12 Days Arnhem With Kakadu

Day-by-Day Itinerary

MANINGRIDA FISHING, WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
12 Days	**$12,980**	**Coach Tours**	**Journey Beyond**

Overview

Discover a sacred and mystical land in northern Australia on this extraordinary small-group journey through the heart of Arnhem Land and Kakadu National Park. Immerse yourself in the world's oldest surviving culture, meet the wildlife, and find tranquility in natural sites crafted by time. Then, sit back and settle into The Ghan's gentle rhythm as you travel through the breathtaking arid beauty of the outback from Darwin to Adelaide. Your 8-day Arnhem Land and Kakadu Explorer commences this afternoon. You will be greeted by your friendly and professional Tour Director at your accommodation before touring the sights of the city including the Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Cullen Bay and Stokes Hill Wharf. Return to your accommodation for dinner with your new found friends. OVERNIGHT: 1 night Hilton Garden Inn Darwin (D)

Itinerary

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Darwin

Meals: Two Course Dinner

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Darwin TO Maningrida And Barramundi Lodge

This morning join your small aircraft flight to Maningrida and experience a Welcome to Country on arrival. The next two nights are spent at Barramundi Lodge which is owned and operated by Outback Spirit. With special permission from traditional owners, the lodge enjoys exclusive fishing licenses for numerous remote waterways, including the Tomkinson and Liverpool Rivers. The lodge features 12 beautiful safari suites and a restaurant overlooking the floodplains below. OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Barramundi Lodge (B,L,D)

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Maningrida Fishing, Wilderness Adventure – Arts And Cultural Centre

Meals: Two Course Dinner

This morning enjoy an exclusive fishing and wilderness adventure on the Liverpool and Tomkinson Rivers - pristine waterways teeming with Barramundi. Your expert fishing guides will take you wherever the fish are biting aboard the sturdy Ocean Master vessels, the pinnacle for remote marine adventures. These boats feature an on-board restroom and shade canopy. Today's fishing adventure is also a wilderness tour, so even if fishing isn't your thing, you'll still enjoy the amazing scenery and informative commentary. You will also visit the Maningrida Arts and Cultural Centre and the Djomi Museum, to delve into the cultural and spiritual richness of the area. Maningrida Arts & Culture is a pre-eminent site of contemporary Indigenous culture expression and art making, and the Maningrida Art Centre empowers local Indigenous artists to pursue successful global careers from their homeland and township bases. Later this afternoon enjoy a sunset drink on the deck before dinner and tell everyone about the one that got away! (B,L,D)

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Maningrida TO Mount Borradaile

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Departing Maningrida after breakfast, our travels take us through the stone country of west Arnhem Land. Cross the Goomadeer and Liverpool Rivers before arriving at the turnoff to Davidson's Arnhemland Safari Lodge, Mount Borradaile. From here we travel along a 40km bush track into the safari lodge, arriving in time for lunch. You'll then check-in to your cabin, home for the next two nights. This afternoon the expert staff at Mount Borradaile will take you through 40,000 years of Aboriginal culture in a truly awe-inspiring landscape. The area contains some of the most stunning rock art galleries in the world, and in terms of artistic quality, quantity, colourfulness, and state of preservation, it is virtually unrivalled. The walls of the many rock shelters are decorated with innumerable pictures documenting traditional Aboriginal life over many thousands of years. Subjects range from now extinct animals to twentieth century sailing ships and the iconic Rainbow Serpent. Later this afternoon we return to the lodge for dinner. OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Mount Borradaile (B,L,D)

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Mount Borradaile

Meals: Lunch

Today we jump into the open-back Toyotas and continue exploring the wonderland that is Mount Borradaile. Learn about the variety of techniques used in rock paintings as the styles changed over thousands of years of occupation and storytelling. You will also wander through various occupation sites and view a range of artefacts from when these sites were still in use. After lunch, it's time to explore the incredible wetlands of the Cooper Creek. Admire the prolific birdlife and massive crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks as you discover lagoons that seem more from a story book than from real life. As the sun seeks the horizon and sets over the floodplain, enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles before returning to the lodge for our final night with Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris. (B,L,D)

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Arnhem Land TO Kakadu National Park

Meals: Lunch

This morning we continue travelling through Arnhem Land. Your first stop is at the Injalak Art Gallery located in Oenpelli, which has over 200 active members including artists, weavers, and craftspeople from Gunbalanya and surrounds. Cross Cahill's Crossing (keep an eye out for saltwater crocodiles!) and into the World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park. Covering almost 20,000 square kilometres and renowned for its vast wandering wetlands, exotic wildlife, millions of migratory birds and an estimated 5000 ancient rock art sites in the park, the Bininj/Mungguy people have called Kakadu home for some 65,000 years, making it the oldest culture on earth. Here we visit Ubirr art site, home to some of the world's most outstanding rock art. Enjoy a 1-kilometre circular track walk and take in the multiple sites. Those feeling fit can make the steep 250-metre climb to the top of the rocky escarpment for magnificent views across the Magela floodplain. After lunch we visit the cultural centre before checking into the Mercure Crocodile Hotel for our two-night stay. Tonight, we dine at the hotel. OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Mercure Crocodile Hotel (B,L,D)

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Kakadu National Park

Meals: Two Course Dinner

This morning, we take to the water for the Yellow Water (Ngurrungurrudjba) wetlands cruise. This area is home to an array of birdlife and some impressive saltwater crocodiles. Then we depart for Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) rock art site, with more amazing rock paintings dating back 20,000 years. There are several sites and galleries to see. You also have the opportunity to climb up to the Gunwarddehwarde lookout for majestic views! We return to the Mercure Crocodile hotel in time for dinner. (B,L,D)

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Kakadu National Park TO Darwin

Meals: Two Course Dinner

It's an early start today as we head to the airstrip, where you'll gain an aerial perspective on this incredible environment. Take to the skies on a 30 minute scenic flight over ancient escarpments, floodplains and winding rivers, exhibiting the results of 1.8 billion years of continuous erosion. Your flight includes live commentary from your pilot as you glide over these spectacular ancient lands. Setting our sights for Darwin, we will cross the South Alligator River with its expansive wetlands which, for many years, were used for buffalo hunting. We'll travel via Humpty Doo before arriving into Darwin where your 8 Day Arnhem Land and Kakadu Explorer tour comes to an end. Upon arrival into Darwin you will be transferred to the Hilton Garden Inn Darwin, where you can enjoy an evening at your leisure before your Ghan Expedition adventure begins the following day. OVERNIGHT: 1 night Hilton Garden Inn Darwin Please note: Dinner is not included this evening (B,L)

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Board The Ghan Expedition IN Darwin

Meals: Lunch

Settle in to the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Enjoy lunch ahead of your Off Train Excursion in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End's best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge. OVERNIGHT: 1 night The Ghan (L,D)

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The Ghan Expedition, Alice Springs

Upon arrival into Alice Springs provides you with a full day to explore the iconic town in the red heart of Australia on one of your included off train excursions. After returning with the group to the train station, you farewell your fellow travellers and will be transferred to your hotel at 4pm. This evening is free to relax and ready yourself for your adventure tomorrow. OVERNIGHT: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (B,L)

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The Ghan Expedition, Coober Pedy

When you disembark in remote Manguri, you'll enjoy a full day exploring the amazing opal mining township of Coober Pedy. (B,L,D)

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The Ghan Expedition, Adelaide

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning, you'll see a dramatic change in landscape as the rich ochre tones of the outback make way for the green fields of South Australia. Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you pass through the Flinders Ranges before arriving into Adelaide, completing one of the world's great rail experiences. (B) B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner _Alternate Journeys_ Adelaide to Darwin – The Ghan (Departs Wednesday and Sunday)

Inclusions

• 1 night's accommodation in Darwin including breakfast • 8 days of intimate small-group touring with Outback Spirit, travelling on board a state of the art 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle, including hotel, lodge and safari camp accommodation, meals, beverages, all attractions, permit fees to enter Aboriginal land, and guided touring • Journey through the heart of Arnhem Land on an exclusive touring route and immerse yourself in the world's oldest surviving culture • Experience the Aboriginal owned and operated Maningrida Arts and Cultural Centre • View exquisite rock art at Mount Borradaile including the iconic Rainbow Serpent • Participate in authentic cultural activities with Indigenous guides • Exclusive Barramundi fishing and wildlife cruises in the remote heart of Arnhem Land • Witness rock art at Ubirr and Noarlangie, home to an outstanding number of paintings • Enjoy a bird's eye view of the ancient escarpments, floodplains, and winding rivers of Kakadu National Park on a scenic flight • Cruise on Yellow Waters admiring the prolific birdlife and crocodiles • Transfer from hotel to Darwin Rail Terminal • 3 nights on The Ghan Expedition, Darwin to Adelaide, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Katherine, Alice Springs and Coober Pedy • Visit ancient Nitmiluk Gorge in Katherine • Explore the outback town of Alice Springs and the unusual underground town of Cooper Pedy • 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners

Ready to Book?

Contact our travel experts to discuss this tour.

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