

DARWIN

5-DAY ITINERARY

A week in Darwin gives you time to visit the city attractions, before heading down the track to Litchfield National Park for an overnight adventure, then spend a day learning about Aboriginal culture on the Tiwi Islands.

Day 1

Spend the day exploring some of Darwin's natural attractions. Visit Aquascene, in the heart of the city, where hundreds of fish can be hand-fed at high tide. Take a self-guided walk through the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens. The gardens contain many species of tropical plants, including orchids, bromeliads, cycads and palms. End the day at the Deckchair Cinema, an outdoor cinema where movies are watched in deckchairs under the stars.

Day 2

Spend the next two days following the Litchfield Loop tourism drive. On the way stop at Adelaide River and visit the Adelaide River Railway Station and Adelaide River War Cemetery to learn about the local history. On arrival in the park explore Wangi Falls and enjoy an easy walk around the falls. For the energetic, travel to Tolmer Falls for a bush trek. Spend the night camping in the Park or stay in accommodation in Batchelor.

Day 3

This morning continue exploring the Litchfield National Park. Start the day with a refreshing swim at Buley Rockhole or the spring-fed Florence Falls. For the adventurous, head into four-wheel-drive country and discover Tjaynera Falls, the historic Blythe Homestead Ruins and the weathered sandstone columns of The Lost City. In the afternoon continue the loop back to Darwin.

Day 4

Spend the morning relaxing and enjoy brunch at one of the many cafes or restaurants along Mitchell Street or at Cullen Bay Marina. Spend the day walking around town and taking in the sights. In Darwin city follow the Historical Walk to discover the city's history and see Parliament House and Survivors Lookout for a view across the wharf precinct. Just out of town take a scenic walk along the coast of Darwin Harbour, past Mindil Beach and the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Day 5

Take a light aircraft or jump on a ferry to the Tiwi Islands. Melville and Bathurst Islands, known collectively as the Tiwi Islands are located 80km north of Darwin in the Timor Sea. The Tiwi Aboriginal people are known for their distinctive fabric prints, pottery, sculptures, carvings and a love of Australian football. Spend a day on Bathurst Island and share their culture.

