

A rare opportunity to
participate in a women's
weaving workshop with
Aboriginal weavers from
Kakadu West Arnhem

KAKADU WEST ARNHEM
WEAVING WORKSHOP

ABORIGINAL Weaving EXPERIENCE 2018

- Accommodation is included at the remote **Hawk Dreaming Wilderness Lodge** on private land within Kakadu National Park
- Your lead weaving instructor will be **Anita Nayinggul** of the Manilikarr clan
- Learn how to collect **pandanus** and other plants and prepare the fibres for dyeing before learning to weave
- Enjoy a **Guluyambi Cultural Cruise**, a unique boat tour on Kakadu's scenically spectacular East Alligator River
- Visit **Injalak Arts** in Gunbalanya for a tour and opportunity to purchase artworks direct from the Art Centre benefiting the Aboriginal artists living in remote communities



12 - 17 AUGUST 2018

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS EX DARWIN

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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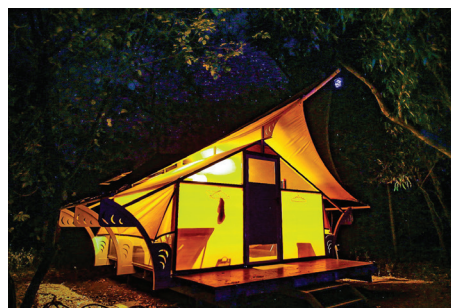
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itinerary

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\$2,160 per person twin share
Due to Bininj cultural restrictions*
this specialised tour is open to
WOMEN and GIRLS only.
Limited to maximum 20 participants.

1 DAY ONE Sunday 12 August
You will be collected from 8am from your nominated Darwin Hotel. Travelling on the Arnhem Highway en route to Kakadu National Park, you will stop for morning tea and places of interest along the way, including the Bowali Visitor Centre situated just off the Kakadu Highway. From here you'll head out to Ubirr in the East Alligator region of Kakadu National Park to view numerous rock art sites and take in panoramic views from the lookout. Enjoy a light lunch at the popular Border Store before heading to the Hawk Dreaming Wilderness Lodge at Cannon Hill, a sacred site within Kakadu National Park. Spend a little time becoming acquainted with the facilities before being treated to a sunset tour of nearby rock art sites and the Cannon Hill billabong. Watch the sun set over this stunning landscape, enjoy some nibbles, before returning to the Lodge for dinner.

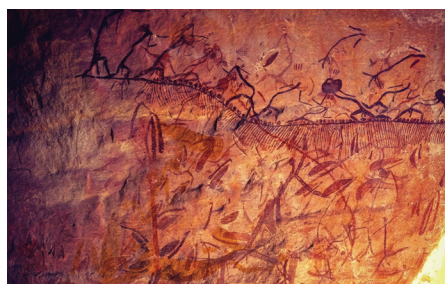


2 DAY TWO Monday 13 August
Enjoy breakfast served at the Lodge from 7 - 9am, after which you will travel across the East Alligator River to Gunbalanya in Western Arnhem Land to visit the Injalak Arts Centre. It is a scenic drive between the Lodge and Gunbalanya, with numerous features to visit along the way. On arrival you will be introduced to the weaving workshop instructors as well as enjoy a tour of the Arts Centre. At around midday, you will head out with your weaving instructors to a location(s) to collect raw plant material and natural dyes. A picnic lunch with billy tea will be served on this gathering expedition, followed by a mid afternoon Guluyambi Cultural Cruise on the East Alligator River before heading back to the Lodge to relax and have an evening meal.

3 DAY THREE Tuesday 14 August
Breakfast from 7 - 9am. Early morning your weaving instructors will meet you at the Lodge to accompany you by 4WD to a nearby billabong. Here a day camp will be set up, and in preparation for your weaving, you will learn how to strip and dye the pandanus that was gathered the previous day. Your camp hosts will attend to any of the group's needs, so you can fully immerse yourself in this activity. Lunch will be served either down at the billabong or back at the Lodge. Your weaving instructors will head home around 4 or 5pm and you'll be treated to a sunset rock art tour with nibbles before heading back to the Lodge for dinner.



4 DAY FOUR Wednesday 15 August
Breakfast from 7 - 9am. Your weaving instructors will meet you at the Lodge again and today's weaving session will take place close to facilities at the Lodge, or nearby at the Cannon Hill billabong where a comfortable day camp will be set up. Lunch will be served either at the billabong or back at the Lodge. At 4.30pm you will travel with your weaving instructors across the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land to visit a site known as Mawurndaddja. Here you will experience outstanding rock art galleries, a stunning sunset and spectacular views. After descending from the site, your weaving instructors will head home and you'll head back to the Lodge in Kakadu for dinner.



5 DAY FIVE Thursday 16 August
Breakfast from 7 - 9am. You will meet your weaving instructors at the Lodge again today and either set up to weave close to facilities at the Lodge, or at the nearby Cannon Hill billabong. Lunch will be served down at the billabong or back at the Lodge. Spend a leisurely last day working on your weaving project and sharing stories with your weaving instructors. Take your beautiful handcraft home with you, a reminder of the time spent learning the ancient art of traditional weaving from Aboriginal women artists on country. Your weaving instructors will be invited to join you for an evening farewell meal at the Lodge before they head home.

6 DAY SIX Friday 17 August
Breakfast from 7 - 9am. Shortly after breakfast you will check out of the Hawk Dreaming Wilderness Lodge and depart with your guide for the journey back to Darwin, arriving mid to late afternoon.

INCLUDED

All ground touring ex Darwin
All meals from lunch on Day 1 to lunch on Day 6
Twin share semi-permanent tented accommodation (with ensuite) at Hawk Dreaming Wilderness Lodge
Kakadu National Parks Pass
Arnhem Land entry permits
Guluyambi Cruise
Cultural engagement and experiences with Aboriginal weavers

NOT INCLUDED

Domestic flights
Pre or post tour accommodation in Darwin
Meals not stated as included
Items of a personal nature

*CULTURAL NOTE

For cultural reasons, this tour is open to females only. In Bininj culture there are clearly defined roles and activities that are undertaken exclusively by women and men, and these roles are mutually respected. Weaving is considered a woman's activity, an opportunity to interact and communicate with each other, as well as to share and pass on knowledge to younger females through the creation of practical, usable and highly aesthetic forms.