



Treasures of the Northern Territory & South Australia

Classic Tour | 11 Days

Darwin – Kakadu – Katherine – Darwin – Alice Springs – Uluru – Adelaide –
Barossa Valley - Adelaide

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

- Explore Kakadu National Park
- Cruise the Katherine Gorge
- Discover the impressive Kings Canyon
- Enjoy an evening at the Field of Lights and Sounds of Silence Experience at Uluru
- Discover the bustling city of Adelaide
- Drive the Barossa Heritage Trail
- Visit Maggie Beers Farm for a cooking experience



Treasures of the Northern Territory & South Australia tour inclusions:

- All accommodation
- All meals
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- Domestic flights
- National Escort & English-Speaking Guides
- 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.

Classic Tours:

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the culture of the destination. On our classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. The tours are fully inclusive with all meals and a comprehensive touring programme.

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 11 days in duration and does not include flights to Darwin or from Adelaide. Tour price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your flight times to reservations.

Join the tour on Day 1 in Darwin and end the tour on Day 11 in Adelaide. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

Itinerary Changes:

It is our attention 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 – Treasures of the Northern Territory & South Australia

Days 1: Arrive Darwin

Upon arrival into Darwin Airport, you will be met by your local guide and/or driver from Wendy Wu Tours. If already in Darwin, we can offer a private transfer to the hotel from your home. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, you will transfer to your hotel enjoy dinner with your group at Hanuman considered one of Darwin's best South East Asian restaurants.

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin (Guest Room 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



This morning after breakfast, depart Darwin and travel through pristine wetlands to Kakadu National Park, with its suite of landscapes varying from red-hued escarpments to floodplains teeming with wildlife. Join your local guide on an award-winning cruise to experience the dramatic scenery of the Yellow Water Billabong. Keep an eye out for saltwater crocodiles, a diverse array of smaller wildlife and the range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

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

Be mesmerized as you explore the renowned Nourlangie rock art site this morning, which had provided shelter to Indigenous people for millennia. Later, visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre for an insight into the local Bininj culture. Afterwards, embark on a cruise to experience the dramatic scenery on Yellow Water Billabong. Kakadu's most famous wetland is home to saltwater crocodiles and dozens of species of colourful birdlife. Before arriving in Katherine, stop at Leliyn (Edith Falls), whose pandanus-fringed natural pool is suitable for swimming throughout most of the year! Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.



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 4th largest settlement in the territory. More commonly known as where “The Outback meets the Tropics”.

Day 4: Katherine - Darwin



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. Enjoy dinner at Aqua this evening.

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin (Guest Room 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: Darwin – Alice Springs

Today enjoy a special early morning Anzac Day breakfast before heading to the airport to board your flight to Alice Springs. Upon arrival into Alice Springs Airport, you'll be met by your driver or guide at the baggage carousel and tour the township before driving to Kings Canyon. Upon arrival, complete the Rim Walk (approximately 3 hours). Tonight, enjoy a refreshing dip in the Oasis Pool followed by sundowner drinks from your resort's viewing platform and dinner.



Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort (Deluxe Spa Room)

Destination Information

Alice Springs – The gateway to explore the Red Centre. A remote town found halfway between Darwin and Adelaide.

Kings Canyon – Is a canyon in the Northern Territory that forms part of the Watarrka National Park. It rises 100m from the ground on all sides

Rim Walk – This is a walking path around the rim of a sandstone canyon, with some steep climbs and views of the rock formations

Day 6: Alice Springs - Uluru



Rise early this morning to catch the sunrise over Kings Canyon before continuing to Uluru. Upon arrival in Yulara, enjoy lunch at the Walpa Bar and then transfer out to the Kata Tjutas (The Olgas) for the Walpa Gorge walk. Tonight, watch the sun sink behind Uluru as you enjoy your Night at the Field of Lights Sounds of Silence Experience before heading back to your hotel for the evening.

Hotel: Desert Gardens (Garden View Room)

Destination Information

Uluru – located in the Uluṛu-Kata Tjuta National Park it stands out as a massive sandstone monolith in the heart of the arid “Red Centre” in the Northern Territory. It is a sacred site to indigenous Australians, thought to have started forming around 550 million years ago

Day 7: Uluru - Adelaide

Following a magical Uluru Sunrise this morning, return to your resort for breakfast and time to freshen up. Afterwards, check out of your resort and meet your guide for your Uluru Base Tour. Afterwards, depart from Yulara airport to Adelaide (via Alice Springs). Upon your arrival in Adelaide, transfer to your luxury hotel for check-in and dinner in-house following your long travel day.

Hotel: Majestic Rooftop Garden (Superior Room)



Destination Information

Adelaide – South Australia’s cosmopolitan coastal capital city, bursting with culture, flavours, events and entertainment. It is most well known for its award winning wine region.

Day 8: Adelaide



Depart on a full day tour of Adelaide today to see all the stunning local street art, including the Steve Irwin Mural. Pay a visit to Haighs Chocolate Factory for a tasting before commencing your private 3-hour Central Market foodie tour. Sample food from all the local market stalls, followed by a delicious lunch. This afternoon, transfer out of the city for some time at Harlett Cove Conservation Park before heading back to your hotel for a special dinner at Africola.

Hotel: Majestic Rooftop Garden (Superior Room)

Destination Information

Haighs Chocolate Factory – The oldest family owned chocolate makers in Australia.

Harlett Cove Conservation Park – One of South Australia’s most outstanding geological and archaeological sites.

Day 9: Adelaide – Barossa Valley

Following breakfast and check-out, depart for Barossa Valley. Arrive at Maggie Beer’s Farm Shop and Café for an executive private cooking demonstration in the studio kitchen. You will receive a welcome glass of Maggie’s Non-Alcoholic Sparkling followed by a 30-minute demonstration how to add some Maggie flare to your cooking at home, history on the farm, a tasting of each dish cooked at the end of the demonstration and a full tasting of current vintage wines and ciders.



Continue onto Penfolds where you’ll become a master winemaker for the day during their “Make Your Own Blend Experience”. Enter the winemakers’ laboratory and get to work blending your own wine from Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro - just like Penfolds own Bin 138. Then you get to take your bottle with you! Next, head to Seppeltsfield and enjoy their famous Sharing Feast at Fine before arriving at the iconic Jacob’s Creek Cellar Door for a private vineyard tour and tasting. Enjoy a walking tour of the Jacob’s Creek display vineyard, where your host will provide an overview of the different grape varieties grown within their vast vineyards. A structured wine tasting will follow, incorporating approximately five wines and covering basic wine education. Upon conclusion, transfer back to your resort and enjoy a 2-course dinner at Cellar Kitchen, your Resorts award-winning restaurant.

Hotel: Novotel Barossa Valley (Standard Suite)

Destination Information

Barossa Valley- A renowned wine producing region northeast of Adelaide. Home to an array of high-profile wineries offering tours and cellar door tastings.

Day 10: Barossa Valley - Adelaide

Following breakfast, depart for the Adelaide Hills, where your first stop of the day is Udder Delights Cheese shop for a delicious tasting of their award-winning cow and goats milk cheeses. For those with a sweet tooth, Melba's Chocolate Factory is sure to please. Here, you'll see the vast array of delicious chocolate and candy and have the opportunity to purchase some treats before heading to your first wine tasting at Shaw & Smith. Continue onto Hahndorf Hill Winery and enjoy a seated tasting experience of five wines, held in their beautiful upstairs Gallery Room. Discover what makes the Adelaide Hills unique as a wine region and experience a diverse range of their wines. Now that you've worked up an appetite, you're sure to enjoy a hearty 2-course lunch with a complimentary beer or wine in the German town of Hahndorf. There will be plenty of time after lunch to explore the many art galleries, museums, cafes and boutique shops. Make a quick stop to Beerenberg Farm Shop, famous for their jams, jellies and dessert sauces before heading back to your hotel in Adelaide and enjoying a very special farewell dinner at celebrated local restaurant, Orana.

Hotel: Majestic Rooftop Garden (Superior Room)

Destination Information

Hahndorf - Australia's oldest German settlement located in the lush Adelaide Hills region. Founded in the 19th century by a group of Lutheran settlers and is renowned for its original German-style architecture and strong German flavour with its small good outlets, cafes, bakeries and pubs.

Day 11: Depart Adelaide

Any time before your flight is at leisure. You will be transferred from your hotel to Adelaide airport, according to the departure time of your connecting flight home.

Treasures of the Northern Territory & South Australia - 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.

Planes: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Group Size

Most of our groups consist of 10 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 18 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 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.

To book call **1300 727 998** or visit your local travel agent

Visit wendywutours.com.au

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

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

Before You Leave

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with 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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