

First Nations Storytelling



Suggested itinerary duration:

9 nights, plus a night or two at your arrival or departure destination as desired.

The Australian landscape today is a map of the spirits' journeys and stories handed down through the generations often through song and dance. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander hosts and guides are keen to share their stories and give an insight into their cultures, which is often delivered with an engaging humour and deeply moving perspective.

Fly to Uluru (Connellan Airport), 15min hosted transfer to Longitude 131° or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

1 Longitude 131°

Uluru, Northern Territory

3 nights

Timeless and enriching, **Longitude 131°** lies at the gateway to the dual World Heritage listed wilderness of **Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park** offering a personal experience of Australia's spiritual heartland, a true sense of stillness and beauty in the desert landscape, rich in culture, heritage and history.

What will I do there?

- Ernabella Arts - visit the closed community in the APY Lands to meet the Anangu artists and gain insight into the techniques and ancient stories which form the basis of their artworks and understand the Indigenous symbols used to depict their Tjukurpa (sacred stories of Country and lore), providing inspiration to create your own ceramic tile to take home.
- A guided base walk around Uluru reveals Aboriginal creation stories depicting how the rock was formed at the beginning of time by ancestral beings.
- Wander through the Cultural Centre and learn about the people of the desert, and unique history of the dual World Heritage listed National Park.



15min transfer to Uluru (Connellan Airport), 2hr flight to Darwin Airport, 20min private flight to private airstrip, 15min hosted drive to Bamurru Plains or 2.5hr self-drive from Darwin.

2 Bamurru Plains

Top End, Northern Territory

3 nights

Bamurru Plains is an extraordinary experience, on the Mary River floodplains in Australia's **Top End**. Just a short hop by light aircraft across the river systems that separate Bamurru Plains from Kakadu National Park brings you to the Aboriginal heartland of Stone Country. Rock art galleries reveal stories of Aboriginal peoples and their continuing culture. Textures of colours, vistas across savannah woodlands and floodplains provide a sense of the spirituality of this ancient landscape.

What will I do there?

- Take a scenic flight into Kakadu, bush picnic lunch and spend time with an Aboriginal Guide on the waters of the East Alligator River before returning overland, with a stop at the Bowali Visitor Centre, in time for sundowner drinks, canapés and the comfort of the lodge as the sun sets over Bamurru Plains.
- Learn of Aboriginal uses for the various plants and animals on Bamurru or how to track wildlife through the forest on a guided safari walk with a Field Guide.
- Airboat Experience - take an exhilarating trip out on the floodplain wetlands.



15min hosted drive to private airstrip, private 20min flight to Darwin Airport, overnight Darwin. Next day 2.5hr flight to Cairns Airport, 70min drive to Silky Oaks Lodge or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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Silky Oaks Lodge

The Daintree, Queensland

3 nights

Tropical North Queensland hideaway **Silky Oaks Lodge** in the **The Daintree** is located in a stunning riverside location adjoining the oldest living rainforest on earth. Connect with the region's First Nations Kuku Yalanji people as they show you the World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park through their eyes.

What will I do there?

- Experience a traditional Smoking Ceremony as an Aboriginal Guide welcomes you to Country before taking a guided Daintree rainforest walk to learn about traditional hunting techniques, seasonal bush foods and medicine identification.
- Travel north, exploring Cape Tribulation, where you can learn about the tropical ecosystem through the eyes of the Traditional Owners and discover Aboriginal cultural sites.
- Plunge into the freshwater billabong for a feeling of refreshment only Mother Nature can offer.



Did you know? Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a profound and continuous history in Australia and are the oldest living culture on the planet. There are more than 250 Indigenous languages including 800 dialects. For further ways to immerse yourself in First Nations stories, check out the immersive experiences on offer through our colleagues at **Discover Aboriginal Experiences**.

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