



ARNHEM LAND ADVENTURE

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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DAY 1 – Welcome to Arnhem Land - Nhulunbuy (Gove)

our 13-day Arnhem Land Wetlands & Wildlife commences with a flight from Cairns to Nhulunbuy. 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**

Stay: 2 nights Walkabout Lodge

DAY 2 – Exploring the Gove Peninsula

Your introduction to Yolngu culture begins with a special 'Welcome to Country' ceremony at Wirrawuy Beach, where we'll learn about community and kinship firsthand. Continue with a visit to the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka art centre and Shady Beach, before experiencing a Bush Medicine and Women's Healing demonstration. **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 Murwangi Safari Camp

DAY 4 – Arafura Swamp & 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**

Please note: Today, the tour will split into two groups to undertake the day's adventures. Group 1 will follow the itinerary above, while Group 2 will do the activities in reverse.

DAY 5 – Ramingining to 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 suits and the perfect sunset vantage point on the restaurant's large deck. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights Arnhem Land Barramundi Lodge

DAY 6 – Fishing Adventure & Cultural Tour

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 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 to 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 Mount Borradaile



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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 to 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 Wilderness Lodge

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**

Please note: The walk at Victoria Settlement is a flat 3.7km in the sun along a downhill slope.

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 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 Darwin

DAY 13 – Board the Ghan Expedition in Darwin

Your 13-day Arnhem Land Wetlands & Wildlife tour comes to an end this morning.

Celebrate the beginning of your next journey with a welcome drink and light refreshments and pause for a photo with The Ghan's iconic red locomotive before stepping on board. Settle into your home for the next few days, enjoying the comforts of your cabin, or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. As The Ghan begins to travel south, a chef-prepared lunch awaits before your Off Train Experience in Katherine.

Here you'll choose how to explore this remarkable region. Cruise through the towering sandstone cliffs and dramatic beauty of Nitmiluk Gorge and uncover its deep cultural significance. Alternatively, step into the Katherine Outback Experience for an authentic glimpse into the lives of those who call the outback home. Or venture underground at the Cutta Cutta Caves, where fascinating limestone formations, to be shared. For a different perspective, upgrade to a helicopter flight and take in the scale of Nitmiluk from above. **B.L.D**

Stay: 3 nights The Ghan Expedition

DAY 14 – The Ghan Expedition, Alice Springs

Wake to the wide-open skies of the outback as The Ghan draws closer to the iconic town of Alice Springs. After a hearty breakfast on board, step into the heart of Central Australia with a choice of Off Train Experiences designed to suit every traveller.

Take to the red dirt on an off-road e-bike adventure, join the A Town Called Alice tour to uncover the town's major landmarks, or immerse yourself in culture with a guided journey through Standley Chasm and Simpsons Gap. Here,



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sheer rock walls blaze red in the sunlight and ancient landscapes hold deep spiritual significance for the Arrernte people. Wildlife lovers can meet desert creatures at Alice Springs Desert Park, while those seeking a grander perspective can opt for a scenic flight over Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

As night falls, the hallmark experience of The Ghan Expedition awaits. At the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station, dine beneath a canopy of stars, surrounded by the red earth of the desert. With white tablecloths, fine food and live entertainment, it's an evening you'll never forget.

B.L.D

DAY 15 – The Ghan Expedition, Coober Pedy

Today brings you to the extraordinary outback town of Coober Pedy, where life is anything but ordinary. Known as the opal capital of the world, this desert settlement hides its treasures both above and below, and more than half the population live underground.

Your adventure begins with a morning stop at the remote outpost of Manguri to take in the sunrise, before continuing to Coober Pedy for a day of exploration. A highlight is a gourmet lunch enjoyed underground, a dining experience as unique as the town itself. Off Train Experiences include visiting the striking Breakaways, uncovering the town's quirky attractions, or learning the fascinating history of opal mining on the Opal Experience. For an unforgettable view, upgrade to a scenic flight over the Painted Hills and Lake Eyre. Back on board for your final night, dinner is served in the dining carriage before one last nightcap in the lounge with fellow travellers as The Ghan journeys towards Adelaide. **B.L.D**

DAY 16 – The Ghan Expedition, Adelaide

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.

Stepping off the train, you'll carry more than memories of extraordinary landscapes. You'll take with you the stories shared, the connections made, and the sense of wonder that only a journey through the heart of Australia can bring. **B**