scene be it natural, cultural or social. A range of learning areas can be covered such as history (pre and post contact), Earth and environmental sciences, and current issues (political and environmental). Students develop a range of general capabilities whilst exploring sensational Top End locations where the cross-curriculum priorities of sustainability and Aboriginal histories and culture, are easily addressed. Ethical Adventures will work with you to create an itinerary that reflects your desired learning outcomes.

Committed to true natural immersions, maintaining smaller groups ensures a more connected, in-depth experience. Comprehensive logistical support and quality step-on guide services, delivering specific educational modules, are available to groups who supply their own transport.

Ethical Adventures also delivers an exclusive bushcraft and survival training program, 'Sticks and Stones Adventures'. These are offered as stand-alone modules or can be incorporated into an Ethical Adventures multi-day school excursion itinerary. Taken together, the Ethical Adventures touring and bush-skills workshops provide a comprehensive educational, experiential and challenging package suitable for all ages.

Programs and itineraries are individually tailored to suit each groups' educational requirements.



Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: Up to 18 (more upon request and subject to availability) Regions: Top End and Katherine

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## G.E.T Educational Tours

Established in 1960, G.E.T Educational Tours (G.E.T) is an experienced educational tour provider. Enjoy a full range of services, from assisting and advising with planning itineraries, competitive quotes, administrative support, booking activities and accommodation, and excursion facilitation and delivery.

Experience professional care and expertise with a dedicated team that are passionate about educational travel to the Northern Territory.

The following itinerary suggestions can be found online and can be easily adapted to your budget, timeframes, curriculum focus and objectives. Students will develop their independence, build team skills and learn about native wildlife and Aboriginal culture, whilst exploring vast desert and tropical landscapes.

- Splendors of the Outback and Top End (12 days)
- Central Australia and Indigenous Community Stay (7 days)
- Natural Wonders of the Outback (9 days)

• Outback to the Future (7 days) G.E.T send over 12,000 students on excursions every year, including 25+ groups to the Northern Territory. With the knowledge and experience to design, book and deliver curriculum specific itineraries, you'll benefit from longstanding relationships with professional coach companies, accommodation and experienced providers to ensure enjoyable and enriching trips for both students and teachers.

Understanding the work involved to organise a school tour, G.E.T supports teachers and group leaders every step of the way. They provide advice on risk assessments, example itineraries, budgeting and much more. G·E·T determent

Explore a range of suggested Northern Territory programs online and contact G.E.T to book your next tour.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: 100+ passengers Regions: All of NT

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- W getours.com.au



## Infuse Travel

Infuse Travel is a leading Australian student travel organisation that specialises in service-learning, cultural immersion and experiential education programs for students and schools. With decades of experience, our custom itineraries are designed to engage students and push the boundaries of their understanding through sustainable, curriculum-based learning opportunities.

We are driven by a deep belief that education through travel is critical in the development of all young people. We strive for real, sustainable change to both the perspectives of our students, and to the communities we work and partner with in Australia and around the world.

Infuse Travel has been operating throughout the Northern Territory for decades, which allows access to locations, communities and experiences that are truly unique. The team works closely with other NT Learning Adventures operators as well as Indigenous community members and partner organisations to create unforgettable experiences for students such as:

- Indigenous on-country experiences
- Wildlife rehabilitation programs
- Survival skills programs
- Community services tours
- Leadership expeditions.

Infuse Travel have developed strong, long-lasting connections with Indigenous communities and employ the guidance of university lecturers, industry experts and community leaders to advise and guide the team.

Infuse programs provide opportunities for cross cultural understanding and education through meaningful and eyeopening experiences. We adhere to the latest risk management practices, activity standards and culturally relevant training to ensure the delivery of the highest quality experiences.



Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: any number - subject to available accommodation Regions: All of NT

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## Offroad Dreaming

Offroad Dreaming is a local, family owned and operated business that has grown steadily since opening in 2011. They began taking educational groups in the first year and many continue to travel with them today. Offroad Dreaming's reputation has since reached education providers throughout Australia and internationally.

Primary schools, secondary schools, colleges and university groups have experienced touring with Offroad Dreaming. Working with local schools, businesses, Aboriginal communities and activity providers, their qualified, knowledgeable and professional guides deliver interactive and educational tours across the Top End.

Offroad Dreaming offers a full range of services, from developing itineraries, booking activities and accommodation, to delivery of the excursion. They develop relevant and bespoke itineraries that meet required curriculum outcomes. The duration, budget, group size, accommodation and location preferences can all be tailored to suit group requirements. Offroad Dreaming has a variety of vehicles including a 4WD 7-seat Land Cruiser, 11seat commuter and 20-seat coasters. A 4WD 15-seat, 4WD 35-seat or 48-seat coach can also be arranged if required. All meals, snacks and drinking water can be provided, or catering can be arranged as needed.

Offroad Dreaming organises excursions to your preferred level of accommodation and budget. Groups may stay in hotels, use permanent or remote campsites, or enjoy school and community arrangements.

A range of camping equipment such as swags, tents and sleeping bags are available. Choose to travel with a portable camp kitchen, make use of campfire zones or utilise permanent kitchens throughout.

Guides are first aid certified with Kakadu knowledge accreditation and have extensive experience or qualifications of their own, adding special interest (e.g. botanical, archaeological) to the excursion.

Students develop decision-making skills and gain knowledge through shared experiences that require teamwork.



Subjects like history, culture, geography, arts and the environmental sciences are incorporated throughout the touring activities such as canoeing, swimming, bushwalking and camping.

Offroad Dreaming's philosophy is to operate a sustainable business that includes caring for the natural environment.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: 1 – 48 passengers Regions: All of NT (specialising in the Top End)

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- W offroaddreaming.com.au





## Overland Oz Educational Safaris

Overland Oz Educational Safaris operates in the Top End of the Northern Territory creating educational programs for schools touring in Kakadu, Litchfield and Arnhem Land. The sheer rugged beauty of the Top End, one of the most beautiful places on Earth, needs to be seen to be understood.

With over 22 years' experience, Overland Oz delivers learning outcomes that help to bridge the gap between non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal communities. Locally owned and operated, Overland Oz is immensely proud to offer school groups the opportunity to engage in a truly life changing experience.

Tours can be tailor-made to the specifications of your students' curriculum requirements. Travelling with Overland Oz gives the benefits of a small group experience. Larger groups are divided into smaller vehicles to tackle the particular activities throughout the day, and re-join in the evenings as one group to talk about the outcomes and learnings. This allows students more time to learn from their guide and provides the opportunity to immerse themselves deeper in the local culture. This approach reduces the impact on an area at one time, protects the environment, assists with safer group management, enhances the learning experience and increases the possibility of wildlife viewing. The learning outcomes are brilliant and the beautiful places visited don't get ruined for others!

Another major part of Overland Oz's endeavours is to provide community service projects for students to get involved with on Aboriginal lands. Many schools choose to fundraise to help with the projects. Local jobs are created for community members on their own land, which is extremely important for local Aboriginal people. This type of touring experience is not for everyone, however for those that are willing to commit and give back in a meaningful way - it becomes a life changing challenge.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: Up to 60 Regions: All of NT



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## Red Earth

Red Earth's mission is to connect people with Indigenous Australia in a safe and meaningful way, and to provide economic opportunity, sustainability, and empowerment to those who live there.

"Talk is cheap, come and do something on the land".

-Rich Bowen, Traditional Owner of Guurill.

We provide Traditional Owners the tools and platform needed to welcome people on their land and tell their own stories on their own terms. Since 2011, we have connected over 7,500 people on Country through meaningful multi-day cultural immersions.

When we say immersion, we mean immersion: school groups will spend the majority of the time on private Homelands immersing themselves in culture on Country with Traditional Owners and their families.

#### Activities include:

- Visiting sacred sites
- Dreamtime stories around the fire
- Service project work

- Fishing alongside Traditional Owners
- Didgeridoo and tool making
- Painting and pandanus weaving workshops
- Learning about Traditional bush medicine and bush tucker
- Exploring rock art sites.

Whatever the activity, the goal is always to facilitate personal connections and allow students to develop a firsthand understanding of the challenges and beauty of modern life in remote Indigenous communities.

"I have been an educator for over 30 years... having just returned from a Red Earth immersion, I have never witnessed the powerful personal growth in students to which I saw... Living and learning on Country with our First Nations Australians was a privilege and life-changing for all."

Ms Melissa Etherton, Director of Innovation and Enterprise at Loreto Toorak, Victoria.

In addition to smaller opt-in immersions, we are experts in all-grade immersions. Our All-Grade program allows every



student in a year level to make a safe and meaningful connection with Traditional Owners on homelands. Whether there are 50 or 300 students in a grade, they are split into small, classroom-sized groups for the majority of the program to ensure they are able to get the most out of the experience, all at the same time.

From our comprehensive risk assessment to our qualified leaders and round-theclock operations bases around Australia, we are well equipped to make every immersion safe.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: Up to 300 Regions: Top End and Central Australia

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## Remote Education Tours

"An experience hard to replicate" *Student, Cranbrook School, NSW.* 

Remote Education Tours (RET) is a leader in Northern Territory education tourism, specialising in cultural immersion tours. Focusing on bridging the gap between past and present cultures, RET has pioneered the delivery of immersive cultural experiences that have enriched the lives of thousands of students from all over Australia.

For 30 years RET founder, Reg Ramsden, has nurtured RET in parallel with his philanthropic venture 'The Watarrka Foundation' and has developed an experience that encapsulates many of the school's curriculum components. Trips can be tailored to link student needs with specific learning outcomes whilst also developing other life skills that extend beyond the classroom such as mindfulness, wellbeing, curiosity, social skills and cultural sensitivity. RET offers 5, 8 and 10 day programs that are led by experienced, qualified tour guides and utilise purpose built campsites that are comfortable and safe, whilst still allowing for an authentic adventurous outback experience. Tour activities take students back through time following ancient trail footsteps to learn the story of Aboriginal ancestry and country, the history of Alice Springs and early European explorers, and the unique flora and fauna of the region.

Providing further context are other guide led activities such as commentary hikes through World Heritage National Park gorges, canyons and mountain ranges, connecting with local characters, and participating in their customs such as smoking into Country, just to name a few.

For groups travelling through the area on their own itineraries RET, in collaboration with local Traditional Owners, can provide a separate 4-hour cultural discovery tour at the Lilla Community educational campsite, about 10km from Kings Canyon.



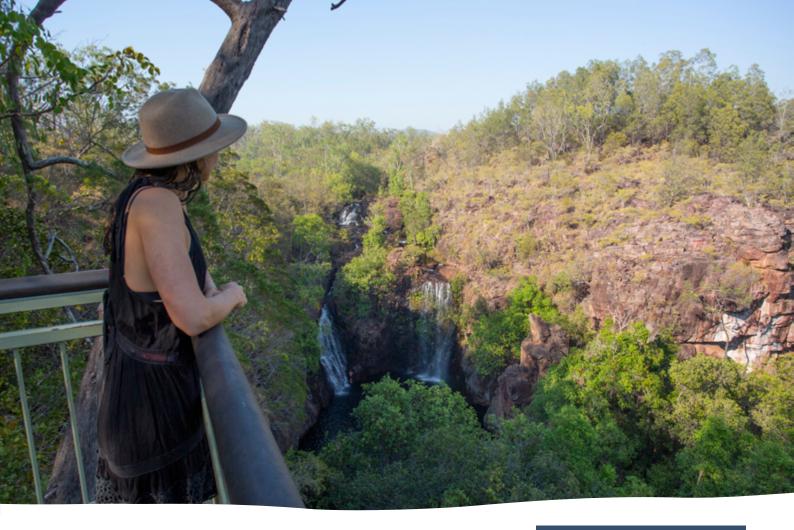
RET programs are a profoundly important resource for young developing minds and an equally useful tool for teachers wanting to acquire the skills and confidence to teach the ever-emerging importance of Australia's history and Aboriginal culture.

All documentation available upon request, including; Working with Children checks, first aid certificates, insurance certificates of currency and references.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: 12 – 80 passengers Regions: Central Australia and beyond

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## Territory Expeditions

Territory Expeditions is a locally owned and operated tour company encompassing the whole of the NT. Based in Humpty Doo the primary regions of focus are in the world heritage listed Kakadu National Park, Arnhem Land, Nitmiluk and Litchfield National Parks. However, adventures down the Stuart Highway to Alice Springs, the Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park and Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park are also possible.

Specialising in informative, guided road journeys including cultural, natural and historical aspects of each area, they provide a dose of adventure and lots of fun. The best locations in the Top End of the NT are remote and present some access challenges. Utilising purpose built 4WD trucks Territory Expeditions traverses the ruggedness of these beautiful, hard to reach areas, away from the crowds, in comfort and safety. Delivering tours in the Top End for over 20 years, Territory Expeditions has developed wonderful relationships with Traditional Owners in areas such as Kakadu, Arnhem Land and surrounds allowing access to areas not always available to other visitors.

Territory Expeditions are experienced in delivering educational tours for universities and school groups. Whether you just want to get off the beaten track, hike and swim in breathtaking waterfalls and plunge pools, or focus on specific learning areas such as geography, geology, Aboriginal studies, biodiversity or even botany, geomorphology or zoology, they deliver it all.

All tour guides are highly experienced, have exceptional knowledge about the NT and the Aboriginal custodians of the land, hold national park guide accreditations, senior first aid and CPR qualifications and Working with Children checks.

Let Territory Expeditions customise an itinerary to suit your group needs, length and style of tour, learning outcomes and accommodation preferences and enjoy an enriching and memorable experience for all.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: 6 to 120 Regions: All of NT and North WA



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## The Outdoor Education Group

The Outdoor Education Group (OEG) is a for-purpose organisation seeking to create positive change in the lives of young through outdoor education. OEG believe all young people deserve to be equipped with the skills they need to impact society positively.

Providing schools across Australia with immersive and unique outdoor educational experiences in the Northern Territory, OEG use the natural world to enrich student learning and strengthen essential capabilities. For over 37 years their programs have provided students with opportunities to explore and develop an array of vital skills helping shape strong, self-assured, and happy young adults.

Programs can be anywhere between 7-10 days in length and provide urban exploration, outback adventures and cultural immersion experiences. In partnership with the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation and the Mirrar people in Jabiru, students participate in memorable and exclusive journeys into parts of Kakadu National Park inaccessible to the public. OEG also conduct programs around Darwin, Jabiru, Litchfield National Park, Nitmiluk National Park and the Larapinta Trail in Central Australia. Their programs deliver powerful student outcomes, strengthening your school's curriculum and equipping your students with the skills and self-belief to achieve their personal best.

A continual and intense focus on risk management procedures and research underpins every program with OEG and guides their program design. The outdoor educators are highly experienced, hold Northern Territory's Working with Children checks, Wilderness First Aid qualifications and are qualified to guide in Kakadu National Park.

Accommodation ranges from cabins to tent-based camping. Programs include full catering, all equipment and gear (except sleeping bags) and ground transport in the NT.

Risk assessments available on request. Capacity: Limited to 56 Regions: All of NT



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## Untamed Escapes

Since 2004, family-owned and operated tour operator Untamed Escapes have connected travellers from all walks of life with adventure, culture, wildlife, wellness, and epicurean experiences in nature. Guided by a team of experienced and passionate storytellers, their small group and private charters unearth the remote regions throughout Western Australia, South Australia, and the Northern Territory's Red Centre.

Untamed Escapes cater to a wide range of educational groups from 10 to 40 people with levels of accommodation, from camping to luxury. Their diverse and immersive experiences include swag camping, adventure and team building activities, Indigenous culture, wildlife encounters, conservation volunteering and more.

Enjoy the flexibility, freedom and personalised service of working with a small operator. Their dedicated Groups & Charters Manager will work with you to create a tailor-made, fully inclusive itinerary that ticks all the boxes, meeting your needs and curriculum based learning outcomes. Untamed Escapes have an impeccable safety record and stringent Fleet and Risk Management processes to ensure your group travels safely through remote areas. Their experienced Guides are fully accredited with National Police and Working with Children checks, Remote First Aid, and all other required certifications to lead tours in places like Ulu<u>r</u>u-Katja Tju<u>t</u>a National Park. Storytellers by trade, Untamed Escapes Tour Guides also have a strong knowledge of flora, fauna, history, geology, and other interesting facts.

Untamed Escapes educational group charters are usually operated in 20 seat Toyota Coasters however larger coaches can be available on request. Support vehicles, translators, and tour hosts are also available options.

Untamed Escapes allows you to make positive changes through purposeful travel. Recognised as a Green Travel Leader, Advanced Eco-Accredited Operator and Climate Change Innovator by Eco-Tourism Australia, Untamed Escapes are passionate about taking a



regenerative approach to tourism. After employing a dedicated Regenerative Tourism Specialist in 2022, in March 2024 they launched their Road to Regeneration Manifesto, guiding them on a long-term journey of implementing regenerative practices in their tour operations, measuring and reporting on progress.

Example itineraries and Risk Assessments are available by contacting the email below.

Capacity: 10 – 40 pax Regions: Red Centre/Central Australia

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- E travel@untamedescapes.com.au
- W https://untamedescapes.com.au/





## WorldStrides

WorldStrides believe educational travel brings learning to life. Programs and itineraries are designed to complement your curriculum while imparting a sense of history, wonder and perspective. WorldStrides aims to create an educational experience for each student that is truly unforgettable.

A WorldStrides educational tour to the NT will provide your students with inspiring and educational experiences in a rugged and unique environment. From exploring spellbinding national parks in the Red Centre and Top End, to uncovering the importance of Aboriginal culture and the significant contribution that the NT played in wartime history. The NT excites and inspires students with immersive outback experiences that provide unforgettable memories and an indelible sense of place. WorldStrides works with NT Learning Adventures to select the top attractions and best accommodation for your style of tour. Whether you're looking for ancient geology, immersive Aboriginal culture, significant historic events and landmarks or stimulating outdoor activities, the NT has it all and more. WorldStrides will develop a tour that meets the needs of your school group, with exceptional experiences aligned to the curriculum.

Explore the Northern Territory on an awe-inspiring educational tour that has been carefully crafted by WorldStrides specialists!

WorldStrides advantages:

- Over 55 years' experience
- \$50 million liability insurance
- Doctors on Call program
- 24/7 tour support
- Comprehensive risk management
- Curriculum focused tours
- Teacher resources
- Promotional tools.

#### WorldStrides Educational Travel & Experiences

Depending on partnered providers, risk assessments can be available on request.

Capacity: Any number, catered to available accommodation Regions: All of NT

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## Alice Springs region

Desert art at Tangentyere Artists

### Learning Adventures

The quintessential outback town of Alice Springs, located in the heart of Australia, offers an excellent variety of educational adventures that fulfil a range of curriculum requirements. A school excursion to the Red Centre has justifiably become a rite of passage for many Australian students.

Central Australia is a true semi-arid desert ecosystem. A climate of clear sunny days, cold winter nights and little rain make for interesting endemic flora and fauna, where arid region biology and environmental science is showcased. Participate in a nature based session at Alice Springs Desert Park or visit Earth Sanctuary and Desert Knowledge Australia to learn how land, climate and sustainability interacts through real examples and hands-on experiences with innovative technologies.

History is on display around every corner. Discover the ancient past through the exciting Megafauna Central display of fascinating extinct species collected at the nearby Alcoota fossil site. Or, learn from Arrernte Aboriginal people at Hermannsburg and Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye.

Alice Springs showcases an extensive modern history of settlement at many dedicated attractions. Students learn of the adventures and achievements of early explorers and pioneers to the remote interior. The Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve, Women's Museum of Australia, Alice Springs School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctors Tourist Facility all bring stories of the past to life. The region's significant historical events and cultural influences have contributed significantly to modern Australia and provide valuable learning experiences for students of all ages.

An excursion to the Alice Springs region immerses students in the landscape. They'll find history resonating through everyday life and develop a deeper understanding of how the environment influences lifestyles, communities and culture.

Take the opportunity for authentic interaction with the area's Aboriginal people and foster appropriate, ethical and sensitive cultural awareness in your students. Marvel at their learning journey as they discover the fascinating inter-connectedness between plants, animals, people and land.

This unique outback metropolis rewards visitors with incredible natural assets, is imbued with history, culture and Aboriginal art and surprises with quirky festivals and world-class major events.



## ••••••••• Alice Springs Desert Park

Alice Springs Desert Park is your essential introduction to Australia's central desert environment, effortlessly blending the plants, animals and people in one purpose built facility. Students will experience the spirit of a living culture, explore a vibrant botanic wonderland and get up close with outback animals and characters that epitomise the fun and adventurous spirt of the Red Centre.

The 1300 hectare attraction reflects and interprets the Australian desert in a memorable and highly informative way that is both biologically and culturally sensitive.

Knowledgeable, passionate and enthusiastic guides make sure this magical experience will not be forgotten.

An education program can be as simple as a self-guided exploration including daily interactive guide presentations, taking in a free flying bird show 'Nature Theatre', cultural presentations and the opportunity to see endangered animals in the Nocturnal House. Alternatively, book a discovery session with specialised educational and immersive experiences linked to curriculum allowing students to connect with the geology and history of Central Australia, threatened species and Aboriginal culture.

The Park is nestled at the base of the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges, a 10 minute drive from the centre of town. Park guides are first aid trained and have current Working with Children checks. Risk assessments are available through the website. Other Park facilities include a café, picnic ground, cinema, free Wi-Fi hotspots and gift shop.

Open:	7 days, 7:30am to 6pm (last entry 4:30pm)
Closed:	Christmas Day
Duration:	3hrs min recommended
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	Entry and school group costs available online
Capacity:	No limit if self-guided / negotiable for booked
	sessions

#### Alice Springs Desert Park

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- **T** 08 8951 8788
- E asdp@nt.gov.au
- W alicespringsdesertpark.com.au

#### **Learning Adventures**



#### •••••••• Alice Springs Reptile Centre

The Alice Springs Reptile Centre is home to over 100 reptiles, specialising in those which are rare, impossible, or undesirable to come across in the wild. All inhabitants are housed and displayed in a comfortable recreation of their natural environment.

Enter the Gecko Cave and find different Central Australian species of this shy lizard. Huge Goannas such as the Perentie, desert-dwelling Thorny Devils and show off Frill-neck Lizards are all waiting to be discovered too. Meet Terry the Saltwater Crocodile and get a glimpse into his underwater world through the viewing glass. Some of the world's most venomous snakes including Inland Taipans, Brown Snakes, Death Adders and Mulga (King Brown) Snakes are safely displayed behind glass.

Habitants learn about desert reptile adaptations, basic biology and habits, how to react when encountering a snake and snake bite first aid. All programs include a fully supervised, interactive handling session with lizards and pythons.

Demonstrations are flexible and can be arranged outside of normal opening hours at a place and time to suit your itinerary.

Licensed by Parks and Wildlife, the Reptile Centre is fully insured, has risk management plans in place and all main presenters have current Working with Children checks. Most of all – the demonstrations are educational, safe and loads of fun!

Open: Closed:	7 days 9:30am to 5pm 25, 26 and 27 December, New Year's Day and Australia Day
Duration:	90mins average
Age group:	Allages
Pricing:	Student price \$10 / university students \$12 /
	group rates available / all teachers FOC
Capacity:	Up to 100 onsite up to 200 offsite (location dependent)

#### Alice Springs Reptile Centre

9 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs NT

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#### Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre

The Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre is an awardwinning interpretive centre offering visitors a virtual journey into "The World's Largest Classroom". The visitor experience includes a short film, a guided presentation showcasing the evolution of the School of The Air which history dates to 1951, and the opportunity to observe a live or pre-recorded lesson.

Learn about our students unique outback lifestyles and be inspired by their journeys, dreams, and aspirations by browsing through samples of their work in their many varied forms on display.

A visit to Alice Springs School of the Air assists both teachers and students address the ethical understandings contained in the General Capabilities section of the Australian Curriculum. It provides an opportunity to experience a world thousands of kilometres from their own, not just literally but culturally. It provides an insight into a world dominated by isolation and allows visiting students to make connections between their own worlds and the worlds of others. It provides an opportunity to develop abilities to communicate and empathise with others and to analyse intercultural experiences critically. It offers opportunities for them to consider their own beliefs and attitudes in a new light, and so gain insight into themselves and others.

Open:	Mon-Fri 9am-3pm, weekends are seasonal.
Closed:	Good Friday and Christmas-New Year period.
Duration:	45 min recommended
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	Students from \$11 / 10:1 teacher FOC (contact us
	for group rates)
Capacity:	6 - 50 (bookings are essential)

#### Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre

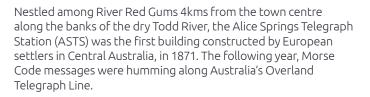
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- E visitorcentre@assoa.nt.edu.au
- W schooloftheair.net.au

#### **Learning Adventures**



## Alice Springs Telegraph Station



Student groups explore a wealth of Australian history and learn of the importance of Morse Code and telegraphy as the genesis of modern telecommunication, cutting international communication from months by boat to hours by telegram. This sits astride exploration history, including John McDouall Stuart's team who mapped the remote interior from Adelaide to Darwin.

Discover the intersectional history of the region, where the early settlers interacted with Arrernte people, and the factors that contributed to the tragedy of their displacement. In the 1930's the Old Telegraph Station became the 'Bungalow', home to mixed race children of the Stolen Generation.

During WWII the site became the supply yard for the Alice Springs military base, which is another story preserved by the current open-air museum.

Guided tours can be customised to suit the age of students and desired focus. Catering can also be arranged onsite at the Trailstation Café.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	Daily 8am-4pm (last entry recommended at 3pm)
Closed:	Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
Duration:	1hr minimum recommended
Age group:	Primary and secondary
Pricing:	Guided tours from \$9.90pp
Capacity:	Caters to larger groups, bookings essential

#### The Alice Springs Telegraph Station

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- **T** 08 8952 3993
- E trailstation@outbackgroupnt.com.au
- **W** alicespringstelegraphstation.com.au



#### ••••••• CFAT Digital Studio Tour

The Centre for Appropriate Technology is an Australian Indigenous owed organisation aiming to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians using appropriate technology. In 2023 the Desert Knowledge precinct became host of the CFAT Digital Studio to share stories of the world's oldest living culture through digital media.

Offering the opportunity for school students to visit and learn about Indigenous culture including CFAT's own digital creator space and studio. Students can take a workshop at the centre and share their own stories.

In March 2024 the CFAT Digital Studio opened the CFAT Digital Studio tour, created by local Indigenous strident in AR/XR media available for viewing through their mobile phones to take a tour around the precint and learn the district stories of the precinct created with new technology.

Students can also gain hands on skills and insights using digital technology with industry specific tour guides being led by local students.

CFAT is headquartered at the Desert Knowledge Precinct alongside the Batchelor Institute of Indisgenous Tertiary Education.

Open:9amClosed:4pmDuration:60 - 90 minutesAge group:Upper primary, middle, senior and tertiary studentsPricingFree site access / from \$25pp for tours (min 10 pax)Capacity10 - 30 (bookings are essential for groups)

Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm, Sat and Sun, Christmas to New Year holiday period

1 hour tours / 90 minute workshops

#### Centre for Appropriate Technology

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#### **Learning Adventures**



#### ••••••• Desert Knowledge Australia

Desert Knowledge Australia (DKA) is located 8km south of Alice Springs. It was designed as a culturally safe place where travellers from the south, east and west would stop and light a fire to send a signal to request a meeting with Arrente people, living on the northern side of Heavitree Gap (Ntaripe). Elders or other group members from Alice Springs (Mparntwe) would meet the travellers and share stories, songs or ceremony.

The edu-tourism program at DKA provides an opportunity for students to learn from the oldest knowledge systems on earth while gaining an understanding of renewable energy and space research. Programs are delivered by DKA's partners Centre for Appropriate Technology (CfAT) and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and are aligned with the Australian school curriculum.

The DKA Solar Centre, a partnership between DKA and Ekistica (an Aboriginal owned engineering company), is one of the largest multi-technology solar demonstration facilities in the southern hemisphere providing valuable open access data to over 10,000 users across the world every year. Students explore the importance of solar and renewable energy in our lives by engaging with an engineer, along with on-site demonstration of various solar technology. A number of other activities on site include the Garden of Reflection (Stolen Generations Memorial), Conservation and Land Management, Business and Innovation Centre, and industry specific speakers and tour guides.

With prior notice, catering is available from the precinct's café.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:Mon-Fri 8am to 4pmClosed:Sat and Sun, Christmas to New Year holiday periodDuration:2hr / half-day / full-day sessionsAge group:Upper primary, middle, senior and tertiary studentsPricing:Free site access / from \$25pp for tours (min 10 pax)Capacity:10 - 70 (bookings are essential for groups)

#### Desert Knowledge Australia

475 South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8959 6000
- **E** info@dka.com.au
- W dka.com.au/activities



#### ••••••• Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre

Established in 2000, Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre is a Northern Territory leader in the field of sustainability, eco-tourism and education. The centre sets the benchmark for sustainability in the Australian outback with triple bottom line credentials, including; EcoTourism Australia's Advanced Eco Certification, Eco Tourism Australia's Highly Commended Award for 2014, winner of the Northern Territory Brolga Award for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism in 2012 and 2014 and Tourism Central Australia's 'best new product' award for the Space Observatory in 2018. Earth Sanctuary's vision is to be Australia's leading provider of 100% carbon neutral education tours.

Earth Sanctuary offers schools, teachers and students the ultimate outback location to deliver key learning outcomes in sustainability, Aboriginal culture and astronomy. Covering a broad range of national curriculum components, Earth Sanctuary's learning adventures extend from 1 hour to 7-day comprehensive programs exploring the best of Alice Springs to Ulu<u>r</u>u. The award-winning tours offer:

- exclusive location on 100 acres of preserved natural wilderness, 15 minutes south of Alice Springs
- 100% carbon neutral tours and programs
- fully functioning sustainable living environment displays in energy, water, shelter, food, utilities and wellbeing
- excellent camping facilities allowing for self-sufficient groups to all-inclusive programs
- integrated tours in ecology, culture, astronomy and team building from first aid, spear and boomerang throwing, bush tucker and survivor activities
- all guides and staff have decades of knowledge and experience, including Working with Children checks
- Earth Sanctuary directors are active paramedics and focus on safety and orientation as a priority.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	7 days 7am to 9pm
Closed:	Public holidays
Duration:	1hr to 14 days (program dependent)
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	From \$25pp (min 10 students)
Capacity:	10 - 150 (bookings are essential for groups)

#### Earth Sanctuary

Lot 4005 Colonel Rose Drive, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8953 6161
- **E** education@earth-sanctuary.com.au
- W earth-sanctuary.com.au



# Hermannsburg Historic Precinct

Established in 1877, the mission was the initial point of contact between Western Arrernte and European cultures. The mission provided a sanctuary and source of medical assistance for Arrernte people during the contact period. For many years it was the largest settlement in Central Australia.

The mission was staffed by Pastor Carl Strehlow under whom most of the extant buildings were built (1897 - 1910). Using a variety of German inspired techniques, the buildings were constructed utilising mainly local materials.

Hermannsburg is associated with a number of noteworthy people in Northern Territory history. Carl Strehlow and his son, T.G.H. Strehlow, created detailed recordings of the Arrernte language and culture. Hermannsburg was also the home of Albert Namatjira, one of Australia's most famous landscape artists.

Wander around the old Lutheran Mission and get a glimpse of life as it was for the early pioneers and their families.

Learn about how the European settlers and local Arrernte people built a thriving community, despite many difficulties and setbacks. An introductory talk and mini guided tour are available by prior arrangement. Catering can also be arranged by the Kata Anga Tea Rooms.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	7 days 9am-5pm
Closed:	Good Friday and Christmas Day
Duration:	Minimum 2 hrs recommended
Age group:	Primary and secondary
Pricing:	Group rates from \$6pp / 10:1 teacher FOC
Capacity:	5 - 50

#### Hermannsburg Historic Precinct

Hermannsburg NT

- **T** 08 8956 7402
- E info@hermannsburg.com.au
- W hermannsburg.com.au



••••••• Megafauna Central

Located in the centre of Alice Springs, Megafauna Central showcases the unique megafauna of Central Australia from the Miocene Epoch, about 8 million years ago. The exciting story of megafauna in Central Australia is presented through displays of the fascinating fossils found at the Alcoota Scientific Reserve, alongside exquisite illustrations and life-size megafauna replicas, Arrernte audio interpretations, and a range of immersive activities that invite students to unearth fossils and interact with Paleontologists in the lab.

Alcoota is an exceptionally rich and scientifically significant fossil site, located about 150km north east of Alice Springs (this site is not open to the public). It preserves the abundant bones of 30 species of animal, including many megafauna that were living in the heart of Australia in the late Miocene Epoch, at a time when the Australian deserts were just beginning to form. The fossils at Alcoota are spread over a 200m stretch of ground and include the remains of as many as 3000 individual animals that all came to be buried in the same place. Included among these was the world's largest bird, a fearsome crocodile that would more than match the biggest modern-day salties, marsupial 'lions', marsupial 'wolves' and herds of giant browsing wombat relatives. What brought all these creatures to one spot and killed them? What can we learn from them about the evolution of Australia's unique fauna? Come to Megafauna Central to uncover the mystery. Tailored school tours can be arranged and charges may apply. Bookings are essential.

Open:	Mon 10am-4pm, Wed-Fri 10am-4pm,
	Sat and Sun 10am-2pm
Closed:	Tuesdays, Good Friday and annual closure from
	mid-December to early January (refer to website)
Duration:	1 - 2hrs
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	Free (donations welcome)
Capacity:	арргох. 30

#### Megafauna Central

21 Todd Street Mall, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8951 1113
- **E** info@magnt.net.au
- W magnt.net.au/alcoota



#### ••••••••• Museum of Central Australia

Explore the fascinating natural and geological history of Central Australia, from the 'Big Bang' to the present day.

The Museum of Central Australia is based in the Araluen Cultural Precinct. It tells the story of the region's unique natural history. The descriptive exhibition engages students in the evolving journey of the Central Australian landscape and the fascinating creatures that inhabited it. The well-presented interpretative displays feature meteorite fragments, fossils and other ancient rocks containing evidence of the earliest traces of life.

The Museum of Central Australia also houses the Strehlow Research Centre, one of Australia's most important ethnographic collections of film, sound, archival records and museum objects, relating to Aboriginal ceremonial life. The collection is not available for general viewing. A request for special access to the collection can be made via a prior application process.

Tailored school tours of the museum can be arranged and charges may apply. Bookings are essential.

Open: Closed:	Tues-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat and Sun 10am-2pm Mondays, Good Friday and annual closure from mid-December to early January (refer to website)
Duration: Age group: Pricing:	Free for NT residents, \$6 per student. School group
Capacity:	discounts apply when booking and teachers FOC 30

#### **Museum of Central Australia**

4 Memorial Avenue, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8951 1121
- **E** info@magnt.net.au
- W magnt.net.au/museum-of-central-australia



#### ••••••••• National Road Transport Hall of Fame

The National Road Transport Hall of Fame is a unique museum showcasing the rich and important history of the road and transport industry and the essential role it played in servicing the outback and developing remote areas of Australia.

There are over 400 vehicles in various conditions on display that testify to the trials and tribulations of road transport pioneers. It covers all forms of transport from the camel trains of old to today's modern road trains and stretch-liner coaches. With many vehicles displayed in their working-day condition with 'bush mechanic' maintenance intact, Australia's road transport history is truly presented.

Discover a complete history of Kenworth trucks (approx. 50) from the very first built in Australia, at the factory in Bayswater (VIC), to the most recent. Meander amongst impressively restored vehicles as well as several antique cars and motorbikes. Other gems include a collection of Cummins truck engines dating back to the original 1960s model through to the newest and a replica of Tom Kruse's truck that delivered mail and other essentials using roads throughout the remote interior.

Open:7 days 9am to 3pmDuration:1 - 2hrsAge group:All agesPricing:\$15 / all teachers FOCCapacity:No minimum self-guided

#### National Road Transport Hall of Fame

- 92 Norris Bell Drive, Alice Springs NT
- **T** 08 8952 7161
- E office@rths.com.au
- W roadtransporthall.com



#### •••••••• Royal Flying Doctor Service Alice Springs Tourist Facility

Keep the Flying Doctor flying, this unique educational opportunity provides schools with a chance to inspire students through the intersection of history, technology, and the invaluable service provided by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

Explore the captivating legacy of the original RFDS Alice Springs working base that commenced in 1939. This experience is great for students to learn about the importance of the RFDS to outback Australians and the evolution of medical care provided to our remote and most vulnerable communities.

See, experience and learn through the wonder of technology the heroic tales of the birth and growth of the first and largest aeromedical organisation in the world.

Gain insights into the pivotal roles played by pilots, engineers, doctors, and nurses, and discover the incredible stories of patients who rely on the RFDS each day.

- 2 virtual reality stories relive a patient's true experience of medical care and what it's like to fly with an RFDS pilot
- touch and learn about the aircraft and women of the RFDS
- witness history come to life with a life-size hologram of Rev. John Flynn, the visionary founder of the RFDS
- meet Alf Traeger and Nurse Kathy through interactive technology
- step inside a replica RFDS aircraft and feel what it's like to be a patient at 15,000 feet.

Open:	Mon-Sat 9am to 5pm, Sun and Public Holidays 1pm
Closed:	to 5pm, last tour 4pm Good Friday, Christmas, Boxing and
	New Year's Days
Duration:	1hr
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	Child (6-15yrs) \$12 / student \$14
	group discounts apply
Capacity:	Up to 40 at a time

#### Royal Flying Doctor Service Alice Springs Tourist Facility

- 8-10 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs NT
- **T** 08 8958 8411
- E reservations@flyingdoctor.net
- W rfdsalicesprings.com.au



#### ••••••• Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye

Traditional owners of Angkerle welcome students to their 'Women's Dreaming' site, and to the Angkerle Cultural Experience. The tour provides an enriching opportunity to engage with Western Arrernte people and learn of their spiritual connection with the land. The program can address Earth and environmental sciences, ancient history and visual arts while prioritising ethical and inter-cultural understanding and Aboriginal histories and culture.

Situated at Standley Chasm, 50kms west of Alice Springs, the Angkerle Cultural Experience consists of:

- a traditional 'Welcome to Country' by a local Aboriginal guide
- an informative chasm walk explaining local geology, flora and fauna, bush medicine and bush foods, weaponry, cultural history and heritage of the site
- buffet morning tea service with freshly made scones.

With prior booking, activities, catering and timings can be modified to suit the school's schedule. Other options include:

- full buffet or BBQ lunch
- traditional art workshop where students create their own work
- cultural conversations discussing traditional culture and contemporary cross cultural issues
- camping.

As a 100% local community owned tourist enterprise, Angkerle Aboriginal Corporation assures reliable and authentic Arrernte presentations in a strikingly beautiful and unique setting.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:Mon-Sat 8am to 5pm, Sun 8am to 2pmClosed:Christmas, Boxing and New Year's DayDuration:45min - 4hrs program dependentAge group:All agesPricing:From \$10 - \$90ppCapacity:60 (bookings essential)

#### Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye

- 1 Jay Creek Road, Hugh NT
- **T** 08 89567440
- E info@standleychasm.com.au
- **W** standleychasm.com.au



# St Philips College Outdoor Education – Alice Springs

Outdoor Education at St Philips College focuses on programs that develop self-awareness, self-esteem, leadership, communication skills, self-confidence and a real belief in themselves and their abilities.

St Philips Outdoor Education Program has been judged truly outstanding by educators and Outdoor Education professionals from all over Australia. The focus for the College's expeditions is the spectacular West MacDonnell and Chewings Ranges in Central Australia. The Outdoor Education expeditions are cited by many students, past and present, as being the highlight of their time at St Philips.

Tailored journey-based programs of 3-10 days are available for secondary students and groups of 10 -140 (one staff member from your organisation per group would be expected). Activities offered during the programs include walking, mountain biking, camping, bush cooking, abseiling, rock climbing, gorge travel, canoeing, and solo experiences. Qualified outdoor education professionals staff these adventures with strong backgrounds in working with young people in remote locations.

Standard offerings

- 3-day Discovery
- 5-day Adventure
- 9-day Endeavour
- 10-day Aspire
- Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journeys.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm (unless on program)
Closed:	October to April
Duration:	1hr to 10 days
Age Group:	12-18 (negotiable for younger or adult groups)
Pricing:	From \$25pp (min 10 students)
Capacity:	10 – 140 (bookings essential)

#### St Philips College Outdoor Education

- 1 Ulpaya Road Alice Springs NT
- **T** 08 89504511
- E outdoor.education@stphilips.nt.edu.au
- W https://www.stphilips.nt.edu.au/curriculum/outdooreducation



#### ••••••• Tennant Creek - Battery Hill Gold Mining and Heritage Centre

The Tennant Creek Overland Telegraph Repeater Station was the only permanent settlement in the area until the glimmer of gold was seen in 1932. This sparked Australia's last gold rush. During the 'Great Depression', it contributed significantly to Australia's economic wealth.

The museum exhibits and tour experiences at Battery Hill illuminate the hardships, industrial innovation and economic contributions of gold mining past, present and future. The social history 'Freedom, Fortitude and Flies' is a visual and tactile exhibit illustrating family, social and working life of ordinary people in an extraordinary environment.

The McLaughlin Minerals Collection is a world leader. Each sample has a 'wow' factor and has been selected for beauty as well as geological importance.

The '100 Years of ANZAC spirit' exhibition commemorates NT's Albert Borella VC, MM. Retrace the difficult journey Borella made in 1915 from Tennant Creek to Darwin for voluntary enlistment in WWI. Sight film clips, war memorabilia and interactive displays.

The Underground Tour demonstrates and discusses past and current mining techniques and machinery, while illustrating the hardships of a working life underground.

Open:	Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, Sat - Sun 9:30am-4pm	
Closed:	Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day	
	and New Year's Day	
Age group:	Primary and secondary	
Pricing:	Free museum access	
Capacity:	Museum max 40	

#### **Tennant Creek Visitor Information Centre**

- 160 Peko Road, Tennant Creek NT
- **T** 08 8962 1281
- E barkly@discoverca.com.au
- W discovercentralaustralia.com

#### **Battery Hill Gold Mining and Heritage Centre**

- 160 Peko Road, Tennant Creek NT
- **T** 08 8962 1281
- E batteryhill@discoverca.com.au
- **W** visitbatteryhill.com



# Women's Museum of Australia and Old Gaol Alice Springs

Be inspired! The Women's Museum of Australia celebrates the courage, tenacity, and achievements of Australian women from many ethnic backgrounds who broke the mould and earned a place in our gallery of inspirational women in recognition of their advancement of society.

Her Story is told through a variety of exhibits both historical and contemporary.

The museum is in the Old Alice Springs Gaol. Visitors can walk through the old buildings and experience history by listening to reflections from those who worked, visited, were inmates, or fought to save the heritage-listed buildings and marvel at the stunning mural artworks of Central Australian landscapes that adorn the walls.

School groups are welcomed by well-informed friendly volunteers and staff with many possible educational outcomes. Most of the buildings are wheel-chair accessible and there are outdoor areas for classroom style activities or relaxation.

The museum is located close to town in the Heritage Precinct of Alice Springs, with plenty of coach parking and is a part of the Amazing Alice educational experience which includes a group of 5 must see attractions showcasing adaption and innovation that comes from an isolated harsh environment.

Open:	Tue-Fri 10am -3pm last entry 2.45 pm	
Closed:	Christmas until the first week of February	
Duration:	1-2 Hrs	
Age group:	Allages	
Pricing:	\$6pp / teachers FOC	
Capacity:	арргох. 40	

#### Women's Museum of Australia and Old Gaol Alice Springs

2 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8952 9006
- **E** operations@pioneerwomen.com.au
- W pioneerwomen.com.au



#### **Alice Springs YHA**

Corner of Parsons Street and Leichhardt Terrace, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8952 8855
- E alicesprings@yha.com.au
- W yha.com.au

This unique property is built on the grounds of an historic outdoor movie theatre in the centre of Alice Springs. Alice Springs YHA offers groups affordable accommodation and modern facilities in an excellent location.

Boasting a great range of 4, 6 and 8 bed multi-share rooms and twin, double and family rooms, all set around a beautiful swimming pool with a well-equipped self-catering kitchen, dining room and lounge area.

Located on Parsons Street, in the centre of town, just off the Todd Mall. The airport is 15km away and group transfers can be organised with advance notice. Paid and free parking is also plentiful in the local area. With a dedicated groups coordinator to help from enquiry to check-out and staff available 24/7, Alice Springs YHA is the perfect choice for your school trip to the country's heartland.

 Pricing:
 From \$34.50pp per night

 Capacity:
 10 - 40

#### **Discovery Parks - Alice Springs**

25 Palm Place, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 1800 808 373 / 08 8952 6111
- E alicesprings@discoveryparks.com.au
- **W** discoveryholidayparks.com.au

The most awarded holiday park in the NT, the 4.5 star Discovery Parks - Alice Springs has been welcoming school groups to Alice Springs for 35 years. Just 4.5kms from the centre of town and 10kms from the airport. Any size group, camping or accommodated, is catered for.

There are 7 purpose-built bus shelters on powered sites, which have power, lighting, USB outlets, hot water and sinks. The 64 bed bunkhouse has 4 beds to a room, with separate male / female bathrooms and a central dining and kitchen area.

Facilities include large clean amenities blocks, 3 heated pools and a water slide, jumping pillows, TV and games room, playgrounds and a basketball court.

A convenience store with souvenirs, groceries, ice and gas, plus a 30 x 12.5m Function Centre, an event venue with capacity for up to 200 guests. It's the perfect space for cultural activities and special events with an open plan design, stage, AV and a kitchenette for self-catering.

Discovery Parks - Alice Springs is the ideal base to explore the Red Centre.

Pricing:Group rates available upon enquiryCapacity:Bunkhouse - 64 / self-contained cabins - 100+ /<br/>camping 100+

#### **Earth Sanctuary**

Lot 4005 Colonel Rose Drive, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8953 6161
- **E** education@earth-sanctuary.com.au
- W earth-sanctuary.com.au

Earth Sanctuary offers schools, teachers and students the ultimate outback location to reside during your Central Australian adventure. Situated on 100 acres of preserved wilderness just 15 minutes from Alice Springs, the venue meets the expectations of all group types. Excellent camping facilities cater to completely self-sufficient groups and host all-inclusive Earth Sanctuary programs.

The award-winning venue includes:

- exclusive and private camp sites which are safe, modern and free from unwanted distractions
- 100% carbon neutral venue with working displays in sustainable technologies
- excellent accommodation options for small and large education groups ranging from Earth Sanctuary's basic bush camp to sustainable dome accommodation
- modern commercial kitchen and dining area, toilets, showers and power access
- optional integrated tours.

Risk assessments available on request.

**Pricing:** From \$33pp (basic camp) - \$66pp (space camp) **Group Size:** 10 - 150 (bookings essential)

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#### Hamilton Downs Youth Camp

Via Tanami Highway, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8956 8613
- E hdyc@bigpond.com
- **W** hamiltondownsyouthcamp.com

The Hamilton Downs Youth Camp is located off the Tanami Highway, approx. 1hr 20min drive northwest of Alice Springs. The property allows for exclusive private use to groups. Bunkhouse style accommodation is available and includes a 32 bed dorm and a 34 bed dorm.

There are plenty of activities including marked walking tracks, nature trails and a variety of sports. Educational exercises based on photographs of the heritage listed buildings have been created. A well-researched curriculum based workbook that contains a wide portfolio of activities for all ages is available for use.

The camp has a modern, well-appointed commercial kitchen and there are gas BBQ's and fire pits to sit around and enjoy at night time, while star gazing and enjoying the sounds of the outback.

Pricing:Camping from \$12pp (under 16yrs) / accommodation<br/>from \$20pp (under 16yrs)Capacity:Bunkhouse 32 / historic bunkhouse 68 / camping 100+

#### Parks and Wildlife NT Group Camp Areas

#### Simpsons Gap

School campground in Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park.

A large, open area with plenty of room for swags or tents and suitable for large school groups. The campground is located adjacent to Roe Creek providing a fantastic playground in the riverbed for kids with an opportunity to spotlight at night. Scattered trees provide some shade and there is a large, covered picnic area. Other facilities include 2 toilets and drinking water.

Education groups must register an education group account in order to book this campground.

Capacity:Up to 60Pricing:nt.gov.au/parks/camping/feesBooking:Parkbookings.nt.gov.au

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#### **Ross River Resort**

7829 Ross Highway, Hale NT

- **T** 08 8956 9711 / 1800 241711
- E rrr@rossriverresort.com.au
- **W** rossriverresort.com.au

Ross River Resort provides the perfect base for your Red Centre school excursion. Only 90kms from Alice Springs, an easy access sealed road brings you right to the door. At the heart of the facility is the original 1898 historic homestead.

This comfortable, serene and spacious outback property is nestled amongst the magnificent East MacDonnell Ranges. Discover natural treasures such as the Yeperenye / Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park, Corroboree Rock, Trephina Gorge, and much more.

Offering plenty of coach parking, grassed camping areas, large covered outdoor spaces, fire pit access, a mapped orienteering course and an air-conditioned hall with a fully equipped commercial kitchen available for hire – you'll find a range of camping options and rustic outback cabins to suit your needs.

There is a 24hr emergency contact on site and evacuation plans are available on request.

 Pricing:
 From \$12pp

 Capacity:
 10 - 100

#### Standley Chasm Angkerle Aboriginal Corporation

1 Jay Creek Road, Hugh NT

- **T** 08 89567440
- **E** manager@standleychasm.com.au
- **E** info@standleychasm.com.au
- **W** standleychasm.com.au

Traditional Owners of Angkerle welcome schools to stay at their 'Women's Dreaming' site, at Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye. Situated just 50km from Alice Springs nestled in the beautiful West MacDonnell Ranges, Standley Chasm is a peaceful and comfortable base for smaller groups to explore Central Australia.

With beautiful grassed areas, shaded riverbeds or sandy bowers you'll find all the amenities for a comfortable stay. Enjoy hot showers, clean bathrooms, laundry and kitchen facilities, picnic areas and gas barbecues.

Stay overnight and enjoy multiple access to the breathtaking Chasm. Allow students to absorb and fully immerse in this special place. Create an educational program, incorporating the authentic and informative Angkerle Cultural Experience.

Camper dinners and other catering is available by prior arrangement. Emergency and site evacuation plans available upon request.

Pricing:\$18.50pp / group rates available. \$10 for 2nd nightCapacity:1 - 40

# Other Alice Springs and Barkly services

# **Destination information**

#### **Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre**

41 Todd Mall, Alice Springs NT

**Open:** Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, weekends and PH 9:30am-4pm **T** 08 8952 5800 / 1800 645 199

- E info@discoverca.com.au
- W discovercentralaustralia.com

#### **Tennant Creek Visitor Information Centre**

160 Peko Road, Tennant Creek NT

**Open:** Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, Sat and Sun 9:30am - 4pm **T** 08 8962 1281

- E barkly@discoverca.com.au
- W discovercentralaustralia.com

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# Parks and Wildlife NT

#### **General information**

- **T** 08 8951 8250
- W nt.gov.au/parks

#### Northern Territory Parks booking system

- **T** 1300 281 121
- E parks.onlinebooking@nt.gov.au
- **W** parkbookings.nt.gov.au

#### School talks and excursion guides

- **E** communityengagementpw@nt.gov.au
- W nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/learn-and-be-involved/ parks-resources-for-schools/school-talks-and-trips

#### **Current NT Parks information**

facebook.com/parksandwildlifent

# Other activities and services

#### 100% Finke River Culture & Adventure

Hermannsburg NT

- **T** 0402 765 071
- E amy@100frcaa.com.au
- W www.100finke.com.au

#### **Adelaide House Museum**

48 Todd Mall, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8952 1856
- **E** admin@aliceunitingchurch.org.au
- W https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063790945021

#### **Araluen Cultural Precinct**

61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8951 1122
- **E** araluen@nt.gov.au
- W araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

#### **Central Craft**

61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8952 4417
- **E** directors@centralcraft.org.au
- W centralcraft.org.au

#### **Fred McKay Museum**

St Philip's College, Schwarz Crescent, Alice Springs

- **T** 08 8950 4511
- **E** info@stphilips.nt.edu.au
- W stphilips.nt.edu.au/community-info/fred-mckay-museum

#### **Hartley Street School**

- 39 Hartley Street, Alice Springs NT
- **T** 08 8952 4516
- E mcds.ntnt@internode.on.net
- **W** nationaltrust.org.au/places/hartley-street-school-museum/

#### Iltja Ntjarra Many Hands Art Centre

29 Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 7979 3452
- **E** art@manyhandsart.com.au
- W manyhandsart.com.au

#### Kungkas Can Cook (bushfoods)

School groups can include this experience with the Desert Knowledge Australia tour. Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8952 3102
- E info@kungkas.com
- W kungkascancook.com.au

#### **Olive Pink Botanic Garden**

Tuncks Road, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8952 2154
- E garden@opbg.com.au
- W opbg.com.au

#### **Pyndan Camel Tracks**

- Alice Springs NT
- **T** 0416 170 164
- **E** pyndan@cameltracks.com
- W cameltracks.com

#### **Tangentyere Artists**

16 Fogarty Street, Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8951 4232
- E arts@tangentyere.org.au
- **W** www.towncampdesigns.org.au

#### The Kangaroo Sanctuary

Alice Springs NT

- **T** 08 8965 0038
- E tahnee@centrebushbus.com.au
- W kangaroosanctuary.com



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# Uluru and Watarrka region

Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is internationally recognised as a World Heritage-listed area for both outstanding natural and cultural values. The park is on Aboriginal land and jointly managed by the Australian Government and Anangu Traditional Owners. Anangu welcome all visitors to the park and invite them to learn about the living cultural landscape including Tjukurpa (Anangu lore – the foundation of Anangu life), Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (local languages), inma (traditional ceremony, songs and dances), traditional tools, weaponry, bush tucker and more. Stay in the nearby town of Yulara while you explore Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas).

There are many rewarding ways to enhance your visit to Uluru - explore the Cultural Centre, book a dot painting workshop or a cultural tour, ride a camel or explore the base walk on foot, by bike or on a tour. Students can engage with national park rangers through presentations, guided walks and activities that cover relatable subject areas such as history, culture and nature. They'll learn about the fascinating geology, flora and fauna pertinent to the area. Make time to marvel at the phenomenal domes of Kata Tjura at Walpa Gorge or on the Valley of the Winds walk. Applications can be submitted for exemptions on park pass entry fees for school groups.

A short drive up the road, nestled in the shadow of the magnificent Mt Connor is Curtin Springs Station, providing convenient accommodation, educational station tours and rest-stop facilities. Continue to the northwest to discover Watarrka National Park, home to the awe-inspiring Kings Canyon. Explore the stunning creek walk or tackle the spectacular rim walk. Be amazed by the ancient geological formations, solidified water ripples in the rock (evidence of an ancient ocean) and the Garden of Eden – a true outback oasis. During summer, begin the rim walk early for a spectacular sunrise across the landscape and to avoid the heat.

The 450km road journey to Alice Springs is an extraordinary one, offering a true sense of the vastness of the region. Allow students to explore the constantly changing semi-arid micro-systems and unique geological features. Off road capability will lend to further rewards such as Rainbow Valley and the Henbury Meteorite Craters.



# Ayers Rock Resort Tours and Workshops

Discover an array of captivating experiences tailored for school groups at Ayers Rock Resort. Our private guided group offerings include the mesmerising Field of Light, an Astro Tour to explore the celestial wonders, immersive Bush Food and Bush Tools workshops, enriching Didgeridoo workshops, a delightful Garden walk, and an enlightening Gallery of Central Australia Tour.

**Field of Light:** Engage your students in the magical art installation, stimulating their creativity and appreciation for visual arts.

**Astro Tour:** This stargazing tour takes students on a fact-finding journey through the southern night sky, enhancing student knowledge on astronomy. The guides will take you through the evolution of the Universe.

**Bush Food Workshop & Garden Exploration:** Immerse students in a hands-on experience, connecting them with Indigenous culture and sustainable practices. Connect with nature and explore the flora of the region, fostering environmental awareness and botanical knowledge.

**Bush Tools Workshop:** Unleash students' practical skills by introducing them to traditional tools and techniques used in the Australian bush. These sessions may also provide an opportunity to learn aspects about the local Pitjantjatjara language.

**Didgeridoo Workshop:** Listen to the enchanting sounds of the didgeridoo. Yidaki is the traditional Aboriginal term for the didgeridoo. Learn about the history of the didgeridoo whilst participating in learning the basic techniques of circular breathing and how to use the didgeridoo.

**Gallery of Central Australia Tour:** Dive into the art and history of Central Australia, linking students to the cultural diversity and artistic expressions of the region.

Open:Year-round, subject to availabilityDuration:45 minutes + (depending on activity)Age Group:All agesPricing:School group rates on enquiryCapacity:Larger groups can be catered to on some experiences

#### Ayers Rock Resort Groups Department

- **T** 1300 134 044
- E groups@voyages.com.au
- **W** ayersrockresort.com.au



#### •••••••• Curtin Springs Station and Curtin Springs Paper

Located 85km from Ayers Rock Resort and 220km from Discovery Kings Canyon, Curtin Springs Station is the perfect base for exploring the region. As a diversified pastoral and tourism business, Curtin Springs offers a unique opportunity for schools and student groups to add a different perspective on the desert environment.

Get an insight into how food production can be sustained alongside land protection. Learn how this extraordinary family successfully raises cattle in the desert while preserving a million acre wildlife corridor and maintaining a family run business in a very remote location. The Curtin Springs Paper tours provide a focus point to discuss a range of curriculum content with student groups.

Programs can be adapted for age groups and tailored to suit interest areas covering history, land management, tourism, art, marketing, business planning or sustainability.

Curtin Springs Paper – see how native grasses create handmade paper, artisan handcrafted jewellery and artwork at the Old Abattoir on the station. The paper making process is explained and demonstrated to students, who then 'pull' their own piece of paper.

Curtin Springs Station – participate in a Wayside Inn 'back of house' tour showing the infrastructure and support mechanisms used to run a remote business. Experience the vast station with a memorable sunrise on the salt lake before you continue on your Central Australian adventure.

Accommodation, including group camping and meal options are all available at Curtin Springs.

Open:	7 days
Duration:	From 1hr, activity dependent and catered to suit
Age group:	Primary or secondary
Pricing:	Curtin Springs Paper - from \$27.50 / station tour
	group rates available
Capacity:	20 - 25 (groups of larger sizes may be split
	over sessions)

#### Curtin Springs Wayside Inn

Lasseter Highway, Curtin Springs NT

- **T** 08 8956 2906
- E enquiries@curtinsprings.com
- W curtinsprings.com



#### •••••••• Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience & Tours

Karrke is owned and operated by Christine Breaden and Peter Abbott who live in the small Aboriginal community of Wanmarra, within Watarrka National Park, close to Kings Canyon. They created the business as a means to preserve their languages, cultural knowledge and heritage, enabling them to pass on their Aboriginal knowledge to younger generations and enrich visitors' experience of their country.

Christine and Peter pack a lot into a one hour visit. Students are introduced to native foods such as bush tomato, bush plum, wild fig, bush bananas, wild onions, native bush peach (quandong), honey ants and witchetty grubs. They learn how Aboriginal people determine if witchetty grubs are present in Acacia roots and how grinding tools help turn plants such as Rock Fuchsia and Emu Bush into bush medicine. Discover the significance of dot painting as an important medium through which Central Australian desert people tell their stories. See how Mulga wood is shaped into weapons such as spears, hunting clubs and multipurpose tools such as the No.7 boomerang.

Interactive displays give students the chance to touch and experience plants and artefacts, and ask questions about how Aboriginal people have thrived for tens of thousands of years in this extreme, harsh yet bountiful landscape.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	Wed - Fri
Closed:	31 Oct - 31 Jan
Duration:	1hr, extended programs can be customised
Age group:	Allages
Pricing:	Child (5-11 yrs) \$44pp / students (12-17 yrs) \$79pp
Capacity:	1 - 50

Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience & Tours

- Wanmarra Community, Luritja Road, Petermann NT
- **T** 08 8956 7620
- E peter.abbott@karrke.com.au
- W karrke.com.au



# Maruku Arts

Maruku Arts is a proud ,100% Anangu owned, non-for-profit organisation, celebrating its 40th year in 2024.

Based at Uluru and supporting up to 900 artists over 22 communities in central desert regions of, SA, NT and WA, we offer a wide range of authentic and culturally immersive experiences that will take you on a journey into traditional Anangu culture and way of life.

At Maruku, sharing stories and passing on traditional knowledge in a culturally safe way plays an important part in the sustainability of Aboriginal culture. All our experiences are Anangu led, spoken in Pitjantjatjara and then translated into English by your translator/guide.

During our 1.5-hour Dot Painting Workshop, your group will learn about the culture of the desert and the meaning of some common symbols of the region including the animals and the landscape.

Students will hear and learn about "Tjukurpa" creation stories related to Uluru and surrounding areas. They will then sit alongside a Maruku, Anangu artist/guide and create their artwork using traditional Anangu symbols.

Private school groups will be taken on a culturally rich, educational experience that allows students to connect. create and be inspired by traditional Anangu culture and way of life.

Maruku Arts cultural experiences include, Dot Painting, Bush Medicine, Traditional Tool demonstrations, Kuniya and Mala walks, Cultural Talks and INMA (traditional ceremony). We have a range of locations available to work from inside and outside of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and we can tailor-make a cultural experience that will be remembered by your school for many years to come.

#### Open:

7 days from 9:00am - 5:00pm
April - Sept 11:30am to 1pm and 2pm to 3:30pm
Oct - March 10:30am to 12pm and 1:30pm to 3pm
1.5hrs
Allages
From \$35 / private group experiences available
Up to 250

#### Maruku Arts

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park NT

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- dotpainting@maruku.com.au Ε
- maruku.com.au W



#### Parks Australia – Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park educational experiences

Parks Australia have a variety of quality resources available to value add to your excursion to Uluru-Kata Tjura National Park (UKTNP).

Exclusive educational experiences enable students to connect with country and learn directly from the Anangu Traditional Owners and park rangers. Contact Parks Australia to arrange:

- an introduction to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park at the Cultural Centre
- cultural elements activity at the Cultural Centre
- a ranger-guided Mala walk.

A range of downloadable activities are available online for your group to complete either prior to arrival or during their visit. Additional resources include videos and information on languages, nature and bush foods. Bookings are essential for school groups.

Apply for free park entry online: www.environment.gov.au/uluru/education/schools

#### Open:

Cultural Centre:	7 days 7am to 6pm
UKTNP:	hours vary with the seasons
Duration:	From 1 - 2hrs activity dependent
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	From \$77 per group of 13 students activity dependent (additional students extra)
Capacity:	Activity dependent

#### **Parks Australia**

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park NT

- 08 8956 1128 т
- uluru.education@environment.gov.au E
- W parksaustralia.gov.au/uluru/



# Red Spaces



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### Remote Education Tours 4hr Aboriginal Cultural Discovery

Established by Leroy Beachley in 1999, and operated together with his partner Jen Davis, Red Spaces' main focus is on cultural experiences at Ulu<u>r</u>u. Originally established to introduce Ayers Rock Resort staff to A<u>n</u>angu culture and the wonders of the surrounding landscape, they now deliver tours to more than 60 secondary schools from VIC, NSW and QLD.

Red Spaces is passionate about sharing regional knowledge with visitors, particularly Australian school groups. Privileged to work with Anangu guides they, along with their families, welcome visitors to Anangu homelands and truly look forward to sharing stories of this unique place with your students.

Red Spaces provide experienced accredited guided walking tours of Ulu<u>r</u>u, with options including full base walks, Mala and / or Kuniya walks, Walpa Gorge or Valley of the Winds at Kata Tju<u>t</u>a. Red Spaces also provides quality accredited 'step-on' guide services for inside the Park and can join your coach driver to discover the area.

Tours and packages can be customised to meet each schools' requirements and time frames. Extended multi-day touring options are also available.

Open:	Yearround
Duration:	3hrs to extended multi-day tours
Age group:	Allages
Pricing:	Program dependent
Capacity:	Up to 21 in Red Spaces vehicles / more with step-on
	guide services

#### **Red Spaces**

Yulara NT **T** 0411 169 759

- E redspacesleroy@gmail.com
- W redspaces.com.au

*"Come to our land, we'll tell you a story"* Vera Williams, Custodian of Lilla.

Education groups travelling in the region can enjoy an informative 4hr cultural discovery session at the Lilla outstation community, approximately 10km from Kings Canyon. Facilitated by Remote Education Tours, traditional land custodians share the ancestral story of Lilla and lead students through a journey of discovery that teaches them about local Aboriginal culture, past and present. Activities include a 'Welcome to Country' ceremony, a cultural walk of Lilla, waterhole, caves and paintings, sand story drawing, Luritja language, dot painting and hot coal cooked Kangaroo tails and damper for the adventurous!

This session is a great way for teachers and students that are short on time to discover more about Aboriginal culture. It provides an introduction for Remote Education Tours' full immersion charters.

All documentation available upon request, including; risk assessments, Working with Children checks, first aid certificates, insurance currency certificates and references.

Open:	Booked in advance, sessions are either in the morning or afternoon
Duration:	4hrs
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	Dependent on group size. Teachers FOC
Capacity:	25 - 100

#### **Remote Education Tours**

Lilla Remote Outstation, Petermann, Watarrka National Park NT

- E reg@remotetours.com.au
- W remotetours.com.au



#### •••••• Ulu<u>r</u>u Camel Tours

Ulu<u>r</u>u Camel Tours is Australia's largest camel farm with more than 50 working camels. Your students will enjoy a fun and interactive experience with us.

After a camel ride, they can wander through the saddlery where saddles are hand-made from scratch using original antique saddler tools and methods.

Students meet the experienced outback cameleers, listen to their stories and learn about the history behind some of Australia's greatest and bravest explorers, pioneers, Afghan cameleers, ANZAC cameleers and Aboriginals.

Camel experiences can be customised with the friendly reservation team to address excursion focus areas to align with the curriculum and students' current studies.

The camel farm has a fully equipped barbecue and picnic area with seating for up to 100 students. Groups that participate in camel tours are welcome to utilise the onsite facilities and enjoy the relaxing farm views and desert landscape looking towards Ulu<u>r</u>u.

Open:	Year round tours / Camel Farm is open to visitors
	Apr-Oct 9am to 3pm, Nov-Mar 9am to 1pm
Duration:	45min express rides to 2.5hr+ experiences
Age group:	10 to 18yrs
Pricing:	Farm entry is free / tours from \$80 / school group
	rates on enquiry
Capacity:	Larger groups can be catered to

#### Ulu<u>r</u>u Camel Tours

10 Kali Circuit, Yulara NT

- **T** 08 8956 3333
- E reservations@ulurucameltours.com.au
- W ulurucameltours.com.au

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### Other activities and services

#### **Outback Cycling**

c/o Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park Cultural Centre NT

- **T** 08 8952 1541
- E central@outbackcycling.com
- W outbackcycling.com/uluru-bike-ride



#### •••••••••• Wintjiri Wi<u>r</u>u

An immersive cultural experience, the Wintjiri Wiru story begins in the spiritual heart of Australia.

1,100 drones depict a chapter of the ancient Mala story from Kaltukatjara to Uluru. This is the first time an Aboriginal story has been told through the medium of lights, lasers, projection and drone technology at this scale and frequency, and performed on a regular basis anywhere in the world.

For thousands of years, the Anangu have made their home in the lands around Uluru and have passed down their stories, songs, and language through generations. We are fortunate that many Anangu are happy to share their stories and living legends with us.

We highly recommend that students also experience the Mala Walk prior to experiencing Wintjiru Wiru to deepen their knowledge of the Mala story.

A fascinating experience for students that captures a vast range of learning capabilities and cultural understanding.

#### Tour departs from Ayers Rock Resort

#### Acknowledgement Statement

As custodians of the land, A<u>n</u>angu hold the Mala story from Kaltukatjara to Ulu<u>r</u>u. To share their story, RAMUS designed and produced an artistic platform using drones, light, and sound to create an immersive storytelling experience.

Open:Year-round, subject to availabilityDuration:After dark departure 1.5hrsAge Group:All agesPricing:School group rates on enquiryCapacity:maximum 50 students

#### Ayers Rock Resort Groups Department

- **T** 1300 134 044
- E groups@voyages.com.au
- W ayersrockresort.com.au

# Accommodation - Ulu<u>r</u>u and Watarrka region

#### Ayers Rock Campground and Outback Lodge Dormitory Rooms

Yulara (Uluru) NT

- **T** 08 8957 7001
- E campground@ayersrockresort.com.au
- **W** ayersrockresort.com.au

Located just 15km from Ulu<u>r</u>u, Ayers Rock Campground is the closest camping area to Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park, providing the perfect base to access Ulu<u>r</u>u for sunrise and sunset viewings. The air-conditioned cabins, powered sites and camping facilities are well equipped to accommodate school excursions with four dedicated group camping sites.

The campground provides a range of services and facilities, including a swimming pool, barbecue facilities, outdoor kitchen and laundry facilities.

Ayers Rock Resort also offers a range of other hotel style accommodation options including budget dormitories at Outback Lodge. A perfect solution for groups looking for an alternative to camping. More information can be found at: https://www.ayersrockresort.com.au/accommodation/outbackhotel-and-lodge

Pricing:Group rates availableCapacity:10 - 80+

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#### Curtin Springs Wayside Inn and Campground

Lasseter Highway, Curtin Springs NT

- **T** 08 8956 2906
- **E** enquiries@curtinsprings.com
- W curtinsprings.com

Curtin Springs, located 85km from Yulara and 220km from Kings Canyon Resort, has a diverse range of accommodation options, providing the perfect base for exploring the region.

Choose from 27 accommodated rooms including quad, triple and twin share rooms. There is both a public campground and a private bush camp for student groups. The bush camp has a small covered area, pit toilet and campfire ring, with showers available at the Curtin Springs Wayside Inn.

The onsite restaurant can arrange group catering. There are a range of educational activities offered at the station, which provides a complete learning experience on location. Other services include a store stocked with travel essentials and fuel.

Campsites in the campground are usually in high demand so schools are advised to book well in advance.

Pricing:	Powered sites from \$55/night
	Unpowered sites \$0/night
	Showers \$5pp
	Accommodation from \$75pp (twin share)
	Bush camp from \$20pp
Capacity:	Camping - up to 200 and accommodation - up to 50

#### **Discovery Resorts - Kings Canyon**

Luritja Road (Watarrka National Park), Petermann NT

- **T** 08 8956 7442
- E kingscanyon@discoveryparks.com.au
- W discoveryholidayparks.com.au

Offering uninterrupted views of the George Gill Ranges, Discovery Resorts - Kings Canyon offers a variety of accommodation to suit a range of school group budgets.

The lodge rooms are an ideal budget option for those wanting a level of comfort on excursion. Alternatively, the spacious campground caters to larger groups looking for a true outback experience, sleeping under the stars. A coach bus bay is also available for school buses or overlong caravans, in case sites are fully booked.

Groups have access to sheltered camp kitchens, communal barbecues, laundry facilities and bathroom areas. Catering can be provided by the restaurant with prior arrangement.

#### Pricing:

Coach Bus Bay: Lodge Rooms:	\$20pp with 1 in 10 FOC \$150 / \$219 per room (depends on season) KBQ - 1 double bed and 3 single beds - suitable
	for up to 5 guests KBD - 1 double bed - suitable for up to 2 guests KBT - 2 single beds - suitable for up to 2 guests
Capacity:	(Only 2 available) 10 - 80+

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#### **Kings Creek Station Campground**

12725 Luritja Road (off Lasseter Highway), Petermann NT

- **T** 08 8956 7474
- E res@kingscreekstation.com.au
- W kingscreekstation.com.au

Kings Creek Station is a cattle and camel station that offers a variety of accommodation options. Situated on the boundary of Watarrka National Park, Kings Canyon is only 36kms down the road for easy touring.

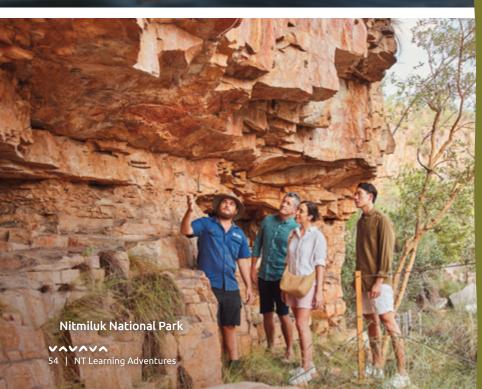
The spacious campground offers plenty of shade for tents, and groups can take full advantage of the bathroom and laundry facilities while enjoy the refreshing swimming pool.

Group catering can be provided from the on-site commercial kitchen, by prior arrangement. Kings Creek Station offers a range of adventure activities such as helicopter flights. Station tours can also be arranged to enhance your students' experience.

Pricing:	School groups: \$28.50pp
	Powered sites: \$35pp or \$80 per family
	Non-powered sites: \$30pp or \$72 per family
Capacity:	10 - 100+

Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience

# Katherine region



# Learning Adventures

The Katherine region is the gateway to the Top End of the Northern Territory and home to the spectacular Nitmiluk National Park. The town of Katherine is a scenic 316km road trip from Darwin. Include a visit to the region with Litchfield National Park, Kakadu National Park and Darwin for an ideal loop route that explores the best of the Top End in one excursion. It's also an essential stop on any itinerary tackling the whole of the NT by road, with the jewels of Central Australia just 1½ days (minimum) travel along the Stuart Highway.

The region's unique geological formations, waterfalls, flora and fauna diversity, breathtaking landscape, historical influences and rich culture offers a range of engaging activities relevant to a variety of key learning areas.

The main attraction is Nitmiluk National Park with the extraordinary rugged sandstones cliffs of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge. Jointly managed by the Jawoyn people and Parks and Wildlife NT, the Park provides a natural wonderland full of active learning adventures with opportunities for boat cruises, cultural safaris, wildlife spotting, camping, hiking, swimming and canoeing.

The expansive network of park trails includes the famous Jatbula Trail - a 5 day hike traversing through Nitmiluk National Park, from Nitmiluk Gorge to Leliyn (Edith) Falls. The trail follows an ancient songline used by the Jawoyn people. This multi-day hiking experience is a great opportunity to address Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Earth and Environmental Sciences, the cross-curriculum priorities of sustainability and Aboriginal culture and histories, and is a great achievement towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Students discover how the township of Katherine encapsulates modern Australian history with a variety of real-life learning opportunities at art galleries, cultural and outback experiences, historical remains and natural landscap<u>es.</u>

Katherine also provides the perfect access point to explore other local national parks and reserves. Some of the local gems include the rugged and remote Limmen National Park in the east, the larger than life Judbarra / Gregory National Park and further to the west, one of the NT's best kept secrets, Keep River National Park. Just 1 hour to the south, dive into the pristine thermal pools in Elsey National Park including the well-known favourite, Mataranka Thermal Pool, and the gently flowing Bitter Springs watercourse.



# **Godinymayin Yijard River Arts**

Let Katherine's cultural centre be your arts, culture and creativity destination! Nestled along the Stuart Highway, Godinymayin Yijard Arts & Culture Centre is a dynamic community hub, offering ongoing exhibitions, performing arts events, creative workshops, music, comedy, cinema, and more. Our team also work in partnership with the region's schools and educators to offer tours, activities, and cultural experiences for students.

Together with Territory artists and creative facilitators, Godinymayin also delivers free school holiday workshops for young people, helping them gain new skills, find new forms of expression, and collaborate with others using the creative process. Workshops can encompass a variety of activities including virtual reality and digital technology to story-telling and illustration to sculpture and mixed-media. Activities offered at Godinymayin are always adaptable, allowing schools to customise their visit around curriculum, subject areas, or social objectives.

Contact our team to discuss a tour of the exhibitions, a custom workshop activity or school holiday program, or using our facilities to do your own event or activity. Godinymayin Yijard Arts and Culture Centre is your destination for a well-supported vibrant and creative experience.

**Closed:** 22 December 2024 to 10 January 2025 Pricing: Exhibition tours, free. School holiday Workshops, free. Other creative workshops, costs vary by instructor and activity. Venue hires for special events starts at \$300. Please contact our team for a more detailed quote for your event. 260

Capacity:

#### **Godinymayin Yijard River Arts**

Lot 3238 Stuart Highway, Katherine East NT

- Т. 08 8972 3751
- **E** info@gyracc.org.au
- W gyracc.org.au



# **Katherine Outback Experience**

Discover the captivating blend of education and entertainment at Katherine Outback Experience (KOE), located just 6km from Katherine. Immerse your students in a unique learning adventure that combines engagement, entertainment, and genuine insights into rural life.

At KOE, students witness real horse-starting and working dog demonstrations, accompanied by live music and amusing bush tales. Renowned Golden Guitar winner and expert horseman Tom Curtain, mesmerizes students as he trains young horses and dogs for the challenges of working on cattle stations. The experience is authentic, providing a raw and real connection to life in the Outback.

Our programs extend beyond the arena, offering a comprehensive exploration of the history and economic significance of the pastoral industry in the Northern Territory. Students gain insights into the adaptations of Brahman cattle and draw inspiration from Tom's compelling story of resilience and perseverance.

Tailoring experiences to meet your educational goals, KOE seamlessly integrates into school excursion itineraries, study tours, and overnight camps. Aligned with the Australian curriculum, our teaching elements are delivered in a dynamic, interactive manner, expanding general capabilities and imparting practical knowledge and skills relevant to 21st-century rural living and work.

KOE provides a flexible range of services, including programs of varying lengths, school camps, team-building exercises, and in-school visits. Collaborate with us to create innovative solutions tailored to your school's specific needs. Your students are guaranteed to cherish every moment at Katherine Outback Experience, where education comes alive in the heart of the Outback.

Open:	Apr-Sept, scheduled shows change throughout the
	season, special school sessions available
Closed:	Oct-Mar
Duration:	2 hours
Age group:	Primary and secondary
Pricing:	Adults from \$70 / students from \$40
	group rates available
Capacity:	The venue can seat up to 140

#### **Katherine Outback Experience**

115 Collins Road, Uralla, Katherine NT

**T** 1300 818 612

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- katherineoutbackexperience.com.au W





# Nitmiluk Tours

•••••••• Top Didj Aboriginal Art Gallery

The Jawoyn (Jah-won) people have lived in harmony with the area of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge for thousands of years. Embedded in the landscape, flora, fauna and people are the stories, beliefs and traditions of their ancestors. The Jawoyn language and culture has been passed through generations via story-telling and hands-on experiences – which is the way the cultural products are delivered today.

The 'Footsteps of our Ancestors' program offers an immersive, hands-on insight into the lifestyle, culture and tradition of the Jawoyn people. Itineraries can be adapted to include activities such as basket weaving, story-telling, didgeridoo playing, fire lighting, painting, bushwalks, bush tucker tasting and much more!

Experiences with the Jawoyn address key curriculum-based objectives for Australian students including cultural studies, social justice, history, geography, Australian studies, social development, ethics, society and personal development.

Include a boat tour through Nitmiluk Gorge - the centrepiece of Nitmiluk National Park - departing several times daily, taking in the serene landscapes, prehistoric geological formations, ancient rock art and local wildlife. Canoe hire is available seasonally. Nitmiluk Tours also offers camping and other accommodation options.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	All year, however, some products are seasonal
Duration:	From 2hrs
Age group:	Primary and secondary
Pricing:	Group rates available and program dependent
Capacity:	10 - 58

#### Nitmiluk Tours

Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine NT

#### **T** 1300 146 743

- **E** reservations@nitmiluktours.com.au
- W nitmiluktours.com.au

Top Didj holds a portfolio of artists from a very large region, the gallery reflects the cultural diversity and influences of Indigenous people who have lived in these areas for thousands of years.

The gallery has collections from the local Katherine region (Jawoyn, Dalabon, Mali), Arnhem Land, the Kimberley, Central and Western Desert (Walpiri).

Top Didj hosts artists in residence allowing guests to engage in their art and culture and hear first-hand the meaning behind the artworks.

Located 7km from the Katherine town centre offering a purpose built air-conditioned gallery and separate learning space. Outside we have a large grassed area in the shade that can be utilised for students to have lunch.

#### Open:

Gallery: May-October, 7 days, 9am-5pm

#### Top Didj Art Gallery

363 Gorge Road (Corner of Jaensch Road), Katherine NT

- **T** 08 8971 2751
- E topdidj@gmail.com
- **W** topdidj.com

#### **Gorge View Bush Retreat**

Gorge View Bush Retreat is located just 7 minutes from Nitmiluk National Park, on 120 acres of escarpment bushland.

The Katherine region provides the perfect launching pad for world class mountain biking trails, Aboriginal cultural experiences and adventures, including the Jatbula Trail, bird watching, hiking, and all the magic of Aboriginal culture.

A range of camping options are available from self-provided to eco safari tents. Gorge View Bush Retreat offers catering or selfcatering options for school groups.

Tour packaging also available, get in touch to discuss your groups' needs.

#### Pricing: \$10 - \$65pp Capacity: Up to 120

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#### Katherine Outback Experience - Stock Camp

115 Collins Road, Uralla, Katherine NT

- **T** 1300 818 612
- **E** admin@katherineoutback.com.au
- **W** katherineoutbackexperience.com.au

Situated on a fully operational, working property, Katherine Outback Experience (KOE) caters for school excursions, study tours and camps. Overnight programs are delivered in a fun and interactive manner, tailored to individual group needs. Some activities and topics offered include:

- animal husbandry, care and welfare
- animal handling techniques and safety
- hands-on interaction with station animals
- land care and environmental sustainability
- team building exercises
- singing and song writing
- learn about the NT cattle industry and its importance to today's economy
- station challenge.

The Stock Camp offers a true outback experience in a safe environment, on shaded lush green lawns. There are BBQ facilities, a camp kitchen, campfire, campground and stage. The 'outhouse' has four female and four male toilets, showers and an accessible disabled bathroom. The show is a prerequisite to camping and dinner is optional.

Pricing:	Camping from \$10pp
Capacity:	Up to 150

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#### Manbulloo Homestead Caravan Park

275 Murnburlu Road, Katherine NT

- **T** 0477 126 014
- E manbulloohs@bigpond.com.au
- W manbulloohomesteadcaravanpark.com.au

Manbulloo Homestead is a working cattle property and caravan park just 15min drive west of Katherine township. Ideally situated on the Katherine River with a pristine 2km walk along the banks. Catering for large school camping groups with a designated camping area away from the main caravan park with room to kick a footy around. BBQ facilities, fridge, camp kitchen, campfire with BBQ plate, laundry and 6 ensuite style amenities block.

Room accommodation available 1 x 16 bed bunkhouse, 1 x 28 bed bunkhouse with 4 beds per room with separate male/female bathrooms and central dining area. Ex ringers quarters has 8 x 4 bed rooms and 4 x 2 bed (with own bathroom), available with or without linen.

Cattle/buffalo/horse feeding tours are available at no extra cost

Pricing:Enquire for group ratesCapacity:50+ for camping

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#### Nitmiluk Tours accommodation

Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine NT

- **T** 1300 146 743
- E reservations@nitmiluktours.com.au
- W nitmiluktours.com.au

Nitmiluk Tours is a successful 100% wholly owned and operated Aboriginal tourism operation within Nitmiluk National Park and is the exclusive provider for touring the breathtaking Nitmiluk Gorge.

From campgrounds to tented accommodation and self- contained chalets, Nitmiluk Tours has an accommodation option for every style, size and budget of school excursion. The shady grassed campground is often the favoured choice for school groups.

Located only 10min walk from the Gorge tours jetty, Nitmiluk Campground is the most convenient base to experience the beauty of Nitmiluk Gorge and an ideal spot from which to explore the greater Katherine region. Campground guests have access to the resort style pool, amenities block, laundry, camp kitchen and barbecue facilities.

Twin share permanent tents and other accommodation is also available.

Pricing:Camping from adult - \$16 and child - \$9<br/>group rates availableCapacity:Easily caters to larger groups

# Other Katherine services

# Other accommodation

#### Bitter Springs Cabins and Camping (Mataranka)

255 Martin Road, Bitter Springs, Mataranka NT

- **T** 08 8975 4838
- E bitterspringscabins@outlook.com
- W bitterspringscabins.com.au

#### **Discovery Parks - Katherine**

257 Gorge Road, Lansdowne NT

- **T** 08 8971 0491
- **E** katherine@discoveryparks.com.au
- W discoveryholidayparks.com.au

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# **Destination information**

#### **Katherine Visitor Information Centre**

Corner of Lindsay Street and Stuart Highway, Katherine NT **Open:** Oct - Mar: Mon - Fri 9:00am to 3pm, Sat, Sun 9am to 1pm / Apr - Sept: 7 days 8:30am to 5pm, closed on public holidays

- **T** 08 8972 2650
- E visitor@ktc.nt.gov.au
- W visitkatherine.com.au

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# Parks and Wildlife NT

#### **General information**

- **T** 08 8973 8888
- W nt.gov.au/parks

#### Northern Territory Parks booking system

- **T** 1300 281 121
- **E** parks.onlinebooking@nt.gov.au
- W parkbookings.nt.gov.au

#### School talks and excursion guides

- E communityengagementpw@nt.gov.au
- W nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/learn-and-be-involved/ parks- resources-for-schools/school talks-and-trips

#### **Current NT Parks information**

**W** facebook.com/parksandwildlifent

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# Other activities and services

#### **Djilpin Arts**

On country tours, accommodation, camping, art sales and cultural museum.

2 Cameron Road, Beswick (Wulgarr) NT

- **T** 0428 606 773
- E admin@djilpinarts.org.au

#### W djilpinarts.org.au

#### The Katherine Museum

- 20 Christie Road, Katherine NT
- **T** 08 8972 3945
- E info@katherinemuseum.com.au
- W katherinemuseum.com

# Kakadu and Arnhem agion

Jim Jim Falls, Kakadu



# Learning Adventures

Step back in time to an ancient classroom and learn from the oldest living culture on Earth. Just a three hour drive south east of Darwin, or two hours north of Katherine, discover the wonders of Australia's largest national Park and the icon of the Top End -Kakadu National Park. The Park's World Heritage-listed natural and cultural values offer abundant learning opportunities in key learning areas, while seamlessly weaving in cross-curriculum priorities.

An array of Aboriginal cultural experiences describe how their ancient, living culture and language is intrinsically linked with the natural environment. Local knowledge, handed down and preserved for thousands of generations, is openly shared with students. Explore the mesmerising escarpment country that protects some of the best examples of Aboriginal rock art in the country and cruise the expansive, picturesque wetlands.

Park ranger guided activities and online resources provide a range of study options covering the seasons of Kakadu, varying habitats, native wildlife, impacts of feral animals, fire-burning practices and risk management of the National Park.

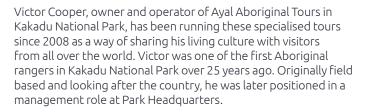
Arnhem Land is a 97,000 km<sup>2</sup> Aboriginal Reserve in the north east. The major centres are Nhulunbuy (Gove), Maningrida in the east, and Gunbalanya (Oenpelli) in the west. Groups that make the journey overland, on unsealed roads, are rewarded with a true outback adventure into a pristine and culturally rich environment. For those short on time, flights are also possible from Darwin to Nhulunbuy. Please note, entry to Arnhem Land requires permits.

Arnhem Land is well-known for its strong Aboriginal culture, natural landscapes and unique art style. Outstanding cultural immersion programs provide twoway learning experiences that create lifetime crosscultural relationships and deep ethical understandings. The unique pedagogy of Traditional Owners highlights the inter-connectedness between country and people, the centrepiece to culture. Students develop a strong understanding of the vibrant Yolngu culture through first hand introductions into family kinships and contextually explained gender responsibilities.

In addition to the rich, living culture of the Yolngu people, explore the significant evidence suggesting early trade relationships with the Macassans and Malays. Arnhem Land also has links to World War II history, mining, Japanese pearling history and is now home to Australia's first commercial spaceport - providing a wide collection of study options for a variety of year levels. Nurture your students' learning amidst the breathtaking natural classrooms found within the Kakadu and Arnhem Land region. Bursting with wildlife, nature, culture, history and excitement, together you'll create the excursion of a lifetime.



# Ayal Aboriginal Tours



As a Minitja man, Victor has the cultural credentials to share the stories that are attached to the historic and culturally significant rock art sites in Kakadu. Victor provides interpretation from both a traditional and a scientific perspective with respect to the geology and the land forms in the region. The rock art tells stories of how Bininj lived, hunted and gathered in the area.

Victor also provides Kakadu National Park step-on guide services, giving cultural interpretation at art sites and cultural talks and presentations. Victor engages both large and small audiences with his unique style, depth of knowledge and local experience.

Open:	With Kakadu National Park access
Duration:	Half-day and full-day tours
Age group:	Allages
Pricing:	From - adult \$250 and child \$110 for half-day tour
Capacity:	4WD - 4 pax / 2WD bus - 12 pax
	Step-on services can be provided for school groups
	touring with own vehicle or tour bus.

#### Ayal Aboriginal Tours

- Kakadu National Park NT
- **T** 08 8979 0483
- E bookings@ayalkakadu.com.au
- **W** ayalkakadu.com.au



•••••••• Culture College

Culture College is a not-for-profit Aboriginal Corporation that delivers tailored educational programs in north east Arnhem Land. Through true cultural immersion and two-way learning opportunities with the Yolngu people, students gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal history and culture. Students have safe, fun and meaningful interactions with Yolngu people where cultures are shared, positive memories are made and relationships between schools and Yolngu families and country are forged.

Providing a culturally responsive platform for Yolngu to lead a new way forward in the story of education, there is much magic around the merging and sharing of western and Yolngu cultures. Developing cross-cultural relationships, the experiences and knowledge that students take home is a gift for life, which will change the way they think and live with each other.

There are currently two distinct programs which are delivered on site in north east Arnhem Land:

- Homeland Traditional Owners support Culture College to deliver aspects of its programs in a homeland setting. A large and diverse landscape provides the backdrop for guided cultural and outdoor education activities, learning about country - approximately 3 to 4 hours 4WD from Nhulunbuy.
- Midawarr The Midawarr program operates from the Gulkula site and caters to larger groups. Located approximately 30 minutes south east of Nhulunbuy.

Culture College provides end-to-end logistics for bookings, transport and accommodation.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:Mar-NovDuration:6 to 9 day programsAge group:12 - 18yrsPricing:By enquiry and dependent on group size and programCapacity:Homeland 15 - 60 / Midawarr 70 - 250

#### Culture College Aboriginal Corporation

- Nhulunbuy NT **T** 0410 541 216
- **E** info@culturecollege.org
- W culturecollege.org





#### •••••••• Kakadu Cultural Tours

Kakadu Tourism

Kakadu Cultural Tours (KCT) is 100% owned and operated by the Djabulukgu Association, representing the Traditional Owners of northern Kakadu and parts of western Arnhem Land, allowing for exclusive access to country and sensitive sites. School groups seeking genuine Aboriginal cultural and community engagement benefit from a range of touring options and safe and comfortable accommodations which can be packaged together:

- Anbinik Kakadu Resort
- Arnhemlander 4WD Tour
- Guluyambi Cultural Cruise
- Hawk Dreaming Wilderness Lodge
- Manbiyarra (Border Store) Hostel

Itineraries are developed to suit individual school requirements including transfers in and out of Darwin, accommodation, cruises, community engagement, 4WD touring and learning activities. With a fleet of 21 seat 4WD trucks, experienced guides, catering and logistical support with exclusive access to many areas, groups are immersed in the region's world-famous landscapes of sandstone escarpments, woodlands, rock art sites, floodplains and billabongs teeming with birdlife.

Visit the Gunbalanya Aboriginal community in Arnhem Land and the Injalak Arts Centre, where students meet Aboriginal artists from the community producing artworks across a variety of mediums and techniques.

On the scenically spectacular East Alligator River, Aboriginal guides on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise provide insights into their culture and local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, traditional uses of plants and animals as well as bush survival skills.

Open:	With Kakadu National Park access / some products are highly seasonal
Duration:	From 1hr 45mins to multi-day tours
Age group:	Allages
Pricing:	Program dependent / school group rates available
Capacity:	Program dependent

#### Kakadu Cultural Tours

Jabiru NT

- **T** 1800 525 238
- E kctres@kakadu.net.au
- W kakaduculturaltours.com.au

Kakadu Tourism is an Aboriginal-owned collection of Kakadu accommodation, wetland cruises, 4WD tours and cultural experiences. The award-winning Yellow Water Cruises operates exclusively on the famous Yellow Water Billabong.

Students learn about local birds and animals, history and culture of the region. The nearby Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre is the perfect place for genuine learning experiences. Students immerse themselves in the world's oldest culture, with activities such as weaving lessons and art tutorials delivered by local Aboriginal people.

Kakadu Tourism provides multiple accommodation options at Cooinda suitable for school groups, including camping, lodge and hotel rooms. Catering can also be provided with advanced notice. Choose the interpretive content that best fits your learning outcomes, including:

- art and craft experiences with famed Kakadu artists workshopping the techniques and narratives of their art
- natural and cultural history of Kakadu
- guided tours of ancient rock art sites
- sustainability Aboriginal bush-tucker experiences and sustainable use of the land
- understanding Aboriginal languages and evolution of languages
- bush-survival skills identifying and respecting the land you live in.
- **Open:** Flexible itineraries change according to Kakadu National Park site accessibility

**Duration:** From 2hrs / full-day / multi-days

Age group: All ages

Pricing:Program dependent / group rates availableCapacity:Activity dependent

#### Kakadu Tourism

Kakadu National Park NT

**T** 1800 500 401

- E reservations@yellowwater.com.au
- W kakadutourism.com

Jim Jim Falls, Kakadu National Park

# Accommodation - Kakadu and Arnhem region

#### Aurora Kakadu Lodge Caravan & Camping Park

Jabiru Drive, Kakadu National Park NT

- **T** 1800 811 154 / 08 8979 2422
- E klodge@kl.auroraresorts.com.au
- W aurorakakadulodge.com.au

Set in tranquil tropical surrounds in Jabiru, just three hours drive from Darwin, Aurora Kakadu Lodge provides a wide range of facilities and accommodation styles to suit every school group needs and budget.

Offering one and two bedroom cabins with private bathrooms, lodge rooms with shared bathrooms and an extensive campground with 186 powered and 100 unpowered campsites, Aurora Kakadu Lodge & Caravan Park is the ideal place to experience all the unique Kakadu World Heritage National Park has to offer.

There are multiple shaded group camping areas, with communal undercover cooking areas, barbecue facilities, large amenity blocks with showers, flushing toilets and laundry facilities, all nestled amongst lush tropical gardens.

Onsite groups can enjoy the magnificent lagoon-style pool with poolside bistro ready to service your catering requirements.

Pricing:Group rates availableCapacity:100+

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#### Cooinda Lodge Kakadu

Cooinda, Kakadu National Park NT

- **T** 08 8979 1500
- **E** reservations@yellowwater.com.au
- W kakadutourism.com/accommodation/cooinda-lodge

The village style Coinda Lodge property is located beneath a canopy of trees and offers an inviting shaded swimming pool, bistro-style dining, petrol station and store that offers locally-made crafts as well a wide range of essentials for touring.

The Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre is just five minutes from Cooinda, with many local attractions within easy travelling distance making this the ultimate base to explore Kakadu.

Choose a tour with Aboriginal-owned Kakadu Tourism providing wetland cruises, 4WD tours and cultural experiences.

The Lodge rooms, with rollaway beds available, can comfortably sleep up to four students.

Pricing:Group rates negotiableCapacity:48 lodge rooms

#### Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel

Jabiru, Kakadu National Park NT

- **T** 08 8979 9000
- E reservations@crocodilehotel.com.au
- W kakadutourism.com/accommodation/mercure-crocodile-hotel

Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, is an idyllic retreat located in the township of Jabiru, in the wilderness of Kakadu National Park. It is the perfect solution for school groups looking to stay in hotel style accommodation, with twin bed configurations.

There is an on-site Aboriginal art gallery with tour guides available to provide informative learning sessions to students.

The hotel's function room is a versatile space able to host 25 to 250 students. It provides the perfect group learning environment useful for briefing sessions, workshops or presentations.

Pricing:	Group rates available, dependent on group numbers
	and time of travel
Capacity:	110 guest rooms

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#### Ngurrungurrudjba (Yellow Water) Campground & Caravan Park

Cooinda, Kakadu National Park NT

- E camping@yellowwater.com.au
- W kakadutourism.com/accommodation/cooinda-campground-caravan-park

The Ngurrungurrudjba (Yellow Water) Campground & Caravan Park is the perfect place to base yourself for a Kakadu adventure.

The shady camping area is located next to Yellow Water Billabong and is surrounded by the spectacular landscape of Kakadu National Park, where you can witness the unique wildlife, flora and fauna of this unique part of Australia. Campers can use the facilities at Cooinda Lodge including a restaurant, bistro and bar and a jumping pillow for children as well as two pools. Cooinda Lodge also has a retail shop and petrol station to stock up on supplies before you head off on your next adventure.

All bookings need to be made online, it is highly recommend to make bookings well in advance during peak period.

Pricing:	Group camping rates available
Campsites:	100 powered and 100 unpowered sites
Capacity:	200+ campsites

# **Destination information**

#### **Bowali Visitor Centre**

Kakadu NT

- **Open:** Visitor Centre (VC) 7 days 8am to 5pm Administration (A) – Mon-Fri 8:30am to 5pm
- T (VC) 08 8938 1120 (A) 08 8938 1100
- **E** kakadunationalpark@environment.gov.au
- W parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/plan/visitor-centres/

More information for visiting school groups can be found at www.environment.gov.au/topics/national-parks/kakadunational-park/education

#### **Top End Visitor Information Centre**

6 Bennett Street, Darwin NT

**Open:** Mon-Fri 9am to 4:30pm, Sat and Sun 10am to 2pm **Closed:** Closed: Christmas Day and Good Friday

- **T** 1300 138 886 / 08 8980 6000
- E info@visittopend.com.au
- W visittopend.com.au

# Other activities and services

#### Animal Tracks Safari

Cooinda Lodge, Kakadu National Park

- **T** 0429 676 194
- E kakadu@animaltracks.com.au
- W animaltracks.com.au

#### **Border Store**

Jabiru NT

**T** 08 8979 2474

W facebook.com/ubirrborderstore

#### **Injalak Arts**

Gunbalanya NT

- **T** 08 8979 0190
- E info@injalak.com
- W injalak.co
- O @injalakarts

#### Kakadu Air

Darwin Airport – 2 Slade Court, Eaton Darwin NT Jabiru Airport – Jabiru East NT

- **T** 08 8979 2411 / 1800 089 113
- E reservations@kakaduair.com.au
- W kakaduair.com.au

#### Marrawuddi Gallery

- 2 Gregory Place, Jabiru NT
- **T** 08 8979 2777

- E gallery@marrawuddi.com.au
- W marrawuddi.com.au

#### Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Kakadu Highway, Kakadu NT NT

- **E** info@warradjan.com
- W warradjanculturalcentre.com

#### Yibekka Kakadu Tours

Kakadu Rock Art Tours at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie Rock)

- **T** 0426 890 304
- E tours@yibekka.com.au
- W yibekka.com.au

Nautilus Aviation tours over Darwin

# Learning Adventures

Perched at the northern tip of Australia with a multicultural population and a relaxed outdoor lifestyle, Darwin is the ultimate educational excursion destination. This thriving, eclectic, tropical city has a myriad of natural treasures on its doorstep. Kakadu National Park, Arnhem Land, Litchfield National Park and the Katherine region can all be curated into funfilled and rewarding road itineraries, which can focus on a variety of desired learning areas.

Darwin has a rich and varied history with early pioneering stories, Asian influences and vibrant Aboriginal culture. Darwin's WWII history and involvement makes for a fascinating excursion subject. On 19 February 1942, the first and largest single attack mounted by a foreign power on Australia occurred when 242 Japanese aircraft attacked Darwin. Students can investigate how the bombing impacted the city by visiting attractions that share the tales of this tragic event. There are several museums which tell a wider story of the Northern Territory and its colourful past, providing educational programs that incorporate art, culture, history and natural sciences.

Surround students in the study of Earth and environmental sciences with personalised guided tours at wildlife parks, charter a boat in Darwin harbour or cruise the wildlife-rich rivers and billabongs throughout the region.

The outer Darwin region has many enticing activities to add to your NT learning adventure. The upper Adelaide River region boasts fascinating wetland and wildlife experiences and enriching cultural tours. Further to the south, the Mary River region abounds with adventure and team building activities or students can take an educational wetland cruise. You'll also discover fascinating WWII sites in the Adelaide River township, while a nearby cattle station provides hands-on activities and outback accommodation.

The sensational Litchfield National Park is just over an hour south of Darwin. Explore the area's intriguing features with guided bushwalks that reveal the remarkable flora and fauna, showcasing the unique ecosystem. A school group campground, ranger talks and educational resources are available to support school groups. There are also outdoor education and bushcraft survival providers who add another level of interactivity with the local environment.

An excursion itinerary in the Darwin region can be tailored to suit any year level. With so many options, finding complementary experiences that address specific learning areas to achieve tangible student outcomes, is easy. Take time to experience the many learning adventures on offer and engage your students' imaginations, long after they return to the walls of their classroom.

# Darwin region





#### •••••••• AADFA Man Experience WWII Tunnels, Darwin

Go back in time to Darwin's Top Secret WW2 Oil Storage Tunnels, an underground heritage museum like no other. The subterranean Tunnels are one of Darwin's best kept WWII secrets. The WWII Tunnels Museum has displays of Darwin's rich history during WWII including photos of the brave men and women who served in the protection of our great country, Australia.

Delve into Darwin's wartime identity with a 3D immersive experience and "The Darwin Digger" comic book, featuring AADFA Man. The tunnels, originally built to protect oil from Japanese bombing, are now open for tours, offering a glimpse into Darwin's history. Tours are available for school students, with tour prices starting from \$15 per person for groups. Suitable for all ages, the tunnels provide an educational and immersive experience into Australia's wartime history.

Launched at Darwin's own Tropicon and most recently at Singapore Comicon Con, "The Darwin Digger" is a unique educational comic book that serves as a springboard for learning about the history of the tunnels, including Darwin's very own superhero, AADFA Man. Students can read the comic before attending the tunnels and witness the sculpture of AADFA Man alongside a unique augmented reality (AR) immersive experience broadcast through their mobile phones.

Daily tours for school students available on booking request.

**Open:** 9am - 4pm (dry season) / 10am - 1pm (wet season) **Duration:** 60 minutes

**Age group:** Upper primary, middle, senior and tertiary students **Pricing:** \$8.50 for individuals / \$15pp for tours (min 10 pax) \$25 per student for tour with the Darwin Digger Comic Book **Capacity:** 30 - 90 people (bookings are essential for groups)

M 0414 684 819

W https://www.ww2tunnelsdarwin.com.au/



#### •••••••• Adventure Bound NT

One of the biggest challenges is to equip children with the skills to cope with life itself. Adventure Bound NT (ABNT) has an activities-based camp, located in an idyllic, fun and safe environment just over an hour from Darwin.

Nestled in Australia's last frontier – the rugged NT landscape – with amazing flora and fauna, fresh air and tropical weather, programs at ABNT's Base Camp Wallaroo combine physical and mental challenges, balanced with team building fun. Teachers and students explore, learn and grow together.

ABNT has created programs that develop lifelong learning skills, recognising these foundations as essential for preparing students for complex life rules. Activities meet health and physical education outcomes and general capabilities in line with the Australian curriculum. Science and geography learning areas can also be addressed. The programs provide naturally occurring situations for teaching and learning and require substantial evidence gathering from students. They are delivered in an integrated, challenging and fun context.

Programs are tailored to the specific needs of each group, with exciting and challenging activities ranging from bushwalking, navigation, abseiling, high ropes courses and rock climbing - to name a few!

Groups are welcome to camp onsite. Activities and guidance is delivered by highly trained guides with senior first aid and Working with Children checks.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	Dry season only
Duration:	Half-day to multi-day
Age group:	5 years and up, good for all ages
Pricing:	Camp costs from \$55pp per day / teachers FOC
Capacity:	Larger groups welcome dependent on availability

#### **Adventure Bound NT**

Arnhem Highway, Mary River region NT

- **T** 0409 950 444
- E info@basecampwallaroo.com.au
- W basecampwallaroo.com



# Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre

Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre (BOEC) provides outdoor education and recreational experiences to school and community groups. Located 1.5hrs south of Darwin in the town of Batchelor the gateway to Litchfield National Park.

BOEC gives students the opportunity to participate in quality outdoor education experiences. Detailed curriculum plans are available for each year level. Programs allow students to grow mentally and emotionally while building relationships and creating memories.

Mountain biking, archery, high ropes or swimming in the picturesque water holes of Litchfield National Park are just some of the activities offered. Activities are planned and carried out by qualified Cert IV teaching and outdoor education instructors with OCHRE cards and first aid certificates who constantly maintain the highest of standards.

While on camp the BOEC team can look after all your catering needs, using locally sourced ingredients. Why not try making an iconic Australian damper over a camp fire, under a blanket of stars?

Accommodation consists of 5 dormitory blocks, three with air conditioning, and ample space to pitch tents for a real outback experience.

Highly flexible and committed to working with groups to tailor programs to suit their needs and budget, BOEC ensures a safe, fun and active learning experience for students.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	Office hours are Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm
Duration:	2.5 or 5 day programs. Day trips welcomed.
Age group:	Primary and secondary
Pricing:	Program and extra inclusions dependent
Capacity:	Up to 124 - groups less than 40 may need to
	share with other schools

#### **Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre**

Tarkarri Road, Batchelor NT

- **T** 08 8976 0117
- **E** boec.batchelor@education.nt.gov.au
- W boec.com.au



#### •••••••• Bushcraft Survival Australia Outdoor Education Programs

Bushcraft Survival Australia (BSA) is an outdoor bushcraft survival school dedicated to teaching genuine modern and authentic traditional outdoor living skills through carefully designed educational courses.

Held outdoors in an expedition type field camp, BSA offers fun, challenging and educational experiences for students to develop problem-solving, teamwork, self-discipline and leadership skills while developing their confidence and self-reliance. Students learn valuable life skills such as the priorities of survival, how to make fire and construct shelters, acquiring water and food and making them safe for consumption, natural navigation, rescue signalling and Aboriginal cooking methods. They also gain an insight into the traditional skills of Indigenous cultures around the world and implement knowledge from the sciences, health, physical education, design and technology streams.

Two courses that best suit school programs are the Fundamental Module 1 Bushcraft Survival Course and the two day Junior / Family Bushcraft Survival course. Schools that have already completed the Fundamental Module 1 course can arrange the seven day combined Fundamental Module 1 and Module 2 course. Tailored workshops for schools can also be organised to complement any tour itinerary and to suit curriculum needs.

Gordon Dedman, founder of BSA, has certifications at some of the world's leading survival and bushcraft schools, is a former member of the Australian Army 1st Commando Regiment and presently a survival instructor in NORFORCE and Australian Army Regional Force Surveillance Unit (RFSU). He also has considerable experience as an outdoor guide in the NT, taking clients on camping expeditions into Kakadu National Park and Arnhem Land.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:Jun-JulDuration:1 day to multi-day coursesAge group:10+ yrsPricing:School group rates available upon enquiryCapacity:15 - 20

#### Bushcraft Survival Australia

- **T** 0417 693 904
- E enquiries@bushcraftsurvivalaustralia.com.au
- W bushcraftsurvivalaustralia.com.au



#### •••••••• City of Darwin Cruises

City of Darwin Cruises will give your students an eco-sailing adventure around Darwin Harbour with commentary on the harbour's history and ecosystems.

Sailing catamarans provide the best outdoor platform to enjoy and learn about the unique marine environment - the vessels are ideal for nature viewing due to their ability to sail quietly. Their wide beam allows for great stability and provides ease of movement around the vessel so everyone can view wildlife comfortably.

Staff will be constantly on the lookout for harbour wildlife to share with students, like the rare snub fin dolphin, bottlenose dolphins, dugong and sea birds. Students can also join in identifying harbour wildlife for a recording project. High importance is placed on the environment and, in particular, the marine ecosystem. City of Darwin Cruises is proud to be an eco-certified ecotourism operator.

Highly knowledgeable owners and guides are involved with natural resource management and utilise their science qualifications to deliver bespoke educational programs.

Working with educators they develop informative and enjoyable programs for all age groups, with educational resources available to use pre-excursion.

The vessels are shaded with comfortable, cushioned seating and a blissfully relaxing 'trampoline'. Students can chat freely to the skipper and crew. Tailor an excursion to your availability, whether it's a three hour sunset cruise, a daytime cruise or something completely different.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:7 days 8am to 6pmDuration:From 3hrs to extended cruisesAge group:All agesPricing:School group rates available upon enquiryCapacity:Up to 43

#### City of Darwin Cruises

Marina Boulevard, Cullen Bay NT

- **T** 0428 480 090
- E tours@cityofdarwincruises.com.au
- W cityofdarwincruises.com.au



# Crocodylus Park

Crocodylus Park showcases saltwater crocodiles in one of Darwin's most popular attractions. With more than 1000 animals on display, featuring small juvenile crocs to massive breeding adults longer than 5m. Many crocs are collected from the wild as dangerous animals. Also displayed are American alligators, Australian freshwater crocodiles, New Guinea freshwater crocodiles and (the world's most endangered) Philippine crocodiles.

Students get up close to other park residents including lions, capybaras, monkeys, birds, turtles, snakes, lizards and many more.

Crocodylus Park is an integral part of Wildlife Management International's research and education efforts and is one of Australia's most important crocodile education forums.

A range of tailored school programs are offered including handson activities with snakes, lizards, turtles and crocs (only the little tackers of course!). Student groups can participate in crocodile feeding tours and a guided boat cruise. The 'river' cruise occurs on a constructed waterway featuring several Top End habitat types. This eco-cruise allows close and personal viewing of a range of wildlife, as well as large saltwater crocodiles.

Crocodylus Park is a committed training venue that offers work experience and learning programs to help students understand these amazing animals and their environment.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open: Duration: Age group:	7 days Min. 1.5hrs recommended Pre-arranged programs for primary /
	self-guided secondary
Pricing:	Pre-primary \$7pp entry/ Primary school age \$10 entry/ High school age \$15pp entry / Boat cruise \$9pp
Capacity:	Up to 70 / larger groups are split for a quality experience

#### **Crocodylus Park**

McMillans Road, Knuckey Lagoon NT

- **T** 08 8922 4500
- E crocpark@wmi.com.au
- W crocodyluspark.com.au

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#### •••••••• Crocosaurus Cove



••••••• Darwin 3D Tours

Located in the heart of Darwin, Crocosaurus Cove houses the world's largest display of Australian reptiles, including the iconic saltwater crocodile. Crocosaurus Cove is perfect for small to large educational groups, being an easy walking distance from most city accommodation, with off-street parking available for buses. There is an onsite café and catering is available on request.

Crocosaurus Cove offers a multitude of activities for students to experience including animal handling sessions with a cute baby crocodile, a snake and / or lizard and interactive shows to learn about Australia's incredible wildlife.

Meet the Reptiles Show – cuddle up to the snakes and lizards, with free-flowing question and answers.

Fish Feeding Show – learn from animal handlers as they feed the Freshwater Whiprays and a variety of native fish including Barramundi, Archer Fish, and Herrings.

- Big Croc Feed Show watch the salties dine on their lunch and learn all about the power of their bite force, their incredible hunting techniques, their physical features, habits, and so much more!
- Fishing for Crocs feed the feisty juvenile crocodiles during the 'Fishing for Crocs' activity - watch their entire bodies get out of the water as they jump up for food!
- Turtle Show meet the beautiful collection of native turtles.

Between shows, explore the Reptile House, home to a wide variety of lizards, snakes, goannas, frogs, turtles, and more.

Finally, explore the World of Crocs and learn about the many different species of crocodilian from around the globe.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	7 days 9am to 6pm
Duration:	Min. 1.5hrs recommended
Age group:	Primary and secondary
Pricing:	From \$25 / 20% discount for 10+ students /
	10:1 adult FOC with max 2 FOC adults per group
Capacity:	Activity dependent

#### Crocosaurus Cove

58 Mitchell Street,	Darwin NT

- **T** 08 8981 7522
- **E** info@croccove.com
- W crocosauruscove.com

Darwin City comes alive with 3D learning experiences available through your mobile phone. Take a guided educational tour around Darwin's scenic waterfront precinct including the Darwin Waterfront, Jervois Park, Bicentennial Park and the Esplanade.

Offering bespoke tours in XR/AR immersive content accessible through IPads and students mobile phones. Launching first in 2021 as part of the Darwin International Film Festival these content experiences are led by a local university lecturer and storytellers telling the unique stories of Darwin's Top End.

Tailored learning adventures include:

- **Crocosilius Amusement Park:** on the Darwin Waterfront, a 3D learning adventure like no other! Follow Crocosilius into the imaginative world of 3D content creation with games and puzzles to solve. Discover CROCKY Darwin's own 3D crocodile at the waterfront.
- **Australian Film Crawl:** outside the picturesque Deckchair cinema, learn about the 125 years of Australia's film history including the Story of the Kelly Gang, Crocodile Dundee and Mad Max film franchises told through holograms and AR technology.
- **Darwin Remembers Bombing of Darwin Tour:** created for the 80th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin, learn twelve local stories of 12 civilians and serviceman involved in the biggest airtime raid on Australia. Witness the tragic sinking of the USS Peary.

Stories told in 3D with guided tour guide, in new and immersive realities. Join us on a NT learning adventure like no other!

- Open:10am 3pm (dry season) / 10am 1pm (wet season)<br/>Duration: 60 minutesAge group:Upper primary, middle, senior and tertiary students<br/>Free site access / from \$25pp for tours with tour
- guide (min 10 pax)
- **Capacity:** 10 40 people (bookings are essential for groups)
- M 0414684819
- **E** Gareth@trueblue.tv
- **W** www.trueblue.tv





The Darwin Military Museum (DMM), incorporating the Defence of Darwin Experience (DDE), is set within 4 hectares of subtropical gardens within the East Point heritage and nature reserve. The DDE tells the story of the bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942, with an interactive audio-visual multi-media exhibit and artefacts from that fateful day. The DMM (opened 1969) presents a collection of over 3000 artefacts to tell the story of Darwin and Australia's rich military history from WWI.

The centrepieces of the museum are the WWII buildings comprising the command post (CP) and gun emplacement 2 (GE2) that originally housed the 9.2" guns installed to protect Darwin from seaborne attacks. The CP and GE2 were constructed during WWII as part of Fortress Darwin. Today they display military weapons, uniforms, accoutrements, original wartime film footage, art work and more. Outside these buildings the museum displays military vehicles, weapons and relics from WWI, WWII, the Vietnam War and modern day.

With an aim to educate students on Darwin's military history, links, resources and specifically developed activities aligned to the Australian curriculum from lower primary through to Year 10 are available online. With prior notice, free history talks on the Bombing of Darwin and the aftermath can be arranged for groups on request. Other on-site facilities include outdoor shaded seating areas, café, toilets and off-street parking.

Open:	Mon-Sat 9:30am to 4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm and Public Holidays
Closed:	Good Friday, Christmas, Boxing Day and
	New Year's Day
Duration:	Min. 1.5hrs recommended
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	\$10 per student, \$20 per accompanying adult /
	10:1 adult FOC
Capacity:	Small to large

#### Darwin Military Museum

Alex Fong Lim Drive, East Point, Darwin NT

- **T** 08 8981 9702
- E info@darwinmilitarymuseum.com.au
- W defenceofdarwin.nt.gov.au



#### ••••••• Darwin Waterfront

Welcome to the vibrant and adventurous Darwin Waterfront Precinct! This dynamic destination offers a perfect blend of relaxation, entertainment, and outdoor activities. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, or culture lover, there's something for everyone. Here's your adventure guide to make the most of your visit.

Cool off and make a splash at our state-of-the-art swimming facilities. Whether you're looking to do some laps in the Recreation Lagoon or simply ride the waves in the Wave Lagoon, our facilities offer something for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

Embark on a historical adventure by visiting the WWII Oil Storage Tunnels. Take a tour through the underground tunnels. Explore and learn about the significance of the tunnels, and the role they played in protecting the city.

Hop aboard the free waterfront shuttle. Take a scenic journey along the picturesque waterfront. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the stunning views, with 8 convenient stops along the way.

Explore the tranquil beauty of Goyder Park which commemorates Goyder's Camp. Lush greenery and scenic pathways form part of the first settlement of Darwin. The camp area is also of historical significance, as the landing point for the submarine telegraph cable between Java and Darwin that linked Australia.

As you conclude your self-guided history walk through the precinct, take a moment to reflect on the rich tapestry of stories and events that have shaped this area.

- **T** 8999 5155
- E darwinwaterfront@nt.gov.au
- **W** waterfront.nt.gov.au





# Deckchair Cinema

Fannie Bay Gaol

Darwin's iconic outdoor cinema located in a remnant rainforest on Darwin harbour. Come and enjoy a movie under the stars with tailored packages for school groups.

The Deckchair Cinema is renowned for its programming with films that tackle important cultural subjects, hard hitting documentaries and award-winning artistic films. There are also family friendly options available for the younger audiences.

#### We offer:

- discounted tickets for students and free tickets for teachers and carers
- discounted drink and snack packages for schools
- hot dinner available from local caterers
- flexible payment options including invoicing
- reserved seating for groups
- bus and coach access to the cinema car park for drop off and pick up
- both an early 7pm session and a late 9pm session is an ideal activity when you are departing on a late-night flight

Get in touch to discuss options and book your night under the stars now.

#### **Open:** 7 days, 6:45pm-11pm

**Closed:** Wet season (mid-November - mid-April) **Duration:** Depending on film, 90-180 minutes **Age group:** All ages **Pricing:** Adult \$19, Child (5 - 15) \$10, Student \$15. 1 free adult per 10 children or students, special rates negotiated for school

per 10 children or students, special rates negotiated to bookings. **Capacity:** Up to 450

Deckchair Cinema

Jervois Road, Darwin NT 0800

- **T** 08 8941 4377
- **E** info@deckchaircinema.com
- W deckchaircinema.com

From the time Her Majesty's Gaol and Labour Prison first opened in 1883 to the time it closed 96 years later in 1979, the gaol and the people it housed made headlines, both dramatic and sometimes humorous.

Now known as Fannie Bay Gaol, the buildings, the people that designed and built it, the gaolers, the police that administered it, the distinguished visitors and the prisoners themselves reflect the distinctive themes of the Territory's changing social history.

Students will take a step back in time, and gain an insight into the harsh, remote and often wild life in early Darwin and meet some of its most famous and notorious residents.

Make the most of your visit and download, Fannie Bay Gaol: On the Inside, a free audio tour to your own device (phone or tablet) from the App store or Google Play, or via the website, darwinaudiotour.com

Open:Wednesday – Sunday 10am to 2pmDuration:1 hourAge group:10+Pricing:Free entry, donation welcomeCapacity:Program rotation allows for larger groups

#### Fannie Bay Gaol

82 East Point Rd, Fannie Bay

- **T** 08 8941 9702
- **E** info@magnt.net.au, education@magnt.net.au
- W magnt.net.au/fannie-bay-gaol





# MAGNT Darwin

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) attracts over 300,000 visitors annually to its seven sites across the Northern Territory.

MAGNT Darwin is both a museum and art gallery with collections, exhibitions and programs across Aboriginal culture, natural sciences, history and art focusing on Northern and Central Australia, and its near neighbours. Visitors to MAGNT Darwin experience unique exhibitions and programs that tell Territory stories including the legendary 5m crocodile, Sweetheart and Cyclone Tracy exhibition.

The history exhibition 'Unruly Days: Territory Life 1911-1921' draws on MAGNT's own Territory history collection and key loans from local collectors and interstate institutions that richly illustrate the challenges of life in the Territory during the early 1900's.

MAGNT is also the home of Australia's longest running and most prestigious Aboriginal art award - the annual Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA).

Educational talks relating to the collection are available on preset, please contact Education staff for further details. Options include looking at and engaging with art, investigating NT history and the impacts that events have had on nature, social history, maritime history, geography and the environment. Discover the unique natural history of the NT through evolution, archaeology, fossils and the animals of today that have adapted to live in the desert and tropics.

Open:	7 days 10am to 4pm
Closed:	Good Friday, Christmas, Boxing Day and
	New Year's Day
Duration:	Min. 1.5hrs recommended
Age group:	Allages
Pricing:	Free (donations welcome). Charges apply for
	educational talks, contact us to find out more.
Capacity:	Some restrictions apply dependent upon exhibition

#### **MAGNT Darwin**

19 Conacher Street, The Gardens, Darwin NT

- **T** 08 8999 8264
- E education@magnt.net.au
- W magnt.net.au

#### •••••••• Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours

Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours is a 100% Aboriginal owned and operated family company who provide educational excursions relating to history, geography and Aboriginal culture in the Top End. Pudakul operates from the Adelaide River area, only 45min from Darwin, on Aboriginal land near Kakadu National Park. The Adelaide River wetlands is a vast area bursting with wildlife, plants and natural educational resources.

Learn about the history and culture of the local area on a twohour cultural experience that delves into the rich culture and amazing landscape of this area. The interactive and hands-on experience includes a bush tucker walk and talk, didgeridoo and clap stick demonstrations and basket and dilly bag-making demonstrations.

Join Pudakul for a day trip to Kakadu National Park on the Rock Art Tour or visit Litchfield National Park.

Other fantastic excursion activities in the area include Fogg Dam, Wetland View Top Centre and Mary River National Park, which combine to enhance the overall educational experience. Excursions are tailored to meet curriculum requirements and air-conditioned self- contained units are available for groups up to 10.

Open:	7 days 9am to 5pm
Duration:	From 2hrs to multi-day touring
Age group:	6+yrs, with content age targeted
Pricing:	Program dependent / from \$99 (6-17yrs) for 2hr
	Aboriginal Tour / school group rates available
Capacity:	Program rotation allows for larger groups

#### **Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours**

Lot 1581 Arnhem Highway, Beatrice Hill NT

- **T** 0409 124 716
- E pudakul@gmail.com
- 🛛 🗰 pudakul.com.au

## **Learning Adventures**



# Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Tourist Facility

This exceptional world-class facility not only showcases history but brings it vibrantly to life through cutting-edge technology, making it an ideal educational destination for schools. Learn about two iconic Territory stories in one location at Stokes Hill Wharf, Darwin.

#### Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)

Enjoy the heroic tales of the birth and growth of the RFDS:

- experience 2 x virtual reality stories relive a patient's genuine medical care encounter and soar through the skies with an RFDS Pilot
- meet the founder of RFDS, Rev John Flynn and listen as his story is retold as a life size hologram
- participate in interactive story telling with mini ghost holograms of Alf Traeger and Nurse Kathy
- step inside a decommissioned RFDS Pilatus PC 12 aircraft that allows students to experience a full aero medical fit out.

#### **Bombing of Darwin Harbour**

Relive the drama of the Bombing of Darwin Harbour that rocked Australia in 1942:

- immerse yourself in the Bombing of Darwin Harbour virtual reality experience, allowing you to step back in time and witness the events of 19 Feb 1942 firsthand
- encounter a life size hologram of Rear Admiral Etheridge Grant, the Commanding Officer of the USS William B Preston
- enagae in interactive story telling with mini ghost holograms of Prime Minister John Curtin and WWII Japanese pilot, Hajime Toyoshima
- marvel at the suspended full size replica Japanese Zero aircraft replica of Camilla,the flying boatthat escaped from Darwin Harbour
- explore the window of 1942 illustrating the aircraft firepower used during the first raid on the wharf.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open (April - Sept): Mon-Sun 9:00am to 5pm (last entry at 4pm)Open (Oct - Mar): Mon - Sun 9am to 4pm (last entry at 3pm)Public Holidays: 10am to 3pm (last entry at 2pm)Closed:Christmas Day and Good FridayDuration:2hr visit recommendedAge group:Primary and secondaryPricing:School group rates available upon enquiryCapacity:Up to 150 students

#### Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Tourist Facility

- 45 Stokes Hill Road, Darwin NT
- **T** 08 8983 5700
- E rfdsdarwin@flyingdoctor.net
- W rfdsdarwin.com.au



# Sea Darwin-Sea Tiwi

Experience Darwin Harbour up close in comfortable vessels with Sea Darwin-Sea Tiwi. All tours are interactive and include hands- on activities as part of marine, historical or environmental interpretation.

Sea Darwin-Sea Tiwi offers you and your students a variety of cruises and subject-specific educational encounters. Experienced staff have specialist skills and qualifications in areas including, marine science, history and Aboriginal culture.

The Turtle Encounter tour visits one of Australia's most important nesting grounds for flat back turtles by boat. Or, allow students to identify and interpret ecosystems and the impact sea change has had on the environment on board the 'Seachange' and 'Mangroves' cruises.

Students can also observe and learn about significant historic sites relating to the Bombing of Darwin. This experience is a great complement to a full excursion focus on the topic that incorporates other learning institutions such as the Darwin Military Museum, RFDS Darwin Tourist facility and the War Memorial in Adelaide River.

All trips can be tailored to class requirements, specific learning areas and curriculum needs. Enjoy state-of-the-art marine equipment, professional guides and comfortable vessels, which deliver memorable learning outcomes - perfect for a class full of enquiring minds.

Open:	All year round
Duration:	From 90min to 8hrs
Age group:	All ages
Pricing:	From \$69 with school group rates available
Capacity:	24 - 28 or 32 - 38 students, vessel and program
	dependent

#### Sea Darwin-Sea Tiwi

- Stokes Hill Road, Darwin NT
- **T** 1300 065 022
- E info@seadarwin.com
- **W** seadarwin.com

## **Learning Adventures**



# •••••••• Sticks & Stones Adventures

Stick & Stones Adventures (SAS) provides specialised wilderness training programs that develop students skills in bushcraft, through hands-on and active learning. Offering a range of educational modules suitable for all ages and motives, your students take a journey with SAS Adventures, where they arrive to be at one with nature.

Students learn and apply essential bushcraft skills in a controlled environment. Working in teams and individually they achieve personal growth, increase their engagement with the natural environment, gain confidence and develop important team building skills. Many other learning outcomes and general capabilities can be built in to the programs as required.

Choose a Wilderness Education Course with half day, one day and two day options. Alternatively, complement a broader NT itinerary by integrating 90 minute workshop modules, like:

- navigation natural and assisted
- water procurement, dehydration and keeping cool
- useful plants edible, medicinal and how to avoid poisoning
- warmth fire making or shelter construction
- signals international distress for land and air.

SAS Adventures is proudly delivered by 'Ethical Adventures' at Club Tropical Resort in Darwin or on location in Litchfield National Park and the Daly region.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:Apr-SeptDuration:90mins to 2 daysAge group:From 8yrs oldPricing:From \$70pp for half-day programCapacity:Groups of 20

#### **Sticks & Stones Adventures**

- Malak, Darwin NT
- **T** 0488 442 269
- **E** office@ethicaladventures.com.au
- W sticksandstonesadventures.com.au



## •••••••• Territory Wildlife Park

Located 45 minutes from Darwin, the Territory Wildlife Park (TWP) showcases a variety of Top End habitats such as wetlands, woodlands and monsoon forest, and features animal species endemic to the tropical north of Australia.

School groups can utilise TWP's facilities and take full advantage of the expert guiding and zoo-keeping staff, who deliver educational programs on a variety of topics. A number of outdoor venues and exhibits serve as living classrooms where students immerse themselves in real habitats and interact with living creatures - an experience far more memorable and engaging than any textbook!

The TWP offers a range of themed student excursion packages, short talks and encounters. Come and experience Camp Woolybutt, where students camp overnight at the Park and embark on guided night walks, 'train' rides, animal tracking, early morning 'meet a keeper' presentations and bush tucker hunts.

A visit to TWP will provide your students with an:

- awareness of the complexity of the habitats they encounter and the dynamic diversity of life within them
- appreciation of the bush as an enjoyable place to visit and a place worth protecting
- overview of flora and fauna native to the NT
- opportunity to interact with keepers and animals to learn about the science behind zoo keeping.

Risk assessments available on request.

Open:	7 days from 9am
Closed:	Christmas Day
Duration:	From 1hr to overnight camps
Age group:	Primary, secondary and tertiary students
Pricing:	Students \$17.50pp / teachers FOC
Capacity:	1 - 100 students (bookings essential)

#### **Territory Wildlife Park**

Cox Peninsula Road, Berry Springs NT

- **T** 08 8988 7200
- E twp@nt.gov.au
- W territorywildlifepark.com.au

#### **Base Camp Wallaroo**

Arnhem Highway, Mary River region NT

- **T** 08 8978 8884 / 0409 950 444
- **E** ropeaccess@bigpond.com
- **W** basecampwallaroo.com

Just one hour east of Darwin, Base Camp Wallaroo is nestled among beautiful native flora and fauna, on a natural billabong, with fresh air and tropical weather.

Self-sufficient groups looking for a beautiful bush retreat are welcome to camp on the shaded, grassy lawns at Base Camp Wallaroo.

Schools can utilise the campground to explore the magnificent Mary River region and enjoy the comfort and convenience of facilities including; a communal fire pit, natural timber seminar room, covered recreation area, showers, toilets, barbecue and swimming pool.

Alternatively build a package incorporating onsite adventure and team-building activities or design a full outdoor education program with Adventure Bound NT, camping at remote campsites.

Risk assessments and site emergency plans available on request.

Pricing:Depending on group size, from \$55pp per day<br/>Teachers FOCCapacity:Plenty of options for groups of any size

#### **BIG4 Howard Springs Holiday Park**

170 Whitewood Road, Howard Springs, Darwin NT

- **T** 1300 831 169
- E reservations@big4howardsprings.com.au
- W big4howardsprings.com.au

BIG4 Howard Springs is an award-winning park centrally located 23km from the Darwin CBD with easy access to National Parks, including Litchfield National Park and Berry Springs Nature Park and gateway to the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park.

Set on 20 acres of beautifully maintained lush tropical gardens, BIG4 Howard Springs provides a peaceful oasis of palm trees and bird life. Offering a tranquil location with an extensive range of accommodation suitable for school groups, including cabins and grassed camping sites.

The cabins include 1, 2 and 3 bedroom ensuite cabins that sleep up to 5 people. Groups can take advantage of the spacious camp grounds and utilise the park's terrific facilities including 3 resort pools, a camp kitchen, barbecues and 4 amenities blocks with laundry facilities available.

Pricing:	School group rates reflect group size and seasonal
	travel periods
Capacity:	Easily caters to larger groups

#### **BIG4 Hidden Valley Holiday Park**

25 Hidden Valley Road, Berrimah NT

- **T** 08 8984 2888
- **E** hiddenvalley@lifestyleparks.au
- W lifestyleparks.com.au/hidden-valley/

Big4 Hidden Valley Holiday Park offers a range of accommodation including modern deluxe 1 and 2 bedroom villas, cabins and open plan units. All are air conditioned, self- contained and most with a private patio. With endless camping sites available, the accommodation options and location are ideal for school groups.

The Pandanus Lodge is a great option for schools, tucked away from the hustle and bustle, offering 22 individual rooms with two single beds and private ensuites.

Enjoy a beautiful pool, a playground and large grassy picnic areas as well as free BBQs and Wi-Fi, a café that can cater for large groups and a convenient kiosk.

Two large amenities blocks and fully equipped camp kitchens make life easy. Weekly entertainment is also provided including movie nights in the outdoor cinema (weather permitting), visiting educational reptile shows by Crocodylus Park and live music.

Ideally located, only 15mins from the airport and just 10mins from the CBD, with public transport easily accessible – choose Big4 Hidden Valley Holiday Park for your next Darwin excursion.

Pricing:Seasonal group rates availableCapacity:Options for all group sizes

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#### Camp Woolybutt

Cox Peninsula Road, Berry Springs NT

- **T** 08 8988 7200
- E twp@nt.gov.au
- W territorywildlifepark.com.au

The Territory Wildlife Park (TWP), located 45mins south of Darwin in Berry Springs, has its own education camp ground – Camp Woolybutt. A perfect learning environment for students to immerse themselves in real natural habitats and interact with living creatures. Beautiful lawns surrounded by local bush tucker plants are set close to the park admissions building. The private campground is coach accessible boasting hot showers, flushing toilets and a small kitchenette. Catering can be provided with prior arrangement.

Tailor a camp package including guide led activities, animal encounters and movie nights. School groups are welcome to use Camp Woolybutt as a comfortable and convenient base while exploring the region.

Risk assessments available on request.

Pricing:	Camping only from \$25pp (includes TWP entry) /
	Activity packages available / teachers FOC
Capacity:	Up to 70 students

### **Club Tropical Resort Darwin**

622 Lee Point Road, Lee Point NT

- **T** 08 8944 8500
- **E** reservations@clubtropicalresortdarwin.com.au
- **W** clubtropicalresortdarwin.com.au

Club Tropical Resort Darwin is located just minutes from Darwin Airport, away from the city centre distractions.

Enjoy easy access to the Casuarina Coastal Reserve and a short stroll to pristine Lee Point Beach, a bird watching hotspot with WWII historic sites and amazing sunsets.

Spread over 9 blocks the layout makes it easy to separate school groups for privacy and ease of student supervision. There are 4 room types, including 148 serviced resort twin rooms (perfect for student groups), 68 queens, 16 x 1-bedroom and 16 x 2-bedroom apartments and 24 villas.

The onsite restaurant supplies nutritious meal packages to suit your budget. Other resort facilities include free Wi-Fi and BBQ's, ample coach parking, 2 outdoor pools and a laundry. Multiple landscaped outdoor spaces are perfect for workshops or relaxing after a day of touring.

Club Tropical Resort works closely with Sticks & Stones Adventures, a local company offering a range of bushcraft and survival skill courses mapped to the Australian curriculum, which are delivered onsite.

Pricing:School group rates negotiableCapacity:150+

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#### **Darwin FreeSpirit Resort**

901 Stuart Highway, Holtze NT

- **T** 08 8935 0888
- E bookings@darwinfreespiritresort.com.au
- W darwinfreespiritresort.com.au

Nestled amongst tropical gardens and swaying palms, just 15mins drive south of the Darwin CBD, you'll discover an idyllic tropical haven. A relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, offering a wide range of accommodation, caravan and camping sites and a myriad of facilities, activities and entertainment – a perfectly equipped base for school groups to explore Darwin!

Air-conditioned cabins and villas can comfortably accommodate 4 to 5 guests. Shaded powered and unpowered caravan and camping sites are close to a selection of amenities and camp kitchens, making it a comfortable and convenient camping option for a Top End learning adventure.

Pricing:	School group rates reflect group size and seasonal
	travel periods
Capacity:	Easily caters to larger groups

#### **Discovery Parks - Darwin**

11 Farrell Crescent, Winnellie NT

- **T** (08) 8984 3330
- **E** darwin@discoveryparks.com.au
- W discoveryholidayparks.com.au

#### Litchfield Safari Camp

6060 Litchfield Park Road, Litchfield Park NT

- **T** 08 8978 2185 / 0413175122
- E cascadespark@outlook.com
- W litchfieldsafaricamp.com.au

Litchfield Safari Camp is located in the heart of Litchfield National Park, just 5km from the spectacular Wangi Falls, across the road from the carpark for Cascades waterfalls and about 30mins drive from Florence Falls, Buley Rockholes and the Magnetic Termite Mounds.

Set in natural bushland, Litchfield Safari Camp offers cabin accommodation and secluded camp sites that are grassed and shaded with fire pits and picnic tables and a swimming pool is available for use.

Our amenities block has hot showers and flushing toilets, and our camp kitchen has BBQ's, sinks and seating areas under cover.

Pricing:School group rates availableCapacity:Small to medium sized groups

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#### **Litchfield Tourist Park**

705 Litchfield Park Road, Finniss Valley via Batchelor NT

- **T** 08 8976 0070
- **E** relax@litchfieldtouristpark.com.au
- W litchfieldtouristpark.com.au

Litchfield Tourist Park, just 4km from Litchfield National Park, is a great base for your Litchfield learning adventure.

Being the closest caravan park to the entrance of Litchfield National Park makes it ideal for exploring the Magnetic Termite Mounds, Buley Rockhole, Florence Falls, The Lost City and many other local attractions.

This is a small, outback park which prides itself on being friendly, shady and green. A great spot for camping, the group area is a short walk to the bathroom complex and includes a large covered area with sink and barbecue, perfect for group gettogethers. There is also a variety of cabin style accommodation to choose from and 'The Homestead', a large 3 bedroom house, provides another great option sleeping up to 15 people.

The onsite café provides home-style meals with catering by prearrangement to suit group requirements.

Pricing:School group rates available for camping and cabinsCapacity:100+

#### **Mercure Darwin Airport Resort**

1 Sir Norman Brearley Drive, Marrara NT

- **T** 08 8920 3333
- E HA209@accor.com
- **W** darwinairporthotels.com.au

Enjoy the spacious layout and relaxing, tropical ambience of your accommodation at Mercure Darwin Airport Resort.

Conveniently located only a couple of minutes from Darwin Airport, choose from a range of room configurations, sleeping from 2 to 4 persons. This is a great property for schools looking for a little more comfort, providing an easy and relaxed start or finish to any excursion. The highlight of the property is the breathtaking lagoon- style pool and stunning, lush tropical surrounds. There are 2 meeting rooms available to book, providing convenience for pre or post excursion briefings.

Schools can also take advantage of the onsite restaurant, to provide to your group's catering needs. Risk assessments and site evacuation plans are available on request.

Pricing:School group rates negotiableCapacity:80+ dependent on availability

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## Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre

70 Abala Road, Mararra NT

- **T** (08) 8980 4801
- E mlllc@afl.com.au
- W aflnt.com.au

The Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre (MLLLC) is conveniently located only a few minutes away from Darwin Airport within the Marrara Sporting Complex.

This state of the art facility accommodates up to 60 people and provides function and corporate spaces to suit any educational sessions and group presentation needs.

The MLLLC was established to provide educational programs that harness the power of AFL football as a tool to increase school attendance and engagement, improve student behaviour, encourage completion of secondary education, and provide work readiness and awareness of opportunities.

The centre has the facilities to provide an exceptional experience, and these include kitchen and lounge areas, a conference room, gym, pool facilities, open green spaces and much more.

Pricing:Flexible school group ratesCapacity:Up to 72

#### **Mount Bundy Station**

Haynes Road, Adelaide River NT

- **T** 0447 738 006
- E mtbundy@cartersretail.com
- W http://www.mtbundy.com.au

Set on the banks of the southern section of the Adelaide River, just over a 1hr drive from Darwin, Mount Bundy Station is a small working cattle property with accommodation options and farm stay experiences. The Station is ideally situated for exploring Litchfield National Park.

The Billabong House, which was originally the station manager's residence, has 5 bedrooms, sleeping up to 23 people, with private bathroom, laundry and kitchen facilities. You'll also find a couple of cottages that can cater to smaller school groups. The Station has an extensive camping area with shaded sites, three ablution blocks, a camp kitchen and barbecue facilities.

Contact the friendly staff to discuss your requirements and they'll gladly cater to your needs. With advanced notice, some catering can be arranged (delicious pizzas) and interactions with the farm animals can also be coordinated.

Pricing:School group rates on enquiryCapacity:Accommodation for smaller groups / camping for<br/>larger groups

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#### **Novotel Darwin Airport**

2 Sir Norman Brearley Drive, Eaton NT

- **T** 08 8920 7800
- E HA207@accor.com
- **W** darwinairporthotels.com.au

Book in for a relaxed and convenient beginning or end to your NT school adventure. The Novotel Darwin Airport is located just 200m from Darwin International Airport, a short 15 minute drive into Darwin CBD - perfect for early flights or late arrivals. The on-site restaurant (Monday - Friday only) serves lunch and dinner options with breakfast available daily.

Risk assessments and site evacuation plans available on request.

Pricing:Enquire direct for school group ratesCapacity:150+ students

# Accommodation - Darwin region

### Parks and Wildlife NT Group Camp Areas

Environmental Education Campground in Litchfield National Park. Situated in the northern section of Litchfield National Park the campground provides camping areas, communal kitchen and shelter and toilet and shower facilities.

Education groups must register an education group account in order to book this campground.

Pricing:	nt.gov.au/parks/camping/fees
Booking:	parkbookings.nt.gov.au
Capacity:	Up to 42

#### Travelodge Resort Darwin

64 Cavenagh Street, Darwin NT

- **T** 08 8946 0111
- **E** darwin@travelodge.com.au
- W travelodge.com.au/book-accommodation/darwin/

'Mirambeena' means welcome in the local Larrakia language and that's exactly what you'll get on a study tour stay at the Travelodge Resort Darwin.

The 32 self-contained townhouses and 192 room (twin / triple share) resort is complimented by two lagoon- style pools, BBQ facilities, basketball area, alfresco dining and complimentary coach parking, with public transport close by. Focused on comfort and convenience, the Travelodge is perfect for school groups, with more of what you want and less of the things you don't need.

The Travelodge is conveniently located in Darwin's CBD, close to Stokes Hill Wharf and the RFDS Darwin Tourist Facility, Crocosaurus Cove, Woolworths, Darwin's art galleries and laneway street art. It's a perfect base for visiting attractions such as MAGNT and the Darwin Military Museum or regional trips like Litchfield National Park.

Pricing:Competitive school group rates availableCapacity:150+ students

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# **Destination information**

#### **Top End Visitor Information Centre**

6 Bennett Street, Darwin NT **Open:** Mon-Fri 9am to 4:30pm, Sat and Sun 10am to 2pm **Closed:** Christmas Day and Good Friday

- **T** 1300 138 886 / 08 8980 6000
- E info@visittopend.com.au
- W visittopend.com.au

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# Parks and Wildlife NT

#### **General information**

- **T** 08 8999 4555
- W nt.gov.au/parks

#### Northern Territory Parks booking system

- **T** 1300 281 121
- **E** parks.onlinebooking@nt.gov.au
- **W** parkbookings.nt.gov.au

#### School talks and excursion guides

- **E** communityengagementpw@nt.gov.au
- W nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/learn-and-be-involved/ parks- resources-for-schools/school talks-and-trips

#### **Current NT Parks information**

facebook.com/parksandwildlifent

## Other activities and services

#### **Aboriginal Bush Traders**

Charles Darwin Centre, Ground Floor /

- 19 The Mall, Darwin NT
- **T** 08 8931 6650
- **E** info@aboriginalbushtraders.com
- **W** aboriginalbushtraders.com

#### **Adelaide River Cruises**

Anzac Parade, Middle Point NT

- **T** 08 8983 3224
- **E** info@adelaiderivercruises.com.au
- W jumpingcroccruises.com.au

#### **Barramundi Adventures Darwin**

1612 William Road, Berry Springs NT 0838

- T 08 8932 2221
- **E** info@darwinbarra.com
- W barramundiadventuresdarwin.com.au

#### Chung Wah Society – Chinese Temple and Museum

25 Woods Street, Darwin NT

- **T** 08 8941 0898
- E museum@chungwahnt.asn.au
- W chungwahnt.asn.au

#### **Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruises**

Corroboree Billabong, Mary River region NT

- **T** 08 8985 5855
- E info@wetlandcruises.com.au
- W wetlandcruises.com.au

#### **Darwin Aviation Museum**

557 Stuart Highway, Winnellie Darwin NT

- **T** 08 8947 2145
- E info@darwinaviationmuseum.com.au
- W darwinaviationmuseum.com.au

#### **Darwin Harbour Cruises**

Stokes Hill Wharf, Darwin NT

- **T** 08 8942 3131
- E sales@darwinharbourcruises.com.au
- W darwinharbourcruises.com.au

#### **George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens**

Gilruth Avenue and Gardens Road, The Gardens, Darwin NT

- **T** 08 8999 4418
- W nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park/george-browndarwin-botanic-gardens

#### **Mindil Beach Sunset Markets**

Mindil Beach, Darwin NT (Thu and Sun, late April to late Oct)

- **T** 08 8981 3454
- E admin@mindil.com.au
- W mindil.com.au

#### **NT Parliament House Education Services**

- Parliament House, 4 Bennett Street, Darwin NT
- **T** 08 8946 1434
- E ntparliament.edu@nt.gov.au
- W parliament.nt.gov.au

#### Saltwater Cultural Tours Darwin

- **T** 0410 445 101
- E bundirrik@gmail.com
- **W** saltwaterculturaltours.info

#### Spectacular Jumping Crocodile Cruise

Via Wetland View Top Centre, Arnhem Highway NT 08 8978 9077

- **E** spectacular@jumpingcrocodile.com.au
- W jumpingcrocodile.com.au

#### The Original Adelaide River Queen Jumping Crocodile Cruises

Adelaide River Bridge, Arnhem Highway, Wak Wak NT

- **T** 08 8988 8144
- E admin@jumpingcrocodilecruises.com.au
- W jumpingcrocodilecruises.com.au

#### **Top End Cycling Adventures**

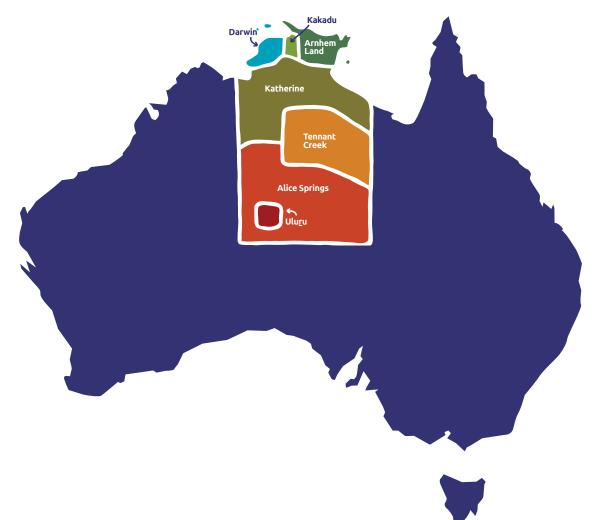
- **T** +61 438137646
- E bookings@teca.com.au
- W Info@topendcyclingadventures.com.au

#### Walk Darwin

- Darwin NT
- **T** 0428 183 444
- E enquiries@walkdarwin.com.au
- W walkdarwin.com.au

# NT Learning Adventures Travel Planner

Drive distances (via sealed roads) between Northern Territory locations (kms)	Adelaide River	Alice Springs	Batchelor	Cooinda (Kakadu)	Curtin Springs	Darwin	Daly Waters	Erldunda	Glen Helen	Hermannsburg	Jabiru (Kakadu)	Katherine	Kings Canyon	Mataranka	Nhulunbuy	Pine Creek	Ross River Resort	Standley Chasm	Tennant Creek
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Curtin Springs	1744	361	1776	1795															
Darwin	105	1498	100	304	1857														
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Infuse Travel



# Experience Aboriginal culture top 10 things to do



# Top End

- 1. Order a bush tucker infused breakfast and browse the gallery at **Aboriginal Bush Traders**.
- 2. Uncover Darwin's Aboriginal art trail at the **Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**.
- 3. Experience being on Country with **Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours**.
- 4. Listen to ancient stories and sight rock art with **Yibekka Kakadu Rock Art Tours**.
- 5. Travel to East Arnhem Land to experience a tailored education program with **Culture College**.
- 6. Discover local culture and tour on country with **Djilpin Arts**.
- 7. Learn stories first hand walking with a Jawoyn guide along **Nitmiluk Gorge**.
- 8. Experience a unique boat tour on Kakadu's East Alligator River with the **Guluyambi Cultural Cruise**.
- 9. Visit the cultural centres of **Kakadu National Park** and **Nitmiluk National Park**.
- 10. Hop over to the **Tiwi Islands** for an immersive tour of Tiwi art and culture.



## •••••••• Central Australia

- 1. Discover Aboriginal art at the **Araluen Arts Centre** in Alice Springs.
- 2. Learn about the harvesting of bushfoods with **Kungkas Can Cook**.
- 3. Attend a bush medicine workshop with **Bush Balm Social Enterprises**.
- Explore the birthplace of renowned watercolour artist, the late Albert Namatjira and visit the Hermannsburg Historic Precinct.
- 5. Walk through the walls of **Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye** with a local guide.
- 6. Learn on Country with the Breaden and Abbott family at **Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience**.
- 7. Join Remote Education Tours on a 4-hour cultural discovery tour to **Lilla community** and meet the Traditional Owners.
- 8. Try your hand at a dot painting workshop with **Maruku Arts** at Ulu<u>r</u>u.
- 9. Learn about Anangu culture and the Park's natural environment at the Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park **Cultural Centre**.
- 10. See the rock art of Ulu<u>r</u>u and visit a peaceful ancient waterhole on the **Kuniya walk with Red Spaces**.

Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours



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