



# Katherine and Nitmiluk Gorge explorer



4 DAYS  
635 km



Leilyn Falls  
Katherine Hot Springs  
Nitmiluk Gorge



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## DAY ONE

### Darwin to Katherine

Katherine is an easy three-hour drive from Darwin – straight down the Stuart Highway. Make the most of the journey by stopping off to explore Adelaide River War Cemetery, and the remains of military airstrips from WWII along the way. There is great food and coffee at Emerald Springs Roadhouse, and drop into visit Pine Creek to see if you can spot a Hooded Parrot or to just explore the history of the town and area.

Upon arrival into Katherine, make your way to your accommodation, and then head straight to **Katherine Hot Springs**. A perfect introduction to Katherine, the hot springs are surrounded by a beautiful picnic area and some short walks.

Take a short trip out of Darwin to explore the spectacular Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and surrounding region. With lots to do, you'll want to stay longer, as Katherine will surely steal your heart. Swim, hike, ride, dive, see, fly and float all through the Katherine region on this short drive itinerary.



Nitmiluk Gorge, Nitmiluk National Park.



Cutta Cutta Caves, Katherine.



Cultural experience, Katherine.

## DAY TWO AND THREE

### Katherine region and Nitmiluk National Park

For the next two days you'll be able to explore all that this beautiful region has on offer. Head to Nitmiluk National Park for the day.

We recommend doing the Baruweil Loop Walk, which takes you to the top of **Nitmiluk Gorge** and gives you magnificent views over the Katherine River and 17 Mile Valley. For a thrilling way to see the gorge, take a helicopter scenic flight, float down the river on a cruise or hire a canoe. There are many optional experiences to choose from at the Nitmiluk Visitor Information Centre, so be sure to pop in to plan your day.

For the avid bushwalker or the hiker at heart, there are loads of tracks on offer that range from easy to difficult. For those who prefer to cast a line, this is your chance to catch an infamous Barramundi! If birdwatching is more your thing, make sure you keep your eyes peeled for the rare Gouldian Finch, fairly common to spot in this area. You

can also experience a taste of local life at **Katherine Outback Experience**, home to a live show fitted out with guitars, dogs, horses, buffalo and more!

## DAY FOUR

### Katherine to Darwin

Just because it's the last day, doesn't mean this is the end of your Katherine road trip. Depart Katherine and head north back to Darwin making a stop at **Leliyn (Edith Falls)** for a dip and to explore. For a moderately challenging walk, take the 2.6km Leliyn Trail which will take you to the upper pool of Leliyn Falls – well worth the effort! At the base of the falls there are great picnic facilities, plus a café for your convenience. Spend a couple of hours here before heading back to Darwin.

#### Food and drink

**Black Russian Caravan Bar, Finch Café, Maidens Lane, Lazy Lizard, Pop Rocket Café**

#### Accommodation

**Nitmiluk Caravan Park, Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine Holiday Park**

#### Tours and activities

**Marksie's Stockman's Tucker Night, Katherine scenic flights, Cutta Cutta Caves, Top Didj Cultural Experience, Pine Creek Railway district, Adelaide River War Cemetery**



## Optional add-on

### Mataranka Thermal Pools and Bitter Springs

For more rejuvenating plunge pool experiences, head south to the **Mataranka Thermal Pools**, just a quick hour's drive south. This is an awesome little stopover that's perfect for everyone. Float in the clear sandy bottomed thermal pools and enjoy the serenity of the area.

Consider adding on the **Kakadu National Park** itinerary.