

Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Cultural Full Day Tour

Departs from Darwin

• 10 hours (approx.) •

• KEY FACTS •



1. Return ferry to Bathurst Island
2. Light lunch
3. Experienced Driver Guide (at Bathurst Island)
4. Comprehensive commentary
5. Travel in an air-conditioned coach



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance

Departure point

- Departs:
 - Season 1 (April-May, September-November): Thursdays, Fridays
 - Season 2 (June-August): Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays
 - Tour does not run on 13 June 2022 and 01 August 2022
- Departure Point: Cullen Bay Ferry Terminal (address: 68 Marina Blvd, Larrakeyah NT 0820)
- Departure Time: 07:30 check-in for 08:00 departure
Departure times are reference only and subject to availability.
- Arrives Cullen Bay Ferry Terminal at approximately 17:45

How to get there

- By Car
Located approximately 13km south-west of Darwin Airport, takes about 20 minutes;
approximately 3km west of Darwin Central, takes about 8 minutes.
 - [Free] Onsite parking available
- By Public Transport
The closest Ferry Station is Cullen Bay 825
The closest Bus Stop is Cullen Bay Terminal
Please check the Northern Territory bus tracker app (<https://nt.gov.au/driving/public-transport-cycling/public-buses/bus-tracker-app>) for more details to plan your trip.

Reconfirmation requirements

Please be advised you are required to contact The Service Provider 24 hours prior to the travel date during business hours to reconfirm your booking, pick up location and time, and boarding time with your confirmation number. Please adjust your travel plan according to the details given by The Service Provider at time of reconfirming.

Check-in requirements

Please arrive at the ticket office 30 minutes prior to the departure time to exchange for ticket/boarding pass before proceeding to the boarding terminal. Passengers that fail to arrive before this time may be classified as no-show.

What to bring/wear

- Motion-sickness medicine (if required)
- Protective clothing, hat, sunscreen lotion, and sunglasses
- Comfortable enclosed walking shoes
- Appropriate clothing for all weather conditions, eg. jacket for cooler months.
- Water bottle to hold 1 litre
- Small soft bag (no suitcases please)
- Money/credit card for optional purchases

Other info

[Important Post-Covid Service Information]

Please refer to <https://www.aatkings.com/> for the latest updates during the post-Covid period.

- Low level of fitness required
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- Top End Wet Weather Information

During the wet season in the Top End of the Northern Territory (November to April) heavy rain and flooding can preclude access to Ubirr, East Alligator River, Jim Jim Falls and Arnhem Land. Alternative touring will be arranged if access cannot be gained to such areas

• OVERVIEW •

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This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit a modern-day Aboriginal community. It will provide you with an insight into the Tiwi people's rich culture and lifestyle. The tour will reveal scenes seldom seen by many outsiders and will leave you with a lifetime memory. Many cities are blessed with island destinations close by, but only Darwin has the Tiwi Islands.



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Tiwi Islands

A part of the Northern Territory, just 80 kilometres north off the coast of Darwin, are the wonderful Tiwi Islands. Voted as one of the top 100 things to do before you die by Australian Traveller in 2011, a short scenic flight from Darwin will allow you to experience life in a modern day Aboriginal community. This is an absolute must-do on any Top End adventure.

The Tiwi Islands comprise of Melville Island, Bathurst Island and nine smaller uninhabited islands, with a combined population of less than 3000. The Tiwi people, translated in the local Aboriginal language as 'we' people, are culturally and linguistically unique from those just across the water in Arnhem Land.

Highlights

- Take a 2.5-hour cruise aboard the Tiwi Mantawi to Bathurst Island. You'll be met by your local guide and taken on a journey through the progressive, modern day Aboriginal community of Wurrumiyanga
- Visit the Tiwi Museum with its interesting displays of traditional art and depictions of the Tiwi 'dreamtime' stories, and Early Mission Precinct and its unique Tiwi-style Catholic Church
- Spend time with some Tiwi Ladies while they work on their weaving and painting. Your guides and the ladies also demonstrate their totem dances and perform a smoking ceremony to bless the visitors and explain the meanings behind them
- You'll get the chance to sample local billy tea and damper with your lunch
- Visit the successful Arts & Crafts Centres and see where the artists work. You also can purchase Tiwi arts and crafts and screen-printed fabric at Island prices
- Learn some of the complex rituals associated with the Pukamani (burial ceremony)
- You'll be transferred to the ferry landing to re-board your vessel, departing Bathurst Island for Darwin at 15:15

Cancellation Policy

- If you cancel at least 7 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is no cancellation fee.
- If you cancel between 0 and 6 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is a 100 percent cancellation fee.
- If no show, no refund.



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