



Explore the highlights of Kakadu on this new group tour. Experience the magnificence of this region of Australia. From stunning scenery to local interactions this tour has a mix of everything.

## Gems of Kakadu

Domestic Tour | 5 Days

Darwin – Kakadu – Katherine – Darwin

- Discover the history and beauty of Darwin
- Explore Kakadu National Park
- Cruise the Katherine Gorge



#### Gems of Kakadu Tour inclusions:

- All accommodation
- Most Meals (4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- Expert Tour Leader
- Specialist advice from our experienced Travel Consultants

*The only thing you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping, early check-in or late check-out and other items not specified on the itinerary.*

#### Domestic Tours:

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the culture of the destination. On our classic domestic tours we take care of just about everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full.

#### Physical Level 1:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights.

This tour is rated as a **physical level 1** tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps. There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time.

Of course, our guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

### Joining Your Tour

The tour is 5 days in duration and does not include flights to and from Darwin. Tour price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date. Please advise your flight times to Reservations.

Join the tour on Day 1 in Darwin and end the tour on Day 5 in Darwin. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

### Itinerary Changes:

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances, we will make the best possible arrangements maintaining the integrity of your trip.

## Itinerary – Gems of Kakadu

### Day 1: Arrive Darwin

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Arrive Darwin Airport, transfer to hotel. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your group at Hanuman.

**Important Note:** recommended time of arrival is before 4pm. Arriving later than the suggested time may result in missed touring.



**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin (King Guest High Floor with Harbour View)

#### Destination Information

**Darwin** – Darwin is the capital of Australia’s Northern Territory, situated on the Timor Sea and a former frontier outpost. It is known as the gateway to Kakadu National Park and famous for its wildlife nestled in and out of the city.

### Day 2: Darwin – Kakadu

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In morning, after breakfast depart Darwin and head south. Enjoy the famous Jumping Crocodile cruise on the Adelaide River. See these prehistoric creatures up close as your local guide entices the crocodiles to leap out of the water. Then continue on into Kakadu National Park, travelling through pristine wetlands and a suite of landscapes varying from red-hued escarpments to floodplains teeming with wildlife. Continue to Ubirr, where you’ll climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries, believed to be around 20,000 years old, to

the lookout for a spectacular view.

**Hotel:** Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel (Superior Room)

#### Destination Information

**Kakadu National Park** – The largest national park in Australia covering 20,000 square kilometres. It is recognized for both its cultural and natural value and hence is listed as world heritage.

**Day 3: Kakadu – Katherine**

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This morning you'll be mesmerized as you explore the Nourlangie rock art site, which had provided shelter to Indigenous people for millennia. Later, visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre for an insight into the local Bininj culture.

Then join your specialist local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong, which is Kakadu's most famous wetland and home to saltwater crocodiles and dozens of species of colourful birdlife. Before arriving in Katherine, stop at Leliyn (Edith Falls), whose natural pool is suitable for swimming throughout most of the year! (conditions permitting).



**Hotel:** Ibis Styles Katherine (Deluxe Queen Room)

**Destination Information**

**Nourlangie Rock Art Site** – Famous rock painting site that documents life in the region from 20,000 years ago

**Yellow Water Billabong** – Expansive wetlands with abundant wildlife, featuring tranquil boat cruises and scenic boardwalk views

**Leliyn (Edith Falls)** – A series of cascading waterfalls and pools on the Edith river in the Nitmiluk National Park just North of Katherine

**Katherine** – Situated on the Katherine River this town of the same name is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest settlement in the territory. More commonly known as where “The Outback meets the Tropics”.

## Day 4: Katherine – Darwin

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Enjoy a morning cruise through Katherine Gorge, a stunning network of thirteen gorges carved from billion-year-old sandstone. You'll be at its heart among freshwater crocodiles, wonderful birdlife and amazing scenery. Later, view the displays at the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre, where you may purchase artefacts handmade by the Jawoyn people. Return to Darwin, stopping at the historic gold mining town of Pine Creek and the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery.

**Hotel:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin (King Guest High Floor with Harbour View)

**Destination Information**

**Katherine Gorge** – A deep gorge carved through ancient sandstone by the Katherine River it is a central attraction of the park

**Pine Creek** – A notable tourist stop this small town in the Katherine region was traditionally the junction of three large indigenous ethnic groups

**Adelaide River War Cemetery** – During the Second World War, Adelaide River was the headquarters of a large base, and the war cemetery was created especially for the burial of servicemen who died in this part of Australia.

## Day 5: Depart Darwin

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This morning depart on a morning of sightseeing in Darwin. Visit the Darwin Aviation Museum, see a B-52 Bomber on permanent loan from the United States Air Force, among 19 aircraft on display. View some rare amateur footage of this and original footage from Japanese archives.

Have some time at leisure in the stunning Darwin Botanic Gardens - Learn about the gardens' natural and cultural history. One of the few botanic gardens in the world that has marine and estuarine plants naturally in its grounds.

**Important Note:** Recommended time of departure after 2pm

## Gems of Kakadu - Travel Information

### Insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

### Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard. All group tour hotels have private bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

### Porterage

Please be aware that porterage is included on our tours in Australia.

### Transport

**Coaches:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary.

### Group Size

Most of our groups consist of 15 travellers or more and will be accompanied by both a National Escort and local guides. On this Classic Australian Tour there will be no more than 20 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling. For some specialty experiences (cruising, flights, or speciality vehicles) and meals you will join in on a larger group.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 15 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so.

### Tipping Policy

Although tipping in Australia is not customary, if you feel you have received an excellent service, please feel free to tip your guide at your discretion.

### Packing List and Climate

You will find a complete packing list and a helpful climate chart in the 'Suggested Packing List', which will be included in the pre-departure information link sent within your deposit documentation. Seasonal weather patterns can be quite unpredictable. Up to the minute information on worldwide weather can be found on [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com).

## Luggage

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 23kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 10 kilograms. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage confiscated.

## Personal Expenses & Optional Tours

**Personal Expense** - You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of AU\$250 per person, per week should be sufficient; however, for those that cannot resist a bargain or may wish to participate in all of the optional excursions, consider allocating a higher amount.

**Optional Tours** - May be offered in each city you visit during your tour. These are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits and if seats are available. In your Final Documentation an Optional Excursion Sheet will be included outlining the activities available in each city and local cost associated.

Please ensure you have additional funds available if you feel you may wish to participate in any extra activities. Each option will be arranged locally by your National Escort/Local Guide, participation and tipping for optional excursions is completely at your discretion.

## Vaccinations and Your Health

We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful [www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au)

## Before You Leave

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au) as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up-to-date information about your destination on the same website.

## After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form (if applicable), and a help sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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