

QUICK TIPS - NT DOG SHOW TOUR

(with thanks to Canine Expo)

WHERE TO STAY, WHAT TO SEE AND LOCAL SERVICES

Darwin is home to an eclectic mix of cultures whose outdoor lifestyle is complemented by brilliant sunsets, fantastic fishing and a colourful calendar of outdoor events.

Darwin is the Northern Territory's multi-cultural capital, famed for its markets and festivals, Asian cuisine and massive natural harbour. It is also the perfect base from which to explore the natural treasures of World Heritage-listed Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks as well as the Tiwi Islands.

Kakadu National Park, the 2nd largest National Park in Australia (The Great Barrier Reef being the largest), is situated just 250 kilometres from Darwin along the Arnhem Highway.

Further south, the Katherine region is a vast network of rivers, escarpments and gorges that weave through sprawling plains of cattle stations, national parks and reserves. In Nitmiluk National Park, the mighty Katherine River slices through towering sandstone cliffs to form the world famous Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge.

GETTING HERE:

By Road

Excellent sealed highways provide easy access into Darwin. The Stuart Highway from Adelaide, the Barkly Highway from Queensland, and the Victoria Highway from Western Australia are tar sealed all the way.

By Air

Daily scheduled flights to Darwin operate from every mainland Australian capital city.

It is possible when booking your flights to arrange for a rental car awaiting your arrival at Darwin airport.

WEATHER:

The weather in Darwin in July is generally dry, with warm afternoons and cooler evenings. Even visitors from southern states sometimes require a lightweight cardigan or jacket once the sun goes down. A personal insect repellent would also be useful to ward off mosquitoes and sandflies. Once the sun goes down it can become quite dewy underfoot.

DOG FRIENDLY PLACES TO STAY

****Book now – July is major events time in Darwin****

Please respect the wishes of those that do allow dogs to stay; it is most unfortunate that we have lost a number of accommodation houses, because people have treated the properties with total disrespect.

Capricornia Hotel

3 Kellaway St Fannie Bay 89 814055 @ approx. \$120 per night Dogs allowed in room in a crate @ extra \$20 per night.

Grungle Downs Tropical Bed & Breakfast

McMillans Road Berrimah – Telephone/Fax: 08 8947 4440

Contact: Christie and Paul Dickenson

Dogs are welcome in their new secluded cottage with fenced yard, but must be under control at all times. Website: <http://www.grungledowns.com.au>

Beales Bed & Breakfast

2 Todd Crescent, Malak – Telephone: 08 8945 0376 Fax: 08 8945 0379

Contact: Heather and Allan Beale

A purpose built Guided Fishing Lodge with accommodation right in the heart of Darwin at Malak.

Ideal for those that want to arrange a fishing trip between dog shows. Dogs not allowed in rooms, in a crate/pet pack beside room is ok Website: <http://www.bealesbedfish.com.au>

Kamgrounds of Australia (KOA) Caravan Park and the Lee Point Resort

KOA Caravan Park, McMillans Road Malak – Telephone 08 8927 2651

Lee Point Resort, Lee Point Road Lee Point – Telephone 08 8945 0535 Fax 08 8945 0642

These associated parks now allow people to stay with their dogs in owner's vans only. KOA are ensuite sites, while Lee Point has powered and unpowered sites available.

Website: <http://www.leepointvillageresort.com.au>

Frangipani Bed & Breakfast

6 Waters Street, Rapid Creek – Telephone: 08 8985 2797

Contact: Peg and Des Gellert

Located at Rapid Creek and catering for singles, couples or families/groups, of up to 5 people, sharing the same bedroom. They are a fur family member friendly and therefore pets are considered.

Website: <http://www.frangipanni.com.au>

Oasis Tourist Park (Small dogs up staffy size only)

17 Morgan Road, Howard Springs – Telephone/Fax: 08 8983 1048

Located 22kms from Darwin Springs, just off the Stuart Highway. Dogs can stay in owner's caravans only. Well-shaded property close to service station and supermarket complex.

Website: <http://oasistouristpark.com.au>

McMinns Cottage (Small to medium dogs welcome)

Located 30kms from Darwin via the Stuart Highway. McMinns is a comfortable, well appointed one bedroom cottage in a Country setting. The cottage is well fenced which is also covered in a toad proof mesh for the safety of visiting dogs. Dogs must be kept outside. There is large covered deck complete with overhead fans for the comfort of your pets.

Website: www.airbnb.com.au/rooms/3668249

Coolalinga Caravan Park – Dog friendly

located 26kms from Darwin on the Stuart Highway and approximately 17kms from the

showgrounds. Cabins available, but no dogs can stay with guests in the cabins but on balcony in crate ok. Camping WITH DOGS available. Located close to boarding kennels. Facilities include service station, on site-shop and very close to large supermarket complex.

Telephone: 08 8983 1026 Fax: 08 8983 1931

Website: www.coolalingacaravanpark.com.au

The Lakes Resort

Located at Berry Springs, just off the Cox Peninsula Road, 54kms from Darwin. Dogs can stay in their owner's caravans or in cabins. No onsite caravans available. Large swimming pool with waterslide. Two lakes with numerous water sports available. Close to the Majestic Orchid Farm, Territory Wildlife Park, Crocodile Park, Berry Springs Nature Park and many other attractions. **CAMPING WITH DOGS OK**

Telephone: 08 8988 6277 Fax: 08 8988 6118

Website: <http://www.lakesresortcaravanpark.com.au>

DOG SHOWS IN DARWIN

Dog Shows are held at the **Dogs NT** grounds located in Winnellie Showgrounds **Shean Rd**, Winnellie, on the front left hand corner facing Stuart Highway. Large shady trees are located along the perimeter fencing and **reserved sites** for setting up your gazebo/crates etc are available.

DOG SHOWS – NT CIRCUIT 2018 (See Schedule/Brochure under our 'Trial & Shows' Tab.

THINGS TO DO

Aquascene Fish Feeding in Darwin City – www.aquascene.com.au

Arafura Bluewaters Fishing Charters – arafurablue.com.au

Australian Aviation Heritage Centre – darwinairwar.com.au

Coroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise – wetlandcruises.com.au

Crocodylus Park Crocodiles and small zoo – crocodyluspark.com.au

Crococaurus Cove Crocodiles in heart of Darwin – crococauruscove.com/

Darwin Festival a feast of music, theatre, dance, cabaret and more – darwinfestival.org.au

Darwin Military Museum – darwinmilitarymuseum.com.au

Darwin Racing Carnival / Darwin Cup Monday August 3rd. – darwinturfclub.org.au

Deck Chair Cinema Outdoor cinema Darwin city – deckchaircinema.com

Duck About Tours Land & sea from Darwin city – www.duckcom.au

Jumping Crocodile Cruises Adelaide River – www.jumpingcrocodilecom.au

Segway Tours Darwin Botanical Gardens Darwin – segwaytoursnt.com.au

Tour Tub Explore city sights – tourtub.com.au

Territory Wildlife Park – territorywildlifepark.com.au

FREE THINGS TO DO

(Thankyou to Sooz Ripper for compiling this list)

Berry Springs Nature Park - provides an attractive area close to Darwin for recreational activities, and also provides a refreshing swimming spot after a day at the Territory Wildlife Park.

Charles Darwin National Park – a waterfront park close to the CBD developed to show visitors the rich mangrove habitats of Darwin Harbour. Opportunities for a relaxing picnic.

Cullen Bay Marina – just a short trip from the CBD and a great place to watch a working lock. Great restaurants and atmosphere.

Darwin Waterfront Precinct – just five minutes' walk from the city centre. Relax with a coffee or linger over a long breakfast, lunch, dinner or drinks at one of the precinct's many cafes, restaurants and bars. Ride the swell at the Wave Lagoon or float in the free saltwater Recreation Lagoon with a manmade beach and shady lawn beyond.

Darwin Wharf Precinct – Stokes Hill Wharf offers visitors alfresco dining, great sunsets and cool breezes. Good fishing point to throw in a line.

East Point Reserve and Lake Alexander – 200 hectares of recreation area with natural forest and mangroves, open parkland, public picnic and BBQ facilities and saltwater swimming in the safety of Lake Alexander. Gun emplacements dating back to WWII and another fabulous place to watch a Fannie Bay sunset.

Fannie Bay Gaol – was still in use until 1979 when the Berrimah Prison officially opened and is now a museum.

George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens – 42 hectares showcasing the flora of the Northern Territory and other tropical habitats. Wander through rainforest, coastal fore-dunes, mangroves and open woodlands. See orchids, aroids, bromeliads and other striking plants up close.

Museum and Art Gallery of the NT – Connacher Street Fannie Bay – fantastic collections on Aboriginal Art and culture, visual arts and crafts including pieces from the South-East Asia and Pacific regions, maritime archaeology and NT History – the home of the NT's "Sweetheart" and the Cyclone Tracy display.

NT Parliament House – Australia's newest Parliament House opened in 1994. Guided tours depart from the foyer at 10.00am and 12noon every Saturday. Tours last 90 minutes and are free.

Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve, Middle Point, a wetland area situated 70 km east of Darwin.

USS Peary Memorial – overlooking Darwin Harbour this gun, salvaged from the wreck of the USS Peary, serves as a memorial dedicated to the Officers and Crew who lost their lives when the vessel was attacked and sunk during the air attack on Darwin by the Japanese on 19 February 1942

PET HEALTH INFORMATION

VETS

All Pets Veterinary Hospital - Rapid Creek - Ph: 89 480056 (7 days plus 24 hour emergency)

Girraween Veterinary Hospital - Howard Springs - Ph: 1300 935 263

Litchfield Vet Hospital - Coolalinga - Ph: 89 832838 (7 days plus 24 hour emergency)

Parap Veterinary Hospital - Parap - Ph: 89 819767 (7 days)

University Avenue Veterinary Hospital - 66 University Avenue, Palmerston - (08) 8931 0455

CANE TOADS

Cane toads can be deadly. After mouthing a toad the dog will shake its head, drool profusely and paw at its mouth. First aid requires flushing with the dog's mouth out with lots of water using a garden hose (point the hose forward so as not to drown the dog or flush in further toxin) and wipe the inside of the mouth and across the tongue with a cloth to remove as much toxin as possible. Then proceed immediately to the nearest veterinary clinic (you may need to phone ahead if it is out-of-hours).

TICKS

Visitors should be warned that Ticks are common in the North. These are **NOT** the paralysis-type tick, rather Cattle ticks, scrub or more commonly - Brown Dog ticks. Some form of flea and tick treatment prior to arriving in the Northern Territory should avoid major problems.

LOCAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

AIRLINES **BOOK NOW – JULY IS MAJOR EVENTS TIME IN DARWIN**

QANTAS - flies into Darwin and will carry dogs. Please check when booking a Qantas flight that your flight does not have a Jetstar component.

Virgin - flies into Darwin and will carry dogs.

Jetstar flies into Darwin but will not carry dogs.

BOARDING KENNELS

The Furry Godmother ... Phone: 1300 4 FURRY (1300 4 38779) <http://furry.com.au>

Email: info@furry.com.au. Darwin Airport • Marrara PIAA Member APBG Member

Good Golly Doggy Daycare – DAY CARE ONLY Phone: (08) 8941 4888 goodgolly.com.au

CHEMISTS

Amcal Max Night & Day, Casuarina (08) 89 281343

Bardens Pharmacy, Parap (08) 89 23333

Better Healthcare Pharmacy, Darwin City (08) 89 814442

Chemist King, Palmerston (08) 89 314452

Chemist Warehouse, Shop 4 the Zone Darwin 798 Vanderlin Drive Berrimah, NT (08) 8947-4044

Store Hours: Mon – Fri: 8.30AM – 9.00PM Sat & Sun: 9.00AM – 5.00PM

Stuart Park Pharmacy, Stuart Park (08) 89 818075

CHIROPRACTOR

Nightcliff Chiropractic Health Centre, Nightcliff - (08) 89 853144

DENTIST

Dr Barbara Kerslake - Darwin (08) 89 411717

Dr Geoff Swan - Darwin (08) 89 820400

Grass Roots Dental - Darwin (08) 89 810334

KF Eupene - Darwin (08) 89 89819149

Palmerston Dental Surgery - Palmerston (08) 89 321544

DISABLED PARKING

Available at the Winnellie Showgrounds (Dog Section)

DOCTORS

Arafura Clinic, Casuarina Village - (08) 89 456911 (8.30 to 9pm mon/fri & 8.30 to 4 sat)

Arafura Clinic, Oasis Shopping Centre, Palmerston - (08) 89 324333

Coolalinga Medical Centre, 20 Henning Road, Coolalinga NT - (08) 8983 3344 (BULK BILL)

Palmerston GP Superclinic, Palmerston - (08) 89 198919 (24 hours – 7 days a week)

Stuart Park Surgery, Stuart Park - (08) 89 8812907 (9 to 9 – 7 days a week)

DOG FOOD

Pet Barn Darwin: 89 85 2491 - 287 Bagot Road, Coconut Grove,

Pet Barn Palmerston: 08 8985 2491 - Cnr Georgina Cres & Callanan Rd Yarrowonga

Aussie Pooch Nutrition & Wellbeing: 0448 191 299 - 2/ 45 Toupein Rd, Yarrowonga

GROCERY SHOPPING

Coles and Woolworths in Palmerston

Coles and Woolworths in Darwin

Coles and Woolworths in Coolalinga

Trading hours are usually 6am to 10pm. Most supermarkets and “corner stores” in Darwin are also licensed Monday to Saturday

HIRE CARS

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Avis 13 6333

Budget (08) 8981 9800

Europcar 08 89 813542

Hertz (08) 8941 0944

Thrifty (08) 8924 0000

HOSPITALS

Royal Darwin Hospital, Rocklands Drive, Tiwi Ph; 89 228888

Darwin Private Hospital, Rocklands Drive, Tiwi, Ph: 89 206011

LAUNDROMAT

Parap Laundromat 1 Vickers St Parap NT (08) 8941 3511

Coolalinga Laundromat, Coolalinga Shopping Centre, Stuart Highway, Coolalinga. Ph: 0456 035 556

MARKETS

Coolalinga Rural Markets, Saturday Mornings facebook.com/CoolalingaRuralMarket

Mindil Beach Markets, Thursdays and Sundays mindil.com.au/

Nightcliff Markets, Sunday Mornings – nightcliffmarkets.com.au/

Palmerston Markets, every Friday night during the dry season. palmerstonmarkets.org.au

Parap Village Markets, Saturday Mornings parapvillagemarkets.com.au/

Rapid Creek, Every Sunday morning , Rapid Creek Shopping Village

NATIONAL PARKS

Visitors are reminded that if you are planning a day or two in national parks such as Kakadu, then you may NOT take your dogs with you and alternative arrangements will have to be made. (The Furry Godmother and Good Golly Daycare have DayCare See under “Boarding” above)

RESTAURANTS AND COFFEE SHOPS

Char Restaurant , Darwin 08 89 814544 www.chardarwin.com.au

Evas Botanical Gardens Café (dog friendly) facebook.com/botanicgardenscafe

Finlays Joint (breakfast & lunch only) Yarrowonga 1800 843564 www.finlaysjoint.com.au

Hanuman , Darwin 08 89 413500 www.hanuman.com.au

Il lido Wharf One Darwin 08 89410900 www.illidodarwin.com.au

Laneway Specialty Coffee Parap 08 89 414511 **voted best coffee by our survey**

Q Bar and Brasserie Salonica St , Parap (08) 8995 9588 **voted best overall by our survey**

Salt n Pepper (Durack/Palmerston) 08 89 321818 www.saltnpappa.com.au

SHOPPING CENTRES;

Casuarina Shopping Centre 247 Trower Road, Casuarina. The main Shopping Centre in Darwin with some 200 plus shops. Stuart Highway , Coolalinga

Coolalinga Shopping Centre, Stuart Highway , Coolalinga

Smith Street Mall , Darwin

Mitchell Street Shopping Centre 55 Mitchell St , Darwin

Oasis Shopping Centre Corner Chung Wah and Temple Terrace , Palmerston

Palmerston Shopping Centre 22 Temple Terrace , Palmerston

Hibiscus Shopping Centre, Vanderlin Drive, Leanyer

Nightcliff Shopping Centre, Dick Ward Drive, Nightcliff