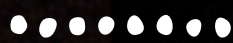


≡ Territory ≡ Art Trails





Territory Art Trails

The Northern Territory is defined by its vibrant arts, cultural heritage and creative industries born out of its unique history and diversity – being home to some of the oldest continuing living cultures on earth.

Cultural and artistic expression is very much a part of the NT's identity and the arts sector is much more than meets the eye. From cultural festivals by the sea to desert choirs and bustling Aboriginal art fairs, the NT celebrates Aboriginal culture and art as fundamental to our identity and welcomes a diversity of cultures from around the globe that also play an intrinsic part in the Territory's character, economy and appeal.

The energy and vision of artists and residents from across the diverse regional and remote communities that make up the Territory are what makes it such a distinctive and vibrant place to visit and live.

Take a journey along the Art Trails of the Northern Territory to see where you end up. Be inspired from the following suggested itineraries or create your own experience >>>

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Top: Djilpin Arts, Beswick

Lower Left: Mimi Aboriginal Arts and Crafts, Katherine

Lower Right: Colourful pots of Hermannsburg

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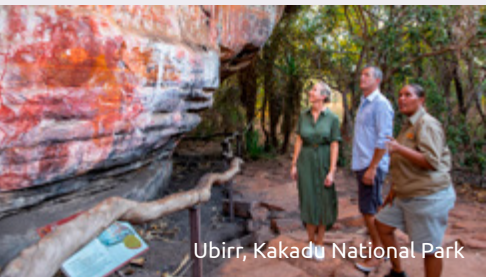
Djilpin Arts, Beswick



Maruku Arts, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park



Darwin Festival



Ubirr, Kakadu National Park



Dyed Pandanus, Kakadu

ROCK ART SITES

You can find some of Australia’s most significant and ancient Aboriginal cultural rock art sites around the Northern Territory – some areas are easily accessible to many visitors, others are more remote and many remain undiscovered to this day (by Western culture). National parks across the NT work with the traditional owners to protect these sites – considered some of the most well-preserved Indigenous artworks in the world.

ABORIGINAL ART CENTRES AND GALLERIES

Scattered throughout the Territory are art centres and galleries offering the sale of some of the best Indigenous and non-Indigenous works in the world including unique and contemporary pieces. To ensure that we are supporting best practice, only art centres and galleries that are accredited through the Indigenous Arts Code and/or accredited through relevant organisations featured on the Art Trails, so you can feel secure, knowing that you are buying art in an ethical way and are supporting the artist and/or the local Aboriginal community when purchasing art work.

ART AND CULTURAL TOURS

Art features prominently across the NT in all shapes and forms from contemporary music, theatre and dance to Aboriginal art, carving and textiles, and can be accessed and experienced through our tourism industry. Get hands on with art and culture in the Northern Territory through the many different day and extended tours.

ART AND CULTURAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

There is lots to celebrate within the creative arts industry, and we love a good festival here in the Territory. From music, culture and public art to a combination of all three – there is an event that will make you want to come back year after year. Make sure you check out the full **festival and events calendar** so you can add on to your Northern Territory Art Trail!

DISCOVERING THE ART TRAILS OF THE TERRITORY

Discover your Territory Art Trail by road, and self-drive your way around the NT. The Northern Territory is a great place for a road trip holiday with plenty to do between stops, excellent road conditions and lots of opportunities to discover some magical spots. Travel on unsealed roads is to be expected throughout the Northern Territory so please remember to drive safely, whether you are hiring a car, or using your own. Some roads require 4WD or high clearance vehicles only.

You can check the local road report **here**. Many art centres are located within Aboriginal communities and may have strict entry policies, or require you to obtain a permit. Please ensure you contact the relevant permits office in advance. Information on drive holidays in the Northern Territory can be found on our **website**. During certain seasons some art centres and tours are not open or available, please ensure you contact the centre or tour provider and make arrangements well in advance. Please respect the rules and regulations of each Aboriginal community when entering.

Important things to remember



Support the ethical sale of authentic Aboriginal art only



Call ahead when visiting remote art centres



Photography – always ask, be sure it is not a sacred site



Respect the culture, land and people



Ensure you apply for permits on Aboriginal land in advance

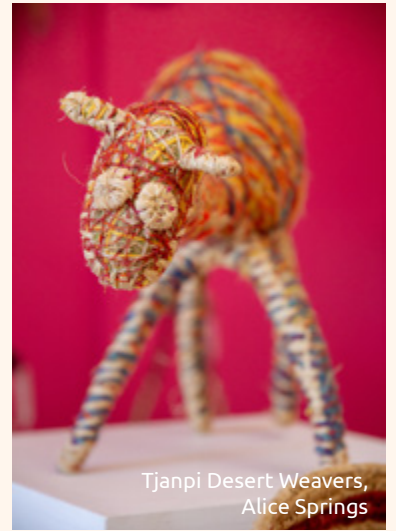
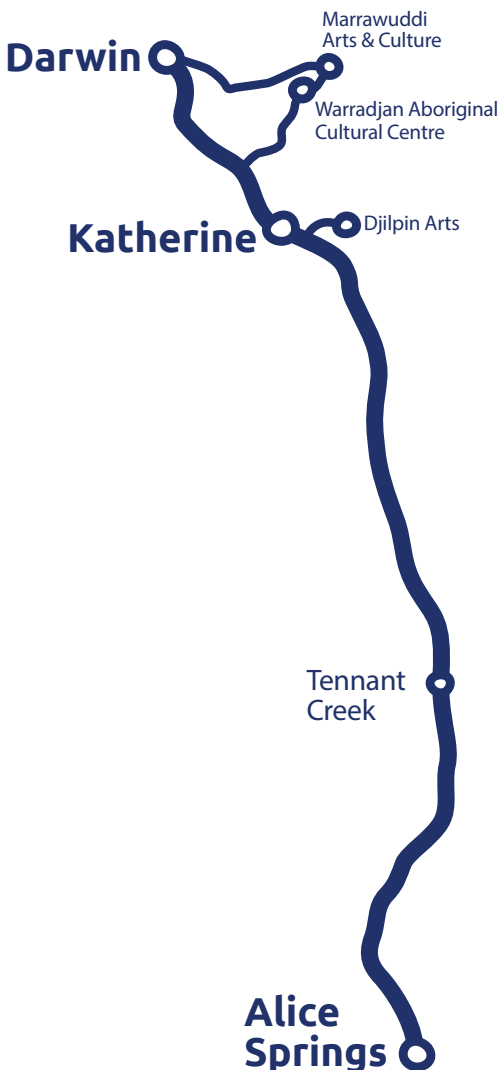
Alice Springs to Darwin

7 Days on the Territory Art Trail



START
Alice
Springs

END
Darwin



Tjanpi Desert Weavers,
Alice Springs



Araluen Cultural Precinct,
Alice Springs

Road tripping along the Territory Art Trails is an exciting opportunity to immerse in the oldest living culture on Earth.

The canvas of the Northern Territory is as vibrant as it is vast. As it unfurls before you on the 1500km drive from Alice Springs to Darwin, there is an urge to connect to the land, its people and their culture and traditions.

Aboriginal art centres and galleries across the regions of Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Kakadu, Darwin and the Tiwi Islands present a unique and authentic journey into Australia's Indigenous past and present, where the pictures paint a thousand stories.

DAY 1 AND 2: ALICE SPRINGS

The **Araluen Cultural Precinct**, in the heart of Alice Springs (Mparntwe), is recommended as your first acquaintance to the region's art and culture. A large-scale mural and sculpture garden, featuring the impressive three-metre-high Yeperenye caterpillar, greet guests on arrival. Inside the gallery you'll be introduced to Australian Aboriginal art through an eclectic display of Central Australia and Western Desert artworks from Araluen's 1000-plus regional collection.

Next visit **Tjanpi Desert Weavers**. Tjanpi specialises in fibre art, bringing together the work of more than 400 women artists across the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Lands. Here you'll discover genuinely unique and joyful baskets, jewellery and sculptures created from a quirky fusion of natural native fibres and brightly dyed materials.

The next feel-good stop is **Tangentyere Artists**. The centre focuses on the creations of Town Camp Artists, which brings with it a mix of traditional and contemporary pieces. Back in the town's centre, the Todd Mall is brimming with local artwork, from public art lining the walls and footpaths to the myriad of galleries.



Mimi Aboriginal Arts & Crafts, Katherine



Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Cultural Centre, Tennant Creek



Djilpin Arts, Beswick

DAY 3: TENNANT CREEK

Five-hundred kilometres north of Alice Springs in Tennant Creek (Jurnkkurakurr), **Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre** is a place of cultural significance. The cultural centre is located next to a sacred site for the Warumungu people, and is shaped like the goanna after which it is named. It features work from local artists, touring exhibitions and a modern museum showcasing the area's Indigenous stories through displays of plants, wildlife and traditional artefacts. The centre also offers cultural tours.



Cultural tour at Nyinkka Nyunyu

DAY 4: BESWICK AND KATHERINE

Before you reach Katherine, take a 60km detour along the Central Arnhem Road to discover the distinctive art on offer at Beswick (Wugularr) at **Djilpin Arts**. Djilpin Arts is overflowing with fibre art, hand-cut didgeridus, paintings, carvings, jewellery and textiles. Local artists are on-hand to explain traditional stories and techniques behind significant works by community elders in the incredible collection at the cultural centre. Cultural tours are also available from the centre that take you out bush with a local as your guide, you can also visit the area's spectacular secluded swimming holes. If it all sounds like too much to pack into one day, accommodation is available at **Djakanimba Pavilions** – a work of art in their own right, located right beside the art centre.

Back on the road, it's only around 100km to Katherine, where the **Godinmayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre** is your next stop. A hub for local art, in Godinmayin's exhibition spaces you will find everything from photography to textile arts and local landscapes.

In the centre of Katherine there's more art from around the region and beyond at **Mimi Aboriginal Arts and Crafts**. Don't forget to book in a cultural experience with Manual at **Top Didj Cultural Experience**. Before you skip town, take in the incredible street art featuring portraits of local Indigenous identities.





Marrawuddi Gallery, Jabiru



Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Kakadu



Street Art, Darwin



Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin



Aboriginal Bush Traders, Darwin



Burrungkuy (Nourlangie Rock), Kakadu

DAY 5 AND 6: KAKADU & SURROUNDS

Ancient rock art is synonymous with Kakadu National Park, and inside the Heritage-listed park's art centres there's even more to discover. Detouring from the Stuart Highway and entering the southern part of Kakadu, you'll find the **Warradjan Cultural Centre**. Learn the tribal elder stories from the Bininj Traditional Owners of the area, and take home some hand-crafted authentic local made arts and crafts from the shop.

While in this area, make sure you pop into Burrungkuy art site (formally Nourlangie). There is a collection of sites including Burrungkuy, Kuwarddewardde Lookout and Anbangbang shelter. The rock art galleries depict life for the local Aboriginal people through the changing times. You will be able to see a lot of environmental and social elements in the paintings, as well as important creation stories.

Following the Kakadu Highway to Jabiru, **Marrawuddi Gallery** has found a new home in the town's old bakery. Visitors are greeted by a striking mural painted by local and interstate artists which mirrors what you'll find inside the vibrant community art centre.

Take a tour or drive your way to Ubirr to explore some of the world's most outstanding Aboriginal rock art. There is a variety of rock art styles on display including X-ray paintings, contact art and creation stories.

DAY 7: DARWIN

From Kakadu the drive back to Darwin should take around 3 hours. Once in Darwin, start your Top End art quest at **Aboriginal Bush Traders**, housed in the historic 1925 Lyons Cottage. Here you'll find an eclectic mix of the NT's best regional art all under one roof. Exhibitions focusing on a particular artist or community rotate through the gallery space every six weeks. The adjoining bush-tucker café will introduce you to local superfoods like Kakadu plum, lemon myrtle, quandong, desert lime and wild rosella.

While visiting Darwin, make sure to stop in at a few of the art galleries around town to check out the latest exhibitions. For more Aboriginal art exhibitions, head to **Outstation Gallery** in Parap Village and remember to check the **Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory** – home to the annual exhibition of Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards.



Darwin & surrounds

3 Day Art Trail

Darwin Street Art Festival, Darwin

Darwin Festival, Darwin

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), Darwin



Darwin is the Northern Territory's epicentre and a melting pot of the region's best art and culture. It will surprise and delight you with a plethora of art and cultural activities right at your accommodation doorstep. From galleries, street art adorning buildings, festivals and events – there's never a dull moment in this dazzling tropical city.

The Tiwi Islands are just a quick flight or a two and half hour ferry ride to the north of Darwin. Tiwi has a bustling, strong and vibrant community, which is famous for its art. Every year the Tiwi Islands Footy Grand Final & Art Sale attracts thousands of visitors and is an explosion of sport and culture.

DAY 1: DARWIN

Spend the day in and around Darwin and stop in at a few art centres and galleries like **Aboriginal Bush Traders** on the Esplanade in Darwin City where you can grab a coffee and wander through the retail space. Aboriginal Bush Traders is a cultural hub selling a range of art, craft, fashion and beauty products and bush foods from all over the NT. Whilst you are still in the city area, head to Smith Street Mall to take a look through **Paul Arnold's photography gallery**. Paul is a unique NT character that possesses an amazing talent to portray some of the NT's simplest landscapes into spectacular art. The way he captures movement in his still imagery is nothing short of amazing, and the way he has evolved his products and business over time is commendable.

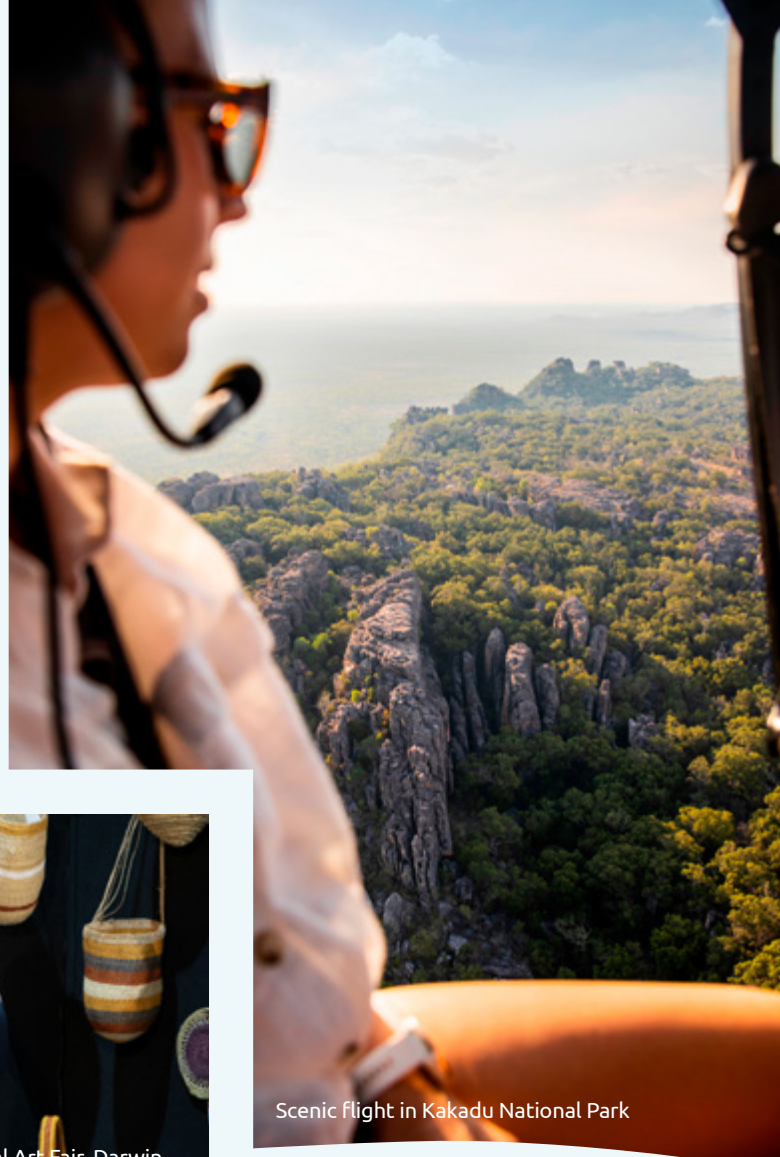
Check out the **Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**. The museum has some extraordinary exhibitions on display throughout the year as well as an interesting visual interpretation of Cyclone Tracy and the past Territory Lifestyle.

Aboriginal Bush Traders, Darwin





Tiwi Art Sale, Bathurst Island



Scenic flight in Kakadu National Park



Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin

DAY 2: TIWI ISLANDS

Exploring outside of Darwin, venture over to the Tiwi Islands aboard the Sealink Ferry on the **Tiwi by Design tour**. A full day experience gives you a great introduction to some unique and traditional art of the Tiwi people. This casual walking tour will visit an art gallery where you will meet the artists, be officially welcomed to country with a smoking ceremony and totem dance and get hands on with a screen printing workshop.



DAY 3: DARWIN

You would have noticed as you walk, cycle or scoot around the streets of Darwin there is a huge array of brightly coloured street art adorning the buildings and laneways in the city. These significant art works have some fantastic stories behind them so make sure you download the Darwin Street Art app to learn more about the art work and artist. Check out the contemporary visual arts scene and current exhibitions at **Darwin Visual Arts** the **Northern Centre for Contemporary Art** and **Outstation art gallery** in Parap.

If time really isn't on your side, but you would love to get a sneak peak of Kakadu, we highly recommend a helicopter tour with **Airborne Solutions**. From Darwin, you will overfly the Adelaide and Mary River Wetlands before stopping off at an exclusive rock art site where you have time to explore the gallery in your own time before heading off upstream to admire a birds-eye-view of the remarkable escarpment country of Kakadu and Arnhem Land.



Outstation Gallery, Parap

Katherine & Kakadu

6 Day Art Trail



START
Darwin

END
Darwin

Kakadu National Park



Take a self-drive trip and spoil yourself in a rich arts and cultural environment for the next six days. An abundance of Aboriginal art awaits at the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park and the spectacular area of the Katherine region, which has long been a meeting place for Indigenous people. Home to some of the oldest living cultures and some of the world's greatest concentration of rock art sites, you will see rock art paintings dating more than 20,000 years. There is an incredible record of Aboriginal life over thousands of years with archaeological excavations dating 65,000 years, which is some of the oldest occupation sites found in Australia.

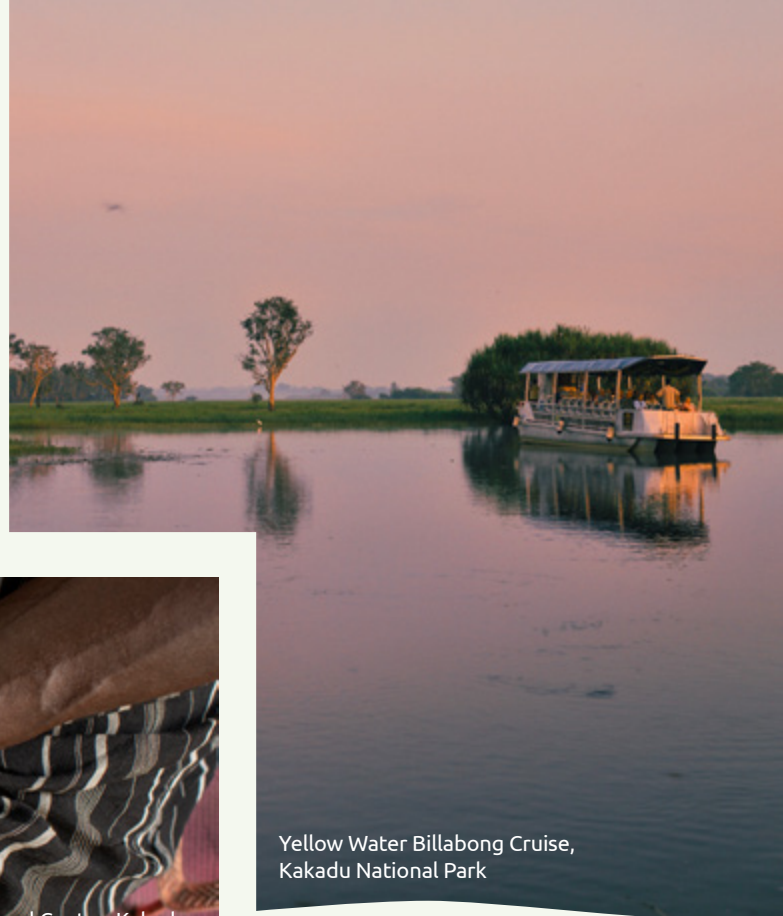
DAY 1 AND 2: KAKADU

Drive out to Kakadu National Park today and stop in at the Bowali Visitor Centre in Jabiru for an initial introduction of the area.

Visit **Injalak Arts and Crafts**, a dynamic Aboriginal art centre, producing pandanus weavings, hand printed textiles, paintings and carvings, located in Gunbalanya not far from the East Alligator River out of Kakadu National Park. The easiest way to access Injalak is through a local touring company like **Kakadu Cultural Tours**. Visit the spectacular **Ubirr** and explore the Aboriginal rock art and stories from the variety of galleries here. These rocks have served as a canvas of Aboriginal life for thousands of years.



Street Art, Katherine



Yellow Water Billabong Cruise, Kakadu National Park



Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Kakadu

DAY 3: KAKADU

Join Traditional Owner, Victor Cooper from **Ayal Aboriginal Tours** who will take you on a tour to an exclusive area of Kakadu and teach you about the local wildlife, bushfoods and his connection to country.

Tour around **Marrawuddi Gallery** in Jabiru. Owned and controlled by the Mirarr clan, who are the Traditional Owners of parts of Kakadu and Western Arnhem Land, offer artwork created only by Bininj (Aboriginal people) from Kakadu and surrounding country. Explore the range of weavings, jewellery and paintings on display. You may also purchase direct from the gallery here.

From Jabiru, continue onto Coinda and spend some time at the **Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre**. The Centre is a must see and offers displays that illustrate stories from the local Traditional Owners, educational videos as well as a gallery offering a range of arts and crafts to purchase. This afternoon, make sure you book a sunset **Yellow Water Billabong Cruise** with Kakadu Tourism. Experience the billabong, plant and animal life as well as the changing colours of a Kakadu sunset, you will see where a lot of traditional art gets its inspiration from.

DAY 4: KATHERINE

Continuing on your Kakadu and Katherine Art Trail journey, head south on the Kakadu Highway towards Katherine. Katherine is known as the place where the outback meets the tropics, and has long been a meeting point for Aboriginal people from surrounding regions, and continues to be today. With outdoor adventures incorporating cultural experiences, and incredible history and culture in the town's museums and galleries, there is something for all art lovers in this region! The crème de la crème of this region is Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge on the lands of the Jawoyn people - one of the world's most iconic national parks and only a short drive from Katherine's town centre. Immerse yourself in Aboriginal culture with rock art sites and dreamtime stories that bring the gorge to life.

From bushwalks to boat cruises to helicopter flights, there are multiple ways to fully experience the beauty of Nitmiluk Gorge.

Visit our good friends at **Top Didj Cultural Experience and art gallery**. Manuel will teach you about his culture including how to throw a spear, how to make fire and show you the art of Rarrk painting – a traditional painting method from Manuel's homeland in the Northern Territory.



Ayal Aboriginal Tours, Kakadu



Top Didj Cultural Experience, Katherine

Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture (GYRAC) centre, Katherine



Mimi Aboriginal Arts and Craft, Katherine



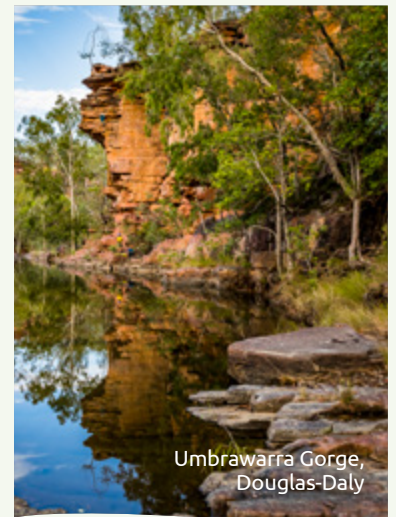
Edith Falls, Nitmiluk National Park



Basket weaving workshop at Nitmiluk



Umbrawarra Gorge, Douglas-Daly



DAY 5: KATHERINE

Today, explore the galleries of the region including the **Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture (GYRAC) centre** – the place to meet in Katherine for drama, dance, workshops and exhibitions. Godinymayin is named after a respected elder of the region, whose story was that of the rock wallaby, which is in the logo and public art.

Then sit down with the artists at **Mimi Aboriginal Arts and Craft** as they create diverse artworks in the particular styles of the region. Mimi Arts and Crafts is a not-for-profit, Aboriginal owned and operated art centre in Katherine Township. The centre offers a variety of artwork including weavings, paintings, carvings, digeridoos and other clothing apparel for purchase.

Venture down to **Nitmiluk National Park** in the afternoon to take a **gorge cruise** and see rock art, explore the area and learn about the local Jawoyn culture.

DAY 6: KATHERINE TO DARWIN

As you head back to Darwin, stop off at **Umbrawarra Gorge** if you have time, and take the 1km walk along the creek to view some Aboriginal rock art. The local Wagiman people are the traditional owners of this area, and to view the rock art here, you will need a keen eye. Remember to bring your bathers, and maybe even a picnic.



Nitmiluk Gorge cruise





Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, Yirrkala



Tropical paradise at Bawaka Homelands



Lirrwi Tourism, North East Arnhem Land



Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, Yirrkala



Carved & Painted artefacts from West Arnhem Land

Extra time? Explore the mythical Arnhem Land

There are some incredible Aboriginal art centres throughout Arnhem Land supporting world renowned artist's creating unique and profound works of art and sacred designs. The stunning coastline of Arnhem Land boasts remote sandy beaches, incredible escarpments and beautiful art connected to the land and the sea. A permit is required to enter Arnhem Land, through the Northern Land Council where you can discover incredible culture and history in a scenic location. The Yolngu people of East Arnhem Land live in a unique environment where western culture meets traditional lifestyle. Immerse yourself in the remarkable culture of these regions by visiting the Aboriginal owned art centres, participating in cultural tours, or simply relax on a camping holiday.

Ensure you speak with the art centres directly to arrange the best time to visit. **Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre**, **Gapuwiyak Arts Centre** and **Ngukurr Arts Centres** all offer something unique to each region depending on what you are seeking. Buku Art Centre, located in Yirrkala, was initially established in a shelter on a beach from a local artist Narritjin Maymuru where he sold his own art. The centre now has two divisions which represent a range of Yolngu artists exhibiting and selling art works plus a digital production studio. Gapuwiyak Arts Centre produce a range of high quality art and is a great place to meet and learn about Yolngu culture. The Ngukurr Arts Centre sits on the banks of the Roper River in South East Arnhem Land. The centre offers art from a range of different artists across Arnhem Land, including paintings, print and textiles, jewellery and other merchandise.

There are a number of extended touring options, or operators that can assist with the planning of your very own unique art trail discovery. Contact **Lords Kakadu & Arnhem Land Safaris**, **Lirrwi Tourism** and **Davidson's Arnhemland Safaris** for touring options. **AAT Kings** offer a three-day short break fully guided tour which includes Kakadu and Tiwi Islands with significant rock art sites and art centres.



Darwin Festival



NT Travelling Film Festival,
Nitmiluk National Park



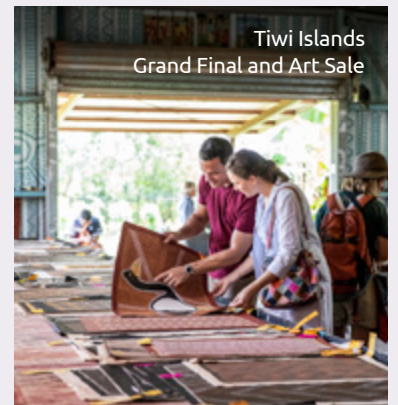
Barunga Festival



Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair



Darwin Street Art
Festival



Tiwi Islands
Grand Final and Art Sale

Festivals to look out for while you are in the Top End

NT Travelling Film Festival	17 Apr 2021	Telstra NATSIAA	Aug 2021 – TBC
Darwin Street Art Festival	20 May – 30 Sep 2021	National Indigenous Music Awards NIMA	Aug 2021 – TBC
Barunga Festival	11 – 13 Jun 2021	Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair	6 – 8 Aug 2021
Darwin Fringe Festival	2 – 11 Jul 2021	Freedom Day Festival	27-29 Aug 2021
Garma Festival	31 Jul – 2 Aug 2021	Kakadu National Park ranger program	May – Sep TBC
Darwin Festival	5 - 22 Aug 2021	Tiwi Islands AFL Grand Final and Art Sale	Mar 2022 TBC

Alice Springs & surrounds

3 Day Art Trail



Noted as the 'heart' or spiritual centre of Australia, Alice Springs is a nationally significant arts hub. A vibrant centre for artists and artwork from the larger central desert region, it is home to some of the most important names in Aboriginal art with artists regularly exhibiting their work nationally and internationally. A range of art galleries dotted along the Todd Mall in the CBD showcase the diversity and strength of arts and crafts in the region. The Araluen Cultural Precinct is the hub of visual arts for the region, and hosts important collections from local and Australian artists such as Albert Namatjira, and founders of the Western Desert art movement.

Make sure you align your trip with one of the many art and cultural festivals such as the quirky **Alice Springs Beanie Festival**, which showcases thousands of handmade beanies, each one a work of art; or Desert Mob, a much anticipated annual event in September which is a statement of Aboriginal art from remote art centres in Central Australia. See the remarkable MacDonnell Ranges being lit up with **Parrtjima**, an incredible festival in light running in April each year. Art lovers will be able to immerse themselves in the Red Centre's strong Aboriginal culture and landscape.



DAY 1: ALICE SPRINGS

The best introduction to Alice Springs is a morning tour with Alison from **Journey the Dreaming** to learn about the natural and cultural environment of the area. You will be given a head start and local tips to set yourself up for the rest of your time here. In the afternoon, pick up a hire car and visit the **Araluen Arts Centre** which incorporates exhibitions, museums, craft and a research centre to explore at your own leisure. If you have time today, try to squeeze in a visit to **Tangentyere Artists**. Based in the town centre Tangentyere Artists offers a variety of unique art consisting of different styles, materials and methods. You will be able to purchase direct from the gallery, with some purchases going back to local town camps.

Iltja Ntjarra Art Centre is also a must do. Home to the Namatjira watercolour artists, the art centre places a focus on the tradition of painting in watercolour as a show of respect to the famous Albert Namatjira. Expect to see unique landscape paintings reflective of the local Central Australian desert along with jewellery, prints and other merchandise for purchase.



Kathleen Buzzacott Art Studio, Alice Springs



Tjanpi Desert Weavers,
Alice Springs



Hermannsburg Historic Precinct

DAY 2: WEST MACDONNELL RANGES REGION

Today, prepare for an adventure out of Alice Springs to experience some of the more unique and remote art centres in Central Australia. Please ensure that the art centres know you will be visiting by booking an appointment, as opening times do vary, and please ensure you check if any permits are required. A reasonably easy drive, start early morning and head out along Namatjira Drive to make your first stop off at **Kathleen Buzzacott Art Studio**. Kathleen produces beautiful fine dot paintings as well as handcrafted jewellery.

While you are in the area, make sure you take advantage and stop off at the local icons, Simpson's Gap and Standley Chasm. Continue out to **Ikuntji Artists**, which is located at Haasts Bluff and was one of the first art centres established by women in the Western Desert Art Movement. The gallery delivers a variety of art pieces to view and purchase such as screen prints, paintings, clothing, bags and other merchandise.

Take the loop back past **Hermannsburg Historic Precinct** to finish off the day which is home to one of the NT's most famous Aboriginal artists, Albert Namatjira. After visiting the Iltja Ntjarra Art Centre in Alice Springs, you will have more of an appreciation of this area, and even have the opportunity to explore the precinct and visit the house Albert Namatjira grew up in.

DAY 3: ALICE SPRINGS

Experience a hands on art and cultural experience with Kumalie Riley from **Tinkerbee**. Learn about the traditional symbols and explore storytelling through art and culture while you create your own piece of art. After exploring the immediate areas surrounding Alice Springs, you may have your own story to tell, so let your creative juices flow.

After your cultural experience with Kumalie get more of a local art fix with **Tjanpi Desert Weavers**. You will be blown away by the bold colours and unique pieces that have been created here. Tjanpi offers a huge variety art on display for sale such as woven baskets and other creatures, sculptures, jewellery, popular eye catching t-shirts and even your own weave kit to try out for yourself!



Red Centre

6 Day Art Trail



Hermannsburg
Historic Precinct



START
Alice
Springs

END
Uluru-Kata Tjuta
National Park

Uluru, Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park



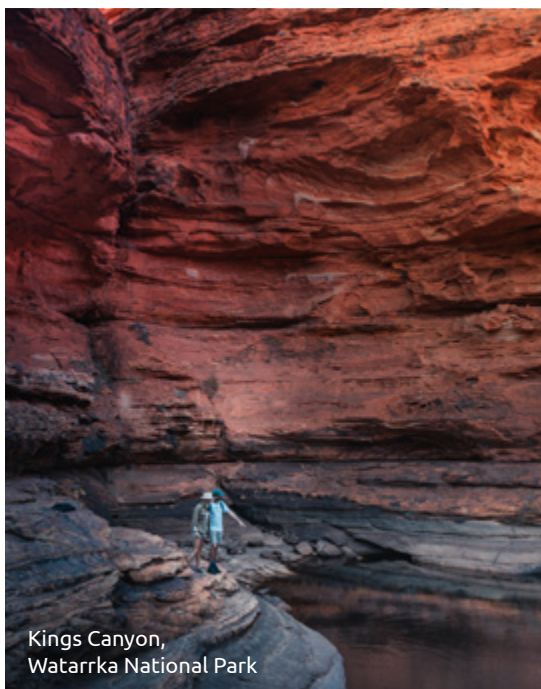
Hermannsburg Potters



To get a broader appreciation of the magnificent and diverse art across Central Australia, we recommend extending your visit to incorporate some of the more remote art centres, as well as include the iconic locations of Kings Canyon and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. These extraordinary significant sites really capture the deep connection the Aboriginal people have to their country. By visiting, you can deepen your own understanding and connection with the people, the land and culture. Whether you are driving your own car, hiring a vehicle or prefer to fly, you won't be disappointed.

DAY 1: ALICE SPRINGS REGION

Depart for your Central Australian Art Trail journey from Alice Springs, head out along Larapinta Drive towards Hermannsburg to visit **Hermannsburg Potters**. A dedicated group of Western Arrernte artists that hand make ceramic pots and paint designs that are linked to their distinct country. Continue onto another remote community of **Papunya**, another two hours from Hermannsburg. Please take extra care driving on these roads, some may not be fully sealed, and fuel stops and other services are not close by. Papunya Tjupi Arts is 100% Aboriginal owned and supports their own unique identity and assists with passing on knowledge of culture and connection to country. Make sure you call ahead to both art centres to let them know you are visiting. Return to Alice Springs overnight.



Kings Canyon,
Watarrka National Park



Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience and Tours, Kings Canyon



Maruku Arts, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park



Kings Canyon, Watarrka National Park

DAY 2: ALICE SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON

Take the opportunity in the morning to discover some of the local art and cultural centres in Alice Springs. Check out the Alice Springs 3 day Art Trail for some ideas. Depart Alice Springs and head out to **Watarrka National Park**. The drive should take approximately three and a half hours so take your time and enjoy the desert surroundings on your way.



Curtin Springs

DAY 3: KINGS CANYON TO ULURU

While you are in the area, take advantage of visiting Kings Canyon and tackle either the full rim walk or some of the shorter walks on offer. Join a cultural tour with **Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience and Tours**. Karrke tours provide a great insight into the local culture including some local bush tucker, medicine, native seed jewellery, music sticks and lots more.

Depart Kings Canyon and head towards **Curtin Springs**. Curtin Springs is a working pastoral station owned by a family which has been passed down generation to generation. Diversity is an important part of their business, and they have adapted over time to offer a wide range of products and services. Included in this is their **paper making product**, where you can join in on the fun and get hands on to make your own paper. Discover what can be done in such a remote location, with ingredients straight from the land. Continue on to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, just one hour ahead.

DAY 4: ULURU

Uluru is the global icon of Central Australia where you can be inspired by the power of the desert landscape in the heart of the outback, as many artists have before you. This region has an ancient Indigenous culture rich in story, dance, and of course, art. There are many opportunities to experience authentic artwork whilst experiencing this unique landscape, ranging from rock art, paintings and historical artefacts. Get involved and take part in demonstrations and workshops with local artists for a truly unique and authentic experience, and purchase beautiful art pieces as memories of your trip.

Visit the Uluru Cultural Centre to deepen your experience and understanding of **Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park**. Take a ranger-guided Mala Walk, which will take you to the base of Uluru where you will see some Aboriginal rock art and learn the stories behind them.

In the afternoon, join a **Maruku Arts dot painting workshop** tour in the square at Ayers Rock Resort. Hear from one of the local artists (and an assisting interpreter) and learn about the traditional art, symbols and tools to create your very own art piece.

This evening take in the spectacular sunset at the viewing area in the park.

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Field of Light,
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DAY 5: ULURU

To experience more behind the scenes take a tour with SEIT Outback Australia on a **SEIT Patji Tour** where you will join Paddy and his family who will teach you about their culture and their family history, and how he himself fought for Aboriginal land rights.

This evening, experience the **Field of Light** at Uluru. Internationally acclaimed artist Bruce Munro has installed more than 50,000 lights to create a blanket of art across the desert landscape with the silhouette of Uluru as the backdrop.

DAY 6: ULURU

This morning drive out to Kata Tjuta to experience a spectacular sunrise at the viewing platform.

There are a couple of optional walks at Kata Tjuta, so we recommend you allowing a bit of time this morning.



Other must do's:

- Desert Awakenings – Uluru**

- Uluru Kata Tjuta ranger-guided activities**

- Arlpwwe Arts Centre**

- Warlukarlangu Artists (Yuendumu)**

Festivals to include in your itinerary

DesertMob	9 Sep – 24 Oct 2021
Alice Springs Beanie Festival	25 – 28 Jun 2021
Parrtjima Festival	9 – 18 Apr 2021
Desert Harmony Festival	TBC 2021
Desert Song Festival	10 – 19 Sep 2021
Alice Springs Desert Festival	23 Sep – 3 Oct 2021
Bush Bands Bash	Sep 2021 TBA