Northern Territory Adventure Tour

Would you like to travel to Australia's famous Northern Territory, taking in destinations like **Darwin**, **Litchfield**, **Alice Springs** and **Uluru**? Why not make the most of your exchange experience and travel to these exciting locations? Whether it's watching salt water crocodiles, cruising the majestic Katherine Gorge, climbing Uluru or tasting a witchetty grub, this holiday has it all. Terra Australis's all inclusive package tour is filled with fun, adventure and magnificent scenery.



Inclusions 2 share camping accommodation, 4-8 share bunk accommodation, all entry fees, most meals, fully supervised

Conditions minimum group size of 30 students, maximum 44 students, available only to International exchange students aged 15 and over

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Home to Adelaide

companions.

(MEALS) DAY 1

All students will fly to **Adelaide**. On arrival in Adelaide enjoy a city sights tour and there is free time to explore before we go to the camp ground to unpack and get to know your new travelling

> DAY 2 Adelaide to Gladstone (BLD)

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Today we take short drive North to Gladstone, stopping at Port Augusta where you can see the crystal blue waters of the Spencer Gulf. There is free time to explore (lunch at own expense). Late afternoon we arrive at Gladstone Gaol and settle into our accommodation. Tonight we will sleep in a Gaol, your friendly hosts will take you on a wonderful ghost tour around the Gaol and regale you with incidents of ghost sightings, hauntings and mysterious sounds. Sleep well!

> DAY 3 Gladstone to Coober Pedy (BLD)

Today, we commence the run into Central Australia. There are plenty of salt lakes and clay pans to see. Fields of smooth gibbers really do make it appear as though this was the bed of an ancient inland sea. Drive through Woomera, town centre of the famous rocket testing range. At journey's end we explore the town of Coober Pedy, and watch an opal demonstration. We visit the Underground Church and some homes to see how the residents live in a town where temperatures can climb as high as 50 degrees. We sleep underground tonight.

> DAY 4 (BLD) **Coober Pedy to Kings** Canyon

Today we continue North travelling the flat red centre and endless horizon of Central Australia. We pass the oasis of the Marla Boar before arriving at *Kings Canyon*. Tonight is "Priscilla" night, make sure your camera is fully charged as there will be some very amusing photographs this evening.

> DAY 5 Kings Canyon to Uluru (BLD)

Early rise this morning, pack the tents and coach before heading off to explore Kings Canyon, which was used as a spectacular natural backdrop in "Priscilla Queen of the Desert". The sheer walls of the Canyon rise up 270 metres, making it the deepest gorge in Central Australia. The more adventurous may like to walk to the rim of the Canyon, which offers spectacular views over the 'Lost City' and 'Garden of Eden'. Then we head off and we take a short drive to Uluru-Kata Tiuta National Park. Tonight we star gaze and feel the weight of the heavens as we marvel at the endless

> DAY 6 Uluru (BLD)

This morning we head into the National Park. On arrival we visit the Cultural Centre, learn about *Uluru* and the "dreamtime" history. Then you can take the base walk, the indigenous Australians prefer you do not climb the magnificent monolith as it is a sacred site. Then onto *Kata Tjuta* – is it more impressive than Uluru – you decide. Scenic flights (at own cost) are available over both these magnificent landmarks. This evening we enjoy snacks while watching the many colours of Uluru as the sun sets.

> DAY 7 **Uluru to Alice Springs** (BLD)

Farewell to Uluru and on to Alice Springs, arriving early afternoon. We enjoy lunch and then visit the Reptile Centre where you can see Thorny Devils, frill neck lizards; large pythons up close and personal. See huge Perentie Goannas, large pythons, venomous Snakes, 'Terry' the Crocodile. Hand feed the lizards or play with a python. You will learn all about Australia's reptiles and have the opportunity to have your photo taken with large snakes wrapped around your neck. Now we head to the campground to unpack and enjoy the evening meal.

This morning we enjoy a *Dreamtime & Bushtucker Tour*. You will meet with members of the Warlpiri tribe who will demonstrate their artwork, see a demonstration of traditional hair spinning, learn about and taste bush tucker (including witchetty grubs) see indigenous weaponry and try boomerang throwing. After that informative and hands on experience it's time for lunch (at own expense). Then we enjoy a sightseeing tour of *Alice Springs*. We start with a visit to the lookout on top of Anzac Hill which offers an all round view of the town. See the vast spread of the MacDonnell Ranges, the Heavitree Gap, Todd River and the surrounding desert landscape. Return to camp early evening.

DAY 9 Alice Springs to Daly (BLD)
Waters

Today is a long drive (8.5hrs) so think of some games to play on the coach to keep yourselves amused. We officially enter the tropics – feeling any warmer? The Stuart Highway takes us past the geographical centre of Australia, Central Mount Stuart, named after an intrepid Scotsman, John MacDougall Stuart, who crossed the continent on his third attempt! More aboriginal lore to observe at the *Eggs of the Rainbow Serpent* – otherwise known as The Devil's Marbles. We pass *Newcastle Waters Township*, before arriving at Daly Waters. Did you know Daly Waters was the first International Airport in Australia and a flight to London used to take 8 days?

DAY 10 Daly Waters to Katherine (BLD)

Early rise this morning with our first stop at *Mataranka* to enjoy a lovely dip in the *thermal pools*. Feel every muscle in your body relax as you slip into the warm waters of Mataranka thermal pools. The water flows from Rainbow Springs to this idyllic spot surrounded by tropical rainforest. We then head further North and arrive early afternoon into *Nitmilik National Park*, we enjoy the *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 12 km with walls more than 70m high. The 13 wonderful gorges of Nitmiluk National Park were formed 23 million years ago as torrents of water poured along tiny cracks in the earth. Late afternoon we depart Nitmiluk and head towards the Adelaide river, arriving at Litchfield late evening.

DAY 11 Katherine to Litchfield (BLD)

Today we enter *Litchfield National Park*, the park has a variety of wonderful waterfalls, make sure you pack your swimmers because you can swim in these waterfalls. We view *Florence Falls* and then enjoy lunch before heading to *Wangi Falls* to enjoy another relaxing swim before heading to the campground to relax.

DAY 12 Litchfield to Home (BD)

This morning we farewell Litchfield and head to Darwin. First stop is on the Arnhem Highway for another cruise. This time 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 14 metres in length. Then onto Darwin arriving early afternoon (lunch at own expense). We enjoy a *City Sights Tour* including the *Darwin Museum*. We drive past the *Overland Telegraph Memorial* and enjoy the sunset view at *East Point Reserve* before a late evening meal at a local RSL. Time to say our last farewells to the new friends you have made and catch our flights back home. All students will be transported to the airport at 11pm for flights departing from 1am.

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