

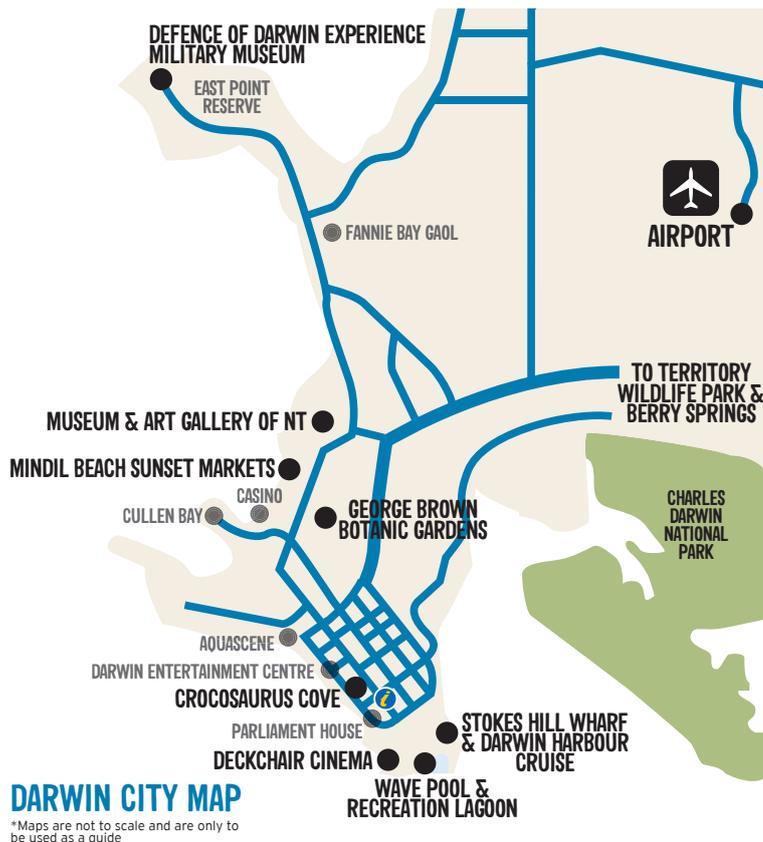
DARWIN & SURROUNDS

THREE DAY ITINERARY



Experience the diversity and beauty of Australia's most northern capital city and find out why Darwin really is your port to adventure.

Cool off at the Darwin Waterfront, immerse yourself in Aboriginal art and culture and get up close to some of the largest reptiles on the planet! Savour the city's culinary delights while taking in Darwin's iconic sunsets.



TOP 10 MUST DO'S

1. Cool down at the Wave Pool and Recreation Lagoon by the waterfront
2. Get up close and personal with a saltwater crocodile in the Cage of Death at Crocosaurus Cove
3. Browse through unique art and enjoy delicious international cuisine at the many markets around Darwin
4. Immerse yourself in Aboriginal Culture at the various Art Galleries in Darwin
5. Visit the Museum and Art Gallery for an insight into local art and Cyclone Tracy and get to know the local crocodile celebrity Sweetheart
6. Get amongst the interactive displays of the Defence of Darwin Experience or the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility
7. Sit back, relax with a sunset drink or dinner at Darwin's Waterfront or Wharf Precincts
8. Unwind with a flick at the open air Deckchair Cinema
9. Take some R&R in the freshwater pools of Berry Springs Nature Park
10. Discover the wildlife at the Territory Wildlife Park where you can take in the bird show and even feed whiplays and barramundi

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DAY 1

Begin your 3 day Darwin adventure with breakfast at the Darwin Waterfront. From high end restaurants to more casual cafés and bars - there is something for everyone.



Make sure you pack your bathers so you can go for a swim at the Wave or Recreation Lagoons. Paddle, swim or play in these man-made lagoons with waves up to 1.7 metres generated at regular intervals. Both areas are safe for swimming and protected from stingers.

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 a variety of 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!

Darwin's popular Mindil Beach Sunset Markets are held every Thursday and Sunday evening between May and October. The region's incredible multicultural mix is well represented at the market's arts and crafts and food stalls. Enjoy free entertainment by magicians and buskers, then take your pick from the food stalls and enjoy your dinner barefoot on the beach watching an iconic Darwin sunset.



If the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets are not scheduled for tonight, head to Cullen Bay Marina where you can watch the sun go down with takeaway fish and chips.

DAY 2

Start your day with a morning coffee 'fix' and breakfast at one of the many popular cafés in the city. Take the time to browse the local shops and boutique stores for some unique goodies to take home.



Today, immerse yourself in the local Aboriginal art scene. 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.

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The Defence of Darwin Experience at the Military Museum a great place to get your wartime history fix. Learn about the bombing of Darwin and the city's role in WWII through the gallery and multimedia presentations. Also, check out the displays of artillery pieces, vehicles, uniforms and firearms at The Military Museum or head to Stokes Hill Wharf and the Bombing of Darwin Harbour exhibit at the RFDS Tourist Facility. The VR movie and life-sized holograms help bring the dramatic events to life.

Head towards the Esplanade where you will find Bicentennial Park perched on the cliffs of Darwin Harbour. Visit the Cenotaph, which is Darwin's first war memorial commemorating Australian's who lost their lives in WWI, and the Aboriginal men and women whose bush skills assisted the Army during WWII to protect the remote northern coastline.

Unwind tonight with a flick at the Deckchair Cinema, which is located at the Waterfront. The open air cinema screens Australian, popular, family, foreign and classic films during the Dry Season (April-November). Make the most of the experience and relax under the stars enjoying their onsite bar and food stalls.

DAY 3

If you feel a need for some R&R today, you can't go past Berry Springs Nature Park (usually open May-Nov), located just 47 kilometres south of Darwin. Used as a recreation camp for armed forces personnel during the war, today it is a popular spot for a barbecue and a dip in the clear freshwater pools. If you bring your goggles along you will be able to spot native fish and other aquatic life.

Get active this afternoon and check out one of the bushwalking tracks, or learn more about the wartime history of Berry Springs Nature Park at the interpretive centre.

Discover the local wildlife at the nearby Territory Wildlife Park where you can take in a famous birds of prey show or join into hand feed the whip rays and barramundi in the Ooloo Sandbar. Wander through treetop aviaries, around a natural lagoon and through the aquarium to see animals, including Graeme the saltwater crocodile.

Return to Darwin and head to Stokes Hill Wharf which is located within the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. This is a popular spot for fishing with the locals, and is dotted with restaurants, eateries and retail shops. It is also a great opportunity to check out the giant cruise ships docked at the Cruise Ship Terminal.

Finish the evening with some fresh local fish and chips and find a spot to watch one last iconic Top End sunset - and if you are lucky you may be able to spot some local dolphins in the water below. Relax at the Wharf while you reflect on your Darwin adventures.

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