This itinerary of NT’s Top End will take you to some of the best cultural sites and will include a very rare glimpse into the small Aboriginal community of Barunga. Make sure to book yourself a comfortable hire car, and get ready to hit the road for a cultural exploration.

Hightail it straight out of Darwin on the Stuart Highway, turning off on Arnhem Highway to visit Pudukal Aboriginal Cultural Tours. It’s an incredible guide to traditional activities such as didgeridoo playing, dilly bag and basket weaving. It also features guided walks around the land to learn about the bush ‘medicine cupboard’.

Next, continue to Corroboree Billabong to experience a guided airboat tour with Wildlands, specialising in showcasing the local ecosystem of the billabong. You’ll find accommodation at the Mary River Wilderness Retreat just down from here.

Keep heading into Kakadu and check into your accommodation at Anbinik Kakadu Resort. Wander to the Bowali Visitor Centre to gain an insight into the park and to collect your visitor pass.

Take a drive in the afternoon to visit Ubirr, a magnificent Aboriginal art site, to watch the sun sink behind the landscape of Kakadu National Park.

Jump on a full day Arnhemlander 4WD Cultural Tour and venture into Arnhem Land to visit a local art centre. Following this, travel into the entrance to Mikkinj Valley and check out some incredible scenery of billabongs, wildlife and towering escarpments.

A visit to Burrungky (Nourlangie) is a must to explore some more Aboriginal rock art sites, before your Yellow Water Billabong cruise. See how many crocs you’re able to spot. Make sure you do the sunset cruise. It’s the best! Rest your souls Cooinda Lodge with great food, accommodation and an epic pool.
Here’s where your trip goes from cultural to deeply spiritual. Travel south out of Kakadu National Park towards Barunga. Barunga – a very small Aboriginal community, approximately 80km southeast of Katherine – welcomes visitors that wish to support its music, sport and culture at the Barunga Festival every June. Head back to Katherine each night for your accommodation at Knotts Crossing Resort.

If you’ve got a few more travel days up your sleeve travel back to Darwin and float around here for a couple of days. It’s fairly easy to get around without a car so check out the NT’s own top 10 recommended things to do around Darwin and discover some of the great Aboriginal art galleries. Don’t miss out on Little Miss Korea, the Darwin Waterfront Precinct and Hanuman restaurants, all offering unique multicultural cuisines in an alfresco style dining environment. YUM.

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