



We now have the incentive to explore our back yard and the Northern Territory epitomises much that Australia means to the rest of the world. It's odd how many of us have climbed the Eiffel Tower, have visited Disneyland, have walked to Machu Picchu or taken a safari in Africa but have not explored the unique areas of Australia.

The first time I headed to the NT was on a trip out from London – Australian Tourism were showcasing their wonderful country to the overseas industry encouraging us to bring visitors Down Under – this was in the days of Paul Hogan and “put another shrimp on the barbie”, and wow did that campaign work. Overseas travellers flocked to explore this great southern land. Now it's our opportunity to discover .... Without the masses of international visitors. Imagine having Australia pretty much to ourselves!

Darwin has grown and evolved in recent years into a modern cosmopolitan centre. Take a couple of days to explore our northern most capital city. Don't miss the markets and the wonderful sunsets, the historical museums and growing restaurant scene. Take a day or two and catch the ferry or take the short flight to explore the fascinating Tiwi Islands – these lovely island people are welcoming and laid back with a thriving art scene and natural joy to share their home with you.

Or travel south to Litchfield Park for a taste of the northern wetlands. Further afield you can explore world heritage listed Kakadu National Park - enjoy guided bush walks with locals, see ancient rock art, cruise the waterways and swim in the waterholes at the base of one of the many waterfalls. Don't miss Katherine gorge in Nitmiluk National Park – imagine cruising on the blue waters surrounded by ancient soaring red rock formations rising sharply from the narrow gorge, and looking up to the never ending blue sky .. beautiful.

If you have more time to immerse yourself in the Top End then venture to Arnhem land. One of our last outposts where you can explore this undiscovered environment. Stay in an eco wilderness retreat, fish for barramundi, or take a 4 wheel drive adventure and meet the locals.

Do chat to Travelling Places about your journey – whether you fly and drive yourselves or join a small group whose guide will bring to life the region you are exploring, you are bound to find this remote part of Australia fascinating. Travelling Places 55451600