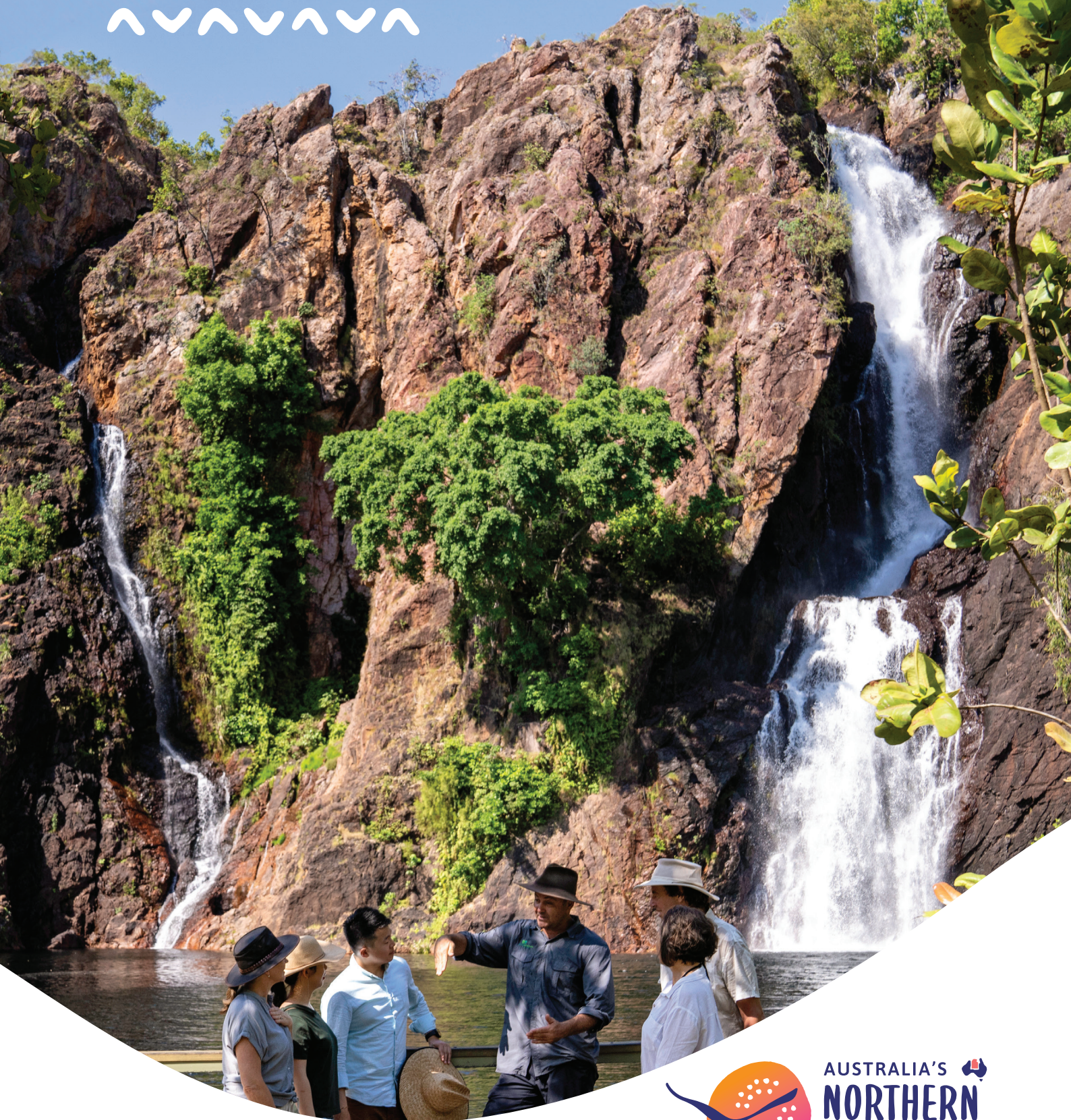


Cruising Australia's Northern Territory



AUSTRALIA'S 
**NORTHERN
TERRITORY**

Distances by sea to Darwin

Tiwi Islands	70nm
Maningrida	262nm
Yirrkala	580nm
Cairns	1250nm
Wyndham	331nm
Broome	706nm
Dili	388nm
Denpasar (Bali)	881nm
Jakarta	1535nm
Singapore	1887nm

Singapore

Jakarta

Surabaya

Denpasar



Northern Territory ports and anchorages

Darwin is Australia's northern gateway and a popular stopover for cruise ships heading into South East Asia or southbound navigating around Australia and the South Pacific. The purpose built Darwin Cruise Ship Terminal located at Fort Hill Wharf has the capacity to accommodate small to medium size cruise ships and can service the largest ships currently cruising Australian waters on transit visits.

Fort Hill Wharf:

Channel depth:	Naturally deep harbour with depths in excess of 32m
Maximum draft:	11m*
Berth length:	300m
Channel length:	7 nautical miles
Tidal variation:	Tidal variation can be 8.1m at highest astronomical tide
Prevailing currents:	Tidal flow in and out of harbour
Pilotage:	Compulsory for any vessel over 35m
Distance to city:	Waterfront Precinct 200m, CBD 800m via skywalk
Airport:	Darwin International Airport approximately 13km
Services:	Fresh water, fuel truck or bunker sewage and sludge, garbage
Permits:	Hot work permits required
Overflow wharf:	East Arm 20km to Darwin CBD

*11m is the targeted depth, however the harbour does have some seasonal variations and depth control processes are in place

Regional anchorages

Much of Northern Territory's coastline is sparsely populated by Aboriginal communities, the industrial port of ports of Nhulunbuy (Gove) and Alyangula being the exception. Regional ports and anchorages are attractive for expedition style cruising, and offer immersive opportunities to access Aboriginal culture, heritage and traditions.

Some of the locations where anchorage may be available include the Tiwi Islands, Garig Gunak Barlu National Park (Cobourge Peninsula), Milingimbi, Maningrida, Elcho Island, Nhulunbuy (Gove), Yirrkala and Alyangula (Groote Eylandt). These remote, little-visited coastal communities have limited shoreline infrastructure. Visitation is subject to approval of appropriate licences by prior application to the designated Land Council or relevant officiating body.



Darwin Port



Indonesia

Kupang

Dili

Banda Sea

Papua New Guinea

Port Moresby

Arafura Sea

Thursday Island

Cobourg Peninsula

Maningrida

Elcho Island

Nhulunbuy

Tiwi Islands

Milingimbi

Yirrkala

INDIAN OCEAN

Darwin

Kakadu National Park

Groote Eylandt

Wyndham

Gulf of Carpentaria

Katherine

Great Barrier Reef

Cairns

To Brisbane and Sydney

Broome

To Fremantle

Northern Territory

Watarrka National Park

Alice Springs

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Darwin to Adelaide Ghan Train Route



Adelaide



Exploring Darwin and surrounds

Aboriginal culture

Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory are custodians of the oldest living culture in the world. Aboriginal culture is a significant drawcard for a large proportion of international and domestic visitors to the Northern Territory. Visitors to Australia seek authentic experiences with Aboriginal people to make spiritual connections on country and through cultural activities.

The diversity of languages and the fact that many people speak language today is unique to the Northern Territory, with over 100 languages and dialects spoken. Aboriginal enterprises within the tourism sector have been providing visitors with engaging and memorable experiences, making Aboriginal cultures synonymous with the Northern Territory as a destination.

The greater Darwin region comprises the lands of the Larrakia, Tiwi, Wulna, Limilngan, Uwnmil, Kungarrakan and Awarai (Warai) people, providing unique connections and opportunities for visitors to engage with Aboriginal people and their stories. This region also acts as a pathway to further explore Aboriginal culture through arts, crafts, performances, food and tours.

Art galleries and museums

The **Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory** is the Territory's flagship museum and art gallery. Its permanent collection holds thousands of artworks and historical artefacts. In the Colin Jack Hinton Maritime Gallery display, you can see

an impressive collection of old traditional boats and canoes that perfectly reflect Darwin's seafaring past.

For military heritage, the Top End is unparalleled being Australia's only location of a major battle during World War II. Darwin felt the full force of the war with air raids by aircraft of the Imperial Japanese Navy in 1942, wreaking destruction on the city. The **Darwin Military Museum** tells the story, not only of the Northern Territory's role in World War II, but of Australia's involvement in armed conflict over the years.

A short walk from the Mall is **Aboriginal Bush Traders**, a not-for-profit gallery selling genuine, ethically sourced and sustainable products made by people in remote Aboriginal communities. While you're there, be sure to visit the café and sample the authentic bush tucker menu.

Waterfront Precinct

Experience the best of the Territory's tropical lifestyle with lush parklands and one of Darwin's most popular attractions, the Wave Lagoon.

Walking distance from the cruise ship terminal, the Waterfront's artificial beach is the best place in the Top End to swim in saltwater and relax in the tropical surrounds.

Refuel after a morning swim at one of the many restaurants, linger over a luxurious lunch, or stop for a drink before returning to port.



Litchfield National Park

Just 90 minutes from Darwin, Litchfield National Park is a true wonder of the Top End, with idyllic waterfalls, pristine swimming spots, beautiful walking trails and hidden natural wonders. Plunge into crystal clear waterholes including Buley Rockhole, Florence and Wangi Falls or take a short walk to the Tolmer Falls viewing platform.

One of Litchfield National Park's most impressive sights is the hundreds of termite mounds standing up to four metres high.

Kakadu National Park

Only three hours' drive or a short scenic flight from Darwin, in Kakadu National Park you'll find ancient landscapes with thundering waterfalls, lush rainforests, wandering wetlands, exotic wildlife and ancient rock art.

See breathtaking horizons from the top of a Kakadu escarpment. Cruise on the stunning Yellow Water Billabong to spot crocodiles and wildlife in their natural habitat, including millions of migratory birds who (in part) call the park's wetlands home.

With more than 5,000 Aboriginal rock art sites in the park, the Bininj/Mungguy people have called Kakadu home for some 65,000 years. Here they'll teach you about their ancient culture and the region's dramatic seasons.

Wildlife

The **Territory Wildlife Park** is a 45 minute drive south of Darwin adjacent to the Berry Springs Nature Park and offers visitors authentic and up-close encounters with native wildlife from tropical northern Australia. Set amongst three distinct habitats, visitors can experience wildlife in a stunning bushland setting.

Located in the heart of Darwin city, **Crocoborus Cove** is home to the world's largest display of Australian reptiles and allows visitors a unique and close-up personal view of the iconic saltwater crocodile.

Enjoy a full NT outback experience at **Crocodylus Park and Zoo**, located only 15 minutes from Darwin CBD by bus or taxi. The croc feeding tours run daily and the park is home to a wide range of animals, including lions, meerkats, spider monkeys and more.

For an extraordinary experience, join a jumping crocodile cruise on the Adelaide River. Saltwater crocodiles inhabit these waters and voluntarily interact with cruise boats. Their natural behaviour of launching vertically to snatch prey from overhanging branches allows guests on custom built vessels to safely view these majestic creatures up close.



Florence Falls, Litchfield National Park



Cultural tour, Kakadu National Park



Exploring the Northern Territory's coastline

Known for its unique Aboriginal art centres and remote communities, the Territory has some of Australia's most spectacular and unspoilt coastline.

Learn about the rich trading history with the Makassar people of Indonesia and how their presence has had an ongoing impact on the communities living in the region.

Explore the eerie ruins of Victoria Settlement, one of two failed British settlements on the Cobourg Peninsula in the Garig Gunak Barlu National Park.

The Groote Archipelago comprises two main islands, Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island. The Archipelago offers access to the Gulf of Carpentaria which is known for pristine waters, exceptional fishing and spectacular beaches. Groote Eylandt is home to approximately 1,500 residents from the Anindilyakwa communities of Umbakumba, Milyakburra and Angurugu. The main township of Alyangula is the location of **Anindilyakwa Arts** as well as the beachfront Alyangula Golf Club.

The Tiwi Islands comprise of two main islands – Bathurst and Melville, which are 80km north of Darwin.

Wurrumiyanga, located on the south-east coast of Bathurst Island, is the largest community on the Tiwi Islands. Visitors can explore the traditional lifestyle and stunning artworks and textiles at **Tiwi Designs, Bima Wear, the Patakijiyali Museum**, and the old Church precinct.

Maningrida Arts and Culture represents more than 700 artists who work with bark paintings, timber sculptures, fibre art, didgeridoos, regalia, prints and bronze sculptures. Also located in Maningrida is the **Babbarra Womens Centre**, a world class textile producing art centre and women's space supporting the economic independence of Aboriginal women in the remote community.

The **Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre**, located in Yirrkala near Nhulunbuy, houses a collection of Yolngu bark paintings, carvings and artefacts. The museum includes the original church panels that are of great historical and cultural significance. There is also an extensive history of Yolngu service in World War II, and a collection of stories and petitions relating to the Yirrkala area.

To find out how to access these areas please contact the relevant officiating body listed on the back page.



Contemporary Aboriginal art on Tiwi Islands



Aboriginal men performing a traditional dance



Exploring the Northern Territory overland

The Ghan

Known as one of the world's greatest rail journeys, **The Ghan** travels through the middle of Australia, visiting some of the NT's best destinations along the way. Known as one of the world's greatest rail journeys, The Ghan travels between Darwin and Adelaide, visiting central Australia's iconic destinations.

Katherine and Nitmiluk National Park

Where the outback meets the tropics, Katherine is a 3 hour drive from Darwin. Get a glimpse of life in the Australian outback at the **Katherine Outback Experience** or receive a hands-on perspective of Aboriginal culture with the **Top Didj Aboriginal Cultural Experience**; both minutes from the centre of town.

Nitmiluk National Park, 30km northeast of Katherine, includes 13 impressive gorges carved from the ancient sandstone country which stretch as far as the eye can see. Explore the world-famous park and gorge country on foot, by canoe, boat tour or helicopter.

Alice Springs

Nestled between the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, 'Alice' is famous for its beautiful desert landscapes, colourful outback characters, opportunities for adventure and a strong Aboriginal culture.

Watch the sunrise with **Outback Ballooning**, meet Aboriginal artists in one of the town's excellent art galleries or hike through the nearby ranges.

Drop in to the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**, which

supports an area of more than 7 million square kilometres. Learn about Alice Springs' plants, animals and landscapes at the **Alice Springs Desert Park** or the **Reptile Centre**. Head just out of town to cuddle a baby kangaroo at the **Kangaroo Sanctuary**.

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

One of the greatest natural wonders of the world, Uluru is not only a spectacular natural formation, it is also a deeply spiritual place. For the local Aboriginal people, the Anangu, World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park holds a special cultural significance where earth and memories exist as one. Join a dot-painting or wood-carving workshop with local artists at **Maruku Arts** or visit the **Gallery of Central Australia**.

Launched by **Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia** in 2023 **Wintjiri Wiru**, meaning 'beautiful view out to the horizon' illuminates the desert sky as traditional music, drones, projections and lasers weave in a kaleidoscope of colour telling a chapter of the Mala creation story from Docker River to Uluru.

Visit Bruce Munro's Field of Light Uluru to witness 50,000 slender stems crowned with radiant frosted-glass spheres gently bloom with rhythms of coloured light.

Watarrka National Park

Watarrka National Park is only three hours' drive from Uluru, and is home to the mighty Kings Canyon. Explore the iconic Kings Canyon Rim walk or visit **Discovery Parks - Kings Canyon** and wander amongst Bruce Munro's newest illuminating experience, Light-Towers.



Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Permits and Licences

If you plan to visit Aboriginal land and communities, please contact the below organisations to discuss permit and licence requirements.

Tiwi Islands

Tiwi Land Council
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Garig Gunak Barlu National Park (Cobourg Peninsula)

Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory
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