# **History and Heritage**

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURISM NT

2017-19 (3 year average)

## NT Topline 2017-19



History and heritage visitors to the NT are defined as someone who visited history/ heritage buildings, sites or monuments and/or visited museums or art galleries within the NT during their trip. These figures include persons for whom history and heritage activities were not a primary motivator for travel to the NT.

#### History and heritage activities participated in

**19%** 

visited history/ heritage buildings, sites or monuments visited museums or art galleries

20%

# Proportion of NT visitors engaging in history and heritage activities by purpose



47%

22%

Visiting friends







Total

16% 30%

### NT visitors by stopover

VISITORS TO THE NT engaging in history and heritage activities	Visited Darwin	Visited Regional NT
Interstate	49%	60%
Intra-Territory	14%	86%
International	39%	85%

# NT share of Australian history and heritage visitor market

VISITORS TO THE NT engaging in history and heritage activities	Share of Australian market	
Interstate	5.1%	
Intra-Territory	1.1%	
International	2.5%	

# Regions where history and heritage activities took place\*

Interstate	Intra-Territory	International	
Total	Total	Total	
295,000 visitors	61,000 visitors	212,000 visitors	
Top End	Top End	Top End	
54%	61%	40%	
<mark>Central Australia</mark>	Central Australia	<mark>Central Australia</mark>	
50%	39%	77%	

\*Regions may not sum to the total as visitors may travel to more than one region as part of their NT trip.





# **History and Heritage**

TOURISM NT

2017-19 (3 year average)

#### Transportation

% Rental car

Aircraft





#### Accommodation



### Tourism businesses in the NT by employment size for heritage activities\*

	EMPLOYING BUSINESSES		TOTAL		
TIME PERIOD	Micro (1-19 employees)	<b>Medium</b> (20-199 employees)	EMPLOYING	NON-EMPLOYING	TOTAL
Jun-16	7	3	10	8	18
Jun-17	7	3	10	8	18
Jun-18	7	3	10	8	18
Jun-19	6	3	9	6	15
Jun-20	5	3	8	5	13

Note: Heritage services include Australia and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) category 89 - heritage activities. \*Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics catalogue number 8165.0 Count of businesses including entries and exits 2016-2020.

### History and heritage activities interested in by traveller type for NT\*



- Visiting historic buildings to learn about the NT's history Seeing exhibits at museums
- Visiting military history sites about the bombing of Darwin

\*Source: Instinct and Reason, National Demand for Cultural Tourism in Australia, 2017.

#### **Traveller type descriptions**

#### **OBSERVERS**

• least flexible, lowest consideration of NT as destination, constrained by budget, less knowledge about the NT and Aboriginal culture, preference for passive ways of experiencing culture, staying within their comfort zone

#### **INTRIGUED**

mostly older travellers, prefer hands on experience with Aboriginal culture, mix in and get involved, interested in history, beliefs and customs of Aboriginal people and also passive observation

#### **IMMERSIVES**

mostly younger travellers, actively looking for new things to explore and learn, have disposable income and high interest in all forms of Aboriginal culture including impact of colonisation of Australia and the Stolen Generation



# **History and Heritage**

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURISM NT

From 21 destination factors that were

2017-19 (3 year average)

#### **Destination Importance Factors\***

considered as important for domestic 60 travellers when choosing a holiday 50 destination, rich history and heritage was ranked #4 and museums, art galleries 40 and/or theatre was ranked #14. 30 20 10 0 ē Rich history and heritage Friendly and open citizens, local Good food, wine, local cuisine and beaches and Norld class events or festivals of Native or Indigenous experiences Destination with a variety of physical A safe and secure destination World-class nature and wildlife A range of quality accommodation A family friendly destination road Flights with no stop-overs Ease of obtaining a visa Vibrant city lifestyle Museums, art galleries and/or Great shopping/ world class brand A destination that offers the best in -ocal festivals and celebrations A romantic destination A destination that offers value infrastructure Clean cities, good luxury accommodation interest to me activities and sport hospitality theatre produce World class coastlines, | marine life money options names

\*Source: Tourism Australia's 2019 Consumer Demand Project.

#### Expectations of travellers to the NT towards history and heritage activities

Outback Australia, eat local food, learn local heritage, meet local people.

Tennant Creek/ Devil's Marbles/ Barkly Male, 30-49 years

Historical education. Darwin/ Litchfield Female, 30-49 years

I am happy to pay for museums where I can. Get some knowledge about past and history. Darwin/ Litchfield Male. 18-29 years I would like to go and visit the war history museum and the other places of interest that I have read about. It would be nice just to be able to walk around and soak in the Darwin atmosphere. Darwin/ Litchfield Female, 50+ years

#### Do a bit of sightseeing and find out more about the history of the area.

Tennant Creek/ Devil's Marbles/ Barkly Male, 50+ years Sightsee, learn the history. I'm a nurse so maybe see the remote villages and offer supplies. Katherine Female, 30-49 years

See the old telegraph station. Alice Springs Female, 18-29 years

Explore the township. Learn about local culture. Enjoy guided tours or

**Walks.** Alice Springs Female, 30-49 years

Go to the army museum. Darwin/ Litchfield Male, 50+ years

> Hopefully visit a museum.

Darwin/ Litchfield Female, 18-29

Seeing beautiful places of interest filled with history and heritage.

Ayers Rock/ Uluru/ Kings Canyon Female 30-49

Source: Instinct and Reason, Market Tracking Survey Quarterly Report Spring 2020. Question asked: If you were to visit [NT location] what do you expect you would be able to do there?

Source: This factsheet contains a summary of information relevant to the Northern Territory (NT) tourism industry from Tourism Research Australia's National and International Visitor Survey, unless otherwise stated.

Note: History and heritage activities for domestic visitors took place in the NT, while for international visitors these activities took place in Australia (not just the NT).

Disclaimer: The Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade has taken due care in preparing this information, however does not warrant that it is correct, complete or suitable for the purposes for which it is intended to be used. The Department disclaims all liability associated with the use of this information. For more information, please contact the Research team on: research.tourismnt@nt.gov.au

Published: December 2021

