

8 Days | Arnhem Land & Kakadu Explorer

Darwin - Barramundi Lodge - Mount Borradaile - Kakadu National Park - and more...

From **\$7,299** Typically \$7,999 pp twin share



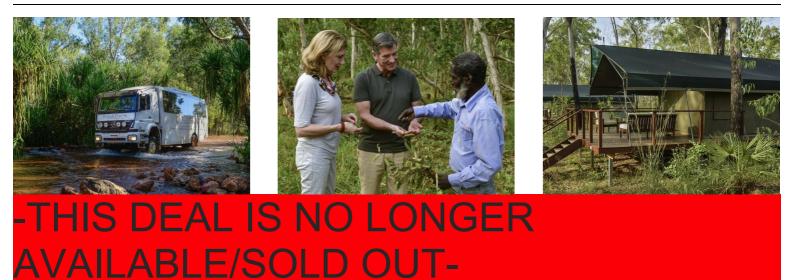
Exclusive fishing and wildlife cruise in the remote heart of Arnhem Land, Maningrida

Travel from Arnhem Land into Kakadu National Park across Cahill's Crossing, famous for its saltwater crocodiles

Witness rock art at Ubirr and Noarlangie, home to an outstanding number of paintings dating back 20,000 years

Enjoy a bird's eye view of the ancient escarpments, floodplains, and winding rivers of Kakadu National Park

Description



Embark on an extraordinary journey with Outback Spirit, where every moment is an adventure waiting to unfold.

SAVING \$750 per person for a limited time!

Your expedition begins with a seamless flight from Darwin to Maningrida aboard a spacious commercial Embraer, setting the tone for the remarkable experiences that lie ahead.

Nestled amidst the captivating vistas of Arnhem Land floodplains, Barramundi Lodge offers a serene retreat for two nights, complemented by exclusive fishing escapades and wildlife cruises in the remote heart of Arnhem Land. Delve into the rich cultural tapestry of the region at the Aboriginal-owned Maningrida Arts and Cultural Centre, and immerse yourself in the captivating exhibits of the Djomi Museum.

Your journey continues with a two-night sojourn at Mount Borradaile, renowned for its unparalleled collection of ancient rock art, including the awe-inspiring Rainbow Serpent. Traverse Cahill's Crossing into Kakadu National Park, where the landscape unfolds in breathtaking splendor over two days of exploration. From the timeless allure of Ubirr and Noarlangie's rock art to the panoramic vistas afforded by a scenic flight over the park's ancient escarpments and winding rivers, each moment is a testament to nature's enduring majesty.

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At Warradjan Cultural Centre, listen to the poignant narratives of Traditional Owners, gaining insight into the profound spiritual connection between land and culture. Cruise along Yellow Waters, where a vibrant tapestry of avian life and sunbathing crocodiles awaits, offering a glimpse into the intricate ecosystems of the region.

Why choose Outback Spirit? Our all-inclusive tours ensure that every aspect of your journey, from accommodation to dining and select beverages, is meticulously curated for an unforgettable experience. Travel in unparalleled comfort and style aboard our custom fleet of Mercedes-Benz 4WDs and G-Wagon vehicles, designed to navigate the rugged terrain with ease.

With access to exclusive camps and lodges, as well as regions inaccessible to most tour operators, Outback Spirit promises a truly immersive exploration of Australia's outback. Led by passionate guides who embody the spirit of the land, our tours are infused with expertise and authenticity, ensuring memories that will last a lifetime.



Itinerary

Day 1

Darwin

On arrival into Darwin, enjoy a Darwin city tour before being transferred to the Hilton Garden Inn, located on The Esplanade. Gather for a tour briefing, along with dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn

Day 2

Darwin 🛪 Maningrida 🖨 Barramundi Lodge

This morning we fly to Maningrida and experience a Welcome to Country. We spend the next two nights at Barramundi Lodge, which is owned and operated by Outback Spirit. With special permission from traditional owners, the lodge has exclusive fishing licenses for numerous remote waterways, including the Tomkinson and Liverpool Rivers.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Barramundi Lodge

Day 3

Maningrida Fishing & Wilderness Adventure – Arts & Cultural Centre

This morning, we enjoy an exclusive fishing adventure on the Liverpool and Tomkinson Rivers. Today's fishing adventure is also a wilderness tour, so even if fishing isn't your thing, you'll still enjoy the amazing scenery and informative commentary. We then visit the Maningrida Arts and Cultural Centre and the Djomi Museum for an immersion in the culture and spiritual richness of the area.

Later this afternoon, we'll enjoy a sunset drink on the deck before dinner and tell everyone about the one that got away.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Barramundi Lodge

Day 4

Maningrida 🛱 Mount Borradaile

Departing Maningrida after breakfast, our travels take us through the stone country of west Arnhem Land. We'll cross the Goomadeer and Liverpool Rivers before arriving at the turnoff to Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris, Mount Borradaile.

From here, we travel along a 40km bush track into the safari lodge, arriving in time for lunch. This afternoon, the highly trained staff at Mount Borradaile will take you through 40,000 years of Aboriginal culture in a truly awe-inspiring landscape. The area contains some of the most stunning rock art galleries in the world with subjects ranging from now-extinct animals to 20th-century sailing ships and the iconic Rainbow Serpent.

Later this afternoon, we return to the lodge for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Davidson's Arnhem Land Safari Lodge

Day 5

Mount Borradaile

Today, we jump into the open-back Toyotas and continue exploring the wonderland that is Mount Borradaile. We'll visit the ancient catacombs, where the sandstone has been eroded by wind and water over 600 million years.

Learn about the variety of techniques used in rock paintings as the styles evolved over thousands of years of occupation and storytelling. After lunch, it's time to explore the incredible wetlands of Cooper Creek. Admire the prolific birdlife and large crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks as you discover lagoons that seem as if they have sprung from a story book.

As the sun sets over the floodplain, enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles before returning to the lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Davidson's Arnhem Land Safari Lodge

Day 6

Mount Borradaile 🛱 Arnhem Land 🖨 Kakadu National Park

This morning, we continue travelling through Arnhem Land with our first stop at the Injalak Art Gallery located in Oenpelli. We then cross Cahill's Crossing and enter into World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park. Kakadu covers almost 20,000 square kilometres and is renowned for its vast wetlands, exotic wildlife, millions of migratory birds and an estimated 5000 ancient rock art sites.

Here, we visit Ubirr art site, home to some outstanding rock art. Enjoy a 1km circular track walk to take in the multiple sites. Those feeling fit can make the steep 250m climb to the top of the rocky escarpment for magnificent views across the Magela floodplain.

After lunch, we visit the cultural centre before checking into our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Mercure Crocodile Hotel

Day 7

Kakadu National Park

It's an early start today as we head to the airstrip, where you'll gain an aerial perspective on this incredible environment. Take to the skies on a 30-minute scenic flight over ancient escarpments, floodplains and winding rivers, exhibiting the results of 1.8 billion years of continuous erosion.

After landing at Jabiru Airport, we depart for Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) rock art site, with more amazing rock paintings, which date back 20,000 years. You also have the opportunity to climb up to the Gunwarddehwarde lookout for majestic views. We then visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre, where the Traditional Owners share their story through an interactive educational experience that brings to life tens of thousands of years of human life in Kakadu. The gift shop here has an extensive range of handcrafted, authentic, localmade arts and crafts.

Later this afternoon, we take to the water for the Yellow Water (Ngurrungurrudjba) wetlands cruise. This area is home to an array of birdlife and some impressive saltwater crocodiles. We return to the hotel in time for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Accommodation: Mercure Crocodile Hotel

Day 8

Kakadu National Park 🛱 Darwin

Setting our sights for Darwin, we will cross the South Alligator River with its expansive wetlands which, for many years, were used for buffalo hunting. We'll travel via Humpty Doo before arriving into Darwin, where our tour ends.

Here, there is the option of being transferred to your city centre hotel if you are staying longer, or the airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Small group size (22)
- All meals and select beverages for the duration of the tour
- 7 nights of safari lodge and hotel accommodation
- All attractions and permit fees to enter Aboriginal land
- Professional Tour Driver/Guide Travel aboard a state-of-the-art 5-star 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle
- Internal Flight from Darwin to Maningrida
- Outback Spirit Explorer Pack (for first-time travellers only)

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Exclusions

- International/Domestic Flights
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned as included in the itinerary
- Visas (if required)

Solo supplement: Please speak with our Friendly Customer Service Team about a quote and availability for solo travel.

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