



NORTHERN TERRITORY SAFARI

10 days - 18 September to 28 September 2023

Day 1 - 18 September

This morning we fly to Darwin. You will be met by your crew who will take you into Darwin for lunch and some sightseeing. You will then be transported to your accommodation.

Your HAP Supervisors and Safari Crew will now go through the tour rules and expectations of your adventure safari. Our crew will show you how to set up and take down your tent. Watch carefully as you will be doing this during your adventure safari! We will end the day at East Point Reserve to watch the sunset and return to camp for your dinner.

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 - 19 September

Remember to pack your bathers/swim suit today! We head to Litchfield National Park, passing through the town of Batchelor and viewing some of the biggest termite

mounds in the Northern Territory. We arrive early afternoon and will be visiting the Florence Falls first before relaxing at Wangi Falls and swimming in the pristine waters. We head to camp late afternoon, set up tents, and enjoy dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 - 20 September

Today we head out of Litchfield and stop on the Arnhem Highway to enjoy a cruise on the river. Be prepared to sit well back and marvel at the huge saltwater crocodiles that will leap high to take food from the tour guides. These 'salties' can grow 7 metres long. We continue on and arrive early afternoon into Kakadu National Park. We explore Ubirr Rock and then visit Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) to view some of the most well preserved Aboriginal rock paintings before heading to camp.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - 21 September

This morning we depart Kakadu and travel to Katherine. On arrival we enjoy a Katherine River Gorge cruise. Known by the Aboriginal name Nitmiluk, a cruise through Katherine Gorge is an amazing experience. The gorge is one of the most spectacular areas in the country, winding 12km with walls more than 70 metres high. Late afternoon we set up camp.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - 22 September

This morning we head further south and arrive mid morning at Mataranka where we enjoy a lovely dip in the thermal pools. Feel every muscle in your body relax. The water flows from Rainbow Springs to this idyllic spot surrounded by tropical rainforest. We then continue south arriving at Banka Banka Station late afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 6** - 23 September

Today we pass through Renner Springs and the Three Way junction to experience significant Aboriginal culture at the granite Devils Marbles (known as the eggs of the Rainbow Serpent). We arrive late afternoon into Alice Springs and head to the campground. This evening we enjoy a private visit from the Reptile Centre and experience bearded dragons, frill neck lizards and large pythons up close and personal. A perfect opportunity for a few unique photos!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - 24 September

This morning we visit the School of the Air, discover how students are educated when living in remote areas. We enjoy a sightseeing tour of Alice Springs and head to Anzac Hill to see the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges. Time now to explore the city centre before we visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This afternoon we explore the MacDonnell Ranges including Simpsons Gap. Return to camp for dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8 - 25 September

Today we say farewell to Alice Springs and head south. We arrive early afternoon at Kings Creek Station to set up camp. Tonight we enjoy marshmallows around the campfire (fire bans permitting) and if the weather is clear we can sleep under the stars in our sleeping bags - on a waterproof ground cover of course!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - 26 September

An early morning pack-up and then we depart for the amazing Kings Canyon. The sheer walls of the Canyon rise up 270 metres, making it the deepest gorge in Central Australia. All students must have 2 litres of water to do the walk. If you have reasonable fitness you can walk to the rim of the canyon, which offers spectacular views over the 'Lost City' and 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can walk the base of the canyon and look up at the spectacular cliff faces.

After this exhilarating walk we enjoy breakfast before continuing on to Yulara, arriving mid afternoon. On arrival choose to relax at camp, swim in the pool, or take a short scenic walk to see Uluru from a distance.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - 27 September

Early rise this morning to visit Uluru. Enjoy a guided base walk around the rock where you will see sacred caves and learn about the ceremonies and rituals of Indigenous Australians (First Nations people). Time now to visit the Cultural Centre and learn about the history of the local Mobs (tribes) and Clans, the dreamtime and sacred ceremonies before we head to camp for lunch. This afternoon we visit Kata Tjuta - some say this is more impressive than Uluru, you decide! We head out to witness a unique sunset over Uluru. Snacks are provided and make sure your phone is charged.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 - 28 September

This morning it is time to say goodbye to Red Centre and return to your Australian families. We hope you enjoyed your adventure safari.

Meals included: Breakfast

Price for 2023

\$3,290 pp + flights (inc. GST)

Applications close 18 August 2023