

# Darwin to Broome

## *Inclusive Kakadu & Kimberleys*

*With Trade Travel*

**13 Days / 12 Nights - Fully Escorted**

**Tour Departs: Friday 6 September - Wednesday 18 September, 2024.**



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### **Day 1. Fri 6 Sept: Home Port - Darwin**

**Dinner**

**Flight Details: Homeport - Darwin (flight details to be confirmed) or arrive on Ghan option from Adelaide**

After our flight from Homeport we arrive into **Darwin** where we begin our adventure across the Top End of Australia from Darwin to Broome. On arrival in Darwin we are met by our Coach Captain before transferring to the **Darwin Military Museum** which is housed in its original concrete bunker. On display is a fascinating array of weapons, photographs and equipment used by the men and women of the day and we view a short film of the dramatic footage of the Japanese bombing on Darwin harbour. Late afternoon we arrive at our hotel for check in and time to freshen up before dinner.

**Overnight Darwin: Double Tree by Hilton Darwin on Esplanade**

### **Day 2. Sat 7 Sept: Darwin Touring**

**Breakfast & Dinner**

After a leisurely breakfast we begin our day in Darwin with a brief **highlights tour** before arriving at the **Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**. Here we view several exhibitions including one of Australia's major natural disasters, Cyclone Tracy, the Indigenous Art Gallery and 'Sweetheart' the crocodile! Down at the Stokes Hill Wharf we take in a guided tour of the **Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility and Bombing of Darwin Harbour Museum**. After some free time to purchase lunch along the wharf precinct we are taken on a guided tour of the **World War II Oil Storage Tunnels**, built during the Second World War by the Civil Construction Corps. This unique attraction, located in the Darwin Waterfront Precinct, remained secret to the public until they were opened as a tourist attraction in 1992 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin! After returning to the hotel for a rest and freshen up we head back to the Stokes Hill Wharf precinct for our **delightful Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise**.

**Overnight Darwin: Double Tree by Hilton Darwin on Esplanade**

### **Day 3. Sun 8 Sept: Darwin - Kakadu**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today we depart Darwin and make our way down through Humpty Doo to the Kakadu National Park. We stop for a cuppa at the **Wetland View Top Visitors Centre** and enjoy a cultural and **dream-time talk** and take in the uninterrupted panoramic views across the wetlands. Learn about one of the rarest and most threatened land systems in the world, enjoy the interactive displays along with a mini cinema room, local information and of course that majestic view from the top deck. Next stop is the **Adelaide River** to view the **Jumping Crocodiles** on our **wildlife cruise** with a difference. The Adelaide River is home to an array of wildlife including magpie geese, brolgas, kites and kingfishers along with the rivers most famous residents the fearsome saltwater crocodiles. Following our cruise we enjoy lunch in the cafe then make our way across to **Jabiru** for a look through the **Marrawuddi Arts and Cultural Centre** which showcases the culture of the Kakadu and West Arnhem region. It's then time to check in at the Mercure Kakadu Resort - our home for the next two nights. There will be time to relax and freshen up before **dinner in the Escarpment Restaurant** before a good nights rest in readiness for our early rise and day ahead tomorrow.

**Overnight Jabiru: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel**

### **Day 4. Mon 9 Sept: Kakadu National Park - Coinda**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After an early breakfast we travel to Coinda for our 9.00am, 2 hour **Yellow Water Cruise** where crocodiles, birds and occasionally wild horses are seen amongst paperbark forests, pandanus, freshwater mangroves and exotic tropical trees. After our cruise we pay a visit to the **Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre**, where displays include artefacts that illustrate the stories that the traditional owners wish to share with us. The Centre mixes contemporary techniques such as videos to cover various subjects, ranging from personal histories to bush tucker. After a **buffet lunch at Coinda Lodge** we begin our drive back up to Jabiru via **Nourlangie Rock** to view ancient aboriginal rock art and also enjoy the scenic lookouts. Our afternoon concludes as we return to the hotel for a rest and freshen up before dinner.

**Overnight Jabiru: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel**

### Day 5. Tues 10 Sept: Kakadu - Katherine

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we depart for Katherine stopping at **Pine Creek** for a comfort stop at **Maysie's Café**. Pine Creek is full of colourful characters and the famous Maysie's café is no exception with décor inspired by 1950s American diners, walls adorned with pictures of classic Hollywood glamour, and the shirt Leonardo De Caprio wore in Romeo and Juliet, this charming little pit-stop serves delicious mango smoothies. We arrive in Katherine and visit the **Katherine Outback Heritage Museum** housed in a World War 11 air terminal and containing the first 'flying doctor' Dr. Clyde Fenton's De Havilland Gypsy Moth plane, used in his pioneering aero-medical work in the 1930s. This afternoon we enjoy a "**2 Gorge Cultural Cruise**" on the **Katherine River**. Cruise along two gorges and discover the customs of the traditional land owners, the Jawoyn people. Later in the afternoon we arrive at our hotel for check in with time to relax before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Overnight Katherine: Contour Hotel, Katherine**

### Day 6. Wed 11 Sept: Katherine – Kununurra

Breakfast & Dinner

Leaving Katherine we head west along the Victoria Highway through the rugged Australian outback enjoying stops along the way to stretch our legs and take photos before stopping the green shady oasis of **Timber Creek** to purchase lunch. We continue west reaching the border of NT and WA and arrive in the East Kimberley township of **Kununurra** mid afternoon. After taking in some **sites around Kununurra** including **Kelly's Knob Lower Lookout** and a short drive up to the **Invanhoe Crossing** we check into our accommodation. We have time to relax or take a swim before a relaxing dinner. After dinner perhaps take a walk and enjoy the wonderful clear skies of northern Australia before settling for the evening.

**Overnight Kununurra: Kununurra Country Club Resort**

### Day 7. Thurs 12 Sept: Kununurra - Lake Argyle - Ord River Sunset Cruise

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we have a leisurely morning to do as we wish or for those wanting to take part in the Scenic Flight options over the **Bungle Bungles**. We then travel by coach through Durack country to **Lake Argyle** (70km). As we near Lake Argyle, we will take a short break at the historic **Durack Homestead Museum** which was constructed as a replica of the original family homestead and uses the original homestead stone. Re-boarding the coach, we drive the short distance to Lake Argyle Resort before viewing the enormous Lake Argyle from a scenic look-out. Crossing the **Ord Top Dam Wall** we will see the **Ord Hydro-Power Station** before **boarding our cruise for a scenic 55km journey back to Kununurra**. Marvel at the spectacular scenery, wildlife, flora and fauna found along the way, including the elusive freshwater crocodile! Enjoy afternoon tea at our riverside camp before heading back to Kununurra. Take in a colourful East Kimberley sunset before docking back at the Marina. After disembarking we transfer back to the resort for dinner.

**Overnight Kununurra: Kununurra Country Club Resort**

**Optional Tour POA: Bungle Bungles and Lake Argyle Air Safari** - Depart 6.00 am - 2 hour flight - This scenic flight from Kununurra to the Purnululu National Park is a feast for the eyes the whole way! We enjoy the aerial views over the Diversion Dam, Lake Kununurra and the Ord Irrigation area before crossing the inland sea of Lake Argyle. Take in the full expanse of the Osmond Range and the Bungle Bungles.

### Day 8. Fri 13 Sept: Kununurra – Wyndham - Halls Creek

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today after checkout we head up to **Wyndham the northernmost town in the Kimberley region**. The **Five Rivers Lookout** provides spectacular views of the five rivers (Ord, Forrest, King, Durack and Pentecost Rivers) which enter the Cambridge Gulf, and surrounding mangrove swamps, mudflats and hills. Directly below is the **historic Wyndham Port** where we discover its history which began with the Halls Creek gold rush, then continuing on to service the beef industry, with supplies delivered to and cattle transported from the port. We hear the history of the meat-works and its exports to Britain, **Australia's first Royal Flying Doctors Service**, the overland telegraph and Wyndham Wireless Station which played a part in WW1 plus more. Today, Wyndham has a population of just 800 people and operates as a working port, servicing the cattle export industry, the mining and tourism industries and the Ord River Project. We enjoy **lunch down at Doon Doon Station** before continuing onto the **historical town of Halls Creek**, a service town for surrounding pastoralists and sits on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert. This town got its name from Charlie Hall who first found a 28 ounce gold nugget in 1885 and started Western Australia's first gold rush! We **visit the ruins of Old Halls Creek**, and also the **China Wall** a natural rocky quartz vein that meanders over the hillside likening to a miniature Great Wall of China. We check into our accommodation with time to freshen up before dinner.

**Overnight Halls Creek: Halls Creek Motel**

### Day 9. Sat 14 Sept: Halls Creek – Fitzroy Crossing - Derby

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we farewell our hosts and depart for **Fitzroy Crossing**. In January 2023 the Kimberley region experienced flooding from heavy rainfall caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie. The significant rainfall due to ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie caused major damages and has effected a lot of the regions infrastructure including roads and the Fitzroy River Bridge as well as the community greatly. We have **lunch at the Fitzroy River Lodge** before continuing to Derby, stopping at the **Boab Prison tree** on our way into town which is rich with cultural diversity and where the local indigenous people are a large part of the community. After checking into our hotel we have time to relax before dinner.

**Overnight Derby: Spinifex Lodge**

### Day 10. Sun 15 Sept: Derby - Broome

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast we take a look at the **Wharf/Jetty** and also drop by the **Visitor Info Centre** before our journey down into Broome. On arrival enjoy some free time to purchase lunch before our "**Highlights of Broome Tour**" where we hear the fascinating stories of the colourful precinct of Chinatown, Streeters Jetty where the Pearl Luggers unload their oysters and the famous Sun Pictures, the world's oldest operating open air pictures garden (now listed in the Guinness World Records). We then check in to our hotel enjoying a rest and freshen up before **enjoying Sunset Drinks** at the iconic **Cable Beach** then return back to the hotel for dinner and the chance to farewell our wonderful coach captain Nathan.

\*\*Optional **Sunset Camel Rides** on the beach available for those who are keen. **POA**

**Overnight Broome: Cable Beach Club Resort**

### Day 11. Mon 16 Sept: Willie Creek Farm Tour

Breakfast

Today we are transferred across to **Willie Creek Pearl Farm** to learn of the fascinating world of cultured pearling. We hop on board the “**Willie Wanderer**” and hear of the modern pearling techniques and view the pearl panels suspended in the creek and see how the finest pearls in the world are produced. Our guide demonstrates the intricate process of culturing pearls including the seeding of a live oyster shell. We have the opportunity to purchase direct from a range of gifts and jewellery at the shop before heading back into Broome to purchase own lunch and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight Broome: Cable Beach Club Resort**

### Day 12. Tues 17 Sept: Whale Watching and Sunset Cruise

Breakfast & Dinner

Today we are free to do as we wish and explore Broome or take up one of the optional tours available.

**Optional Tours & Scenic Flights on offer:** Half Day Horizontal Falls; Half Day Broome Dinosaur Adventure; Half Day Reef Fishing plus more. **POA**

This afternoon at 1.30pm we are transferred down to the beach for an unforgettable **Whale Watching and Sunset Cruise** on the stunning waters of Broome. View the humpback whales, learn about their breeding and mating behaviours and take in the boundless natural beauty as the crew spoil us with delicious nibbles all afternoon. After sunset and conclusion of our cruise we transfer back to the resort with dinner tonight by own arrangement and cost. This evening we gather back at the hotel for our **final night and farewell dinner**.

**Overnight Broome: Cable Beach Club Resort**

### Day 13. Wed 18 Sept: Broome - Home Port

Breakfast

This morning after a leisurely breakfast and checkout, we have some free time, then collect our luggage from our hotel, bid farewell to Broome and transfer by coach to the airport for our flight home after our wonderful fortnight touring across the **Top End with Trade Travel**.

**Flight Details: Broome - Homeport (flight times to be advised)**

**Tour Highlights:** Darwin Military Museum; Darwin Highlights Tour; NT Museum & Art Gallery; RFDS Tourist Facility; WWII Oil Storage Tunnels; Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise; Wetland View Top Visitors Centre; Adelaide River Jumping Crocodile Cruise; Marrawuddi Arts & Cultural Centre; Yellow Water Cruise; Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre; Nourlangie Aboriginal Rock Paintings; Maysie's Pine Creek Café; Katherine Museum; 2 Gorge Cultural Cruise Katherine River; Durack Homestead; Lake Argyle - Ord Hydro-Power Station, Ord Top Dam Wall; Ord River Scenic Wildlife & Sunset Cruise; Five Rivers Lookout; Whyndam History & Highlights; Old Halls Creek Ruins; China Wall Halls Creek; Fitzroy Crossing; Boab Prison Tree; Derby Jetty & Visitor Info Centre; Broome Highlights Tour; Sunset Drinks Cable Beach; Whale Watching & Sunset Cruise; Willie Creek Pearl Farm plus much more.

#### Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return economy flights Homeport - Darwin & Broome - Homeport
- Quality coach travel
- 12 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (28 Meals)
- All entry fees, cruises & guides as per itinerary

**Ex Brisbane: \$8398.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$1895.00)**

**Ex Sydney/Melbourne: \$8498.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$1895.00)**

**A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed/Limited - Single rooms available**

*Please note that the itinerary is subject to change at any time and Flights are subject to confirmation/change and price increases.*

**Deposit:** A deposit of **\$500.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form! (\$100 non refundable at time of booking)

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 7 June, 2024**.

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