



Darwin to Uluru

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Why Go?

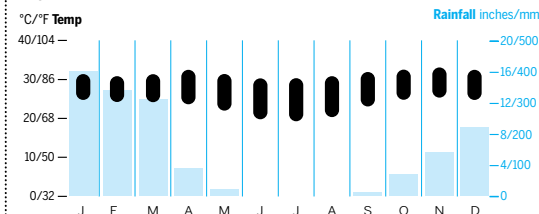
From the tropics to the deserts, the Northern Territory (NT) is a splendid place to be during Australia's winter months. Access is easy, with good roads and air connections; however, the vast distances ensure a good dose of adventure accompanies every visit.

NT's tropical Top End has an undeniable wild side. Crocodiles lurk in the rivers, and the air is alive with birds. Here you will find unparalleled opportunities to experience timeless indigenous culture and behold ethereal rock art. The cosmopolitan capital of Darwin is Australia's doorstep to Asia and celebrates its multicultural mix with delicious fusion cuisine and a relaxed tropical vibe.

The Red Centre is Australia's heartland boasting the iconic attractions of Uluru and Kata Tjuta, plus an enigmatic central desert culture that continues to produce extraordinary abstract art. And delighting travellers with its eccentric offerings, pioneering spirit and weathered mountain setting, is Alice Springs, the city at the centre of a continent.

When to Go

Darwin



Apr–Aug Peak season with lower humidity up north and cooler temperatures in the Red Centre.

Jun & Jul Beanie Festival and Camel Cup in Alice, Beer Can Regatta and Fringe Festival in Darwin.

Sep–Mar Bar-ramundi fishing heats up as the Wet turns the Top End into a watery wonderland.

Darwin to Uluru Highlights

- 1** Witness the wonderful **Uluru** (p895) and **Kata Tjuta** (p896) at sunset
- 2** Paddle a canoe beneath soaring sandstone ramparts in **Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park** (p861)
- 3** Cruise with huge crocodiles at **Kakadu National Park** (p841)
- 4** Sample a satay at **Mindil Beach Sunset Market** (p830)
- 5** Hike past prehistoric ferns through bizarre beehive rock formations to **Kings Canyon** (p888)
- 6** Plunge into a crystal-clear rock pool at **Litchfield National Park** (p838)

