

TERRITORY ARTS TRAIL

# ARNHEM LAND and surrounds



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Maningrida Arts  
& Culture

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1. Buku Larrnggay Mulka Arts
2. Lirrwi Yolngu Aboriginal Tours

**Arnhem Land is home to some of the oldest living cultures in the world.**

It has pristine coastline, sandy beaches, incredible escarpments and beautiful art. A permit is required to enter this ancient region, where you can discover incredible culture and history in a scenic location.

History in this region is rich. Before British settlement of Australia, the Macassan people of Sulawesi would sail over and trade Trepan (Sea Cucumber). These visits and interactions with the local people have been recorded through rock art and other paintings in the region.

The Yolngu people of East Arnhem Land today live in a unique lifestyle where western culture meets traditional culture.

Immerse yourself in the remarkable culture of this region by visiting the Indigenous art centres, participate in cultural tours, or simply relax on a camping holiday in Garig Gunak Barlu National Park.



TOP LEFT *Lirrwai Yolŋu Tourism*

TOP RIGHT *Basket weaving*

MIDDLE LEFT *Arnhem Land coast*

BOTTOM LEFT *Lirrwai Yolŋu Tourism*  
Credit: *Tourism Australia*

REVERSE *Paint making in Arnhem Land*

### 1. Buku Larrnggay Mulka Arts

The Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, is in Yirrkala near Nhulunbuy on the East coast of Arnhem Land.

The story behind the centre has helped shape what it is today. The centre now consists of the Yirrkala Art Centre, showcasing local Yolŋu artists' work and The Mulka Project which is a digital production studio and archiving centre. They showcase and sell local arts including Larrakitji (memorial poles), bark paintings, woven products, Yidaki (didgeridoos) and other wood sculptures. The museum includes items of great historical and cultural significance.

📄 [yirrkala.com](http://yirrkala.com)  
☎ 08 8987 1701  
📍 138 Tuffin Road, Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre, Yirrkala, NT, 0880

### 2. Lirrwai Yolŋu Aboriginal Tours

Lirrwai Tourism is an Aboriginal owned and accredited tourism business operating day tours, and multi-day tours, visiting the Yolŋu people living and working on their traditional homelands. Participants become part of a small family community, take part in daily activities and make lasting friendships. They specialise in bringing people together to share Yolŋu culture, history and country, and connect Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, building understanding between the two cultures. Tours operate April to October.

📄 [lirrwitourism.com.au](http://lirrwitourism.com.au)  
☎ 08 8987 2828  
📍 84 Galpu Road, Yirrkala NT 0880

## GOT MORE TIME?

### 3. Maningrida Arts & Culture

The Maningrida Arts & Culture Centre is a multi-award winning contemporary arts centre that supports local artists in their homelands. The beautiful modern gallery is the end result of 50 years of collaborations, travel and political action to retain ownership of country, and is now the hub for hundreds of local artists to exhibit their work, which is also showcased in collections around the world. Visitors (by appointment) are also invited to visit The Djomi Museum collection which has works by generations of local artists.

📄 [maningrida.com](http://maningrida.com)  
☎ 08 8979 6100  
📍 1 Airport Road, 0822 Maningrida, NT

## EVENTS

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2 August - 5 August 2019  
[garma.com.au](http://garma.com.au)

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