

PODCAST Arnhem Land



Arnhem Land is located in the north-east of the Northern Territory, with the Arafura Sea and Gulf of Carpentaria lapping its shores. It covers 91, 000 square kilometres of Aboriginal-owned land and its small population is predominantly indigenous. A permit is required to enter Arnhem Land, which can be applied for through the Northern Land Council. You can fly or drive, but a four-wheel drive vehicle is essential and high clearance recommended.

Arnhem Land can be accessed via the Arnhem Highway in Kakadu National Park, or Central Arnhem Road via the Stuart Highway south of Katherine. The roads are largely formed gravel roads and subject to seasonal flooding. Travellers driving independently should check the road conditions before entering.

For more information, visit www.australiasoutback.com

Part 1

Injalak Arts & Crafts

Injalak Arts & Crafts, in Gunbalanya (Oenpelli), is a 12 kilometre drive from Cahills Crossing on the East Alligator River. Visitors can watch local artists tell their stories on canvas and purchase authentic arts and crafts. From the Centre, Aboriginal guides host cultural rock art tours to Injalak Hill or Dog Dreaming.

The Centre is accessible by road from May to November and only by air from December to April. The East Alligator River is a tidal river and drivers should seek advice from the Bowali Visitor Centre or the Northern Land Council before crossing.



Injalak Arts & Craft
Tel: +61 8 8979 0190
www.injalak.com

Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris

Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris is a permanent camp at Mount Borradaile in north west Arnhem Land. Here visitors can enjoy billabong cruises, barramundi fishing, bird watching, rock art tours, bushwalking and four-wheel drive adventures.

Accommodation is permanent safari-style, twin-share tents with power, fans and external lighting. The camp has a communal dining facility that serves three-course meals, continental and cooked breakfasts and packed picnic lunches. Alcoholic beverages are available as an additional cost to the tour price.

The camp has a private air strip and access is generally by private charter from Darwin or Jabiru. It is accessible by road from May to November, but a four-wheel drive vehicle is essential.



Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris
Tel: +61 8 8927 5240
www.arnhemland-safaris.com

Part 2



North east Arnhem Land is the home of the Yolgnu traditional land owners and the birthplace of the didgeridoo.

It is serviced by the township of Nhulunbuy, on the Gove Peninsula. Nhulunbuy has an approximate population of 4000 people, with all the amenities of a modern town.

Qantas and Air North airlines operate commercial flights twice daily to Nhulunbuy from Darwin and Cairns. A permit is required to enter Arnhem Land, which can be applied for through the Northern Land Council.

Bawaka Cultural Experience

Bawaka Cultural Experience gives visitors the opportunity to participate in daily Yolgnu life on the unspoilt beachfront of Port Bradshaw.

Activities include fishing, art and craft, traditional Aboriginal song and dance, bushtucker, bird watching and bush medicine.

Access to Bawaka homeland is by four-wheel drive vehicle or helicopter only. The drive is roughly 90 minutes south of Nulhunbuy and challenging in parts, with sections of deep sand.



Bawaka Cultural Experience
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Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre and Museum

Buku-Larrnggay Mulka is located in Yirrkala, 17 kilometres south of Nhulunbuy. It is considered one of Australia's premier Aboriginal art galleries, with a several gallery rooms, a museum, theatre and multimedia room.

The Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Museum displays a collection of works by Yolgnu elders from the mid-1970s. Two 4-metre tall Yirrkala Church Panels (1962) are the Museum's feature attraction.

The Centre is open Monday to Friday 8am to 4:30pm and Saturday 9am to 12pm.



Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre
Tel: +61 8 8987 1701
www.yirrkala-arts.com

Gove Peninsula Motel

The Gove Peninsula Motel is located on the outskirts of Nhulunbuy, a short drive from the town centre.

It is a quiet and comfortable establishment with an in-ground saltwater swimming pool, barbeque facilities and guest laundry.

Rooms are fully air conditioned and self contained. Breakfast is very basic, with continental options of offer.



Gove Peninsula Motel
Tel: +61 8 8987 0700
www.govemotel.com

Permits

Permits are processed by the Northern Land Council in Darwin and take at least 10 days for approval, sometimes longer.

Northern Land Council
Tel: 1800 645 299 (within Australia)
www.nlc.org.au

Road Report

The Northern Territory Government has a 24-hour recorded message service with up to date information on the condition of all Government controlled roads in the NT. Road closures, restrictions and impassable river crossings are also detailed.

Northern Territory Government
Road Report
Tel: 1800 246 199 (within Australia)
www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport



Bowali Visitor Centre
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