



## Australia's Northern Territory Destination: Darwin

World-class harbour city with stunning sunsets and unique business opportunities.

Darwin is booming. In fact, this buzzing hub of the north is alive with ambitious new ventures and financial growth. And with such a multicultural community, vibrant energy and go-getter spirit, it's no wonder why Darwin is the perfect place for visionary thinkers and ambitious doers to meet and discuss possibilities in business, education, health and resources. Its energy centre has global significance, and is considered one of the nation's experts in tropical health knowledge.

### Accommodation

Darwin offers over 4,000 rooms ranging from motels to waterfront resorts.

The surrounding region also features a number of intimate wilderness lodges suitable for corporate incentives and pre and post touring.

### Meeting Facilities

The Darwin Convention Centre features an auditorium for 1,200 delegates, has 4,000 square metres of exhibition space and a range of versatile meeting spaces for exhibitions and breakout sessions.

Darwin also offers a number of hotel conference and meeting venues.

### Access

Darwin is well placed and easily accessible by air. Daily flights depart and arrive at Darwin International Airport from all Australian capital cities in approximately

four hours flying time. The booming economies of South East Asia and Southern China are all within three to five hours flying time. With four international carriers to Singapore, Malaysia, Denpasar, Manila and Dili, the business sector is well catered for.

### Weather

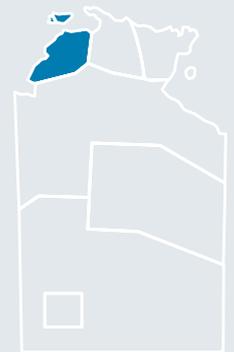
The Top End has a tropical climate. Darwin has an average temperature of 32 degrees Celsius, with varying humidity. December to March brings tropical summer rains, picturesque storms and sunsets for which the Northern Territory (NT) is renowned. The dry season, from May to October, has warm, sunny days and cool nights.

### Industry Strengths

With world class health research, a burgeoning oil and gas industry and mining operations showcasing best practice in a variety of disciplines, Darwin offers an array of local specialists across numerous fields to enhance your next event.

### Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

CSR is defined as a commitment to contribute to the economic, environmental and social sustainability of a community. The Northern Territory Convention Bureau (NTCB) believe passionately in the way CSR initiatives can enhance business events. We see firsthand the positive mutual benefits that such activities can bring when organisations choose to integrate a CSR component into their conference, incentive or event hosted in the NT.



*"I was delighted attendance was above projections and exceeded sponsorship budgets, both in terms of numbers and revenue. Many delegates remarked that Darwin had all the services and facilities of a major city but in a relaxed tropical environment. The city has its own special character with the added bonus of being so close to Asia for international participants."*

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## Event and Activity Options

### Fun In The Tropics

Colourful party lights strung across the lawns. Guests to wear floral shirts and sarongs. Wow your delegates with a relaxed, tropical, beachside event which typifies the atmosphere Darwin is famous for.

### A Crocodilian Adventure

Take a walk on the wild side with either a cocktail reception or sit down dinner under the watchful eye of the powerful Saltwater Crocodile. Make it a hands on experience with the opportunity to hold young crocodiles.

### Mindil Beach Sunset Markets

Enjoy cocktails and canapés from your private lawn area at the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets during the dry season (April - October). Watch the fiery red sun set over the ocean and dine on cuisine from around the world with entertainment from didgeridoo bands, whip crackers and local entertainers.

### Create the Tastes of the Top End

Discover the hidden culinary talents of your group with a team cooking challenge. Choose from Asian cuisine that reflects the Top End's multicultural population, or compete in a pizza cook-off. Both options include professional chefs to guide the group, and plenty of team work to create gastronomic delights to share.

### Cultural Activity Day

Participate in a cultural activity day where your delegates have the opportunity to experience and learn about the diversity of Aboriginal culture in a fun and interactive environment. A wide range of activities are available including bush tucker tasting, damper making, clapstick painting, spear throwing, story telling, painting, walking tours and Welcome to Country.

## Northern Territory Convention Bureau

The NTCB is the business events division of Tourism NT. Our role is to market and promote the NT as a distinctive, viable business tourism destination. With strong local knowledge, experience and links to business and government networks, we provide expert advice and assistance to secure business events for the NT. Our team can assist you with bid preparation, destination information and supplier liaison to deliver an inspiring and memorable event.

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## Touring Options

### Fishing Safari

Give your delegates a truly adventurous Top End experience! Catch one of the world's great sporting fish, the barramundi. Enjoy a day of fishing on Darwin's pristine harbour or in nearby estuaries and rivers with an experienced and knowledgeable crew.

### Litchfield National Park

Just 90 minutes drive from Darwin, see sandstone escarpments, patches of monsoon rainforest, crystal clear waterholes, spectacular waterfalls, intriguing magnetic termite mounds and historic ruins.

### Harbour Cruising

The vivid red sunsets and calm waters make cruising Darwin Harbour a must do experience. Soak up the atmosphere and warm tropical breeze with a glass of sparkling wine and canapés or sit down to a gourmet three course dinner.

### Territory Wildlife Park

Just 40 minutes drive south of Darwin is the Territory Wildlife Park. Set within 400 hectares of natural bushland including wetlands, monsoon forest and open woodland, visitors explore the park on shuttle trains or wander along bush trails. See amazing birds of prey, creatures of the night in the nocturnal house, hand feed a barramundi and visit the aquarium.

### Jumping Crocodile Cruises

Adelaide River, one hour from Darwin, is home to some 16,000 crocodiles. You will watch fascinated as these awesome creatures slide menacingly from the mud banks and swim almost without a ripple towards the scent of food. In a flash of spray they leap from the water to take the food offered and slip silently away.



In traditional Western Desert art, this circular dot icon symbolises a camp site or meeting place. For thousands of years, the first people of the Northern Territory have held meetings in locations deemed spiritually significant.

