

# The Adventure of a Lifetime

# 8

DAYS

KAKADU & ARNHEM LAND



## 1

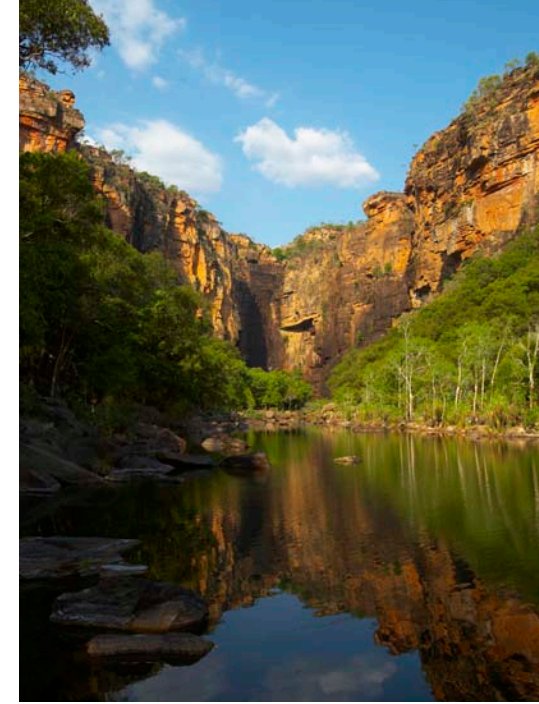
Drive east from Darwin along the Arnhem Highway to the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park (approx 252km or 2.5 hours). En route, stop at Mamukala Wetlands, home to thousands of bird species or visit the Bowali Visitor Centre before enjoying a picnic lunch at Anbangbang Billabong (check seasonal access). Follow the walking trail to the three Aboriginal rock art sites at Nourlangie Rock. Watch the rock glow orange as the sun descends from the top of Nanguluwur. Spend the night at Gagudju Lodge Coinda.

## 2

Wake early to experience sunrise on the Yellow Water billabong cruise and spot crocodiles, birds and other wildlife. Learn more about these species and their connection with the traditional land owners at the acclaimed Warradjan Cultural Centre. Later, make your way north to Ubirr for a picnic lunch and tour the three major Aboriginal rock art galleries. Watch the sun set over the Kakadu wetlands from the top of Ubirr. Retire to Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn in Jabiru for the evening.

## 3

Drive south to Jim Jim Falls (allow 1.5 hours on a four-wheel drive track). There is a challenging walk through the monsoon forest to reach the plunge pool, but the refreshing swim is well worth the effort. Enjoy a picnic lunch before continuing south to the clear crystal waters of Twin Falls. Hike to the top of the falls for a swim and breathtaking views over the escarpment (6km return, allow 2 hours). Enjoy a short boat cruise up the Twin Falls Gorge and spend the night at Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn.



## 4

Cross the border into Arnhem land and visit the artists at Injalak Arts & Crafts in Gunbalanya (Oenpelli). Join a cultural tour to Injalak Hill or Dog Dreaming. Afterwards, drive north-west to Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris (allow 2.5 hours) at Mount Borradaile for a sunset cruise on Cooper Creek floodplains. In the evening relax with a cold drink and three course dinner at the well-appointed bush camp.





## DISCOVER A CULTURE THAT IS THRIVING MORE THAN 50,000 YEARS ON AND THE WARMTH OF THE PEOPLE THAT CALL THIS LAND HOME

# 6

Set out early for the picturesque drive to Maningrida in central-west Arnhem Land (allow 8 hours). There are several small river crossings along the way, including the Liverpool and Blyth rivers that are great spots for a picnic lunch. As the drive will take most of the day you may like to overnight at Arnhem Land Barramundi Nature Lodge or Maningrida Progress Association Motel.

# 7

Drive from Maningrida to Nhulunbuy (allow 8 hours). In the morning visit the Maningrida Arts and Culture Centre. Along the way there are thickets of jurassic cycad forest, monsoon forest and savannah woodland. Stay at the Gove Peninsula Motel on the outskirts of Nhulunbuy.

# 8

Meet up early with Timmy Burarrwanga of Bawaka Cultural Experiences and enjoy a challenging four-wheel drive to his homeland at Port Bradshaw (approx 2 hours). Participate in cultural awareness sessions, campfire singing, dancing, traditional spear fishing, art and craft, bushwalking, swimming and bush tucker appreciation. Make sure you visit the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre and Museum in Yirrkala before returning to Darwin. Qantas and Air North fly direct from Nhulunbuy to Darwin.

# 5

Trek the monsoon forests and savannah woodlands at Davidson's with a camp guide and explore the Aboriginal art galleries dotted across this area. After a hearty lunch, unwind with a spot of freshwater barra fishing or take a four-wheel drive adventure to rock pools at the top of the Arnhem Land escarpment and enjoy a swim in crystal clear waters.

