

# Top End Encounters

With Fr Daniel Benedetti MGL



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DEPARTS SATURDAY 20 AUGUST 2022

**NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Encounter the unique Catholic spirituality and traditional Aboriginal culture of this sacred place. Cruise waterways teeming with wildlife, explore spectacular gorges, plunging waterfalls and tranquil rock-pools as you journey through this ancient land.



**FULLY ESCORTED**

With Chaplain:  
**Fr Daniel Benedetti MGL**

Plus  
Professional Driver/Guide

**9** DAYS

**Departs Darwin**  
Saturday 20 August 2022

**Returns Darwin**  
Sunday 28 August 2022

**Tour Code:** TE2201

**TOUR COST**

**\$4690** Per person  
Twin or Dbl  
+ Domestic Airfares (if applicable)  
Price based on min 25 group size.

**SINGLE ROOM**

**\$1290** Additional Supplement



**HIGHLIGHTS:** Darwin (1) • Howard Springs Nature Park • Adelaide River Jumping Crocodile Cruise • Kakadu/Jabiru (2) • Kakadu National Park • Nourlangie • Ubirr rock art site • Nadab lookout • Yellow Waters Billabong cruise • Katherine/Nitmiluk National Park (2) • Edith Falls • Katherine Gorge • Top Didj • Katherine Outback Experience show • St Barbara's Catholic Church Rum Jungle • Litchfield National Park • Florence Falls • Wangi Falls • Magnetic Termite Mounds • Darwin (3) • Mindil Beach Sunset Markets • Tiwi Islands - boat ride & Indigenous immersion • Darwin Aviation Museum

**DAILY COMMUNITY MASSES**

Celebrating Eucharist with the locals

**MEET COLOURFUL CHARACTERS**

Hear their inspiring stories

**WITH AMAZING CHAPLAINS**

Giving spiritual blessings & guidance

**NATURE & BEAUTY ENCOUNTERS**

Enlivening each destination

**PILGRIM WALK MOMENTS**

Reflective time-out opportunities

**LIKE-HEARTED FELLOWSHIP**

Travelling together with purpose

**INCLUSIONS:** Accommodation at superior standard 3 - 4 star hotels with breakfast and dinner daily • Lunches as per the itinerary • Deluxe Air-Conditioned Touring Coach • Professional Driver / Guide throughout the program • Complimentary Airport Arrival Transfer (as applicable) • Accompanied by a Harvest Tour Director • All sightseeing and entrance fees as listed • Quality Harvest pilgrim pack including Harvest backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet.

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## ITINERARY

MEAL CODES: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

### DAY 1 - SATURDAY 20 AUGUST 2022 - BEGIN DARWIN

Theme: *New Beginnings*

- Meet your group leader and get to know your fellow travelers as we come together to share our first group dinner

Darwin overnight (D)

### DAY 2 - SUNDAY 21 AUGUST - DARWIN VIA HOWARD SPRINGS NATURE PARK TO KAKADU

Theme: *Awe & Gratitude*

Proposed Mass: *St Martin's Aboriginal Community in Darwin*

- Departing Darwin we stop at **Howard Springs Nature Park**, where we have the opportunity to feed the barramundi and turtles.
- Then we embark on an **Adelaide River Jumping Crocodile Cruise**. View crocodiles in their natural environment. Be awed by the sight of huge prehistoric beasts leaping high out of the water right alongside the boat to be fed!
- Journey into the magnificent **Kakadu National Park**, a diverse **UNESCO world heritage** site. Keep your eyes open for crocodiles as you cross the South Alligator River, Broilgas, Magpie Geese and Jabiru as you traverse along the long grasses of the marshes and wetlands.

Kakadu/Jabiru overnight (BD)

### DAY 3 - MONDAY 22 AUGUST - KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Theme: *Wonder of Creation*

Proposed Mass: *St Peter's Church in Jabiru*

- Walk to Kakadu's stunning **Ubirr rock art site** where you will see ancient rock art and remarkable views from the **Nadab lookout**.
- Visit **Nourlangie** to admire the ancient **Dreamtime art of the Bininj and Munggyu people**. Hear a detailed interpretation of the art and the rich Aboriginal culture as you explore the various outdoor 'galleries', dating back 20,000 years.

- Embark on the famous **Yellow Waters Billabong boat cruise** where you will see a myriad of different bird species and possibly spot estuarine crocodiles.

- Lunch at Cooina Lodge.

Kakadu/Jabiru overnight (BLD)

### DAY 4 - TUESDAY 23 AUGUST - KAKADU VIA EDITH FALLS TO NITMILUK NATIONAL PARK

Theme: *God's Provision*

Proposed Mass: *St Joseph's Church in Katherine*

- Drive through the ancient lands of Kakadu towards the town of Katherine, home to **Nitmiluk National Park** and the meeting place of the traditional Jawoyn, Dagoman and Wardaman Indigenous peoples.
- Just north of Katherine is (Leilyn) **Edith Falls**, a series of cascading waterfalls and crystal-clear rock pools. Hike to the top of the escarpment and enjoy amazing views over the gushing waterfalls.
- On arrival in Katherine, an optional visit to **Mimi Aboriginal Art and Craft** – a not-for-profit art centre.

Katherine overnight (BD)

### DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST - KATHERINE GORGE

Theme: *Identity & Purpose*

Proposed Mass: *Outdoor Mass*

- Visit the **Top Didj Cultural Experience**, where you will be welcomed with a traditional performance on the didgeridoo.
- **Cruise on Katherine Gorge**. A series of thirteen deep gorges carved through ancient rock, there are many Aboriginal paintings on the sandstone walls throughout the system. Discover the **history and culture of the Jawoyn people**, the traditional owners of Nitmiluk.
- Buffet lunch in the Nitmiluk Visitors Centre.
- This evening enjoy the **Katherine Outback Experience show**



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Wurrumiyanga Catholic Church, Tiwi Islands, NT

– celebrating the Northern Territory's unique pastoral history and culture through **real horse-starting and working dog demonstrations, live music and storytelling.**

*Katherine overnight (BLD)*

#### DAY 6 - THURSDAY 25 AUGUST - NITMILUK NATIONAL PARK VIA LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK TO DARWIN

*Theme: Abundant Springs*

*Proposed Mass: St Barbara's Catholic Church in Litchfield*

- Heading north towards Darwin, we stop for a visit at **St Barbara's Catholic Church in Rum Jungle**. Built in 1954, St Barbara's Catholic Church which was built on the site of the former 1940s Royal Australian Air Force Chapel.
- Travel on to **Litchfield National Park**, pausing to examine the amazing phenomenon of hundreds of **magnetic termite mounds** standing up to two metres high in a wide swathe of otherwise empty terrain.
- Lunch at Litchfield Cafe.
- Stop at **Florence Falls**, a spectacular double-plunge waterfall leading to a popular swimming hole, before venturing on to tropical **Wangi Falls** - a large waterhole surrounded by spectacular monsoon rainforest.
- In the early evening we visit the colourful **Mindil Beach Sunset Market** to experience a spectacular sunset under the coconut palms. There's plenty of time to explore the arts and crafts, aromas and atmosphere of the marketplace.

*Darwin overnight (BLD)*

#### DAY 7 - FRIDAY 26 AUGUST - TIWI ISLANDS DAY TOUR

*Theme: Healing & Restoration*

*Proposed Mass: St Therese's Church on Tiwi Islands*

- Today we journey to the **Top End's Tiwi Islands**; home of traditional landowners and rich with Aboriginal culture. Relax onboard our high-speed deluxe catamaran as we take you on a 2.5-hour cruise

from Darwin to the Island town of Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island.

- Set off on a cultural exploration of the **Island town of Wurrumiyanga**. Discover the rich aboriginal culture and participate in a traditional smoking ceremony and totem dance that welcomes you onto the land.
- Share a cup of Billy tea and damper with the ladies and other artists. Here you will be able to truly appreciate the Tiwi Island artists' skills and have the opportunity to purchase art.
- After lunch your guide will take you through the **unique old Catholic Church** with stunning architecture in the **Early Mission Precinct**, and then onto the **Tiwi Museum** to learn more about traditional art and depictions of the Tiwi 'Dreamtime' stories.

*Darwin overnight (BLD)*

#### DAY 8 - SATURDAY 27 AUGUST - DARWIN

*Theme: Peace & Reconciliation*

*Proposed Mass: St Mary's Cathedral in Darwin*

- Celebrate Mass at **St Mary's Cathedral** where you view the The Madonna of the Aborigines, a painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the baby Jesus, depicted as Aborigines.
- In the afternoon enjoy a **city tour of Darwin** where we see a mixture of old and new architectural styles of buildings such as the NT Parliament House and the old Government House.
- Continue on to the **Darwin Aviation Museum** to learn about the city's aviation history. You can check out a B-52 Bomber and view rare amateur footage of the air-raid on Darwin and original footage from Japanese archives.

*Darwin overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 9 - SUNDAY 28 AUGUST - FINISH DARWIN (B)



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