

**Travellers Tour Guide  
for  
Australian Outback Tours**



# Across Australia - Connecting Country

**Kimberley Kakadu Uluru Tanami Cape York**

**Carpentaria - Savannah Way Lake Eyre**

## Adventure - Connection - Creation



**“By energizing a line across Australia, we will heal the whole country” David Mowaljarlai OAM**

Be inspired and revitalized as we journey via high energy nature sites ... Across Australia.

**Join us on the Adventure of Your Life...** Connecting people & country by **songlines & sacred sites** .... 4 Wheel Drive journeys meeting **Aboriginal teachers** and **communities** in the land we travel. Outback communities, camps, cattle stations, traditional art... extraordinary value & beauty in these last frontiers of the world's longest surviving culture. These are small group adventure learning journeys ... connecting & re-creating with the land & locals.

- Experience rock art and high energy, sacred sites & songlines
- Visit spectacular landforms, waterholes & remote landscapes
- Learn from the elders - bush foods, medicine, creation, lore.
- Connect community - Dine with the stars - Dance with the locals
- Learn & Discover new understandings from times beginning
- Expand Your personal creativity & deeper sense of connection



### Welcome to the Adventure of Your Life ...

Our journeys honour and develop creative relationships with the land, and each other, and with the traditional Aboriginal caretakers, songmasters, singers and dancers of the land we travel. We visit extraordinary landforms, connect with songlines and sacred sites, explore our own relationships with nature and self expression and each participants unique gifts of creativity and place in creation .... with the aim of having fun, and enriching all life.

Following is an introduction, individual tours outlines, with dates & Winter season tour & summary

## Spirit Safaris ... Connecting People & Planet

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# Kimberley Tours

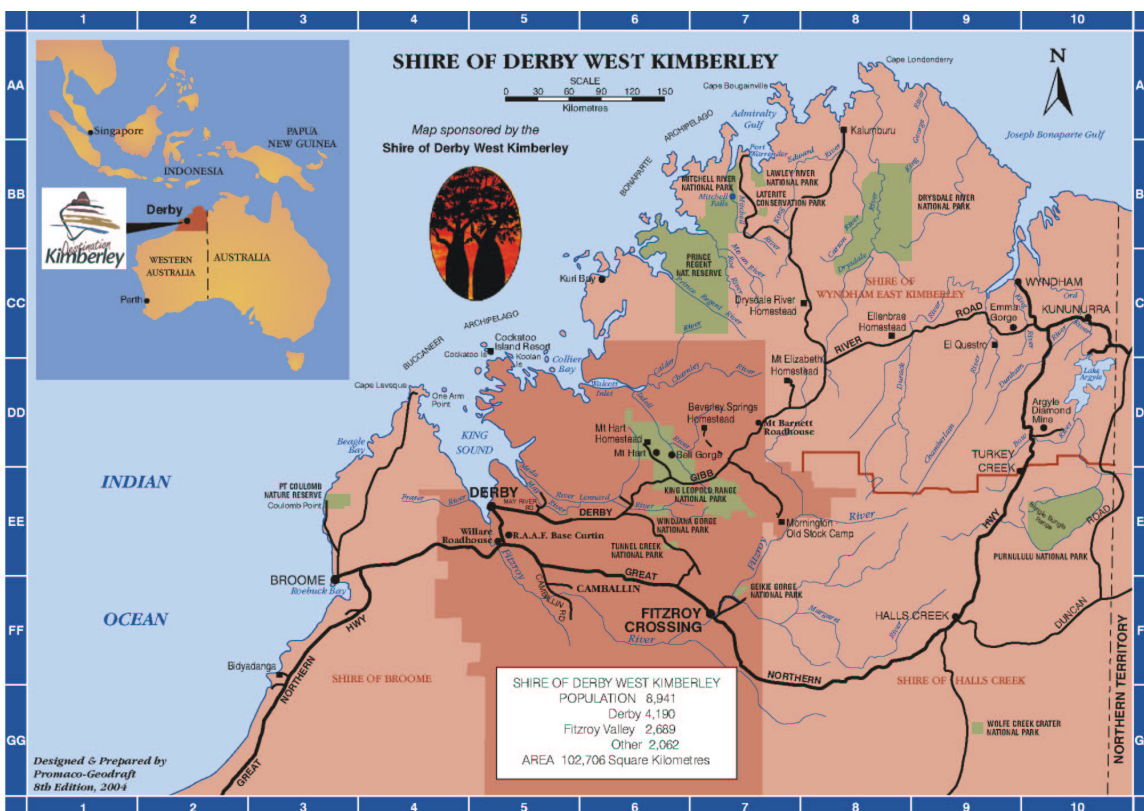
Kimberley Tours, Kakadu & Top End Tours - Broome to Broome & Darwin, Kununurra to Broome or reverse 4WD tours

Genuine Small group luxury 4WD camping tours or private charter tour in the Australian Outback to remote nature, Wandjina and Gwion Gwion / Bradshaw rock art sites.



Cockburn Range from Gibb River Rd at Pentecost River Kimberley tour - A Road Less Travelled

The Kimberley region is in the north of Western Australia, extending from **Broome** in the west to **Kununurra** and **Lake Argyle** in the east, from the sea to slightly south of the main Great Northern Highway.



Map of Kimberley

The Kimberley has two distinct seasons, **the dry and the wet**. During the dry, which runs from May until October, the weather is warm and comfortable. The wet, which runs from November until April, is characterised by heavy and short downpours in the afternoon or early evening which provide a refreshing change after a hot day.

The best way to see the beautiful Kimberley is on a **private, small-group luxury 4WD** accommodated or camping tour or private charter tour. Fully accommodated or camping – it's your choice. Our [seven, eight and thirteen day Kimberley Top End Traverse](#) tours travel between Darwin and Broome or Darwin and Kununurra Broome and Kununurra (both directions) and are uniquely able to show you the real,

magnificent Kimberley, much of which was formed 350 million years ago.

The Kimberley is one of Australia's last frontiers and one of the world's last great wilderness areas. It's certainly big. There are over 400,000 square metres of land to explore, making the region a sixth of Western Australia, or the size of California!

With a population of only 30,000, the Kimberley region is truly a rare and unique area – a last frontier of world.

With only one sealed road through the entire region it's definitely uncluttered by tourists, but still very much open and accessible to adventure lovers, particularly when you have our experienced, Kimberley loving tour guides to see you through.

Highlights of our Kimberley tours include the beautiful pearling town of Broome and the world-famous Cable Beach with its turquoise waters, and the remote Gibb River Rd can give you a feel for the Aboriginal and pastoral history of the Kimberley, and take you to spectacular inland river gorges that were formed over millions of years by the forces of nature, such as the Manning and Galvans gorges. Use a rope to swing into a rockpool, let a waterfall massage your back, or just relax in the peace and quiet.

The tiger-striped, sandstone domes of the Bungle Bungles are wonderful to see by air, but getting closer to them by 4WD is a completely different experience – we do both. We visit the Kimberley towns of Katherine and Kununurra; the cattle station and wilderness resort of El Questro; Zebedee Hot Springs; the Drysdale River Homestead; the stunning Mitchell Falls with its spectacular rock art; and one of Australia's largest non-government protected areas, and a hotspot for birdwatchers, Mornington Wilderness Sanctuary, operated by [Australian Wildlife Conservancy](#).



Kimberley Rock Paintings  
We visit Wandjina & Gwion Gwion /  
Bradshaw Aboriginal Rock Art

And a visit to the Kimberley wouldn't be complete without discovering the rich Aboriginal history of the Great North West and actually meeting some of its indigenous inhabitants. We visit with Aboriginal artists and elders and see **Wandjina and Bradshaw rock art sites**. The elegant and sophisticated paintings known as the Bradshaws, or Gwion Gwion, are claimed to be the world's oldest figurative paintings.

Listed below are all the individual tours we have available for the spectacular Kimberley region.

Outback Tour with our Kimberley Tours, Kakadu or Tanami Track tours from Broome, Darwin, Sydney, Uluru & Alice Springs.

Latest Tours information is always here - [www.spiritsafaris.com/tours.htm](http://www.spiritsafaris.com/tours.htm)

# Kakadu Tours

**Kakadu National Park** covers nearly 20,000 square kilometers of unique land which is home to an amazing collection of animal and bird life. There is also the opportunity to see and experience the Aboriginal culture of the Kakadu.

Kakadu is one of very few places **World Heritage listed** for both its cultural and its natural values.

It is jointly managed by the Kakadu traditional owners, Bininj / Munggyu, and the National Parks.

Our tours of Kakadu National Park is a unique blend of landscape and culture and we make sure that you have enough time to take the beauty in. We believe in order to fully appreciate the scenery you need to understand the history of Kakadu and that must come from the traditional owners of Kakadu.



Map of  
Kakadu National Park &  
region - Northern  
Territory

Our tour from [Alice Springs to Kakadu and Darwin](#) (link), will allow you 2 full days exploring the wonders of the World Heritage Listed Kakadu National Park. Here you will swim at Edith Falls and stay at the Cooina Lodge Resort. Kakadu is famous for its wildlife and you will have an opportunity view birdlife and crocodiles with a cruise on the Yellow Waters.

Breathtakingly beautiful, Kakadu has its dangers too. Travelling with experienced tour guides in a small group ensures that you will get to see first hand the well known and less well known features of Kakadu and not have to worry about the risks of this wild country.

Our Kakadu tours are always for **smaller groups**, (usually 4-6 people per vehicle) which allows **greater flexibility and personalization** of your experience. We can also cater a specific tour for a small group to allow you to experience the wonders of Kakadu for an extended period or as part of another tour.



Kakadu Aboriginal Rock art painting site - Ubirr Rock

We visit the **Kakadu Aboriginal Cultural Centre** and take in the art at **Nourlangie Rock & Ubirr Rock** - These amazing sites allow you to get a better understanding of the traditional owners and their beliefs about the land.

'If you respect the land, then you will feel the land. Your experience will be one that you cannot get anywhere else in the world.' Brian Baruwei - Wurrkbarbar clan. Aboriginal traditional owner.

The traditional owners of the Kakadu region recognize 6 different seasons where there are changes to the landscape and weather. It is an indication of the close ties the Aboriginal people has with this land that they have 6 seasons where the western cultures only have 2 for Kakadu and other tropical regions.

## Kakadu Tour Information

Listed below are all the individual tours we have available for the spectacular Kakadu National Park and regions.

**Alice Springs - Kakadu - Darwin -**

[http://www.spiritsafaris.com/Alice\\_Springs\\_Kakadu\\_Darwin\\_tours.htm](http://www.spiritsafaris.com/Alice_Springs_Kakadu_Darwin_tours.htm)

Travel with us **via Kakadu National Park** for Hot springs, cool waterholes, sacred sites, awesome nature.

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# Uluru / Ayers Rock Tours

Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, lies 450km South West of Alice Springs. It is 348 metres (1,140 feet) high and 9.4km (5.8 miles) in circumference. It is one of the most recognizable images in Australia and has been used for many years as part of global tourism campaigns due to its unique appearance and link to Australian culture.



We run Uluru Tours of different duration and are flexible in our arrangements to ensure you get as much as possible from your outback tour. All of our tours are in luxury 4WD vehicles such as Toyota Landcruiser or similar. This gives you the advantage of being in a smaller vehicle rather than a bus and the flexibility that you get with being with a smaller group. Usually we travel in a convoy of 2 or 3 vehicles and all of your needs are catered for.

We have, at Spirit Safari, a close link with the traditional owners of the land and we include a strong cultural component to our Uluru Tours where you will meet elders to hear their stories and understand their folklore; you will meet Aboriginal artists and have the opportunity to buy art and experience the sacred sites and feel the power and energy of this unique region.

In addition to seeing Uluru itself, your Uluru Tour includes visits to **Kings Canyon, Stanley Chasm, Mereenie Loop and Glen Helen Gorge**. The time at Kings Canyon includes a walk around the canyon rim and through the "Garden of Eden", or if you prefer the easier and shorter valley walk.

The Uluru tour can include resort accommodation at Uluru so you can unwind after the tour. All food, transport and accommodation is included so you don't need to worry about a thing.

## Uluru Tour Information

[5 or 8 day Alice Springs to Ayers Rock / Uluru via MacDonnell Ranges & Mereenie Loop Track](#) via Simpsons Gap, Palm Valley, Hermannsburg, Kings Canyon, Gosse Bluff & MacDonnell Ranges - 7, 6, 5 or 3 day or shorter options available. Or add days to discover more. Ask for details or REVERSE ie [8 or 5 day Uluru to Alice Springs via MacDonnell Ranges & Mereenie Loop Track](#)

Ask for details **1300 763 188** Click for latest dates summary [www.spiritsafaris.com/tours.htm](http://www.spiritsafaris.com/tours.htm)



MacDonnell Ranges Ormiston Gorge



Kings Canyon South Wall

# Tanami Track Tours

Tanami Track Tours are [Alice Springs to Broome Tours](#) or [Broome to Alice Springs Tours](#)



Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu



Tanami Track tour desert sunrise

**Travel extraordinary creative landscapes, meet remote artists, buy Aboriginal art from source**

**Alice Springs to Broome** via Tanami Track - including Geike Gorge cruise on Fitzroy River, Outback Aboriginal Art at Balgo, Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu and Tillmouth Wells, Wolfe Creek Crater, Balgo Aboriginal Art Community

## Highlights of Tanami Track Journeys

One of Australia's most remote outback routes - connecting 1/2 the country, crossing 2 states, NT to WA - from the Red Centre to the Indian Ocean - Alice Springs to Broome via Halls Creek or Broome to Alice Springs.

A major songline connecting country through remote communities and Aboriginal art centres including Yuendumu, Tanami Hills, The Granites, Rabbit Flat, Balgo and the beautiful Balgo Hills, spectacular Wolfe Creek Crater (the worlds second largest meteorite crater where the rainbow serpent entered the Earth) to Halls Creek and more art communities to Fitzroy Crossing, Geike Gorge to Broome.



Wolfe Creek Crater sunrise



Tanami Mesas

## Typical Tanami Track Tours

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6 day Broome to Alice Springs - [Eastbound](#) - Geike Gorge cruise on Fitzroy River, Outback Art, Wolfe Creek Crater, Balgo, Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu and Tillmouth Wells, Yuendumu, Balgo Art Community - 6 days/5 nights - See below

6 day Alice Springs to Broome via Tanami Track [Westbound](#) - including Geike Gorge cruise on Fitzroy River, Outback Aboriginal Art at Balgo, Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu and Tillmouth Wells, Wolfe Creek Crater, Balgo Aboriginal Art Community - 6 days/5 nights - Click [Westbound](#) [Book Tour](#)

8 day [Broome to Alice Springs - Eastbound](#) - Geike Gorge cruise on Fitzroy River, Outback Art, Wolfe Creek Crater, Balgo, Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu and Tillmouth Wells, Yuendumu, Balgo Art Community - 6 days/5 nights - See below

8 day [Alice Springs to Broome via Tanami Track - Westbound](#) - including Geike Gorge cruise on Fitzroy River, Outback Aboriginal Art at Balgo, Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu and Tillmouth Wells, Wolfe Creek Crater, Balgo Aboriginal Art Community - 6 days/5 nights - [Book Tour](#)

**Typical Itinerary - East bound - Broome to Alice Springs. Itinerary follows. Westbound is reverse**

### Broome to Alice Springs (or Reverse)

via Tanami Track - includes Outback Art, Wolfe Creek Crater, Yuendumu, Balgo Art Community  
Arrive a day or 2 day prior for optional day trips - see Broome Tours

Day 1 - We meet incoming travellers and arrange transport to your accommodation. Today is a free day to relax or take advantage of the many day or part day tour options available. In Broome enjoy a Cable Beach swim or other activities. Overnight city of departure - Broome or Alice Springs LD

Day 2 - We depart Broome after the arrival of flights to meet incoming travellers (approx. 1pm after lunch). If you arrive this morning earlier, enjoy a free morning in Broome for Cable Beach swim or other activities. We will pickup from your hotel or airport as confirmed. We then travel through sweeping Kimberley grasslands and cattle country to cross the flood plains of the Fitzroy River. We stop by roadhouses, and enjoy an afternoon cup of tea under a majestic boab tree. We start to experience some of the local lifestyles, and sense the spirit of this wide open county as we witness stunning mesa landscapes (great photo opportunities). Late afternoon sees us check in at our accommodation at Fitzroy Crossing before a relaxing night and tasty evening meal, with a chance to meet some of the locals. D



Giant Kimberley Boabs



Cable Beach Broome



Day 3 - After breakfast enjoy a relaxing Geike Gorge river cruise on the vast Fitzroy River, and marvel at the high cliffs, annual flood records, stunning wildlife and river tales from our knowledgeable local guide. After a morning cuppa, and comfortable highway cruising we enjoy lunch at a spectacular local lookout, on the major songline that crosses the Tanami. Time permitting we stop in at Yiyili Aboriginal Art centre (beautiful colourful & contemporary artworks for sale here) and Halls Creek for last supplies before the Tanami Track. Late afternoon we arrive at Wolfe Creek Crater in time for a crater walk and set up camp prior to a spectacular Kimberley sunset in the desert. BLD

Day 4 - A chance this morning for stunning photos and memories at sunrise of Wolfe Creek Crater, the worlds second largest meteorite crater. Local stories say this is where the rainbow serpent entered the Earth. You can take a walk in the crater or enjoy the view from the crater rim. After a healthy breakfast we take the Tanami Track to Billiluna Aboriginal community on the edge of the Canning Stock Route, before visiting the Balgo Art centre for some wonderful unique art styles and bargains from the local artists. late afternoon we arrive at Rabbit Flat for a welcome shower and overnight camp in the real no-where. BLD

Day 5 - Travel today takes us by the by the great Tanami and Granites gold mines, and old abandoned wells from gold rush & cattle droving days. These are some of the remotest parts of Australia - a great place to reflect on our existence and experience the vastness and vitality of life - even in the desert. After lunch at Rena Springs we're ready for more art bargains from the Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu, and a look around at this large and unique outback community. Travel on to Tillmouth Wells for a welcome shower and restful overnight camp. BLD

Day 6 - An easy start to the morning allows us to reflect on our experience at our oasis on the desert. A wide range of well priced art is available here from surrounding communities including Mt Allan, Papunya, Yuendumu. We may even meet some of the artists with their special offers. Late morning we head for Alice Springs, arriving in the afternoon in time to see the sights of Alice. Overnight Alice Springs BLD

Day 7 - Now in the big smoke, you can explore the Araluen Art centre or other fabulous galleries of Alice Springs, or other sites such as Royal Flying Doctor Service, School of the Air, historic Overland Telegraph Station, all with the backdrop of the mighty MacDonnell Ranges - or just soak up this special atmosphere.

Day 8 - Tour ends after breakfast in time for lunchtime flights or more time to relax or explore the many local sites.

Westbound - Alice Springs to Broome - Reverse of Eastbound above with 1st night in Alice Springs or 7 day tour option departs Mondays approx. 1 pm after lunchtime flight arrivals.

These are small group adventure learning journeys ... connecting with the land and locals.

### Inclusions

- Small group luxury 4WD travel (usually 4-6 per vehicle)
- Professional and experienced driver / guides
- Long established relationships with local Aboriginal people enriches experiences
- Access to remote areas and rock art sites unreachable by most tour vehicles
- Special time with elders for women's business / men's business and kids business.
- All delicious meals, including vegetarian, unless noted in itinerary.
- Accommodated sleeping or luxury camping. Camp gear includes stretcher, mattress & linen.
- Guided tours by locals of Geike Gorge and Fitzroy River (selected tours)
- All World Heritage and National Park entry and accommodation fees
- Aboriginal Art community visits for "direct from artist" purchases
- Contributions of tour price supports Outback Kids and nature care programs.

# Tanami Track Tours



Includes all meals, fees, guides, Fitzroy River Geike Gorge boat cruise, art shopping, luxury 4WD transport. East or West bound. Prices are for comfy camping OR for 2 nights accommodation upgrade add \$295pp

6 days/5 nights departs Monday, completes Saturday am

7 days/6 nights (Incl. accommodation Sunday night, completes Saturday morning) - East or West bound

8 days/7 nights - incl Accommodation Sunday night, depart Monday, completes Sunday morning, East or West bound

7 days/6 nights - Alice Springs-Broome or reverse with overnight at Newhaven Sanctuary

3 days/2 nights options - Can extend via Coober Pedy (sleep underground) to Adelaide - Ask for dates & details

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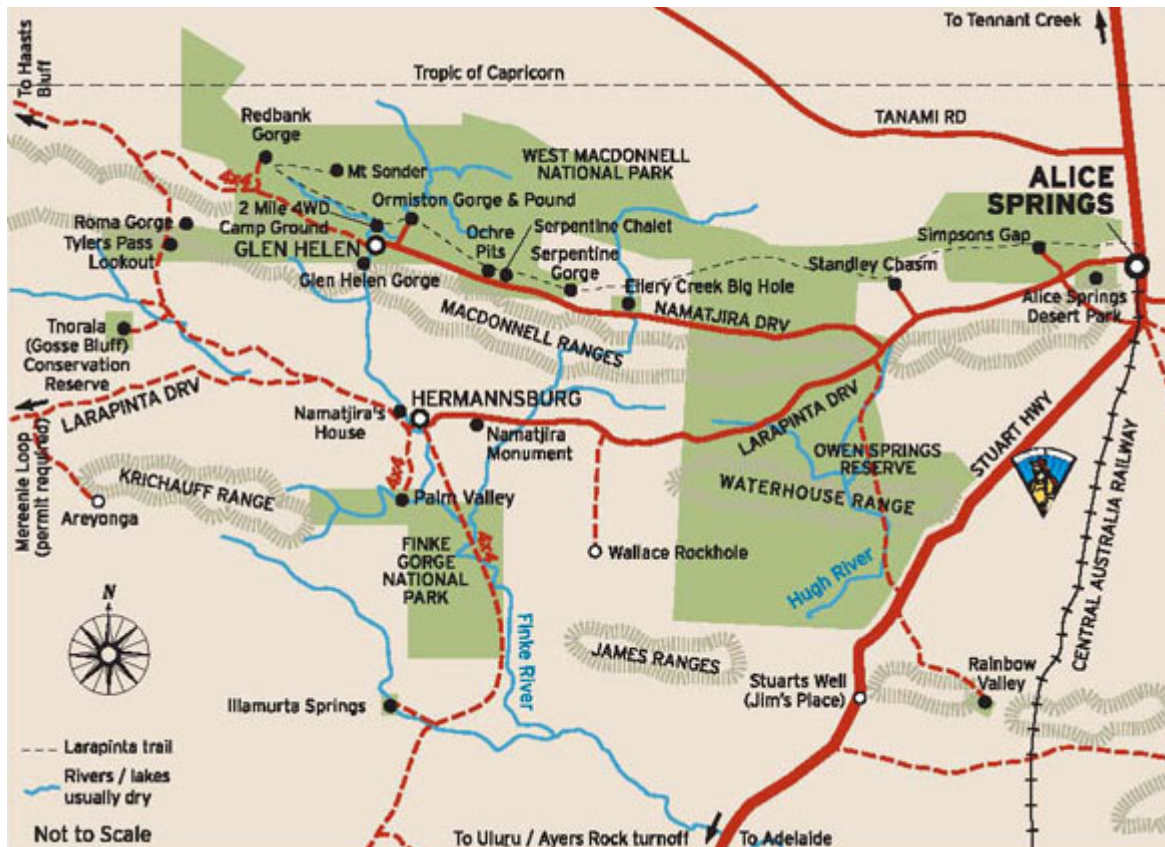
**See latest tours in date order at [All Tours](#)**

Young Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu

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# MacDonnell Ranges

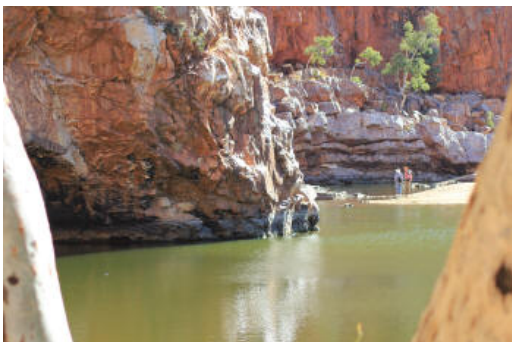
The MacDonnell Ranges are nearly 650km long and run east and west of Alice Springs. They are the second longest and highest mountain range in Australia and have some of the most spectacular scenery in the country. The MacDonnell Ranges are home to fantastic bush walks and spectacular gorges where you can experience the energy and scenery of this unique region.



Map of Western MacDonnell Ranges region

To the west of Alice Springs are many gorges and waterholes where you can swim and explore. The popular Larapinta trail runs for 200km through the western arm of the MacDonnell Ranges.

The eastern arm of the MacDonnell Ranges is home to fine examples of Aboriginal rock art which your tour guide will be happy to show and explain. It is only a one hour drive from Alice Springs so definitely a worthwhile trip.



The famous Aboriginal painter, Albert Namatjira captured the beauty of the MacDonnell Ranges in a number of his paintings. The red sandstone, the river gums and the gorges were obviously a great inspiration.

For your tour of the MacDonnell Ranges you will travel in a luxury 4WD such as a Toyota Landcruiser or similar. This provides you with a better experience than the larger bus tours and provides the additional flexibility of travelling with a smaller group.

Our tours that take in the MacDonnell Ranges also include other sites such as Uluru and Kings Canyon. We can even design a tour for your group so you can see exactly what you want. We have a 20 year relationship with the traditional owners of this land which allows us to provide an indigenous cultural component to the trip that other operators are not able to. Our goal in your visit to the MacDonnell Ranges is to not only be amazed by the beauty of the landscape but to inform you of the people and their spiritual connection to the land.

### MacDonnell Ranges Tour Information

Listed below are some of the MacDonnell Ranges tours we have available

Click for latest dates & tours summary here [www.spiritsafaris.com/tours.htm](http://www.spiritsafaris.com/tours.htm)

[Alice Springs to Uluru via MacDonnell Ranges](#) - 5 day / 4 nights tour - Tour Code MAU5

8, 7, 6, 5 or 3 day or shorter options available. Or add tour sectors to discover more. Ask for details [Book Tour](#)

or REVERSE DIRECTION ...

[Uluru / Ayers Rock to Alice Springs via MacDonnell Ranges](#) - 5 days/4 nights - Tour Code MUA5

Tour is reverse of below itinerary. [Book Tour](#)

[Uluru / Ayers Rock to Alice Springs via MacDonnell Ranges](#) - 8 days/7 nights - Tour Code MUA8

7, 6, 5 or 3 day or shorter options available. Or add tour sectors to discover more. Ask for details

or REVERSE DIRECTION ... [Alice Springs to Ayers Rock / Uluru via MacDonnell Range](#) - Tour Code MAU5

[Book Tour](#)



MacDonnell Ranges Ormiston Gorge



Kings Canyon South Wall

# Cape York, Thursday Island, Weipa, Daintree, Quinkan Rock Art, Cairns Tour

**8 Day / 7 Nights - Cape York, Thursday Island, Weipa, Cooktown, Lakefield National park, Daintree Rainforest, Quinkan Rock Art from Cairns Tour**

Join tour in Cairns. Includes **Cape York Peninsula**. You can travel to Cairns to meet tour with Spirit Safaris from Alice Springs or Darwin

Join us to **travel to the northern most tip of Australia at Cape York & Thursday Island, exploring Jowalbinna for Quinkan Rock Art**, then **Cooktown, Weipa, Lakefield National Park & the Daintree Rainforests.**



## Cape York Tour details

**Day 1** - (Sunday August 5, 2012) - **Depart Cairns** 8am and travel through the rainforests and the **Atherton Tablelands** via picturesque **Kuranda** and **Mareeba** via the **Palmer River** area famous in the gold rush days, to the **Laura Dance Festival** site. Here we set up camp (or accommodation if pre-booked), and enjoy lunch and the festival atmosphere. You can choose to spend the day here, or travel the short distance to the **Quinkan Rock Art Reserve**, and an afternoon tour of this amazing rock art site. Overnight Laura BLD

Rock Art Walks - Explore the *Quinkan rock art* at the Split Rock art site or the **Quinkan rock art** at Jowalbinna is Queensland's premier rock art site and includes -

- Giant Wallaroo - "The Cycle of Birth and Death": Spectacular landscapes and paintings on a walk into Pine Tree Creek valley and up to the opposite escarpment wall.
- The Brady Creek Escarpment - "Many Clans, Many Totems": Includes Death Adder, Honeymoon Cave, Red Lady, Garfish Sorcery and Tent Shelter rock art sites, near refreshing Brady Creek.
- Emu Dreaming - "The Emu Ancestor enters the Land": An accessible site featuring ancient abstract engravings and occupation evidence.
- Yam Dreaming - "The Archaeologists' Choice": A fascinating archaeological dig site on fertility ceremonial grounds, involving a challenging walk and climb into the site (available for exclusive touring only).

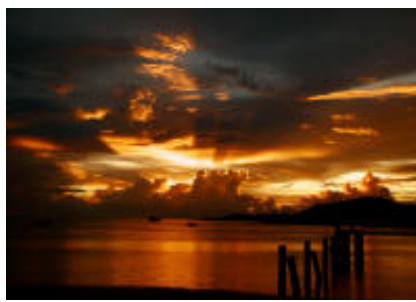


< Quinkan Rock Art

**Day 2** - Depart up the **Peninsular Development Road** for the **Old Telegraph Track (OTT)** heading for **Cape York**. We travel via the **Hann River Roadhouse**, and check out the **Musgrave Telegraph Station**. Musgrave was first built as an overland telegraph station in 1887, along with Palmerville, Fairview, Coen, Mein, Moreton, McDonnell and Paterson. It was named after Sir Anthony Musgrave (1828 - 1888) who was Governor of Queensland from 1883 to 1888. These stations were repeater stations, with great banks of batteries and a generator to boost the power in the telegraph line. We stop at the **Lotus Lodge** for morning tea. Beyond the township of **Coen** we pass the old **Quarantine Station**, and begin to pass a number of exciting creek crossings. We pass through the Mungkan Kandju National Park, a large wilderness park that stretches from the McIlwraith Range foothills, between the Archer and Coen rivers, and consists of open eucalypt woodlands, melaleuca swamps and various rainforest types. The Wik Mungkan, Kaanju and Ayapathu Aboriginal peoples, the Traditional Owners of the park, welcome you to their land and ask that you respect their culture and country during your visit. We take a break at the **Archer River Roadhouse**, and cross the **Piccaninny Plains and Savannah country** to arrive in **Weipa** for a tour of the massive bauxite mine operated by Rio Tinto. Weipa is the largest town on Cape York Peninsula, and has approx 3000 people supporting the mining and export of bauxite and cattle. Nearby is Duyfken Point, where Dutch explorer Willem Janszoon recorded the Australian coast in 1606, 164 years prior to James Cook. BLD Overnight **Weipa**



Eliot Falls Cape York tour



Sunset from Siesia, Cape York tour



Twin Falls Cape York Tour

**Day 3** - Depart Weipa to the OTT, crossing the **Wenlock River**. After a stop at the **Moreton Telegraph Station**, we turn off the OTT to the Bamaga Rd and enter the **Jardine National Park** and the **Heathlands**. Be entranced by the unusual change in the landscape. The Heathlands is a vast area of 2 metre high wet and dry heath vegetation which live side by side and is home to an abundance of wildlife. Enjoy a break at **Eliot Falls** before we cross the notorious **Jardine River**. We pass through the administrative centre for the region, **Bamaga** to **Siesia**, the "**Gateway to the Torres Strait**". Today we also travel on to the farthest northern point of Australia to stand on Australia's northern most tip, view the numerous islands of the **Torres Strait**, and the meeting place of the **Arafura** and **Coral Seas**. Overnight Siesia BLD

**Day 4** - At 8 am depart by fast cat ferry for the 1 hour 10 min ride to **Thursday Island**, passing Friday and seeing Wednesday Islands enroute. Thursday Island is known as Waiben, meaning 'no water or place of no water'. In 1877, TI was an administrative centre for the Torres Strait Islands established by the Queensland Government. In the early days over 1000 Japanese pearl divers were operating here. In 1880, Thursday Island acted as the defence centre for Australia and old canons remain on the Island. On TI, a 1 hour island tour is included, highlighting local history and landmarks, then free time to enjoy the Torres Strait Islander cultural centre, and pearl, souvenir or window shopping. After lunch, (own cost) the return ferry departs at 2:30 from Engineers Wharf, arriving approximately 3:40. Enjoy free time this afternoon till dinner. Optionally, from Thursday Island you can join the **Horn Island tour** which visits WWII sites including a **WWII museum**. This tour also meets the last & only return ferry, and does not give time to look around Thursday Island. If you choose, you can overnight here and join us early next morning (additional cost) BD Overnight Siesia.

**Day 5** - Heading south we visit the WWII aircraft wrecks of Bamaga, and skirt the **Jardine River National Park**, take the Jardine River crossing then a rest stop at **Fruit Bat Falls**. We visit the beach at **Captain Billy's Landing** located on the east coast, and arrive **Archer River Roadhouse** for refreshments, a few yarns and overnight.. BLD



Lakefield National Park



Billy's Landing



Cape York View - The Top

**Day 6** - Today we explore **Lakefield National Park**. The park is home to threatened species including the red goshawk, Lakeland Downs mouse and spectacled hare-wallaby. Hann and Kalpower crossings are two of the many significant Aboriginal cultural sites found in the area. Barramundi abound here if you are feeling adventurous, and many waterbirds inhabit Low Lake. Enjoy this rich nature and great waterholes for swimming. Arrive **Cooktown** late afternoon for overnight. BLD



Critters of the rainforest

**Day 7** - **Cooktown to Cairns** via the **Bloomfield track & Daintree Rainforests**. The **Daintree Rainforest** encompasses an area of approximately 1,200 square kilometres, from the Daintree River north to Cooktown and west to the Great Divide, representing the single largest block of tropical rainforest in Australia. The area protected under World Heritage listing covers an area of approximately 12,000 square kilometres, stretching from Townsville to Cooktown 75 per cent of which is tropical rainforest, an area equivalent to about the size of Sydney. We explore and discover the magic of rainforests on our Daintree Rainforest Discovery centre walk.

Cooktown was first established for the goldfields on the Palmer River in 1872, although its also famous for when **Captain Cook** repaired his ship, **The Endeavour**, after hitting coral on the **Great Barrier Reef**. We check out some key local landmarks, including the Vera Scarth-Johnson Gallery, whose artwork consists of illustrations of the flowering plants from the region, the Grassy Hill Lighthouse which is home to the Cooktown lighthouse, built in England and shipped to Cooktown in 1885, the sun dial which is actually a 'Global Positioning Monument' and Captain Cook's Grassy Hill Monument. Also, the **James Cook Museum**, including canon and the anchor from from Cooks ship, the **HMS Bark Endeavour** and Chinese, Pastoral, Mining, and Indigenous artefacts. We depart Cooktown via the coastal road (4WD only) and witness **Black Mountain National Park**, home to mysterious Aboriginal legends. We visit the heritage-listed **Lions Den Hotel** built in 1875, then spectacular **Bloomfield Falls** at the Bloomfield River crossing. This track was the site of many protests and the Daintree Blockade in 1983. The Bloomfield track takes us to **Cape Tribulation** and on to the ferry to cross the **Daintree River**. Time permitting, we travel through Mossman and visit **Mossman Gorge**, and a side trip via **Port Douglas**. Overnight Cairns. BLD

**Day 8** - Tour ends in Cairns after breakfast for flights home or join us to Darwin via the [Lost City, Undara Lava Tubes and Savannah Way Tour](#)



**Undara Lava Tubes - Volcano Valley** - Volcanic lava over 300,000 years, has created a remarkable tunnel system that lies beneath the rich grasslands of Undara. See them on the [Lost City, Undara Lava Tubes and Savannah Way Tour](#)

If travelling to Cairns with **Spirit Safaris** to meet this tour from [Alice Springs](#), explore the **Plenty Highway** on the edge of the Simpson Desert, the **Min Min experience** in Boulia, the mighty **Diamantina River** and the **Dinosaur Trail** as we travel on to Cloncurry (Qantas birthplace) **Undara Lava Tubes** & Cairns

If travelling with **Spirit Safaris** from, or returning to [Darwin](#), explore the **Lost City, Lawn Hill, Adel's Grove, Cobbold Gorge, Dally Waters, Mataranka Hot Springs** ( and "We of the Never Never" homestead) & Katherine. Optionally **Kakadu** via Coinda (with **Yellow Waters Cruise**) to Darwin. (meets [Darwin to Broome tour](#) departure)

**Cape York, Thursday Island, Weipa, Laura Dance Festival, Daintree Rainforest, Quinkan Rock Art from Cairns Tour**



Includes all meals, entry & park fees, professional guide, ferry to & from Thursday Island, luxury 4WD transport. Prices are for comfy camping OR for 7 nights accommodation upgrade add \$1080 per room/couple

**8 Days / 7 Nights**

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# Lake Eyre

Lake Eyre holds a number of records in Australia; It is the lowest point in Australia at 16m below sea level and when it fills it is the largest lake in Australia. Lake Eyre is located approximately 650km north of Adelaide, in South Australia.



Lake Eyre

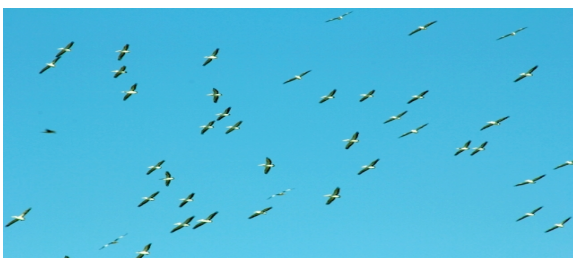


Lake Eyre birds

Lake Eyre expands and contracts in size depending on the amount of local rain that falls in the basin but the periods of substantial growth occur when Lake Eyre is fed from flood waters coming from Queensland. The floods in Qld in early 2011 have fed the water system that leads to Lake Eyre resulting in it filling substantially and the desert is the greenest it has been in 30 years according to the locals.

Now is a great time to see Lake Eyre. It is experiencing one of the largest flood events for decades and this is encouraging enormous numbers of water birds back to region. Pelicans, swans, ducks, egrets, water hens and many more are now in great numbers at Cooper Creek. The Cooper Creek flood waters have crossed the Birdsville Track in the last few weeks, once again in 2011 on their way to Lake Eyre.

To allow you to fully appreciate the wonder of Lake Eyre, we can arrange a tour that includes a visit to the lake in one of our luxury 4WD vehicles where you can see the birdlife and some of the interesting features of the area. We can also take you to the skies for a flight over the lake which will show you the massive scale of the lake and the manner in which it is fed from the incoming rivers and flood plains.



Birdlife of Lake Eyre - pelicans



Birdlife of Lake Eyre - brolgas

At Spirit Safaris we want to ensure that the tour you take is the most suitable for the time you have available. We have Lake Eyre tours that range from 1 day to 9 days. It just depends on how much time you have. All tours include a flight over the magnificent Lake Eyre with experienced guides that will show and educate you about the Lake and the surrounding features.

On our more extended tours around Lake Eyre, we also visit Oodnadatta Track, the Birdsville Track, Marree, Leigh Creek and Copley. There is so much history and culture in this part of Australia and we will introduce you to local elders that will enthrall you with stories of the dreamtime.

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# Aboriginal Art Tours

Stretching from Alice Springs to the Indian Ocean are some of the most recognized Aboriginal artists our country has to offer. The Aboriginal art tours we run take you to where they create their art and you will travel in luxury with a small private group in our Toyota Landcruisers via extraordinary creative landscapes.

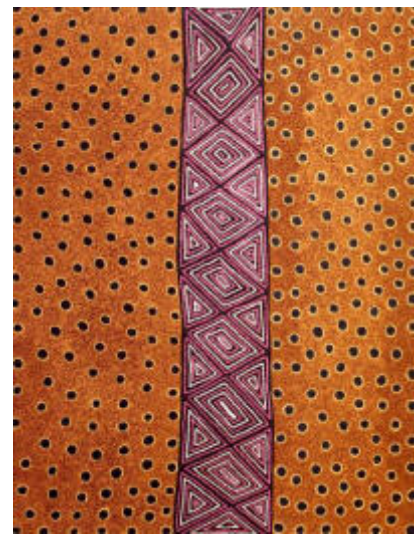
On our dedicated Aboriginal Art Tour travels through Papunya Tjupi at Papunya - the origins of the central desert art movement, as well as at least 5 other artistic groups. Some The Tour follows the famous Tanami Track all the way from Alice Springs to Cable Beach at Broome. Spirit Safaris is a supporter of these remote communities and ensures that the money raised from the art sales goes back to the community.



Aboriginal Art - by Papunya artist  
Willy Nakanbala Tjungarayai  
Marapulpa Tjukurrpa (Spider  
Tjukurrpa)



Papunya artist Martha McDonald  
"Warlukirritji"



Papunya artist Stockman  
Nungurrayi  
"Ilpitirri" (Mount Denison)

Aboriginal Art involves a range of different media from rock art, to wood carvings and canvas and it is a growing industry with more and more people world-wide interested in Aboriginal Art. There will be ample opportunity for you to purchase art and our guides can assist you in your selection and payments.

Our **Tanami Track Aboriginal Art Tour** is not just about art though. You will see some spectacular scenery and stay or camp in some of the most beautiful surrounding. You will pass through some of the most remote country in Australia and meet the people that live in these isolated communities. You will see the Wolfe Creek Crater and the amazing giant Boabs on the Savannah Way.

Your journey of Aboriginal Art discovery will be conducted in small groups. We only travel in luxury Toyota Landcruiser or similar. We believe that it gives you a much better experience than travelling in bigger groups on a bus. Our goal is to connect all of our travelers with the land and to do this you need to understand the people, not just view the landscape. You will have the opportunity to meet Aboriginal elders, and hear traditional stories about the land directly from the traditional owners of the land.



Aboriginal Art Tours - Wolfe Creek Crater

## Aboriginal Art Tour Information

Listed below are individual Aboriginal Art Tours we have available

- **7 days / 6 nights - [Kimberley & Tanami from Darwin to Alice Springs via El Questro, Bungle Bungles & Tanami Track to Alice Springs Tours](#)** - Adelaide River, Katherine hot springs, Victoria River National Park, Timber Creek, Kununurra, El Questro (walks & hot springs), Bungle Bungles, Halls Creek, Wolfe Creek Crater, Balgo Aboriginal art centre, Rabbit Flat, Yuendumu, Tillmouth Wells, Alice Springs.
- **[Central Deserts Aboriginal Art Centres Tour](#)** - 5 days/4 night - From Uluru to Alice Springs via Papunya, Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu, Hermannsburg, Tillmouth Wells (Mt Allen art), Haasts Bluff, Gosse Bluff, Kings Canyon, Glen Helen, Papunya, Newhaven Sanctuary. Outback Art buying
- **[Alice Springs to Uluru via Palm Valley & Mereenie Loop Track](#)** - 8 days / 7 nights - Stanley Chasm, Simpson's Gap, Palm Valley, Hermannsburg, MacDonnell Ranges including Ormiston Gorge, Larapinta Trail, Glen Helen, Redbank Gorge, Gosse Bluff, Mereenie Loop, Kings Canyon, Kata Tjuta (Olgas), Uluru (Ayers Rock), Aboriginal rock art, visit Aboriginal art centres & Uluru Cultural centre. -
- **Broome to Alice Springs - [Eastbound](#)** - Outback Art, Wolfe Creek Crater, Yuendumu, Balgo Art Community 6 days/5 nights
- **Alice Springs to Broome - [Westbound](#)** - including Outback Aboriginal Art at Balgo, Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu and Tillmouth Wells, Wolfe Creek Crater, Balgo Aboriginal Art Community - 6 days/5 nights
- Other destinations including **Arnhem Land, Kimberley, Kakadu, Lake Eyre**

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## Highlights of Aboriginal Art Tours

Visit 5 remote Aboriginal art centres such as -

- [Papunya Tjupi](#) at Papunya - the origins of the central desert art movement
- Tillmouth Wells - Mt Allen, Papunya area art
- Yuendumu - Warlukurlangu artists
- Balgo Art Centre - internationally famous
- Halls Creek community artists
- Yiyili Community / Laarri Art Gallery (Kimberley)



Warlukurlangu artists at Yuendumu



Yuendumu Kids Art

# 4WD Tours

Travel through some of the most spectacular landscapes on the planet on a **luxury 4WD tour**. We will show you places and you will meet people that only outback Australia can offer. Our 4WD Tours are tailored for small groups so it is more personalized and more enjoyable. We don't travel in big buses, we have small luxury vehicles, such as Toyota Landcruisers, and we normally travel in a convoy of 2 or 3 vehicles. We believe that this is the best way to see this great country and it gives you more flexibility to see what you want.



On our 4WD tours you will be accompanied by an experienced tour guide who not only understands the landscape but also the people in it. He knows their customs and their stories. You won't only hear it from them though, as you will be personally meeting Aboriginal elders as part of your 4WD Tour to get a better understanding of the country and the culture of its oldest people.

It is our goal to expose our travelers to as many different and enriching experiences while you are with us. On your 4WD Tour you will see Aboriginal artists, remote rock art, pristine waterfalls, sacred sites and cattle stations as well as the natural beauty of this great land.

4WD in Action - King Edward  
River crossing

All of our 4WD Tours include the transport, accommodation, delicious meals, camp gear, National Park fees, Outback Kids support and experienced guides. We want to make it as easy and pleasurable as possible for you to enjoy your outback 4WD adventure.

Spirit Safaris is an [Eco Aware Tour Operator](#) which means we go beyond the positive contribution of natural areas and local communities and enable travelers to share in the deeper learning and understanding of these principles which are at the heart of the indigenous cultures. We are also a financial supporter of the [Australian Wildlife Conservancy](#) and a proportion of all 4WD Tours that we do go to outback communities.

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4WD Beautiful Surroundings - Western Deserts Camp

The 4WD Tours by Spirit Safaris let you get closer to the action than those bigger bus tours. You get all the advantages of an organized tour such as the guide and everything done for you, yet you can get up close to the action and because our tours are in smaller groups, we are more flexible than those bigger operators.

## 4WD Tour Information

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