Welcome to Australia’s Outback - The Northern Territory

At the heart of Australia lies the outback of the Northern Territory. Rich with history and full of inspiring stories yet told, the Northern Territory stretches all the way from the Red Centre to the Top End.

The distances are vast, allowing for the landscapes to change drastically between locations, including the shifting red desert sands of Uluru, the burnt hues of the craggy West MacDonnell Ranges surrounding Alice Springs and the scrubby bushland of the Top End, all unique in their features.

Being the leading nature and culture destination in Australia, there are countless opportunities for students to gain a firsthand appreciation of their studies.

From flying over extraordinary land forms, visiting real outback Indigenous communities, learning about Aboriginal rock art, joining the Northern Territory’s remote cattle stations to gazing at a blanket of stars to the sound of a didgeridoo, the options are endless.

The combination of city vibrancy, quaint rural towns and expansive regions of Outback desert and lush National Parks all culminate to provide a plethora of experiences, enjoyable and educational for both students and teachers alike.

The Northern Territory has the largest per capita population of Indigenous Australians of any Australian state or territory and offers a myriad of opportunities to connect with Aboriginal communities and share ideas, education and fun.

With individually designed itineraries tailored to your school’s desires and syllabus requirements, the educational adventure will come to life as your group meets with local Territorians who can give their personal insights of outback living. Steeped in culture and history, the Northern Territory is the perfect place for young inspired minds to visit.
School Group Travel

Territory Discoveries are the school group travel specialists for the Northern Territory. For us it is about creating great educational experiences for your students, sharing our story and leaving a lasting impression that will enhance their knowledge and understanding of a broad range of subjects.

As the largest travel wholesaler of the Northern Territory we offer hundreds of operators with thousands of experiences for you to choose from. Our close relationship with operators ensures our trips run smoothly and that students are engaged with quality content and activities.

Our dedicated Groups Department not only arranges all travel coordination around the excursion, but we can also organise specialist guides for your class to gain in depth learning on a range of subjects to ensure curriculum requirements are met.

We can tailor make itineraries to meet specific subject requirements such as Biology, Indigenous Studies, History, Primary Industries, Music, Agriculture, Visual Arts, Community and Family Studies, Geography, Earth Environmental Studies and Photography.

Territory Discoveries are a government business division of Tourism NT and are the Northern Territory travel wholesale specialists who are the proven experts in planning tailored outback school excursions with a difference.

With an array of genuine outback experiences on offer, Territory Discoveries can make your next school trip one of the highlights of the school year.

Why Territory Discoveries?

- Works with Accredited Operators only
- School group travel specialists
- Wholesale rates and group discounts
- Tailored trips to meet a wide range of education outcomes
- Base school packages to suit a range of budgets
- Customised itineraries
- Specialist guides
- Flights and transfers
- Meal coordination
- Access to a wide variety of Indigenous operators
- Exclusive experiences and unique locations
- Specialists in the NT
- The one stop shop - We can organise it all!
Expand your students’ minds as you venture on a **Red Centre** educational experience. Known as the warm, red heart of Australia, the Red Centre holds an extraordinary amount of pioneering history, culture, fascinating landscapes and opportunities for some hands-on fun.

Alice Springs, framed by the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges, is one of Australia’s most famous outback towns, full of culture, history, agriculture and stunning countryside. Your students have the opportunity to experience unique ways of learning, while also enjoying themselves.

Uluru, the most recognisable Australian icon, and the surrounding area is a mecca of Aboriginal culture. Your students will extend their understanding of the communities of wider Australia and broaden their knowledge of the different ways of the local Aboriginal children. The local Anangu people, who are the traditional owners of this mesmerising land, will teach your students about Aboriginal culture and traditions, and provide them with the opportunity to interact, by engaging in dot painting, spear throwing and weaving.

Take your students on an unforgettable educational experience to the Red Centre, and they will most certainly take away some appreciation, insight and understanding for this great piece of land and significant culture.
History

The Red Centre has a rich history stemming back to being inhabited by the Arrernte Aboriginal people. In 1862, early explorer John McDouall Stuart led an expedition through the Centre to the North Coast, navigating and mapping the country for white settlement. The hub of the Red Centre, Alice Springs, began as a repeater station for a 3200km overland telegraph line linking Australia to the rest of the world. A continual source of cultural riches, the Red Centre preserves working relics of Australian history such as the Royal Flying Doctors Service and The School of the Air. Without these services, life in the outback would not be possible.

Nature

The great monolith of the Red Centre, Uluru (Ayers Rock) stands a whopping 348 metres above ground and reaches twice that below, revealing only part of its undulating beauty. Learn from the world’s original earth scientists, the Aboriginal people of the outback, about their connection to the land and what conservation really means. Fossick for fossils, discover Aboriginal artefacts and uncover millennia of geological phenomena as your students explore arid desert plains, eroded canyons or permanent waterholes.

Culture

One of the world’s oldest living cultures is waiting to embrace you. Be immersed in the art, music, dance and storytelling of the Indigenous people. Take the opportunity to spend time with local Aboriginal communities, soaking up their way of life and meeting people with a quiet gentleness and depth of wisdom that will stay with you forever. Your presence will also provide social and economic benefits to the communities, who rely on your patronage to keep their long history of art and culture alive.

Outback

Nestled between the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges and surrounded by gorges and stark desert plains, the outback township of Alice Springs offers a delicious contrast to the usual school trip. It might surprise you to find the Territory’s third largest city smack bang in the centre of Australia. ‘The Alice’ is home to people with a love of hot desert days, clear crisp nights, and a wry sense of humour. See your students’ eyes light up as they witness the colours of Uluru transform during a crisp desert sunrise. Set your photography students the challenging task of capturing our expansive breathtaking landscapes.

Watch the rainbow of hues change as the sun rises over the warm, red giant of Uluru.

“Imagine your students at a dot-painting workshop, sitting side by side with kids from a remote Aboriginal community, sharing stories, culture and their imaginations...”
Central Australia
Discover, Learn, Experience...

Renowned for its magnificent geological land forms such as Kings Canyon, Uluru, Kata Tjuta and the stunning West MacDonnell Ranges, Central Australia is rich in history, culture and natural wonders.

- Visit a local community and sit with some of the Indigenous members and hear their stories and learn about their culture.
- Retrace the footsteps of our explorers and learn of the construction of the Overland Telegraph Station.
- Marvel at the beauty of Central Australia whilst learning of the geological characteristics that have formed over millions of years.
- Get up close and personal with some of Central Australia’s friendly and not so friendly reptiles.

See right for sample itineraries of what we can provide for you - no matter what it is that you require or the size of your group, Territory Discoveries can tailor an itinerary to suit your group and take full advantage of the abundance of educational opportunities that Central Australia has to offer.

5 Day Geological Experience

DAY 1
- Arrive into Alice Springs and transfer from Airport to Hotel
- Transfer to Alice Springs Desert Park. Discover many of the secrets of the Central Australian deserts at the Alice Springs Desert Park.
- Eco Tour, Star Show and Dinner at Earth Sanctuary. Join a tour which explores ecology, sustainability and culture in a walk through of an eco certified sustainable living centre. After the tour, enjoy a BBQ dinner before the star show.

DAY 2
- Depart Alice Springs and travel west through the Gillen Range formation arriving at Honeymoon Gap to meet our traditional hosts John and Marilyn. Following a moving “Welcome to Country” ceremony you will be guided around the land they refer to as ‘nature’s pharmacy’. Learn about Arrernte culture, the language, medicinal and food values and how the natural and spiritual world impacts their lives.
- Explore the West MacDonnell Ranges taking in Ellery Creek, Ochre Pits, Ormiston Gorge and Glen Helen. This vast and spectacular section of the MacDonnell Ranges is an outstanding example of an ancient landscape sculpted over time by climatic elements. Cool scenic gorges are important refuges for a collection of plants and animals, many of which are found only here and some are relics of a bygone era of tropical forests.
- Camp out in swags overnight at a private campsite - tents optional.

DAY 3
- Early morning start with breakfast and then explore the Pound Walk
- Head off on the Mereenie Loop road (via Goss Bluff) and arrive in the afternoon at Kings Canyon. Be mesmerised by the sunset as you hike the Canyon Walk. The flat face and sheer drop of the canyon walls are both frightening and inspiring in their size and stark natural beauty. Kings Canyon is hidden deep in the secluded beauty of Watarrka National Park, considered an important conservation area with rock holes and gorges providing sanctuary for over 600 species of plants and many native animals.
- Camp out in swags overnight at a private campsite - tents optional.

DAY 4
- Early morning start with breakfast and then making our way to Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park, travelling through Kings Creek and stopping via Atía (Mt Connor).
- In the afternoon enjoy a hike through the Valley of the Winds Walk at Kata Tjuta or the Waapa Gorge Walk. See the amazing dome formations of Kata Tjuta and learn about the geological history of these giant red conglomerate rocks and of the flora and fauna native to this sacred area.
- Relax whilst watching the sunset over Uluru.
- Camp out in swags overnight at a private campsite - tents optional.

DAY 5
- An early morning start with sunrise viewing and then a walk and optional climb at Uluru including a visit to the Cultural Centre.
- Transfer to the Airport for your departure flight.
8 Day Aboriginal Cultural Study Tour

DAY 1
• Arrive into Alice Springs, meet your tour guide/driver and transfer to your accommodation.
• Visit Alice Springs Desert Park with an Indigenous Guide. See the feeding of the Birds of Prey, the Nocturnal House and an audio-visual presentation on the creation of the Earth.
• Visit the Alice Springs Reptile Centre for an interactive education on many Australian reptiles.

DAY 2
• Visit the Hermannsburg Mission and Community. Learn about Albert Namitjira, Hermannsburg Art and the Hermannsburg Potters.
• If there are classes on, visit the Hermannsburg Primary School.
• In the afternoon visit an Aboriginal community at Wallace Rockhole.
• With time permitting enjoy a swim at Ormiston Gorge or Ellery Creek Big hole.

DAY 3

DAY 4
• Depart Alice Springs and travel south along the Stuart Highway.
• Stop at Camels Australia, where you could enjoy a ride on a camel (own expense).
• Visit an Aboriginal Art Gallery at Mt Ebenezer Roadhouse.
• Enjoy lunch at the base of Kings Canyon, where the afternoon will be spent walking around the rim of this beautiful, yet rugged, canyon.

DAY 5
• Travel to Ernabella community in South Australia, once an important Presbyterian Mission. Visit the Ernabella Art Centre noted for its unique Ernabella Arts design. Whilst at Ernabella we will endeavour to undertake a brief work project that has been set aside for students to participate in.
• Enjoy an evening campfire at the nearby community and chat with community members.

DAY 6
• Spend a little more time with the community before returning to the NT for a visit to Cave Hill where you will learn the Dreamtime stories. View and learn about significant stories, the song lines and the continuity of 40,000 years of Aborigines passing through this sacred location.
• Tonight, we camp overnight in an exclusive location.

DAY 7
• An early morning start to get to the vantage point to experience the sunrise over the desert. Visit the Sacred Arts sites before departing for Uluru National Park.
• Travel into Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park where you will get the chance to explore this wonderful site and view Uluru at sunset.

DAY 8
• View Uluru at sunrise.
• Visit the Cultural Centre and be amazed by how much there is to learn.
• Tour Uluru, the twice classified World Heritage site. Visit sacred sites in the area, where you will see ancient rock art and learn about this awe inspiring monolith.
• Transfer to Ayers Rock Airport for your flight home.
Risk Management - Accreditation

Territory Discoveries works exclusively with accredited tourism businesses. This distinctive ‘tick’ logo displayed by these businesses provides you with an assurance that the tourism business has a proven commitment to the highest quality of service. Accreditation will benefit you by providing a recognisable symbol of quality, allowing you to make better informed choices when selecting tourism products and services. Accreditation will give you comfort that your expectations of the tourism experience will be met and that you will receive value for money. All touring, accommodation, hire car and attractions charging a fee featured in this brochure have achieved tourism accreditation.

Tourism businesses must have public liability insurance in order to obtain accreditation, which assists you in putting together and implementing your risk management plan.

National Curriculum

The Northern Territory is the perfect location for students to learn about and participate in experiences that contribute to their education under the national curriculum that is currently being put in place. Each of the cross curriculum priorities that underpin the Australian curriculum are represented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures:

The Northern Territory offers a great range of opportunities to connect with Aboriginal communities, sharing in ideas and giving your students an in depth understanding of Indigenous culture. Students can be immersed in the art, music, dance and storytelling of the Indigenous people. They can also spend time within these communities, soaking up their way of life and meeting people with a quiet gentleness and depth of wisdom that will stay with them forever. Your presence will also provide social and economic benefits to the communities, who rely on your patronage to keep their long history of art and culture alive.

Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia:

As the closest capital city to our neighbours in the Asia Pacific region, Darwin is steeped in history and well positioned to provide an insight into both the history and future of Australia’s engagement in the region. From early pearl farmers trawling the Top End coast line to the bombing of Darwin in WWII and through to the modern day influx of immigrants, the Territory is a vital part of our connection to the Asia Pacific Region. Even the first Indigenous inhabitants of the Darwin region had trading routes with Southeast Asia and the Top End’s trade with the Asian region continues to grow today.

Sustainability:

The Northern Territory is home to a broad range of sustainability research and development, from energy projects through to conservation and land management. Alice Springs is a renowned Solar City with innovative and forward thinking ideas about sustainability; it is home to the Uturine Solar Power Station - the largest tracking solar power station in Australia. In sustainable land management, many areas of the Northern Territory are jointly managed by the Parks Department and the Traditional Land owners to ensure the best possible care and protection of the natural environment. Take the students out of the classroom so the can get involved and experience first hand conservation and sustainability initiatives that can be found in the NT.
Making a Difference

Territory Discoveries is dedicated to environmental sustainability and wherever possible, we support operators that are dedicated to reducing their carbon footprint by being as environmentally responsible as possible, thus best preserving the environment for future generations.

We are aware the environment is an exhaustible resource and by using local operators, we attempt to reduce the amount of resources otherwise required to transport goods and people. Furthermore, in order to prevent damage to flora and fauna, eco-friendly accommodations are preferred including permanent camping sites and sustainable hotels and hostels.

We aim to be responsible in our associations with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities by showing respect and contributing to the social and economic growth of each community affected by our business. Our operators pride themselves on being culturally sensitive, and respect the values and beliefs of communities and peoples for cultural preservation.

At Territory Discoveries, we strive to make a difference by supporting small businesses, promoting Indigenous organisations and reinforcing the positive effects of tourism in building a greater understanding of Indigenous culture throughout Australia. Through working with Indigenous operators, we are able to share their way of life as well as promote economic stability for the community.

Utilising these resources to create educational, cultural and interactive journeys, Territory Discoveries endeavours to provide the most fulfilling educational experience possible in the Northern Territory.

What Makes Territory Discoveries Different

Local NT Experts

Being based in the Northern Territory we know the best places and work with the best people making sure you get the most out of your experiences.

Variety

We have the largest range of Northern Territory school group tours, activities, accommodation and packages that we can tailor to suit your style and budget.

Value

Our personal relationships with all our operators ensure that you’re getting the best deal.

Responsible Tourism

We value our environment and culture. Check out our policy at www.territorydiscoveries.com/responsible-tourism-policy
Discover the **Top End** on your next school excursion where your students will gain insight into the understated war history of this region, extraordinary landscapes, pre-historic creatures and ancient Aborginal art and culture.

The Northern Territory’s multi-cultural capital, Darwin, is on the edge of a harbour bigger than Sydney. Rich in history, this city offers your students the opportunity to delve into the lesser known 1942 bombings of Darwin, and the devastating 1974 Cyclone Tracy. Discover the impacts of these events, and the courage of those who helped rebuild this beautiful city.

Visit Crocosaurus Cove and learn about the local animals of the Top End, get hands on at the Territory Wildlife Park, take a unique trip to the Darwin Education Centre at the CSIRO or take in the highly educational and interpretive Northern Territory and War Museums.

Kakadu, Katherine and Litchfield are easily accessible from Darwin and allows your students to experience new environments, landscapes and weather cycles. A completely different climate to the Southern states, the Top End’s opposing seasons are explored at some of the best interpretive and learning centres. Witness ancient Aborginal art and culture, study eco-systems of the rivers and floodplains or visit a real life Outback station to discover a different kind of life in a rugged and sometimes unforgiving land.
History

Not short on history, Darwin's WWII trail will amaze and inspire you, while the museums will make you want to stay longer. Visit the NT Museum and learn about Cyclone Tracy with interactive displays which re-enact the experience. After a walking tour of Darwin city, journey out to the War Museum and get hands on with some interpretive activities designed specifically for students. Take an inspiring journey to the Adelaide River War Memorial and pay tribute to those that passed in WWII.

Nature

The local Bininj people believe there are 6 different seasons in the Top End which contribute to the varying flora and fauna found in the area. Let your students explore these seasons and discover a totally different world from their own. Discover the abundance of birdlife at one of the conservation reserves. View, up close in the wild, the famous salt-water crocodile, gliding through the water in a graceful motion, ready to lunge at any one moment. Witness the famous Arnhemland Escarpment, with expansive and incredible views. Travel along the famous Katherine Gorge viewing the unique cliff formations, where clustered inside lie phenomenal Aboriginal artworks.

Culture

With over 40,000 years of living Aboriginal culture, students will be able to discover and gain an insight into one of the longest living cultures in the world. Enjoy story telling from traditional land owners, weave a basket, throw a spear or try some of the local bush tucker and learn of these ancient survival skills. Depict the stories from spiritual Aboriginal rock art, and learn of their storytelling symbols. Create your own unique story in the same way Aboriginal people have done for centuries, discussing how Aboriginal art styles have changed over time and through influence.

Outback

Take a journey to the outback to learn about the land and harsh climate of the Top End. Be surprised by the life you find in this vast wilderness. Enjoy an authentic Aussie outback camp oven dinner. Journey to the Cutta Cutta Caves, and view the limestone formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Discover the Katherine Hot Springs and marvel at this natural wonder. Take a farm stay at Mount Bundy Station, where you can ride horses and learn about pastoral and agricultural history.

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Top End
Discover, Learn, Experience...

Spanning from the Tiwi Islands and the tip of the Cobourg Peninsula down through the mainland to Mataranka and the Barkley region, stretching from the Western Australia and Northern Territory border across to Groote Eylandt and down to the Northern Territory and Queensland border - the Top End covers a vast area and has so much to offer.

- Learn of our Indigenous ancestors and view rock art spanning back thousands of years and hear of the stories they tell.
- Stare in awe at crocodiles in their natural habitats, learning about these ancient creatures and their survival in the modern world.
- Explore Kakadu National Park, Arnhem Land, Litchfield and Katherine; each location offers unique ecosystems and geological characteristics.
- Reflect on our history as you visit the WWII sights and gain further insight into Darwin’s role in the war.

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5 Day Nature and History Discovery

DAY 1
- Transfer from Darwin Airport to accommodation.
- Meet your transfer to Stokes Hill Wharf to board the Charles Darwin Dinner Cruise. This is a great way to get a view of the famous Darwin Sunset in the harbour.

DAY 2
- Today embark on a Bombing of Darwin WWII journey. Visiting WWII military sites established during the development of Darwin as Australia’s northern defence line. The historic ammunition storage and testing areas were built in 1944. The bunkers and shelters in the Park were used for storage between 1944 and the mid 1980’s. Take a trip on the water to see what is happening now and learn more about when the first bombs fell in the harbour. Visit the Darwin Military Museum, the Museum has large exhibits of items from the war, including Navy, Army and Air Force items from Australian, US and other armed forces.
- After lunch spend the afternoon exploring Crocosaurus Cove. Darwin’s ultimate urban wildlife experience allows visitors a unique, 360 degree, viewing experience of massive saltwater crocodiles, hatchlings and juveniles as well as being home to the world’s largest display of Australian reptiles.

DAY 3
- Depart Darwin and stop at the Adelaide River War Cemetery, the resting place for many Second World War soldiers and civilians killed in the 1942 air raids on Darwin.
- Continue to Katherine, one of the Northern Territory’s most important agricultural and grazing regions. Enter Nitmiluk National Park and join a guided cruise of Katherine Gorge. As you glide along the tranquil waters of this ancient watercourse, enjoy commentary from your guide detailing the area’s plants and wildlife.
- In the afternoon, travel to Leliyn (Edith Falls) located on the western boundary of Nitmiluk National Park. The paperbark and pandanus-fringed natural pool at the base of Leliyn is safe for swimming throughout most of the year.
- Continue your journey into Kakadu National Park and overnight at Cooinda.

DAY 4
- Board the Yellow Water Cruise - this Indigenous owned Cruise is a discovery tour through the most famous Kakadu Wetland, Yellow Water Billabong.
- Visit Warradjan Cultural Centre with informative displays where the traditional Aboriginal land owners (Bininj) of Kakadu National Park tell stories of their culture through the displays and exhibitions.
- Drive on to see rock art sites at Nourlangie Rock. The name ‘Nourlangie’ is an anglicised version of Nawurlandja. The most famous rock art picture at Nourlangie is called Namondjok and for some Aboriginal groups he is a Creation Ancestor.
- Continue your journey through the world-renowned Kakadu National Park, home to a profusion of birds and other native fauna. View the ancient Aboriginal rock paintings at Ubirr, which has been added in its own right to the World Heritage List because of its anthropological and archaeological value.

DAY 5
- Meet your airport transfer.

We are the NT Experts!
8 Day Cultural Discovery of the Top End

DAY 1
• Arrive into Darwin airport and meet your transfer to your accommodation.
• Meet your transfer to Stokes Hill Wharf to board the Charles Darwin Dinner Cruise. This is a great way to get a view of the famous Darwin Sunset in the harbour.

DAY 2
• Depart Darwin and travel south through tropical country and head to Katherine.
• Enter into Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge) for your first excursion, the Bush Tucker Educational Tour - discover the fascinating ways that Jawoyn survived this formidable terrain for thousands of years by their knowledgeable uses for plants for a great variety of purposes.
• Board the Nit Nit Dreaming Cruise - this cruise will allow you to discover the cultural significance of the first two gorges to the traditional land owners, the Jawoyn people.

DAY 3
• Transfer to the Top Didj & Art Gallery Centre where you will meet your guide for your morning activities including a cultural talk, painting, spear throwing, boomerang throwing and basket weaving.
• Depart Katherine and make your way to Kakadu National Park, stopping for lunch along the way.
• Board the Yellow Water Cruise. This Indigenous owned Yellow Water Cruise is a discovery tour through the most famous Kakadu Wetland, Yellow Water Billabong.

DAY 4
• Spend the day exploring the world heritage listed Kakadu National Park. Experience the traditional way of life in the nearby Warradjan Cultural Centre.
• Depart Cooninda for Nourlangie Rock. The name ‘Nourlangie’ is an anglicised version of Nawurlandja. The most famous rock art picture at Nourlangie is called Namondjok and for some Aboriginal groups he is a Creation Ancestor.
• After lunch, spend the late afternoon discovering ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr.

DAY 5
• Journey across the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land. Aboriginal owned, Arnhem Land is one of Australia’s most remote and least traversed regions. Gain knowledge of traditional land ownership, bush skills, hunting, food gathering and bush tucker preparation.
• Meet Aboriginal artists at Injalak Arts and Crafts centre in Oenpelli.
• While in Arnhem Land a Traditional Owner will show you excellent examples of rock art on Injalak Hill.

DAY 6
• Travel to the East Alligator River and board the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise boat. An Aboriginal guide provides an insight into their culture – local mythology, the river’s abundant food chain, traditional uses for many plants and animals as well as bush survival skills.
• Head back towards Darwin with a slight detour stopping at the Crocodylus Park. Join a guided tour of Crocodylus Park, an educational facility with interpretive displays, and view the live crocodiles.

DAY 7
• After a 30 minute scenic flight, you arrive at Bathurst Island. Here you are met by a Tiwi Guide to be taken on a journey through the progressive Aboriginal community of Nguiu. Hear about the history of the early mission days and learn how the Tiwi have blended their culture with Christianity.
• At morning tea spend time with some Tiwi Ladies enjoying billy tea and damper while they work on their weaving and painting. Learn some of the complex rituals associated with the Pukamani (burial ceremony).
• Set out for a scenic drive through the wilderness of Bathurst Island. Enjoy lunch and visit a local waterhole for a swim.

DAY 8
• Depart Darwin.
Getting around

Regardless of your group size or requirements, Territory Discoveries can organise transport options to match your group and itinerary.

- Travel in style and comfort in a large 46-48 seater coach.
- For smaller groups, we offer 20 seater coaster buses and 29 seater coaches.
- If getting off the beaten track is more your style, then 12 and 14 seat 4x4 Canters might be your choice.

If you are interested in hiring vehicles to self drive your group, then Territory Discoveries can assist you.

We can offer vehicles of all shapes and sizes, from an assortment of Mini Buses to Troop Carriers to Land Cruisers and Sedans.

We can also organise luggage trailers, roof racks or any other requirements you may need.

Please note strict terms and conditions apply to vehicle hire.

Where to stay?

Territory Discoveries can offer you a vast array of options for accommodation to suit any budget:

- Get back to basics with nature and camp out at a bush camp in a swag, or if you prefer, pitch a tent.
- Camp in comfort at an established camp site with permanently erected tents - with beds!
- Multi-share with lodge rooms that offer bunk bedding.
- Choose from a range of hotels or apartments to fit in with your group arrangements.

Insurance

We offer Travel Insurance for groups of all ages. Ask for a quote when arranging your trip.
Festivals and events in the NT provide the perfect opportunity to participate, become part of the community fabric, and engage with the local people. For a true sense of the local lifestyle, time your school trip for an outdoor music festival or arts event. Perhaps engage your students with a unique and quirky ‘Territorian style’ event or connect with Australia’s Indigenous culture and join in on one of the cultural festivals that will give you an experience like no other.

Henley-On-Todd Regatta

**When:** August  |  **Where:** Northern end of the Todd Riverbed, Alice Springs

A boat race with a unique difference - on the dry sands of the Todd River.

Be a part of the chaos at this unique Northern Territory event, when the dry, sandy bed of the Todd River becomes the race track for a crew of Flintstone-style boats, propelled towards the finish line by the sheer will and might of their creators. Head to Alice Springs in August and watch from the sidelines, or create your own craft and join the contest. Whichever you choose, you’ll have fun.

Darwin Festival

**When:** August  |  **Where:** Darwin

The Darwin Festival program provides a feast of local, national and international performances to excite, inspire and entertain.

There are few festivals around the world that can boast the weather that Darwin has and this is what makes it a perfect festival town. Held in August, the festival includes everything from free outdoor events to theatre, dance, music, cabaret, films, workshops and comedy, not to mention the sensational cuisine. Running for 18 nights, with over 70 productions, 112 events and performances and over 1,000 international, national and Northern Territory artists and cultural groups, the Darwin Festival reflects the Indigenous, Asian and Pacific cultures of the region.

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival

**When:** June  |  **Where:** Alice Springs

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival is a unique event that celebrates this great Australian icon. It’s the place people can come to find the perfect beanie from among more than 4,000 beanies displayed at the Araluen Cultural Precinct in Alice Springs.

A full weekend with music, the famous tea shop, the Beanie Olympics, and a fantastic program of textile workshops and crafts for kids. Indigenous artists from local communities demonstrate their ancient spinning techniques and basket making. There are textiles on display and for sale for any budget.

World Solar Challenge

**When:** October  |  **Where:** Darwin to Adelaide

In friendly competition with others attempting the same goals, the teams depart Darwin aiming to be the first to arrive in Adelaide, some 3000km to the south.

It’s all about energy management! Based on the original notion that a 1000W car would complete the journey in 50 hours, solar cars are allowed a nominal 5kW hours of stored energy, which is 10% of that theoretical figure. All other energy must come from the sun or be recovered from the kinetic energy of the vehicle. These are arguably the most efficient electric vehicles.

http://www.worldsolarchallenge.org/
“Our trip was a great success. It was a great balance between Indigenous and environmental factors. We really appreciated the opportunities it gave us to meet and learn about the Indigenous culture of the central desert area of Australia, the history of Aboriginal people, and also the current situation and present-day dilemmas faced by these people and all Australians…” - Presbyterian Ladies College