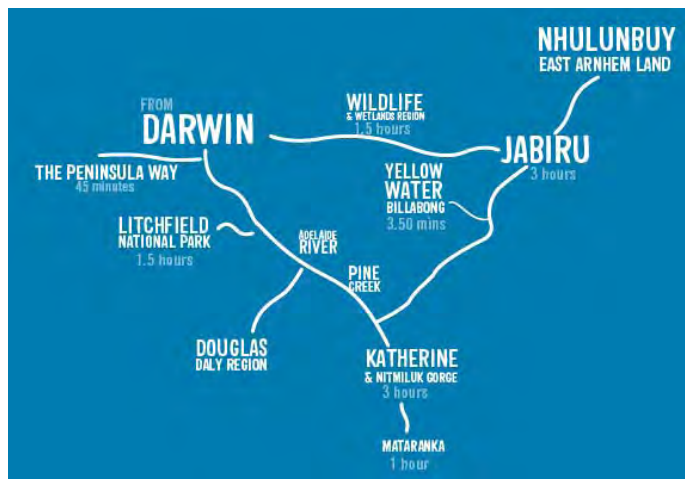




# THE BEST OF THE TOP END (14 DAYS)

**Wildlife & Wetlands Region, Kakadu National Park (Permit Required), Arnhem Land, Katherine, East Arnhem Land, Mataranka, Pine Creek, Daly River Region, Litchfield National Park and The Peninsula Way**



**Wildlife & Wetlands Region - Airboat**

## Day 1 - Wildlife & Wetlands

Drive 1 1/2 hours to Window on the Wetlands where you can overlook the region from a viewing platform. Experience a jumping crocodile cruise, a relaxing wildlife and wetland cruise or take an airboat ride. Learn the culture of Aboriginal people with spear throwing and basket weaving. Stop in and enjoy bushwalking and bird watching at Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve.

## Day 2 - Wildlife & Wetlands/Kakadu

Stop to see the abundance of native birdlife at Mamukala Wetlands. Visit Ubirr Aboriginal Art Site. Join a guided cultural cruise and gain an insight into local Aboriginal culture. Drop into the Bowali Visitors Centre and see the interpretive displays and Art gallery. During the Dry Season, Rangers run a free program of guided walks and activities throughout Kakadu.

## Day 3 - Arnhem Land

Book a guided day tour to Arnhem Land and visit the Injalak Art Gallery. Discover authentic art inspired by ancient dreamtime stories and the aboriginal art site at Injalak hill and visit the community of Gunbalanya (Oenpelli).

## Day 4 - Kakadu

Take an early morning scenic flight over the Kakadu wetlands and escarpments. Take a short drive to the ancient Aboriginal Rock shelter at Nourlangie Rock and art sites. Climb to view magnificent escarpment views from Nawurlandja lookout. Stop in at the Waradjun Cultural Centre.

## Day 5 - Kakadu/Katherine Region

Start the day with a Yellow Water dawn cruise to a place forgotten by time where nature is raw. Head 3 hours south to Edith Falls plunge pools. Travel to Nitmiluk National Park

and visit the Nitmiluk Gorge Visitor Centre and see the interpretative displays. Enjoy an outback experience and bushfire damper dinner under the stars.

#### Day 6 - Katherine/Arnhem Land

Take an early morning scenic Heli-flight over the 13 gorges of Nitmiluk National Park. Jump on a cruise along the Katherine Gorge. Wander through the many art galleries and meet the artists or join in an Aboriginal Art Cultural tour. Stop to take a dip in the Katherine Hot Springs. Fly to the remote town of Nhulunbuy in the Gove Peninsula, East Arnhem Land.

#### Day 7 - Arnhem Land

Spend the day on a blue water fishing charter and enjoy the world class fishing on offer.

#### Day 8 - Arnhem Land

Pick up a 4WD hire car and take a short drive to Yirrkala Art Centre. Continue north to view the Roy (Malpi) Marika lookout for a view of Nhulunbuy. Discover the Dhimurru area by 4WD (Permit required from [www.dhimurru.com.au](http://www.dhimurru.com.au)). Fly back to Katherine.

#### Day 9 - Katherine/Adelaide River

Take a drive south to Mataranka township. Visit the Cutta Cutta Limestone Cave and take a guided tour, swim in Bitter Springs and Thermal Pools, pop into the Museum and Art Gallery. Visit the historic Elsey Station Homestead and the Memorial Cemetery home of 'We of the Never Never'.

#### Day 10 - Pine Creek/Daly Region

Drive 2 hours north to the old gold rush mining town of Pine Creek. There you can visit the historic railway heritage museum and take in the stunning views from the lookout. Stop in for a swim at Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park, an isolated gorge with steep red cliffs. Drop into the natural springs of Douglas Daly Hot Springs. Take a shaded riverine walk along Butterfly Gorge Nature Park (seasonal & 4WD only). See the amazing natural formation at 'The Arches' and the waterhole.

#### Day 11 - Daly Region/Adelaide River

Hire a boat for early morning Barramundi fishing on the Daly River. Stop into Nauiyu Community and see the historic Catholic mission church. Drive 2 hours to Adelaide River township where you can wander through the War Memorial Cemetery and stop into visit the Adelaide River Railway Heritage Precinct.

#### Day 12 - Litchfield

Before arriving in Litchfield National Park, you will pass through the township of Batchelor. There you will find a butterfly farm, museum and plenty of places to grab lunch. Upon arriving in Litchfield National Park, stop at the Termite Mounds; take a refreshing dip in one of the many cascading waterfalls and plunge pools in the Park or take a walk through nature. Stop into Wangi Falls and take a scenic flight.

#### Day 13 - The Peninsula Way

Take an afternoon charter and catch a Barra or a mud crab in Bynoe Harbour and the Finniss river. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon watching the sunset views over Dundee Beach.

#### Day 14 - The Peninsula Way

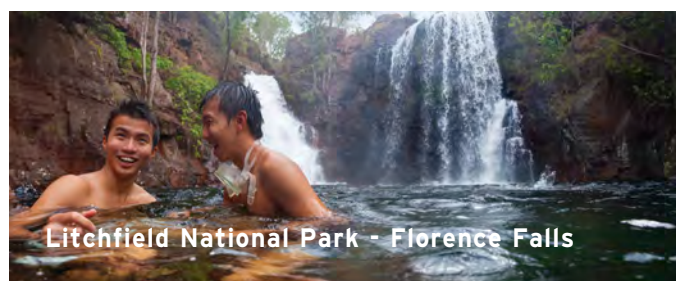
On your way back into Darwin, check out the famous Birds of Prey show and Ooloo Sandbar at the internationally renowned Territory Wildlife Park. Stop into the Berry Springs Nature Reserve to cool off in the natural springs. Return to Darwin for a sunset harbour cruise, a visit to the markets or a movie under the stars.



Katherine Region - Bush Tucker under the Stars



Katherine Region - Mataranka Thermal Pool



Litchfield National Park - Florence Falls