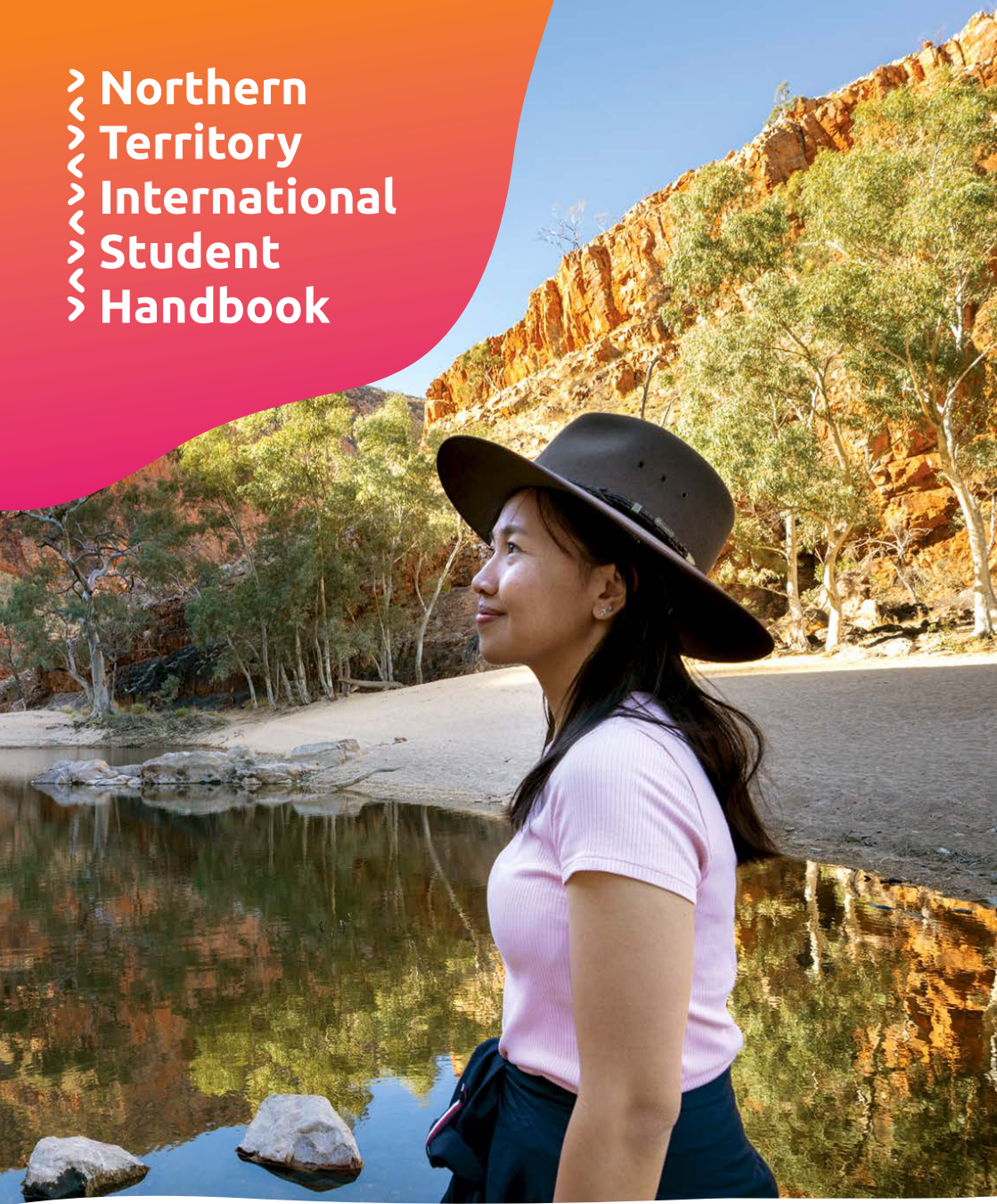


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2025 Minister's Message

I am delighted to welcome you to the Northern Territory, one of the most unique and multicultural parts of Australia.

Our vibrant community includes people from over 100 nations and has over 140 cultural and social groups. This mix of cultures, histories, experiences and stories makes our Territory a great place to live, study, visit and work.

The Northern Territory is an education destination of choice. Our exceptional international education and training providers are committed to your growth and offer a very supportive learning environment, with great career development opportunities.

A place of vast horizons, inspiring landscapes and outstanding natural and cultural assets, I encourage you to explore the Territory during your time here. With a variety of festivals, multicultural events, local markets, historical experiences, and diverse cuisines, our warm and welcoming Territory lifestyle offers something for everyone.



To make the most of your studies, I encourage you to engage in your local community and participate in volunteering activities to enrich your experience here and learn more about the local culture and people.

We want to ensure your time studying in the Northern Territory is one of the best experiences of your life, and one that will set you up for your future journey, wherever it takes you.

Explore, learn, grow and once again welcome to our community.

I wish you all the best for your studies.

**The Hon Robyn Cahill OAM,
Minister for International
Education, Migration and
Population**





CDU Library

The Northern Territory Government's Study NT promotes the Northern Territory as a study destination for international students.

Study NT works with education providers, businesses and the local community to welcome international students to achieve academic success and discover new pathways to their future in the Territory.

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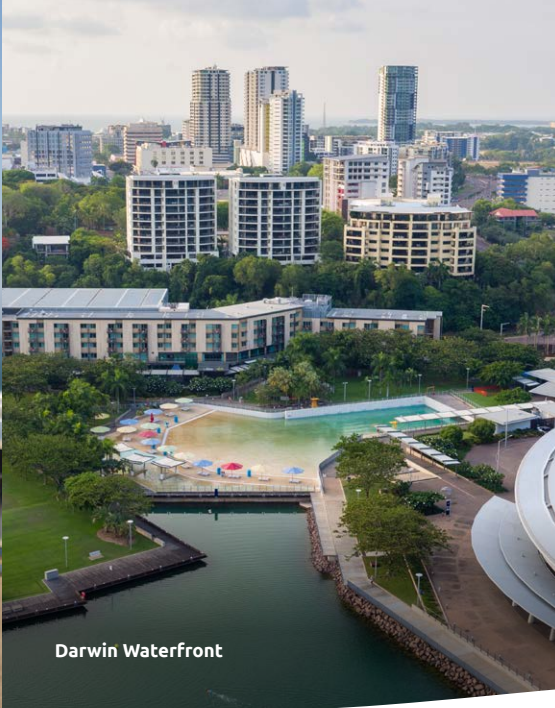
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Darwin Waterfront

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

About the Northern Territory



1,347,791 km²
The Northern Territory is the third largest state/territory in Australia.



Over 250,000 people live in the Northern Territory.



A warm tropical climate in its north and an arid desert climate in the south.



Darwin is Australia's most northern capital city, making it the gateway to Asia.



Territory Day - 1 July
On this day free events are held across the Territory, citizenship ceremonies, a flag raising ceremony and the safe use of personal fireworks.



29% of households in the Territory speak a language other than English.



It is my first time being away from my home, and the Northern Territory welcomed me warmly. Everyone I have met, locals, Filipinos and people from other nationalities are so friendly and approachable.

— Rachel, Philippines

The Northern Territory provides a conducive environment for academic and professional growth and offers a sense of belonging.

— Zau, Bangladesh



Darwin's community is small, yet supportive, inclusive, and diverse. I am able to see the world through talking to people from different backgrounds.

— Ruobin, China



I have found that the University and the Government work together to support and provide a range of opportunities for international students.

— Shiraz, Nepal



I've finally found the balance everyone should have. Darwin has great weather and it's easy and quick to get around.

— Stella, Italy



The Northern Territory's pace of life is a refreshing change from the hustle of my previous life. I really appreciate the beauty and serenity that is surrounding me here in Darwin.

— Maged, Egypt



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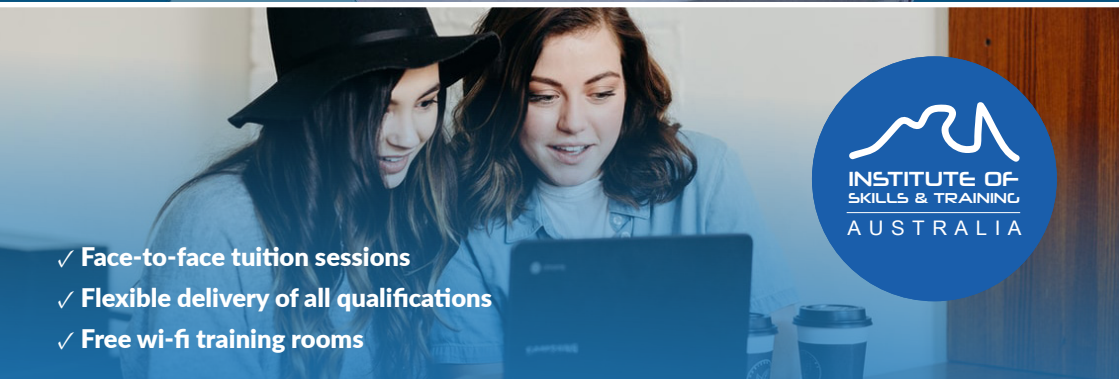
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Scholarships and Grants

The Northern Territory Government and education providers offer various scholarships to talented international students to study in Australia's Northern Territory.

International students can also access a range of grants available to help with their move to the Northern Territory.

Find out
more on
Study NT's
website



You can study in a Northern Territory Government School



Northern Territory Government schools offer a high quality education with programs at three levels – Primary (Transition – Year 6), Middle School (Year 7–9) and Senior Secondary (Year 10–12). The Northern Territory partners with South Australia to deliver the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) in Years 11 and 12.

Students will enjoy a small class size in a quality learning environment. Students are nurtured and guided through their education journey with older students given the opportunity to engage in career development activities and receive advice from qualified careers counsellors, along with work placement opportunities.

OUR CURRICULUM

- High quality curriculum
- Intensive English Programs support students with English proficiency
- Wide range of subjects to allow students to explore their interests: English, mathematics, sciences, technology, art, drama, music, foreign languages, outdoor education.
- Pathways to further education and employment
- Students who receive an NTCET can qualify for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and can study at any university in Australia

YOUR EXPERIENCE

- Supportive school and study environments
- Modern, friendly city
- Excellent school facilities including IT, libraries and science laboratories
- Extra curricular activities include sports clubs, arts and volunteering
- Homestay accommodation with local English speaking families provides an opportunity for students to improve their English



nt.gov.au/learning/international-education



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Accommodation

We have a range of accommodation options for international students, including homestay, private rentals, purpose-built student accommodation and boarding facilities.

Factors to consider when selecting accommodation:

- how close is it to your education and training provider?
- what is nearby? (shops, parks, restaurants, public transport)
- does everything work?
- is the area safe and is the building secure?
- is it noisy?
- always confirm the total cost and any other expenses you may be required to pay, such as a bond and utility fees and ensure they are included in your accommodation agreement

Under 18's

International students under 18 years of age must have suitable accommodation and welfare arrangements while they are studying in Australia.



Scan the QR code to see more accommodation options in the NT



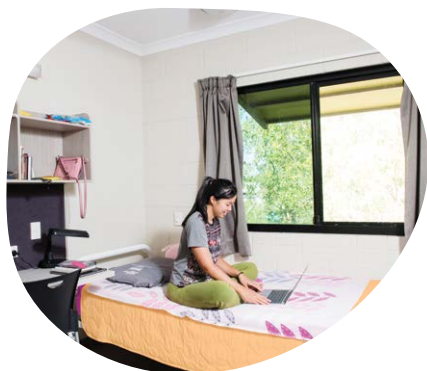
UniLodge

UniLodge is a purpose-built student accommodation facility located in the Casuarina shopping precinct in close proximity to the Charles Darwin University Casuarina campus and the Casuarina bus interchange. UniLodge is open to students studying with all education providers.

Accommodation options include

self-contained, air-conditioned studios and shared apartments with modern study rooms and common areas. Shared facilities include:

- student lounge with large screen television and Foxtel
- high-level security with intercom, CCTV and swipe card access for all public areas of the building
- individual locks for apartments and rooms
- air-conditioning in all apartments
- barbeque area
- laundry (coin-operated) and ironing facilities
- large common kitchen and dining area





On-campus accommodation at Charles Darwin University

Living at CDU Village Casuarina (formerly International House Darwin) places you into the heart of multicultural Darwin.

CDU Village Casuarina is home to 228 residents from all around the globe. By committing to the values of respect, understanding, encouragement and friendship, students have the chance to be transformed by their collegiate experience.

The key to living at CDU Village is getting involved. There are a range of cultural, sporting and social activities for residents to engage in, providing relief from the rigour of study. CDU Village encourages residents to strike a balance between the two. A healthy community is a happy community. Through their programs, members of the community have the support to thrive and flourish.



Boarding

Boarding facilities are available in Darwin at St John's Catholic College and Haileybury Rendall School.

Private rental accommodation

You can rent or lease a property by yourself or with friends. This can be done through a real estate agent or privately. Living in a private rental is an excellent way to immerse yourself in Australian culture. To find shared accommodation, check noticeboards on campus, social media, or visit the Real Estate Institute of the Northern Territory, which lists more than thirty rental agencies.

Living in homestay

Living with a homestay family gives you the opportunity to learn about the Northern Territory lifestyle and improve your English language skills.

In homestay accommodation, you have your own bedroom and study desk and may share or have your own bathroom. The homestay family may provide some or all of your meals.

Homestay fees vary, depending on the meals and services provided. Homestay arrangements can include guardianship arrangements for students under 18 years of age. It can be for a few weeks when you first arrive, for a full year or longer.

Tenancy agreement

If you are renting a property through a real estate agent or landlord, you should be asked to sign a tenancy agreement.

This is a contract that will include agreements about how much rent you will pay and whether a bond is required. Read it through very carefully before you sign. You will also need to complete an entry condition report that shows any damage to the premises before you move in.

Legal protection

You are legally obliged to pay for your accommodation, cleaning and maintenance expenses on time. You also have the legal right to feel secure in your property, and to live in accommodation that is well maintained with working electricity and water.

If you have problems with your accommodation, talk to your real estate agent or landlord (if renting); your international student support staff for on-campus living or your homestay service providers. There is always someone who can help.

Did you know?

International students can access services that provide free legal advice if you're having tenancy problems i.e. Community Legal Services and NT Legal Aid.



Before you take out a lease on a property

- ensure you have enough money to cover the bond and any advanced rent
- arrange a reference or guarantor
- inspect the property before you sign a contract or pay a deposit
- photograph any existing damage or issues
- make sure you receive and keep a copy of your rental agreement and receive a receipt for all rent and bond payments
- pay attention to details regarding the end of your rental agreement

Tips

- Landlords and real estate agents will require references when you are applying for a property
- Always inspect the property before you sign the lease and pay
- Read the contract and make sure you understand it before you sign



Interested in moving to the Territory?

Pre-arrival checklist:

1. Visas (application, conditions, restrictions)

Ensure you have applied for and received your student visa.

2. Book flights

International flights are available into Darwin International Airport. If you are planning on studying in Alice Springs, you will need to book a domestic flight from Darwin (or another city in Australia).

3. Secure accommodation

Make sure you have accommodation confirmed before you arrive. Find out more about options in the accommodation section of this handbook.

4. Certificate of Enrolment (CoE)

Ensure you have received your CoE before you book your flights.

5. Purchase overseas health cover

International students must have an overseas health cover and maintain it throughout their study period.

6. Travel insurance

Ensure you have adequate travel insurance for your trip to Australia.

7. Airport transfer

Plan your transport from the airport to your accommodation when you first arrive.

8. Documents

Ensure you have important documents in digital format as well as printed format. Important documents include visa confirmation, CoE, passport, accommodation details and emergency contact details.

9. Notify your bank

It's a good idea to let your bank know that you are moving overseas and there will be transactions from another country.





Post-arrival checklist

1. Arrange your Student ID card

Contact your education provider to arrange a Student ID. An ID can provide you with access to certain amenities, discounts and other services in the NT.

2. Buy a Tap and Ride card

To travel on a public bus you need a valid ticket or Tap and Ride card. These cards are rechargeable and can be purchased at a bus interchange using cash or EFTPOS.

3. Set up your bank account

This is crucial if you're planning to work in Australia, but is also useful for paying rent and other expenses.

4. Apply for a Tax File Number (TFN)

You will need a TFN if you are planning to work in Australia. TFN is a unique number the Australian Tax Office creates and gives you to use for taxation and superannuation purposes. A TFN ensures you do not pay more tax than necessary.

5. Organise a phone or sim card

You can use your existing phone or buy one in Australia, with the option of going prepaid or signing up for a plan.

6. Know your emergency number

In case of an emergency and you need assistance – police, fire or ambulance – you

can call Triple Zero (000). This number can be reached even without reception. Make sure to save this number in your phone.

7. Locate your nearest amenities and grocery store

When you've located your nearest grocery store and/or desired facilities – use the service/stock up on basic ingredients and your favourite foods from home. Having foods you are familiar with will help if you're feeling homesick.

8. Plan your studies

Find out when classes start, where your campus is located (some institutions are spread across several campuses) and when orientation week kicks off.





Uluru-Kata Tjuta
National Park



Bitter Springs,
Elsley National Park



Alice Springs
Kangaroo
Sanctuary



Nitmiluk
National
Park



Katherine Hot
Springs



Tjoritja / West
MacDonnell
National Park

Working in the Territory

As an international student working in Australia, you have the same protections as any Australian in the workplace. Here are some things you need to know.

Your pay

Australia has a minimum wage. You must be paid at least this amount – it's the law.

Paying tax

If you're working in Australia, you might need to pay tax depending on how much you earn. Get a Tax File Number (TFN) from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) before you begin working. Give your TFN to your employer to make sure you don't pay more tax than you should. You only need to apply for a TFN once – it is yours for life!

Depending on how much you earn during the year, you may be eligible for a tax refund. At the end of the financial year (which ends on 30 June each year) you must lodge a tax return to the ATO.

Visit ato.gov.au or call **13 28 61** for further information.

Payslips

In Australia, you must get a payslip within one working day of getting paid. Normally workers get paid weekly, fortnightly (every two weeks) or monthly. The payslip is an important document as it provides a record of hours worked, rate of pay, tax deducted and total amount earned.

Casual work

In Australia you will find many casual roles. In casual work, you don't have a fixed number of hours every week. The hourly rate of pay is usually higher because you don't get paid holidays or sick leave.



Tip

Many students find work in the Territory through less formal channels, such as checking electronic and other noticeboards, approaching businesses directly or by asking their friends and peers.



Work hours

Remember – as an international student on a sub-class 500 visa you can usually work up to 48 hours (from 1 July 2023) every two weeks during term time, and unlimited when your course is not in session. It is important you keep to this limit – it is what you agreed to when you were given your student visa. Work hour restrictions may be relaxed from time to time. It is important you remain informed by checking the Department of Home Affairs website.

Superannuation

If you work in Australia as an international student, you are entitled to superannuation – which is the Australian form of pension. Your employer is usually required by law to pay money into a superannuation or retirement savings account for you. Superannuation guarantee contributions must be at least 11.5%, (as of 1 July 2024) of your ordinary earnings. International students who have worked in Australia are eligible to access their contribution once they leave Australia permanently, by applying for a DASP (Departing Australia Superannuation Payment) through the ATO.

How to write a resume



Most employers request a resume with a job application. A resume is a written record of your education, skills and experience, and it should provide a summary of your work history, training and knowledge.

A well-written resume can increase your chances of gaining employment.

When writing your resume, ensure the layout is neat, simple and easy to read – the use of headings and dot points are helpful. Employers often have to read multiple job applications, so depending on your work history try to aim for a maximum of 2 pages.

Important information to include that employers will be looking for:

- contact details
- career strengths
- relevant employment history
- education and training achievements
- referees

If you need help writing a resume, there are various free templates available via Microsoft Word and online.



Where to find work

CareerOne	CareerOne is a website for employers to post information about vacant positions. Applicants can apply for advertised positions via the website careerone.com.au
Indeed	Indeed is the #1 job site worldwide. Indeed offers free access to applicants to search and apply for jobs online at au.indeed.com
LinkedIn	LinkedIn is the world's largest professional network. Create a professional profile and connect with colleagues, classmates and friends as well as search jobs. Join at linkedin.com
NT Government	The Northern Territory Government has some part-time and temporary positions, which are advertised on careers.nt.gov.au
Seek	Seek is a website for employers to post information about vacant positions. Applicants can apply for advertised positions via the website seek.com.au

Workplace rights

Australia has strict laws relating to employment conditions. Everyone working in Australia has basic rights at work, including international students, such as:

- receiving a minimum wage
- protection from unfair treatment or dismissal
- breaks and rest periods during long working hours
- a healthy and safe work environment

Equal opportunities must be provided to all workers in Australia. It is illegal to disadvantage anyone in the workplace on the basis of race, religion, age, gender, marital status, sexual preference or disability.

Your employer can't cancel your visa, even if it's been breached; for example, you've worked beyond the 48 hours per fortnight that your visa allows. Only the Department of Home Affairs can grant, refuse or cancel visas.

The Fair Work Ombudsman website has lots of information, specifically for international students about their rights and responsibilities in the workplace. Visit fairwork.gov.au for more information.

Volunteering


Have you thought about volunteering? It's a great way to meet people, develop new skills and of course, help the local community. Volunteering experience is also a great inclusion in your resume. Volunteering SA/NT has a wide range of volunteering opportunities available, ranging from one-off events through to regular commitments. For more information, visit vsant.org.au.



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Money and banking

The Australian currency (AUD) is dollars (\$) and cents (c). One hundred cents equals one dollar. Notes come in \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5 denominations. Coins are available as \$2, \$1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c denominations.

Overseas currency and travellers' cheques may be exchanged at most banks and foreign currency exchanges. Some large hotels will also exchange major currencies.

A range of banks and local credit unions operate in the Northern Territory. The four major banks in Australia are NAB, Commonwealth Bank, Westpac, and ANZ. Other banks in the Northern Territory include the People's Choice Credit Union, Bank of Queensland, BankSA and Bendigo Bank.

To open an account you need to have:

- your electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE)
- proof of identification such as your passport, drivers licence, student ID card or bank card

You can access your money at automatic teller machines (ATMs), which are readily available throughout the Northern Territory. You may be charged a fee for using an ATM not associated with your own bank.

Some major supermarkets offer free withdrawals - no purchase required.

You should also be able to use your bank card from your home country at most ATMs, however, there will be additional fees.



Scams

A scam is any fraudulent, dishonest scheme designed to take your money or steal your identity.

Scams rely on you acting quickly so it's important to be aware and avoid acting impulsively and take your time to investigate the claim.

Protect yourself from scams:

1. Never give money, credit card details or online account details to anyone you don't know or trust
2. File your receipts
3. Check your bank account and credit card statements
4. Report any unexplained transactions to your bank
5. Keep your bank cards safe and secure your PIN numbers
6. Apply security programs to your devices

Report any scams to Consumer Affairs

Phone: 1800 019 319

Email: consumer@nt.gov.au





Casuarina Public Library



Casuarina Public Library



Public libraries

Membership is free across all libraries in the Territory. To join you need to:

- provide personal identification (e.g. passport, ochre card, evidence of age card)
- proof of your NT residential address (e.g. bank statement, lease agreement, utility bill)

If you are under 18, your application must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Library	Address	Phone
Casuarina Library	17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina	8930 0200
Darwin City Library	Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue	8930 0230
Nightcliff Library	10-12 Pavonia Place, Nightcliff	8930 0480
Karama Library	Karama Shopping Centre, Karama	8930 0250
Palmerston Library	Goyder Square, The Blvd, Palmerston	8935 9999
Alice Springs Library	Corner Leichhardt and Gregory Terrace	8950 0555

>>> Sport and recreation

Darwin Wave Pool



The Northern Territory has a young, active population and sports and recreational activities are very popular. The community participates in just about every sport you can think of - from basketball, soccer, table tennis, netball and rugby, to BMX and hockey.

The Marrara Sporting Complex has facilities of national and international standard for many sports, which have produced hockey and basketball Olympians.

Public swimming pools are very affordable (i.e. can be as little as \$6 entry for a single visit for adults and \$3 for students with a valid student card).

Public swimming pools are available at:

- Casuarina (closed for renovations)
- Nightcliff
- Parap
- Palmerston

The Leanyer and Palmerston water parks offer a free, friendly and safe environment to enjoy a range of water-based activities.

The Darwin Wave Pool and Recreation

Lagoon provides safe wave and swimming options at the Darwin Waterfront. Admission to the Darwin Wave Pool is \$8 for adults. The Recreation Lagoon is free and is patrolled by lifeguards from 9am - 6pm every day.

Darwin Waterfront provides free Yoga classes every Saturday morning at 8am during the dry season and Aqua Fit at the Wave Lagoon every Sunday at 8:30am during the wet season.

Alice Springs Town Council has excellent sporting facilities for a wide range of sports and activities, as well as an Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Want more information?

City of Darwin
darwin.nt.gov.au

City of Palmerston
palmerston.nt.gov.au

Alice Springs Town Council
alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Public holidays

2025 Northern Territory public holidays	
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Australia Day	Monday 27 January
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Saturday	Saturday 19 April
Easter Sunday	Sunday 20 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
Anzac Day	Friday 25 April
May Day	Monday 5 May
King's Birthday	Monday 9 June
Alice Springs Show Day*	Friday 4 July
Tennant Creek Show*	Friday 11 July
Katherine Show Day*	Friday 18 July
Darwin Show Day*	Friday 25 July
Picnic Day	Monday 4 August
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December
New Year's Eve	Wednesday 31 December

***Regional public holidays**



Tip

On public holidays many shops and businesses are closed and services may be limited.

Did you know?

25 April is Anzac Day, a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

Anzac Hill War Memorial,
Alice Springs



Festivals and major events across the Territory



Calendar of Events

March	FabALICE
April	Parrtjima – A Festival in Light, Thailand Grand Festival
May	Italian Festival Darwin, Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, BASSINTHEGRASS, Freds Pass Rural Show, Harmony Soiree
June	NT City2Surf, Barunga Festival, Ocean Film Festival Tour Darwin, Alice Springs Beanie Festival, Darwin Triple Crown Supercars, Tatts Finke Desert Race, Kindness Festival
July	Darwin Cup Carnival, Alice Springs Show, Tennant Creek Show, Katherine Show, Royal Darwin Show, Darwin Fringe Festival
August	Darwin Cup Day, Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, Darwin Festival, Garma Festival
September	Desert Festival, Darwin International Film Festival (DIFF), Kakadu Bird Week Tours
October	Darwin International Laksa Festival, Berry Springs Mango Festival
December	Carols by Candlelight, New Year's Eve celebrations



The best way to keep up-to-date is to visit the Northern Territory Government's events calendar on northernterritory.com/things-to-do/festivals-and-events

Community and student groups

Joining a student group is a great way to meet like-minded people, make new friends, experience other cultures, try new things and help people as you develop your leadership and teamwork skills.

There may be other community and social groups that you might like to join during your time here, check in with your education provider who may be able to help.

For the full list of multicultural groups, visit: nt.gov.au/community/multicultural-communities/contact-a-multicultural-service-or-community-group

Community and Student Groups

Africa	African-Australian Women and Girls Association Inc NT	aawgapresident@gmail.com https://m.facebook.com/p/African-Australian-Women-Girls-Association-Incl-NT-100069794365449/
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Association of Northern Territory Inc	https://www.facebook.com/BANTDARWIN/
China	Chung Wah Society	admin@chungwahnt.asn.au http://www.chungwahnt.asn.au/
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CDU Engineering Student Society	https://www.facebook.com/CDUEngineeringStudentSociety
CDU Social Work Inclusive Student Society	www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088448611995
CDU Student Council	cdusc@cdu.edu.au https://www.facebook.com/CDUStudentsCouncil/
CDU Queer Network	www.facebook.com/groups/305622901615397
Sri Lankan Students Association CDU	slsa.cdu@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/SLSACDU/
Jesus Youth CDU	jesusyouthcdu@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/jycdu/
CDU Information Technology Students Association	www.facebook.com/cduitsa/
RIEL & Co Postgraduate Society	https://www.facebook.com/RIELCPS/

Other Groups

Council of International Students Australia (CISA)	publicrelations@cisa.edu.au https://www.facebook.com/cisa.national/
Darwin Together	Darwintogether@gmail.com https://darwintogether.org.au/
Kindness Shake	info@kindness-shake.org.au https://kindness-shake.com.au/
Melaleuca Australia	admin@melaleuca.org.au https://melaleuca.org.au/
Multicultural Council NT	https://www.mcnt.org.au/ admin@mcnt.org.au
Vibrant Diverse Cultures Inc	info@vibrantdiversecultures.org www.facebook.com/vibrantdiversecultures/

Art and culture

The Territory is home to many different cultures. From ancient rock-art sites and Dreamtime stories, to contemporary galleries and outback charm, living in the Territory is full of cultural experiences.

Keep an eye out for the Territory Arts Trail as it connects regional and remote galleries across the Territory. You can find out where to take part in demonstrations and workshops or visit art galleries and national parks to see rock art, paintings and historical artefacts. For more information, visit northernterritory.com/things-to-do/art-and-culture/territory-arts-trail

Darwin hosts a vibrant performing arts scene with first-class contemporary acts in dance, theatre and music. If you need a break from your study, check out what is happening at the Darwin Entertainment Centre, Brown's Mart Theatre in Darwin city, or the Railway Club in the suburb of Parap.

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory is the Territory's premier cultural organisation – located on Larrakia land at Bullocky Point in Darwin. It is home to internationally renowned cultural and scientific collections and research and exhibition programs, plus meet Sweetheart the crocodile!

Alice Springs' hotspots for arts and culture are the Araluen Cultural Precinct and Watch This Space.

Art in the Top End is not just on the walls of galleries and museums; catering to our outdoor lifestyle, the canvas extends to the facades of buildings, fences, lanes and alleyways. Darwin and Katherine are home to an eclectic array of abstract, portrait and interpretive art installations featuring local, national and international artists.

Top right: Venture North into Arnhem Land
Middle right: Marrawuddi Arts & Culture, Jabiru
Lower right: Tjanpi Desert Weavers



There are lots of ways to find out what's going on across the Territory, the below links are free what's on guides and online events calendars.

Darwin - Off The Leash
offtheleash.net.au

Darwin Waterfront
waterfront.nt.gov.au/events

Darwin City
activatedarwin.nt.gov.au

Palmerston
palmerston.nt.gov.au/events

Alice Springs – Red Hot Arts Central Australia
redhotarts.com.au



Tip: Take a blanket with you to Mindil Beach Markets so you can soak up the famous Darwin sunset, relax and enjoy free entertainment while having dinner.



Markets

Markets are held every week of the year in suburbs in and around Darwin and Palmerston, as well as Alice Springs. All of the markets are free to attend and are a great place to stock up on fresh fruit and vegetables, or a chance to indulge in amazing food. You can also find arts and craft stalls, clothing, plants, flowers and souvenirs.

Market locations & times

Market	When
Darwin and Greater Darwin	
Berry Springs Markets	All year round Sunday 8am-12pm
Freds Pass Rural Markets	All year round Saturday 8am-1pm
Mindil Beach Sunset Markets	Late April to October Thursday 4pm-9pm Sunday 4pm-9pm
Nightcliff Markets	All year round Sunday 8am-2pm
Parap Village Markets	All year round Saturday 8am-2pm
Palmerston Markets	April to October Friday 4pm-9pm
Rapid Creek Markets	All year round Saturday and Sunday 8am-1pm
Alice Springs	
Todd Mall Markets	March to December Every second Sunday 9am-1pm

Top left: Mindil Beach Sunset Market
Middle and lower left: Parap Village Markets



Mindil Beach Sunset Markets

Shopping

There are plenty of shopping options, including local markets, supermarkets and shopping centres across Darwin, Palmerston and Alice Springs. Supermarkets such as Woolworths, Coles and IGA stock all the fresh and packaged food you need, as do the weekend markets at Parap, Rapid Creek, Nightcliff, Palmerston and Todd Mall.

Consumer rights

Under Australian Consumer Law, you have consumer rights if you buy something that is not right. When you buy products and services, they come with automatic guarantees that they will work. For more information visit the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, accc.gov.au.

Shopping Centre locations

Shopping Centre	Close by if you live in ...
Bakewell Shopping Centre	Palmerston
Casuarina Square	Casuarina
Coolalinga Central	Howard Springs and Humpty Doo
Darwin Mall	Darwin city
Gateway Shopping Centre	Palmerston
Hibiscus Shopping Centre	Casuarina/Leanyer
Jape Homemaker Village	Northern suburbs (Casuarina, Nightcliff, Coconut Grove)
Karama Shopping Centre	Karama/Malak
Mitchell Centre	Darwin city
Oasis Shopping Centre	Palmerston
Palmerston Shopping Centre	Palmerston
Todd Mall	Alice Springs

Public transport

Bus transport operates in Darwin and Palmerston offering students travel concessions, and free travel for Territory primary, middle and senior high school students.

International student bus fares are \$1 per trip or \$7 for a week of unlimited travel. All public bus services are free from 30 September 2024 to 30 June 2025. This applies to Darwin, Casuarina, Palmerston and Alice Springs. You can easily check bus timetables by downloading the NT Bus Tracker app.

Driving in the Northern Territory

Driving in Australia is on the left-hand side of the road – the same as Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia – and the opposite to China, the Philippines and the United States of America, where driving is on the right-hand side of the road.

International and Australian drivers from other states can drive with an international or state licence but must apply for a Northern Territory Driver's Licence within three months of living in the Territory.

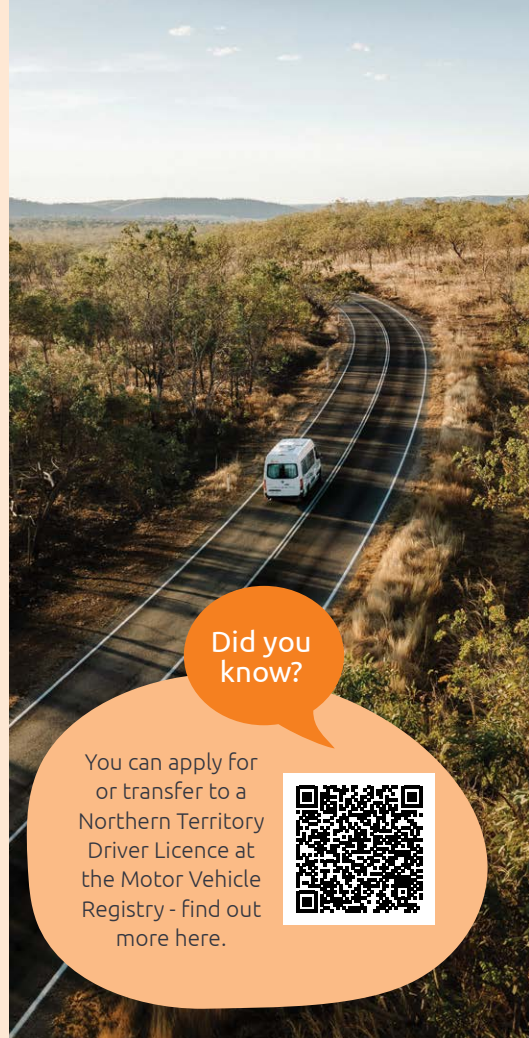
Hire cars and taxis

Taxis, hire cars and ridesharing services such as Uber are available in most major towns in the Territory.

E-scooters and E-bikes

E-scooters and e-bikes are a great option for commuters, providing a quick, environmentally friendly and inexpensive mode of transport to move around Darwin.

E-scooters and e-bikes operate in Darwin, the Waterfront, Cullen Bay, East Point and parts of the northern suburbs. E-scooters and e-bikes are considered as motor vehicles and all users must follow the road rules. You must be 18 years of age to hire one. Simply download the Beam- Scooter sharing app to your mobile device and then create an account.



Did you know?

You can apply for or transfer to a Northern Territory Driver Licence at the Motor Vehicle Registry - find out more here.





Cinemas /movies

Movie lovers have a wide range of options with cinemas in Darwin, Palmerston and Alice Springs, screening the latest blockbusters.

The Deckchair Cinema, operated by the Darwin Film Society is a unique outdoor cinema experience. Located on the edge of Darwin Harbour, you can watch the sunset over the sea and enjoy the tropical garden setting with a meal before your movie starts.

Cinema locations	
Cinema	Close by if you live in...
Deckchair Cinema	Darwin city
BCC Cinemas Casuarina	Casuarina and surrounding suburbs
Event Cinemas	Palmerston
Alice Springs Cinema	Alice Springs



Health and wellbeing



Stokes Hill Wharf

Medical services are available throughout the Territory through public and private general practices, clinics and hospitals. To access the services you'll need to show you've got Overseas Student Health Cover.

Hospital	Description	Location and contact
Royal Darwin Hospital	The Territory's main medical hospital facility and offers a large range of services in all specialty areas	Rocklands Drive, Tiwi NT 0810 08 8922 8888
Darwin Private Hospital	Serves patients with private health insurance	Rocklands Drive, Tiwi NT 0810 08 8920 6011
Palmerston Regional Hospital	Provides public emergency care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	Linco Road, Holtze NT 0829 08 7979 9200
Alice Springs Hospital	Public hospital that services the Central Australia region	Gap Road, Alice Springs NT 0871 08 8951 7777

Health services

Dentists, general medical practitioners, specialists and allied healthcare professionals such as physiotherapists, optometrists and pharmacists practice in major towns throughout the Territory. You usually need to make an appointment to see a general practitioner, dentist or other health professional. It is a good idea to check the cost when you make your appointment as fees can vary.

Sexual Health – Clinic 34

You can get contraceptive medications and devices very easily and cheaply in Australia.

Clinic 34 is a specialist sexual health service that provides testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections. All services are free and confidential and you do not need a Medicare Card.

Please remember that consent requires explicit permission for sexual activities from both parties. 'Maybe' is not consent and saying 'no' removes consent at any point.

Mental health support

Looking after your mental health is just as important as looking after your physical health and staying healthy will make your time studying even better!

Studying in a different language and living in a new country away from family and friends can be isolating and result in stress. A different culture and different expectations can create significant challenges. Stress can affect how you think and feel and may result in anxiety or depression.

If you think that you have no one to talk to and you are concerned about your mental health or that of someone close to you call the Northern Territory mental health line on 1800 682 288.

Also, check with your education provider – they are required to provide access to welfare-related services to assist with issues that may arise during your studies.

Alternatively, visit nt.gov.au/wellbeing/mental-health/support-services-for-mental-health for a list of mental health service providers.



Common signs that can show you are under too much stress

- a loss of interest in hobbies or typical activities such as attending class
- difficulty sleeping
- emotional outbursts
- sudden weight gain or weight loss
- problems concentrating, remembering or thinking logically
- substance abuse
- excessive worrying
- symptoms of anxiety such as heart palpitations, headaches, hot flashes or chills, shaking or shortness of breath

Good mental health is a sense of wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem. It enables you to fully enjoy and appreciate other people in day-to-day life and your environment.

Tips for staying healthy

- talk about your feelings or situations that are worrying you
- keep in touch with friends and family
- practise your English to overcome communication barriers
- join community groups to connect to other people
- ask for support or help early
- eat well and keep active
- take a break and get plenty of sleep
- if you drink alcohol, make sure it is in moderation
- do things you enjoy
- accept who you are



Essential health and wellbeing phone numbers

Police, Fire and Ambulance Emergency	000	For all emergencies
Police Assistance	131 444	For police assistance in non-emergencies
Royal Darwin Hospital	8922 8888	Darwin's primary public hospital
Clinic 34 (Darwin)	8999 2678	Sexual health service that provides testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs). All services are free
Clinic 34 (Alice Springs)	8951 7549	
Headspace	8931 5999	Free youth mental health service that provides assistance with mental health, physical and sexual health, alcohol and other drugs and vocational support
Family Planning NT	8948 0144	Specialises in advice and care on contraception, pregnancy, medical abortion, cervical screening, sexually transmitted infections, menopause and general sexual health issues
NT Mental Health Line	1800 682 288	Mental health support is available for international students through your Overseas Student Health Cover
Palmerston Regional Hospital	7979 9200	Darwin's second public hospital
Alice Springs Hospital	8951 7777	Public hospital that services the Central Australia region

Communication – mobile phones, internet and streaming

Things to consider before signing a phone contract

How long is the contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>
How many minutes of phone calls do you get and are international calls included?	<input type="checkbox"/>
What is the monthly data limit?	<input type="checkbox"/>
How much will you be charged if you need to end the contract early?	<input type="checkbox"/>
How good is the network coverage?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you be charged extra for paying bills in a certain way, e.g. credit card?	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Territory has a range of phone and internet services. It is wise to purchase a SIM card and Australian mobile phone number when you arrive. You will have the choice of a prepaid or contract service.

Prepaid gives you flexibility because you can decide how much you want to spend and easily increase or top up the amount of credit. Specialised mobile phone shops, supermarkets and post offices sell mobile phones and prepaid phone credit. If you use your mobile phone a lot, a contract might be a better option than prepaid. You may also want to look at the mobile phone coverage provided under each contract. Providers offer data packages to accommodate your use of communication services.

Availability of internet services is similar to phone services in that you can choose prepaid or contract. Many internet providers in Australia also provide phone services.

The international dialling code from within Australia to other countries is 0011. You would dial 0011 + country code + area code + telephone number. To call Australia from overseas, dial +61 followed by the area code (dropping the zero from the front) and telephone number.

There are a number of free and paid streaming options available in Australia.



Tip

Free Wi-Fi is available at Darwin bus interchanges, on some Darwin buses, in public libraries, in malls, shopping centres and for students at all education providers.



Attractions


Darwin and surrounds


From the sparkling blue waters in the harbour steeped in World War II history to the city's Asian-influenced food and tropical outdoor lifestyle, Darwin has some of the world's most impressive natural wonders on its doorstep.

Make a trip across the water to take a tour of the beautiful Tiwi Islands. Take a cruise or join a fishing charter and experience the lush Mary River wetlands. Explore misty waterfalls and lush waterholes, or take it nice and slow wandering through the grand Litchfield National Park.

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 TourismNT

Top 10 things to do around Darwin

- Aquascene Fish Feeding
- East Point Reserve and Lake Alexander
- Crocodylus Park
- Crocosaurus Cove
- Deckchair Cinema
- Wave Lagoon at Darwin Waterfront
- Hop-On Hop-Off tours
- Mindil Beach Sunset Markets
- Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- Stokes Hill Wharf

Top 5 things to do in outer Darwin

- Jumping Crocodile Cruise
- Berry Springs Nature Park
- Lake Bennett
- Litchfield National Park
- Crab Claw Island Resort



Don't forget to take your student identification card and ask if paid attractions offer a student discount.



Berry Springs Nature Park



East Point Reserve



Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory



Mindil Beach Sunset Markets

Kings Canyon Rim Walk



Central Australia, Alice Springs

Alice Springs - offering stunning landscapes, remote communities and unique pioneering history creating a diverse and exhilarating destination to explore. Alice Springs is widely considered to be the spiritual heart of Australia, with rivers and ranges millions of years old and living Aboriginal cultures rich in art and stories.

Top 10 things to see and do in the Red Centre

- The Larapinta Trail
- Araluen Cultural Precinct
- Old Telegraph Station Reserve
- The MacDonnell Ranges
- Outback Cycling Tours
- Royal Flying Doctors Service Alice Springs
- Kata Tjuta, Uluru and Kings Canyon
- Camel Tours
- Parrtjima – A Festival in Light
- Alice Springs Desert Park

Araluen Arts Centre

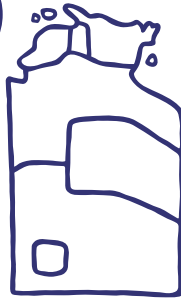


Parrtjima – A Festival in Light



Did you know?

The Territory is home to World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park – it is one-third the size of Tasmania and nearly half the size of Switzerland.



Exploring the Territory

Litchfield National Park

Allow minimum 1 day

Litchfield National Park has all the essential waterfalls for swimming, military history, Aboriginal culture, comfortable camping, wildlife parks, fishing lodges and adventure attractions.

Douglas and Daly River region

Allow minimum 1 day

Located midway between Darwin and Katherine, the region is famous for fishing and hot springs, gorges, bushwalking and an abundance of wildlife.

Kakadu, Arnhem Land and Gove Peninsula

Allow minimum 2-3 days

Arnhem Land is made up of 91 000 square kilometres of unspoiled wilderness, located in the middle of Australia's northern coastline, bordered by Kakadu National Park, the Arafura Sea and the Gulf of Carpentaria. You will need a permit to visit Arnhem Land. The best way to travel is on a tour.

There's plenty to do in Kakadu. With a World Heritage-listed national park as your playground, the options are endless, and so are the views. Walk through a pristine wilderness brimming with wildlife or take a river cruise and spot the world's largest reptile.

Buley Rockhole, Litchfield National Park

Katherine region

Allow minimum 2 days

Three hours south of Darwin, Katherine has a vast network of rivers, escarpments and gorges that weave through sprawling plains of cattle stations, national parks and reserves.

Nitmiluk National Park, just 30km north-east of Katherine, covers a vast area, including 13 impressive gorges carved from the ancient sandstone country which stretch for as far as the eye can see.

Explore the world-famous park and gorge country on foot, by canoe, boat or helicopter.

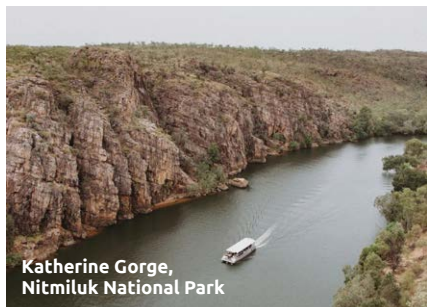
Tennant Creek and Barkly region

Allow minimum 2 days

Tennant Creek is a friendly town on the main arterial road between Alice Springs and Darwin. Discover a rich history shaped by gold mining, Aboriginal culture and the Northern Territory's original cattle kings.



Mala walk at Uluru



Katherine Gorge,
Nitmiluk National Park

Nearby is Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve, a geological marvel, and the stone buildings of the Tennant Creek Telegraph Station, constructed in 1872 as a link in the Overland Telegraph Line to connect the outback with the rest of the world.

Alice Springs and surrounds

Allow minimum 4 days

While you're here, explore Alice Springs' rich and diverse art scene and intriguing outback history. Once you've set up a base in Alice Springs, discover what lies beyond as you head out into a diverse and fascinating region.

Uluru and surrounds

Allow minimum 4 days

One of the best ways to soak in the beauty of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park (Ayers Rock) is to partake in one of a number of walks.

The Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre is a great starting point for visitors to the park. Located 35 kilometres west of Uluru, walk through the rock domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) to the Valley of the Winds lookout.

Only three hours from Uluru, Kings Canyon is a majestic destination featuring 100-metre high sandstone walls, palm-filled crevices and views that stretch across the desert.

More than just a day trip destination, explore the walking trails, four-wheel drive tracks, camel tours, the Lost City and the Garden of Eden. Accommodation options range from camping to resort-style rooms.

Find out
more here





Did you know?

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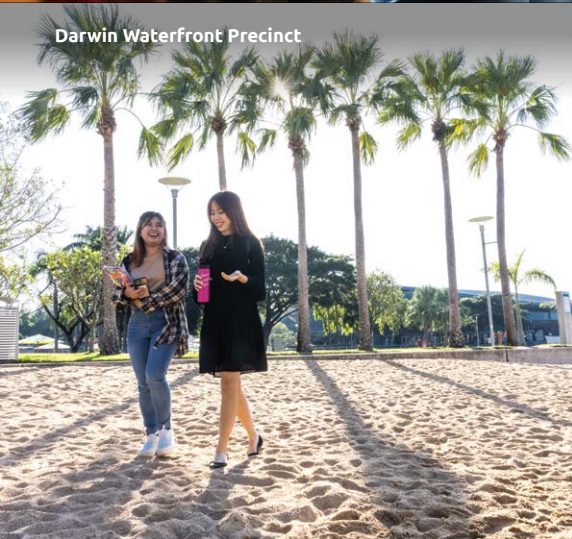
All providers of education for international students must be registered with the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). Each institution will have a provider number as evidence of current registration.



Litchfield
National Park



Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory



Darwin Waterfront Precinct



Pudakul Cultural Tours



Darwin Sailing Club



Study NT Ambassador Graduation

Study NT Student Ambassador Program

The Study NT Student Ambassador Program is a year-long program. Student ambassadors promote the Territory as an ideal study destination and place to call home for international students. Study NT will give you the support, tools and training to do this successfully.

Study NT student ambassadors get to experience:

- personal and professional development
- networking with other students, Territory employers and international delegations
- valuable work and volunteering experience
- invitations to functions, community and networking events
- showcase your Territory study experience across social media, webinars and in marketing campaigns with Study NT
- opportunities to expand your networks and showcase the valuable contribution international students make to the local community



International Student Welcome Reception



International Student Awards Ceremony





Find out more

Alice Springs



- 1 Charles Darwin University
- 2 Alice Springs Leisure and Aquatic Centre
- 3 Museum of Central Australia
- 4 Araluen Arts Precinct
- 5 Central Australian Aviation Museum
- 6 Alice Springs Hospital

- 7 Alice Springs Reptile Centre
- 8 Royal Flying Doctor Service
Alice Springs Tourist Facility
- 9 Megafauna Central
-  Visitor information centre
-  Post office



George Brown
Botanic Gardens

Mindil
Beach

1

Gardens Road

Gardens Park
Golf Links

Gilruth Ave

STUART HWY

Duke Street

Dinah Beach Rd

GARRAMILLA BVD

Harvey St

McMinn Street

Woods Street

Cavenagh Street

Smith Street

Mitchell Street

Esplanade

Bicentennial Park

2

8

Lameroo Beach

Doctors
Gully

Smith Street

Mitchell Street

Burnett Pl
Kahin Ave

12

To Cullen Bay Marina
and Mandorah Ferry and
Fishing Charter Terminal

Larrakeyah
Defence Force Base
Restricted Access

Frances Bay

Darwin City



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| 3 Deckchair Cinema | 11 Crocosaurus Cove |
| 4 Darwin Waterfront | 12 Burnett House – Myilly Point |
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| 6 Darwin Convention Centre | Visitor information centre |
| 7 Chinese Temple | Post office |
| 8 Aquascene / Doctor's Gully | |



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