

Katherine Attractions

While its star attraction is undoubtedly the famous Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge), Katherine and its surrounds include great fishing, hidden natural wonders and a rich indigenous and pioneering history. The region stretches from the Gulf of Carpentaria to the Western Australia border. Around 317 kilometres south of Darwin, Katherine is set on the banks of the Katherine River.



Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge
NitmilukImage by Tourism NT/Jason Charles Hill

Arts, Culture and Indigenous Experiences

Discover the wealth of Aboriginal arts and crafts from the region, with galleries, original artworks, didgeridoos and carvings. See visual arts, music, theatre and dance performances.

Top Didj Cultural Experience & Art Galley

Experience a genuine Aboriginal Cultural Experience. Learn traditions of tribal life and language. Participate in lighting a fire the traditional way with two sticks, throwing a spear using a woomera and hold or feed a baby wallaby.

Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park

The caves feature a stunning creation of stalactites and stalagmites. Also home to five species of bats, including the rare ghost and horseshoe bats. 27km south of Katherine. Cave access by guided tour only, fees apply.

Katherine Hot Springs

Crystal clear pools wind through the trees at a constant temperature of 32°C. The grassy, shaded banks make this an ideal picnic spot with a barbecue area.

Katherine Museum

Housing Aboriginal artefacts and Overland Telegraph, rural, WWII and aviation history displays – including Dr Clyde Fenton's original Flying Doctor plane. Entry fee applies.

Katherine Outback Experience

Owned and operated by multiple Golden Guitar winner Tom Curtain, Katherine Outback Experience Show celebrates life on the land through real horse-starting and working dog demonstrations entwined with live music and humorous bush tales. Katherine Outback Experience also offers Horse Riding and Glamping Experiences.

Leliyn (Edith Falls)

Part of Nitmiluk National Park, the area offers a variety of walking trails and swimming opportunities. A picnic area, campground and kiosk are provided near the base of the falls.

Marksie's Stockmans Camp Tucker Night

Dine under the stars around the campfire and be entertained with great Aussie humour. This is a great meal and fun night to remember in the Australian outback. Bookings essential.

Nitmiluk National Park & Katherine River – Canoeing and Gorge Tours

There are many ways to explore the gorge. Choose from a variety of tours including culturally based cruises, on-board dining. You can also explore the gorges at your own pace by canoe. Overnight canoe hire is available with camping or guided overnight Katherine River Canoeing also available.

Nitmiluk National Park – Bushwalking

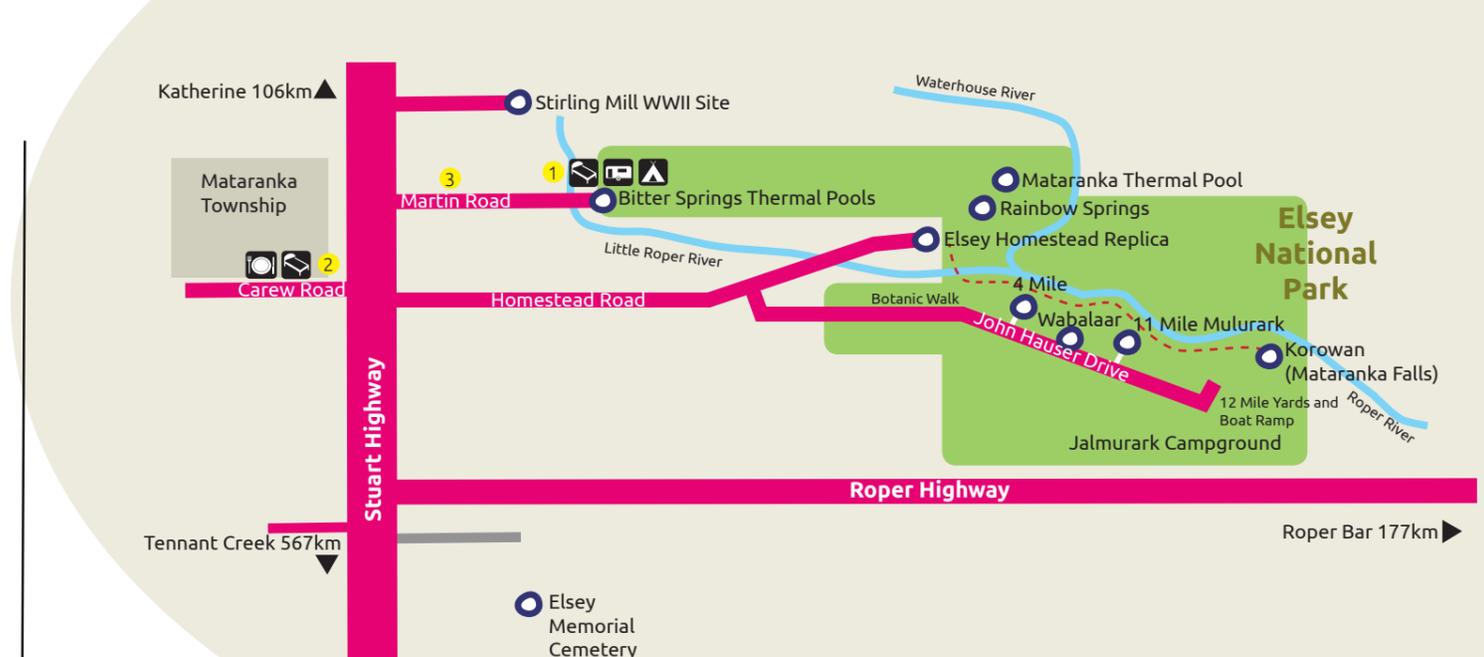
The park offers a variety of experiences, ranging from strolls along the river, overnight walks and the Jatbula Trail - a five day walk from Nitmiluk Gorge to Leliyn (Edith Falls).

Scenic Flights

To truly take in the magnificence of the Nitmiluk National Park and the gorge system, take a scenic flight. Whether you choose a two hour flight over Nitmiluk, Arnhem Land and Kakadu by light plane, or a trip deep into the heart of Nitmiluk National Park in a helicopter, it will be an experience to last a lifetime.

Air travel to Katherine

Airnorth offer three regular services per week from Darwin to Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs and return. For Bookings contact Airnorth on 1800 627 474.



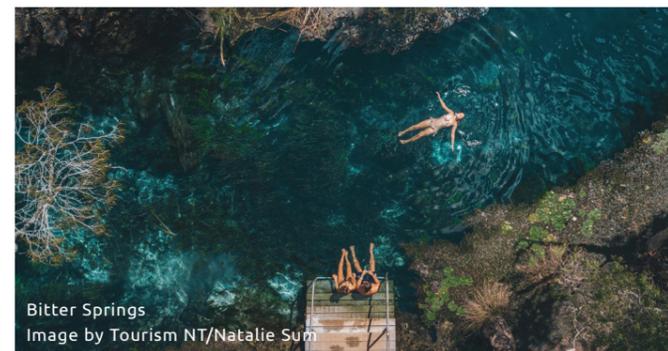
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Accommodation

- 1 Bitter Springs Cabins and Camping at Mataranka
- 2 Mataranka Roadhouse
- 3 Territory Manor Motel and Caravan Park

Mataranka Attractions

Mataranka township sits on the upper reaches of the Roper River, an hour's drive southeast of Katherine. Mataranka is a modern town servicing outlying cattle stations and communities, and is renowned for its sandy-bottomed thermal pools.



Bitter Springs
Image by Tourism NT/Natalie Sum

Bitter Springs Thermal Pools

This tropical spring-fed thermal pool is set among palms and tropical woodland, it is ideal for bushwalking and swimming. Toilet facilities, picnic benches and barbecues are available.

Elsey Memorial Cemetery

A significant part of Australia's heritage, the old Elsey Cemetery, 21km from Mataranka, is the final resting place of many local characters written about in the famous 1908 novel 'We of the Never Never' by Jeannie Gunn. Inscriptions here date from 1898.

Elsey National Park

The park incorporates the spring-fed Roper and Waterhouse Rivers with opportunities for swimming, fishing, canoeing and bushwalking. Mataranka Thermal Pool, Bitter Springs, Stevie's Hole, Korowan (Mataranka Falls) and the Botanic Walk are some of the highlights.

Elsey Homestead Replica

The Homestead, an authentic replica of the original, was constructed for the film 'We of the Never Never' with every detail lovingly duplicated, down to the hand-hewn local cypress pine.

Mataranka Thermal Pools

Mataranka Thermal Pools is at a constant 34°C and flows from Rainbow Springs at an amazing 30.5 million litres a day.

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