

## TERRITORY ARTS TRAIL

# KATHERINE and surrounds



Katherine is known as the place where the outback meets the tropics, and has long been a meeting place for the Indigenous people from surrounding regions, and continues to be so 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 Katherine museum showcases Aboriginal artefacts from the region, together with items that depict the rich

heritage of this area from WWII, the first flying doctor and the Overland Telegraph line.

The Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre boasts a gallery which hosts visual arts exhibitions from Northern Territory Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists. They also have a performing arts venue showcasing local talent.

Top Didj offers a unique cultural experience where you learn about the traditional painting techniques, and then paint your own art to take home!

The crème de la crème of this region is Nitmiluk - one of the world's most iconic national parks and only a short drive from Katherine's town centre. Nitmiluk boasts a visitor's centre, offers various tours of Katherine Gorge and showcases the culture and art of the Jawoyn and Dagomen people. From bushwalks to boat cruises to helicopter flights, there are multiple ways to immerse yourself in the Indigenous culture within Nitmiluk National Park.



TOP LEFT Barunga Festival Kid's Tour

TOP RIGHT Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Art & Culture Centre

BOTTOM Nitmiluk Rock Art site

REVERSE Nitmiluk

## EVENTS

### Barunga

7 June - 9 June 2019  
[barungafestival.com.au](http://barungafestival.com.au)

### 1. Nitmiluk Tours

Nitmiluk National Park is a must do for everybody when they are visiting Katherine. The highlight of Nitmiluk is Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge - part of the Katherine River which becomes 13 gorges separated by rock. Located on the lands of the Jawoyn people, rock art sites dot the park and dreaming stories bring the gorge walls to life.

Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge was featured in the pivotal 1955 movie Jedda. Jedda's Rock can be viewed from one of the many guided boat cruises, whilst learning about the culture and history and viewing the many rock art paintings along the way. Nitmiluk Tours offer a series of cultural tours that provide insight into the cultural significance and stories of the landscape.

📄 [nitmiluktours.com.au](http://nitmiluktours.com.au)  
 ☎ 1300 146 743  
 📍 Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine, NT 0850

### 2. Umbrawarra Gorge

Umbrawarra Gorge is stunningly beautiful and a great place for a day trip or even an overnight stay. Featuring a striking isolated gorge with steep red cliffs and a small creek which meanders through it in the early to mid dry season.

The walking track winds through the gorge alongside a creek and takes you to the sandy beach with a large pool. The rest of the gorge can be accessed by wading, swimming and rock-hopping along. The gorge walls are adorned with rock art paintings from the Wagiman people which are thousands of years old.

📄 [nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park-to-visit/umbrawarra-gorge-nature-park](http://nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park-to-visit/umbrawarra-gorge-nature-park)  
 ☎ 08 8976 0282  
 📍 22 kilometres along Umbrawarra Road, via Stuart Highway, Pine Creek, NT, 0847

### 3. Djilpin Arts

Djilpin Arts is the cultural home of art in the Beswick (Wugularr) community, showcasing the Blanas Collection, a permanent display of culturally significant art from the West Arnhem painting style, together with wood carvings, fibre art, didgeridoos and jewellery.

You may also get the opportunity to meet the artists and experience traditional cultures. If you have a little more time you could experience one of the tours with a local guide, or settle in to the local café and award winning accommodation.

📄 [djilpinarts.org.au](http://djilpinarts.org.au)  
 ☎ 08 8977 4250  
 📍 Ghunmarn Culture Centre,  
 2 Cameron Road, Beswick NT 0852  
 118km southeast of Katherine

### 4. Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Art & Culture Centre

Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre shares the history of its art and living cultures in this region. The main gallery hosts visual arts exhibitions showcasing the work of Northern Territory Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists. The K Space gallery showcases work from this region and provides learning opportunities for individual artists, groups and organisations through small professional exhibitions. The performing arts venue hosts an exciting array of performing arts: music, dance, cabaret, comedy and drama. Performances showcase local talent, tell local stories or provide opportunities for the community to experience the best in touring productions.

📄 [gyracc.org.au](http://gyracc.org.au)  
 ☎ 08 8972 3751  
 📍 Lot 3238 Stuart Hwy,  
 Katherine East NT 0850

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