



### **3 Day Wet Season Kakadu and Katherine 4WD Safari**

#### **Day 1 (L,D)**

You will be collected from your Darwin accommodation at 7.30am for your 3 day Top End Parks 4WD Safari.

We head south along the Stuart highway and into Fog Dam Conservation Reserve. These wetlands have international significance because of their beauty and natural ecosystems. A great variety of fauna can be found here throughout the year as well as a large variety of birdlife.

After a comfort stop at the Bark Hut, we make our way into World Heritage listed Kakadu National park. Kakadu is the largest national park in Australia, has some of the world's finest rock art and a variety of habitats, including floodplains and savannah woodlands.

Once within the park, our first stop is Ubirr where we walk through galleries of ancient aboriginal rock art, which your guide will interpret. Also learn about bushtuckers and bush medicines before reaching the top of the plateau, where you can relax and enjoy the spectacular view over the floodplains and the Arnhemland escarpment.

A picnic lunch will be served on the banks of the East Alligator River.

Then we head to the centre of the park and to the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre for an insight into the cultural heritage of the park.

Late this afternoon, board the sunset Yellow Waters wetlands cruise, with it's prolific birdlife and wonderful variety of plants. Saltwater crocodiles are often spotted here.

After the cruise, we make our way to our accommodation.

Overnight accommodation - Lakeview Park, Bush Bungalows

#### **Day 2 (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we make our way to the Bowali visitors information centre for a look around.

Then to the Nourlangie area and we view the birdlife at Anbangbang billabong before continuing to Nourlangie Rock, an ancient Aboriginal shelter, where we will explore the area and the rock art. Your guide will lead you on an interpretive walk around the site.

We have lunch at Maguk (Barramundi Gorge and falls) and then we take a walk through the paperbark forest to reach the gorge, where we can have a refreshing swim in the plungepool.

Mid- afternoon, we depart Kakadu via the southern entrance, for the township of Katherine.

Overnight accommodation – 1 bedroom cabin at Nitmiluk Gorge.

#### **Day 3 (B,L)**

We start today with a cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge, home to 13 spectacular gorges, carved out of the rock by torrential summer rains, over millions of years. We cruise for 2 hours viewing the beautiful scenery and discovering the customs of the traditional owners, the Jawoyn people.

After the cruise we take part in a hands on cultural experience at the Katherine Art Gallery. Activities on offer include traditional hunting activities such as firelighting, spear and boomerang throwing as well as making your own painting, to take home with you as a souvenir.

**\*\*Please note that the Katherine Art Gallery is closed during January so alternative activities will be offered during this time \*\***

Then we drive to the Katherine Hot Springs, where we have lunch and we can enjoy a soothing dip in the thermal pools or sit and relax under the small waterfall.

Mid afternoon, we leave Katherine to head north again on our drive back to Darwin. We call in at historic Adelaide River en-route.

We'll arrive back in Darwin at approximately 6pm and you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

## **END OF TOUR**

**B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner**

Itinerary is exclusive to Sacred Earth Safaris and subject to availability, road, weather and cultural conditions. Ubirr and Maguk will close at some point during the wet season so will be replaced by another art site - Nanguluwar, and another waterfall, depending on what is nicest at the time.

Departs Darwin on Sundays from 01 December 2011 – 31 March 2012, subject to availability

AUD\$1095 adult twin share. \$1240 per adult single  
AUD \$1050 per child twin share (child age 6-15 years)

**\*\*please note, solo travellers must have single tent / room\*\***

Maximum 7 passengers

Prices valid until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012

### **Inclusions:**

- Seat in luxury 4WD: GXL Landcruiser (max 6 passengers) Holden Suburban (max 7 passengers), or similar, with professional driver guide & purpose built heavy duty trailer
- All meals as stated
- 1 night Bush Bungalow accommodation
- 1 night in a cabin at Nitmiluk Gorge (Katherine Gorge)
- Sunset Yellow Waters Cruise
- 2 hour cruise at Katherine Gorge
- Cultural experience in Katherine
- Kakadu National park entry fee

### **Exclusions:**

- Arrival/departure flights
- Pre & Post tour accommodation
- Travel Insurance
- Alcohol

