

## ARNHEM LAND WETLANDS & WILDLIFE

### CAIRNS - DARWIN

#### SAMPLE ITINERARY

*This is a sample itinerary and may be subject to change. We may need to alter or amend itineraries, excursions, accommodation, or sightseeing arrangements from those published, with little or no notice. This may be due to road conditions, weather, cultural considerations, safety factors and other operational considerations or government regulations. Final itineraries are sent to passengers approximately 2-3 weeks before travel.*

#### DAY 1 – Welcome to Arnhem Land

Arrive in Arnhem Land, one of Australia's last untouched regions, on your included flight from Cairns and meet your professional Tour Director in Nhulunbuy. After settling in, set off to explore this remote frontier township, taking in sweeping views from Roy (Malpi) Marika Lookout, the serene Gayngaru Wetlands, and the picturesque Gove Harbour, a hub for fishing and boating. **D**

*Note: Passengers flying from Darwin will be met at the baggage reclaim area of the Gove airport and transferred to the Walkabout Lodge.*

Stay: 2 nights at Walkabout Lodge

#### DAY 2 – Exploring the Gove Peninsula

The Gove Peninsula has been home to Yolngu people for over 60,000 years and is one of the most culturally significant regions in Australia.

You'll get a true sense of this with a special 'Welcome to Country' ceremony at Wirrwawuy Beach, where we'll learn about Yolngu culture and kinship first hand. We'll also visit the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka art centre, which boasts many renowned Aboriginal artists whose work (particularly those painted on bark) can be found in galleries all over the world.

From the art centre, we attend a special Bush Medicine and Women's Healing demonstration learning and experiencing traditional healing ways of the Yolngu people, followed by lunch. We return to Nhulunbuy late this afternoon for our second night at the Walkabout Lodge.

**B.L.D**

#### DAY 3 – Journey to Murwangi

Adventure awaits as we journey into the heart of Arnhem Land, with unsurpassed access to this mystical and sacred place. Boarding Outback Spirit's custom all-terrain 4WD coach, we travel the rugged Central Arnhem Road southwest to the Goyder River, the main tributary feeding the vast and ecologically rich Arafura Swamp. This area is known as 'Murwangi'. You'll spend two nights at the sensational tented safari camp exclusive to Outback Spirit, situated on the banks of Arafura Swamp. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Murwangi Safari Camp

#### DAY 4 – Arafura Swamp and Murwangi Discovery Tour

The Arafura Swamp is one of Australia's largest wooded wetlands, both culturally sacred and ecologically significant to the Yolngu People. Soak up the morning light as you cruise through the main lagoon, then enjoy a different perspective with a 4WD adventure around the edge. Both activities we'll be accompanied by Indigenous guides, who will explain why this spectacular area is so significant. **B.L.D**

*Note: Today the tour splits into two groups for activities. Group 1 will follow the itinerary shown above, while Group 2 will do the activities in reverse.*

#### DAY 5 – Ramingining - Barramundi Lodge

Setting out to explore this morning, we enjoy a visit to Bula'Bula Art Centre in Ramingining for a lesson in Indigenous art.

Travelling west, we venture deeper into Arnhem Land, crossing the Blyth and Cadell Rivers on our way to Maningrida, and arrive at the exclusive Barramundi Lodge by early afternoon. The lodge offers premium safari suites and the perfect sunset vantage point on the restaurants large deck. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Barramundi Lodge

#### DAY 6 – Fishing Adventure

Embark on a unique guided fishing adventure on the Liverpool and Tomkinson Rivers, offering opportunities to catch barramundi and immerse yourself in the region's remote riverine environment. This experience is equally



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rewarding for non-anglers, with stunning scenery and rich cultural context shared by your guides. Later, visit the Maningrida Arts & Culture Centre and the Djomi Museum for deeper insight into local stories and creative traditions. **B.L.D**

### DAY 7 – Maningrida – Mount Borradaile

Departing Maningrida, our travels take us through the stone country of west Arnhem Land. Cross the Goomadeer and Liverpool Rivers on our way to Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris, an Advanced Ecotourism certified property located on a remote 700 square-kilometre holding at Mount Borradaile. From here, we travel along a 40km bush track to the safari lodge, arriving in time for lunch. This afternoon, the highly trained staff at Mount Borradaile will take you through 40,000 years of Aboriginal culture in a truly awe-inspiring landscape. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Davidson's Arnhem Land Safari Lodge

### DAY 8 – Exploring Mount Borradaile

Set off in open-back safari vehicles for a day of exploring Mount Borradaile's ancient and sacred landscape. Explore remarkable rock art galleries and cultural occupation sites, where layers of Aboriginal history and artistry span tens of thousands of years. View artefacts and learn about traditional life in the region from expert guides. The adventure continues in our safari vehicles with a scenic exploration of the wetlands at Cooper Creek. **B.L.D**

### DAY 9 – Cobourg Peninsula - Seven Spirit Bay

Leaving Mount Borradaile early, we head north and venture into the Garig Gunak Barlu National Park on the Cobourg Peninsula. We'll travel up the eastern side of Port Essington to Black Point, where we'll meet the marine crew from Seven Spirit Bay for the short transfer across Port Essington. Settle in for three nights at Seven Spirit Bay, a remote and exclusive retreat where serene coastal beauty meets immersive wilderness experiences. **(B.L.D)**

Stay: 3 nights Seven Spirit Bay

### DAY 10 – Port Essington & The Historic Victoria Settlement

Embark on a marine exploration across Port Essington, retracing the path of early seafarers past Gunners Quoin,

Turtle Rock, Observation Cliff and other significant markers. Disembark for a guided walk through the evocative ruins of Victoria Settlement, a short-lived British outpost from the 1830s. For those interested, an optional guided walk leads further into the forest to isolated headstones - a silent testament to the settlement's hardship. **B.L.D**

### DAY 11 – Fishing & 4WD Adventure

Begin the day with an exclusive half-day fishing adventure aboard one of the lodge's state-of-the-art vessels, casting for the catch of the day in the rich waters surrounding Cobourg Peninsula. Later, set off on a 4WD safari through Garig Gunak Barlu National Park, visiting the striking Nypa Palm gallery (Nypa fruticans), the upper reaches of Trepang Creek, and sweeping savannah woodlands, with a scenic stop at Gunners Quoin Lookout. Return to the lodge in time for sunset cocktails and canapés to celebrate your final night at Seven Spirit Bay. **B.L.D**

### DAY 12 – Farewell to Seven Spirit Bay

Farewell the wild beauty of the Cobourg Peninsula as you take a 45-minute scenic flight in a Cessna Grand Caravan across Van Diemen Gulf to Darwin. Spend the afternoon at your leisure before boarding the Charles Darwin this evening for a Territory-style sunset dinner cruise. The perfect way to toast an unforgettable journey. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night Hilton Garden Inn

*Please note: Weight limits apply to all scenic flights with 120kgs being the maximum upper limit per person.*

### DAY 13 – Darwin

Enjoy a slow morning as you prepare for your journey home. It's time to say goodbye until we meet for your next incredible outback adventure. **B**

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