

TRADE FACT SHEET : DARWIN & SURROUNDS



Darwin, the Northern Territory's capital city, is well known as Australia's gateway to world-class nature and culture experiences. With a population of approximately 127,000, it is a vibrant and welcoming destination renowned for its tropical climate and colourful characters.

There is plenty to do and see around town or simply relax, recharge the batteries and enjoy the holiday atmosphere. Visits to Litchfield National Park and the Tiwi Islands are easy on short day trips or further afield World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park and Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park are ideal for those with more time to explore.



Getting There

Darwin is approximately three to four hours from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide & Perth. Daily flights to Darwin are available from these major ports.

For an alternative experience the Ghan train journey travels between Adelaide & Darwin (via Alice Springs and Katherine).



Getting Around

Hire a vehicle or better still, book on an organised city explorer tour, a few day trips out of town or an extended escorted tour.

Take a long weekend of three to four days in Darwin which is just enough time to explore the city and its surrounding attractions, with a trip down to Litchfield National Park on the side.



Must Do

- Witness a fiery sunset on a Harbour Cruise
- Watch a movie at the outdoor Deckchair Cinema.
- Enjoy Darwin's cultural mix, outdoor eateries, exotic local produce and fresh seafood.



FAQs

Q: Does it rain every day during the wet season?

A: It does rain most days during the wet season, but most days only see short periods of rainfall.

Q: Which attractions are still open during the wet season?

A: Scenic flights over the wetlands during and just after the wet season are amazing. Access to National Parks is also possible year round.



Travel Tips for Clients

- Book accommodation in advance.
- Check out the Darwin Wave Pool for a fun swimming option
- Add another two or three days to get to Katherine (Nitmiluk National Park) & Kakadu National Park for an extended Top End experience!



Weather

The weather in the Top End of the NT is often described as the wet and the dry.

The year starts and ends with tropical rains that bring the landscape to life. Towards mid-year, the humidity levels drop and the days are warm and sunny and the nights cool and dry.

DISTANCES & TIMES (APPROXIMATE ONLY)

Darwin to
Litchfield
129km / 1.5 hrs

Darwin to
Kakadu
257km / 3-4 hrs

Darwin to
Katherine
314km / 4 hrs

Darwin to
Alice Springs
1491km / 15 hrs

Darwin Airport to
Darwin CBD
13km / 10 mins