



Aboriginal Art Connections

Taking you to the soul of Aboriginal art

Day one *(Dinner)*

Arrive Darwin (own arrangements) and be transferred from the airport to your accommodation in Darwin.

Your accommodation is booked from a selection of properties, subject to your requirements and availability at the time of booking. We recommend Mantra, Toga and Holiday Inn properties along with a number of excellent local hotels and boutique accommodation options.

Join the other members of your party tonight for a welcome dinner in one of Darwin's many restaurants.

Day two – Maningrida *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner)*

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your pick up at 0715 for transfer to Darwin airport.

Fly to Maningrida community where we'll be met by our tour guides at the Maningrida air strip.

Travel with your Aboriginal guide through the local area to experience the landscape and culture of the people with an emphasis on gathering bush tucker and the raw materials used for weaving, painting and carving.

Learn about the plants and their traditional uses for medicines and art along the way. At the coast, collect shells and mussels with your guides and cook them up in the coals under a shady tree looking over the beach. There'll be the opportunity to see how the weavings are started from collecting the colours to preparing the pandanus to make a basket.

After a picnic lunch spend some time at the art centre of Maningrida Arts and Culture which features a wide range of local indigenous art styles. See bark paintings, wood carvings, woven sculpture, beautifully painted hollow logs and intricate weavings. You'll have the opportunity to purchase if you wish, with staff available to pack and freight larger items for you. You will also enjoy a guided tour of the Djomi Museum showcasing the art and culture of the local people.

www.maningrida.com

Late afternoon board your return flight to Darwin, arriving by 1830

Transfer to your Darwin accommodation.



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Day three – Darwin galleries *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner)*

After breakfast at the hotel you'll be picked up at 0930.

Visit a number of galleries around Darwin to enjoy a wide selection of indigenous and non indigenous art. Featured artists and regions will be subject to current exhibitions and clients' interests. We can include art from the Tiwi Islands, Arnhem Land, East Kimberley and beyond. A detailed itinerary will be prepared in consultation with the clients and the local galleries, subject to current exhibition schedule and availability.

A visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT is a must, along with a delightful al fresco lunch at the Cornucopia Café on the verandah.

Finish the day with a delightful cruise on Darwin's Harbour to enjoy the sunset along with a refreshing beverage and snacks before enjoying dinner in one of Darwin's restaurants.

Overnight Darwin hotel

Day four – Full day Tiwi Islands experience *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner)*

After breakfast at the hotel you'll be transferred to the airport at 0800 for your full day experience of the Art Centres of the Tiwi Islands.

During the day we'll visit four quite different art centres – Jilamara Arts and Crafts at Milikapiti on Melville Island, Munupi Arts and Crafts at Garden Point on Melville Island and Tiwi Design and Ngarawanajirri at Nguui on Bathurst Island.

There'll be time at each of the art centres to explore the collections and see a wide range of styles including works on paper, fabric and canvas along with wood carvings and pottery.

www.tiwiart.com

Return to the airport and transfer to your accommodation at approximately 1700.

Overnight Darwin Hotel

Day five *(Breakfast)*

Check out from the hotel is at 1000 unless otherwise arranged.

Transfer to the Darwin Airport for your flight to home base is included

End of tour