

POTTER TRAVEL

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOP END

10 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING: WEDNESDAY 07 AUGUST 2019
RETURNING: FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 2019



TOUR COST:

\$4995.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$5985.00 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details

Day 1: (D) CANBERRA TO ALICE SPRINGS: Wednesday 07 August 2019

Welcome aboard Potter Travel's 10 day tour to the Northern Territory. Today we make our way to the Canberra airport for our flight to Alice Springs. Upon arrival we are met by our Potter Travel coach and transferred to our accommodation. We check in, unpack and settle in for the next 2 nights.

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, Alice Springs | 08 8950 7777

Day 2: (BLD) ALICE SPRINGS: Thursday 08 August 2019

Our sightseeing begins with a stop at ANZAC Hill for panoramic views of the town and the surrounding area. We then visit the Old Telegraph Station and the original Alice Springs. Following a self guided walk we re-join the coach and head to the Royal Flying Doctor Base. The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisations in the world. Using the latest in aviation, medical and communications technology, it delivers extensive primary health care and 24-hour emergency service to those who live, work and travel throughout Australia. We enjoy a comprehensive guided tour of the centre followed by lunch. Our afternoon will be spent at the Araluen Cultural Precinct. The centre is the focal point of Alice Springs' performing and visual arts scene, incorporating galleries and a theatre. The Albert Namatjira Gallery is particularly impressive. We spend some time here before returning to our hotel. We have time to freshen up for our dinner away from the hotel tonight, which will be very special. Just 15 minutes out of Alice is Earth Sanctuary, a world nature centre at Quandong Homestead. Tonight we enjoy a mouth-watering bush BBQ with music and entertainment to experience the spirit of the outback through stories of the aboriginal dreamtime. We even learn how to cook a swagman's damper! Afterwards we return to our accommodation.

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Day 3: (BLD) ALICE SPRINGS TO TENNANT CREEK: Friday 09 August 2019

We depart early morning as we continue north along the Stuart Highway crossing the Tropic of Capricorn and pausing at Central Mount Stuart, the geographical centre of Australia. We stop to visit Devil Marbles, steeped in aboriginal legend as the eggs of the sacred serpent, and then continue on to Tennant Creek, a modern outback mining town, whose minerals include copper, gold and tin. We have time to settle into our motel and freshen up before dinner.

Bluestone Motor Inn, Tennant Creek | 08 8962 2617

Day 4: (BLD) TENNANT CREEK TO KATHERINE: Saturday 10 August 2019

From the vast spaces of Central Australia stretching from horizon to horizon we follow the Stuart Highway through Elliott to Daly Waters where we stop for lunch at the pub. This afternoon we arrive in Mataranka, giving us a tropical feel. The National Reserve here is a 4 hectare park with a superb thermal pool and stands of cabbage tree palms and paperbarks. There are also thousands of fruit bats. We have some time to enjoy the mineral pools so make sure bathers are handy. With just over an hour to travel we arrive in Katherine for our next overnight stay.

Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine | 08 8972 2511

Day 5: (BLD) KATHERINE TO KAKADU: Sunday 11 August 2019

It is an early start this morning to embark on a special outing. We join the dawn cruise on Katherine Gorge and discover the unspoiled beauty of Nitmiluk National Park. The colours of the early morning create a visual feast as the first two gorges awaken – wildlife stirring from the night and the air crisp and clear. Back on dry land, we enjoy breakfast before departing Katherine to continue north. At Pine Creek we divert onto Kakadu Highway and make our way through to Mary River Roadhouse where we stop for our lunch break. This afternoon we enter the Top End's most important asset, the world heritage listed Kakadu National Park. The park is an enormous, biodiverse nature reserve with terrain encompassing wetlands, rivers and sandstone escarpments. It is home to some 2,000 plant species and wildlife—from saltwater crocodiles and flatback turtles to birds. Aborigines have inhabited the land for more than 50,000 years, leaving behind incredible galleries of rock art - more than 5000 sites of historical or cultural importance have been identified, though only a few are open to visitors. We check into Kakadu Lodge Cooida and relax for the remainder of the day. This resort has a lovely pool and relaxation area. Dinner this evening is at our accommodation.

Cooida Lodge, Kakadu National Park | 08 8979 1500

Day 6: (BLD) KAKADU NATIONAL PARK: Monday 12 August 2019

Following breakfast we visit the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre. The Aboriginal traditional land owners of Kakadu National Park have wanted to tell the story about their culture for a long time. Through the displays and exhibitions we can gain an understanding of the Bininj and their country. The gallery is definitely worth looking at as well. Along with our local

guide our touring this morning also includes a tour at Nourlangie Rock. The walls of this rock have served as canvases for thousands of years, providing windows to a rich spiritual tradition. After our walk, we head to the Bowali Visitors Centre – the Kakadu National Park Headquarters. We have arranged lunch here before heading out to Ubirr Rock – the site of one of the best and most accessible rock art galleries in the park. The Main Gallery is an easy 1k walk from the car park and contains examples of mouth sprayed hand stencils, hunters carrying spears and fish, birds and animals presented in x-ray style, revealing internal organs and bone structures. Returning to Cooina we join a magnificent sunset cruise through Yellow Water Billabong where we see a host of waterbirds and wildlife in their natural habitat. Dinner awaits us at the lodge afterwards.

Cooinda Lodge, Kakadu National Park | 08 8979 1500

Day 7: (BLD) LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK: Tuesday 13 August 2019

Departing Kakadu National Park, the Arnhem Highway will take us through to Humpty Doo where we then head south to Litchfield National Park. The 65,000ha national park with its untouched rainforests, hot springs, magnificent waterfalls and stunning scenery has gained the reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territory's crown. We'll see the Magnetic Anthills and the magnificent Florence Falls from the lookout platform as well as enjoy lunch at the Litchfield Café. We also have time to visit Wangi Falls where we can hop in for a refreshing dip! From here we drive to Darwin. Upon arrival at our hotel, we'll unpack for the next 3 nights and refresh ourselves in time for dinner.

Double Tree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin, Darwin | 08 8980 0800

Day 8: (BD) DARWIN: Wednesday 14 August 2019

Today we spend time exploring Darwin, beginning with a tour of the city sights. The present city centre was established in 1869 and contains most of its remaining historic buildings such as the Old Police Station, the Old Court House and Government House. We see the new Parliament House built on the site of the Darwin Post Office bombed during World War II. We take a drive through Fannie Bay to East Point where we visit the Military Museum. Here we'll discover how the Japanese raids on Darwin were kept a secret from the Australian population and have now been made public. After free time for lunch we head to the Aviation Museum this afternoon. This is an impressive presentation of aircraft and displays depicting the Territory's involvement in aviation, both civil and military from the early pioneers and record breakers through World War II and the Jet Age of Vulcan's, Concord and other exotic aircraft. Aircraft displays include the massive Boeing B52 Bomber, one of only two on display in the world outside the USA. The B25 Mitchell Bomber is one of the few surviving in the world with a proven combat record. There are Mirage and Sabre jet fighters and an ex-Royal Australian Navy Wessex helicopter that helped in the clean-up of Darwin after Cyclone Tracy struck on Christmas Day in 1974. The Mk VIII Spitfire replica is painted in the colours of Group Captain Clive Caldwell, Australia's top scoring fighter ace in World War II. The wreckage of a Japanese Zero Fighter, shot down in the first air raid on Darwin in 1942 is dramatically displayed. Our day complete, we return to relax at our hotel.

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Day 9: (BLD) DARWIN: Thursday 15 August 2019

If available, we start our day with a visit to the famous fish feeding at Doctor's Gully (fish feeding is tidal dependant so may not be operating this morning). Next is a visit to the Northern Territory Museum with its many displays, including the Cyclone Tracy story. We have time to take a self-guided stroll through the facility before reboarding the coach. Next stop is Crocosaurus Cove, located in the heart of the city. It has the largest display of Australian reptiles in the world, a two storey fresh water aquarium and a turtle sanctuary. We may get to stroke a baby croc as we enjoy our lunch. Our afternoon is free to enjoy as we wish. Tonight we join a fantastic two hour dinner cruise on the harbour as a brilliant ending to our Northern Territory tour.

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Day 10: (B) DARWIN TO CANBERRA: Friday 16 August 2019

We check out of our accommodation this morning in readiness for our transfer to Darwin airport. Bidding farewell to Darwin, we board our flight to Canberra. Upon arrival we head for home to complete our wonderful 10 day tour of the Northern Territory.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT is required within 14 days of booking confirming your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. Deposit is **\$500.00 per person**

Tour reference for
Direct Deposits:
Surname + P11149

FINAL PAYMENT: FRIDAY 07 JUNE 2019

CANCELLATION TERMS & CONDITIONS:

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Meals are stated in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

Not Included: Alcoholic beverages or other drinks (except wine tasting), meals not specified, room service, telephone calls, some morning/afternoon teas or any items of a personal nature.

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You must be able to embark and disembark the coach unaided to travel on a Potter Travel tour. Your deposit and final payment on our tour is acknowledgement that you have read and understood the booking terms and conditions as mentioned above.

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