



10 Day Darwin to Alice Springs - Top n' Rock

TOUR CODE CO-JNT10R (18 – 39 year olds only)

Departure Point/s:

- 6.30am: Travelodge Mirambeena
- 6.45am Youth Shack

There is no greater haven than Australia's Northern Territory for those looking to make a connection with nature! Equivalent in size to France, Italy and Spain combined, it's not surprising the Northern Territory is blessed with an abundance of natural environments – most of which you'll be exploring over the next 10 Days! With most meals included, awesome private campsites ready to go and heaps of Aussie Icons to see – this is the perfect experience if you want to get off the beaten track and into the Outback!

DAY 1: DARWIN TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

It's an early start to kick off your adventure, as we leave Darwin early and head out to explore an amazing new environment. Our first adventure is a wildlife wilderness cruise. We stop for a visit at a typical "Territory" Roadhouse and then continue on into well known Kakadu National Park. We cross the South Alligator River before heading to Ubirr Rock where we see classic examples of Aboriginal rock art and spectacular 360° views. At the end of the day we travel to our private campsite in Kakadu and enjoy a hearty dinner and share stories around the camp.

OVERNIGHT Meals – Lunch & Dinner

Kakadu Private Permanent Campsite (twin share – share facilities)
Kakadu National Park

DAY 2: KAKADU TO KATHERINE

After breakfast we will head out to explore one of the many magnificent natural attractions in the National Park, dependent on the season and weather conditions. You will have the opportunity to swim in cool clear water, walk through bush tracks and explore spectacular sandstone country. After lunch travel south out of the park, making our way to Katherine. Some free time to take on supplies before travelling to our campsite at the historic Springvale Homestead. Again we will enjoy a dinner in our private camp and soak up the atmosphere of this idyllic location.

OVERNIGHT Meals - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Springvale Homestead Private Permanent Campsite (twin share – share facilities)
Katherine

DAY 3: KATHERINE TO MT BUNDY

It's an early start today as we make tracks to the majestic Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge) for a choice of a two hour cruise or a canoeing adventure. The waters are clear and the gorge is truly spectacular with awesome cliffs up to 70 metres high and lush tropical scenery. From here we travel to Edith Falls – a picturesque setting for an inviting swim and an idyllic lunch spot. From here we continue on to our campsite at Mt Bundy Station. This afternoon you have an opportunity to take a sunset horse ride (own expense). We'll bed down in a Bush Camp tonight for a real Aussie experience on an outback Cattle Station.

OVERNIGHT Meals – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Mt Bundy Station Homestead Bush Camp (twin share – share facilities)
Mt Bundy



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DAY 4: ADELAIDE RIVER TO DARWIN VIA LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

This morning after breakfast we depart for Litchfield National Park. Litchfield is famous for its scenic beauty, waterfalls and safe swimming. We visit Florence Falls, Wangi Falls and Buley Rockholes and walk through beautiful rainforests – plenty of time for swimming and soaking in this gorgeous natural water park. Making our way back to Darwin, we pass through the township of Batchelor. Tonight you have time to explore Darwin and its nightlife.

OVERNIGHT Meals – Breakfast & Lunch
Travelodge Mirambeena (Quad Share)
Darwin

DAY 5: DARWIN

There's no group activities planned today so you're free to explore Darwin at your own pace. If you have the time why not take in a city tour, visit Crocosaurus Cove or try one of the cultural walking tours. Otherwise just kick back and enjoy your last day in the Tropics.

OVERNIGHT Meals – Breakfast
Travelodge Mirambeena (Quad share)
Darwin

DAY 6: DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS

We say goodbye to the Top End today and make our way to the Alice Springs via a domestic flight. Your guide will be carrying on with you for the journey and will continue to be your guide to show you around the Red Centre. (Note: Internal domestic flight not included). Tonight we you are free to soak up the atmosphere of this remote outback town.

OVERNIGHT Meals – Breakfast
Heavitree Gap Outback Lodge (Quad share)
Alice Springs

DAY 7: ALICE SPRINGS TO AYERS ROCK CAMPGROUND

It's an early start today as we head south, stopping for a short visit at the Outback Camel Farm (rides at own expense) We then head straight to our campsite at Yulara for lunch before we meet and greet passengers joining us from Ayers Rock Airport. The afternoon is spent exploring Uluru (Ayers Rock) a World Heritage listed area. Join your knowledgeable guide for a base tour of Uluru, exploring ancient caves where Aboriginal paintings can be seen and learning about one of the oldest cultures in the world. At sunset, you will marvel at the spectacular colour changes of Uluru. Later we return to camp for a traditional Aussie meal. After dinner, relax around the camp under starry desert skies.

OVERNIGHT Meals – Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Private Permanent Campsite (twin share – share facilities)
Ayers Rock



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DAY 8: ULURU–KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK TO KINGS CANYON

It's an early start for an exciting morning with breathtaking views of sunrise at Kata-Tjuta (The Olgas). Go for a walk to appreciate the beauty of the 36 domes and learn about unique fauna, flora and fire management of the national park. This afternoon we head for Kings Creek Station – an operating cattle/camel station in the heart of the outback and the gateway to Watarrka National Park. Before commencing our exploration of the park tomorrow, you can settle into our tranquil, private campsite and possibly enjoy some of the optional activities available if time permits. This is a truly Aussie experience where you will enjoy a traditional camp oven dinner and also have the option to sleep under a blanket of stars.

OVERNIGHT Meals - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Kings Creek Station Private Permanent Campsite (twin share – share facilities)
Kings Creek

DAY 9: KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS

You'll need your sturdy walking shoes today! After entering Watarrka National Park and arriving at Kings Canyon we begin ascending the track that takes us above massive sandstone cliffs overlooking the valley floor. The spectacular rim walk takes us to the heart of Kings Canyon and descending to the humble beginning of Kings Creek. Here and along the walk we can see some unique and ancient vegetation, tranquil water holes and some amazing examples of nature's own geological handiwork - sure to be a highlight of your visit to Australia's Red Centre. We return to Kings Creek Station for lunch before travelling through sand dune country as we head back to Alice Springs.

OVERNIGHT Meals – Breakfast & Lunch
Heavitree Gap Outback Lodge (Quad share)

DAY 10: ALICE SPRINGS

Today you're free to explore Alice Springs at your own pace today. Maybe make a visit to the Alice Springs Desert Park where native animals can be seen in their natural habitats, plus you'll learn about aboriginal arts, crafts, food and weaponry or maybe make a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor and the School of the Air – two iconic attractions in the outback. Otherwise, relax by the pool before you leave on your next adventure.

Meals – Breakfast

**Our experienced guides will tailor all of the activities based on seasonal & cultural conditions throughout the year, to maximise your experience and enjoyment. Any deviation from this itinerary will be made with serious consideration and your best interests and safety our priority.