Make the most of your day in Australia’s northern-most capital city and find out why Darwin really is your port to adventure!

This 24 hour itinerary will introduce you to the thriving Darwin Waterfront, give you a taste of the city’s culinary diversity and café culture, and introduce you to its local characters and most fascinating creatures. We will help you to glimpse its best views, find out more about its history, and catch one of its famous sunsets.

TOP THINGS TO DO

1. Enjoy freshly made breakfast and coffee at one of the many cafés by the Darwin Waterfront
2. Cool down with a refreshing swim at the Wave Pool and Recreation Lagoon by the Darwin Waterfront
3. Wander through monsoon forests, coastal dunes, mangroves and open woodlands all in one place at the George Brown Botanic Gardens
4. Feed the young jumping crocs, or get up close and personal with a saltwater crocodile in the Cage of Death at Crocosaurus Cove
5. Immerse yourself in Aboriginal Culture at the various Art Galleries in Darwin
6. Visit the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT for an insight into local art and Cyclone Tracy, and get to know the local crocodile celebrity Sweetheart
7. Watch the magnificent tropical sun set over the water with dinner and champagne aboard a cruise from Darwin Harbour

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DARWIN & SURROUNDS
24 HOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1
Begin your morning with breakfast and a view at Darwin Waterfront. From high end restaurants to more casual café’s and bars – there is something for everyone.
Make sure you pack you bathers this morning so you can go for a swim at the Wave or Recreation Lagoons. Paddle, swim or play in these man-made lagoons, which have waves up to 1.7 metres generated at regular intervals. Both areas are safe for swimming and are protected from stingers.

Take a walk through the shady George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, or better yet hop on a Segway tour to experience the incredible flora of Northern Australia from a new perspective. Wander through monsoon forests, coastal dunes, mangroves and open woodlands before relaxing with lunch at the on-site café.

After lunch, make your way to Crocosaurus Cove located in the heart of Darwin on Mitchell Street. Here you will have the opportunity to get up close and personal to the largest reptile on the planet, the saltwater crocodile, and learn about lots of other fish and reptile species at the aquarium.

There is a twice-daily crocodile and fish feeding show not to be missed. And, if you are feeling particularly brave, climb into the Cage of Death for a face to face encounter with one of the largest saltwater crocodiles in captivity. It is the ultimate adrenaline rush!

Immerse yourself in the local Aboriginal Art scene this afternoon. Darwin City and Parap are great places to view and invest in Aboriginal art pieces from around the Northern Territory. The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory is also a great place to find out more about Aboriginal art and to see local crocodile celebrity, Sweetheart. The famous 5-metre, 780-kilogram taxidermied saltwater crocodile is on permanent display in the museum. The museum also houses a Cyclone Tracy exhibition which is worth a visit to appreciate the scale of devastation the city suffered on 24th December 1974.

As the daylight hours start to wane, return to the waterfront to board a historic pearling lugger or catamaran for a drink or dinner and to watch a magnificent tropical sunset from the water. Relax on board as you share stories of a wonderful day exploring the unique and special city of Darwin.

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