

Ride the
**TOP
END**



**GREAT
TOP END
ESCAPE**

DARWIN, KAKADU, LITCHFIELD.

3-11 JULY 2021

MARVEL AT THE BEAUTY OF AUSTRALIA'S TOP END ON OUR BRAND NEW NINE-DAY CYCLING TOUR IN JULY 2021.

Join us in July 2021 as we escape to the Northern Territory's Top End and immerse ourselves in vast indigenous culture and ride where few have pedalled before.

Along the way we'll traverse World Heritage-listed National Parks, explore mystic waterfalls and gorges, discover historic indigenous artwork and gaze over floodplains, rainforests and wildlife that has to be seen to be believed.

With Bicycle Network behind you the entire way, you can expect full on-route support including rest stops, mechanical support and a 24-hour on call team if you need us.

THE RIDING

Total ride distance: 356km

We'll be there to support you along every kilometre. On some days, guests will travel on buses from the hotel to a location to start riding. We'll start together, with a big cheer!

There will be signage, rest areas, food, water and mechanics along the route. And, if it all gets a bit too much, give us a call and we'll come and pick you up and bring you back to the accommodation.

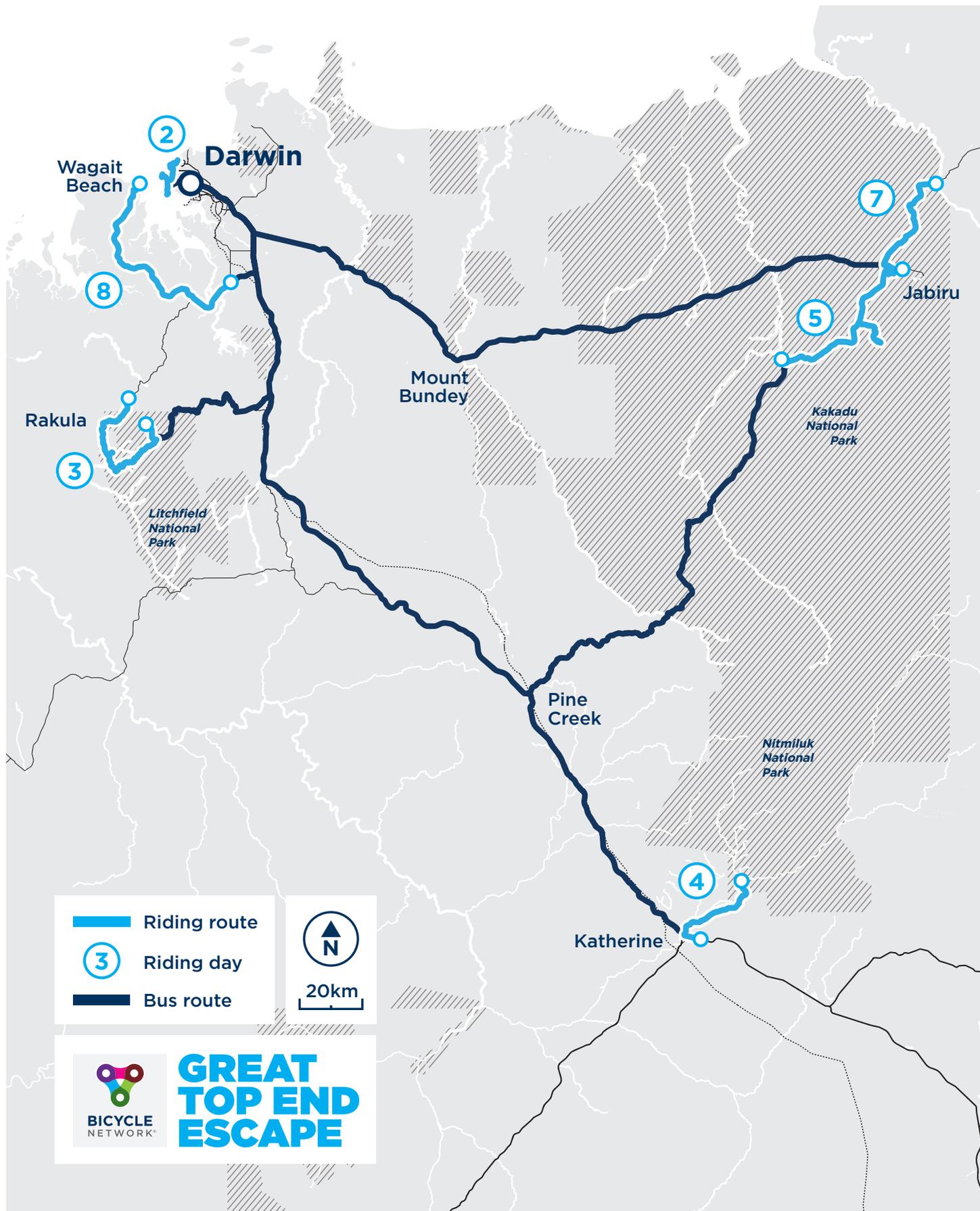
The riding route will have an official close time each day. Times will be based on a slowest riding time of 15km/h, plus plenty of time for breaks

and to stop for photos and admire the scenery. The times will have you back at the accommodation ready for activities and evening meals. It also allows the Bicycle Network team to pack down and set up the following day, plus enjoy the evening with you.

The ride will mostly be on sealed surfaces. There will be the odd bit of dirt as we enter and exit rest areas, or if you venture off the route for some extra site seeing.

We recommend bringing any bike that you feel comfortable on for riding more than 100km. If you have a road bike, we suggest using wider tires of around 28mm for the best riding experience. It would be ideal to carry one or two spare tubes with you each day.

THE ROUTE





DAY 1 SATURDAY 3 JULY WELCOME TO DARWIN

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy free time in Darwin during the day
- Join us for dinner at Darwin Sailing Club and bask in the golden sunlight as the sun sets over the harbour

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Complimentary airport transfer to the hotel for you and your bike
- Welcome dinner and drinks at Darwin Sailing Club
- Room at H on Smith



DAY 2 SUNDAY 4 JULY DARWIN

We kick things off with a cruisy 38km ride around Darwin. Rolling out from the hotel front door we'll casually make our way to the beautiful Darwin Foreshore.

RIDING: 38km

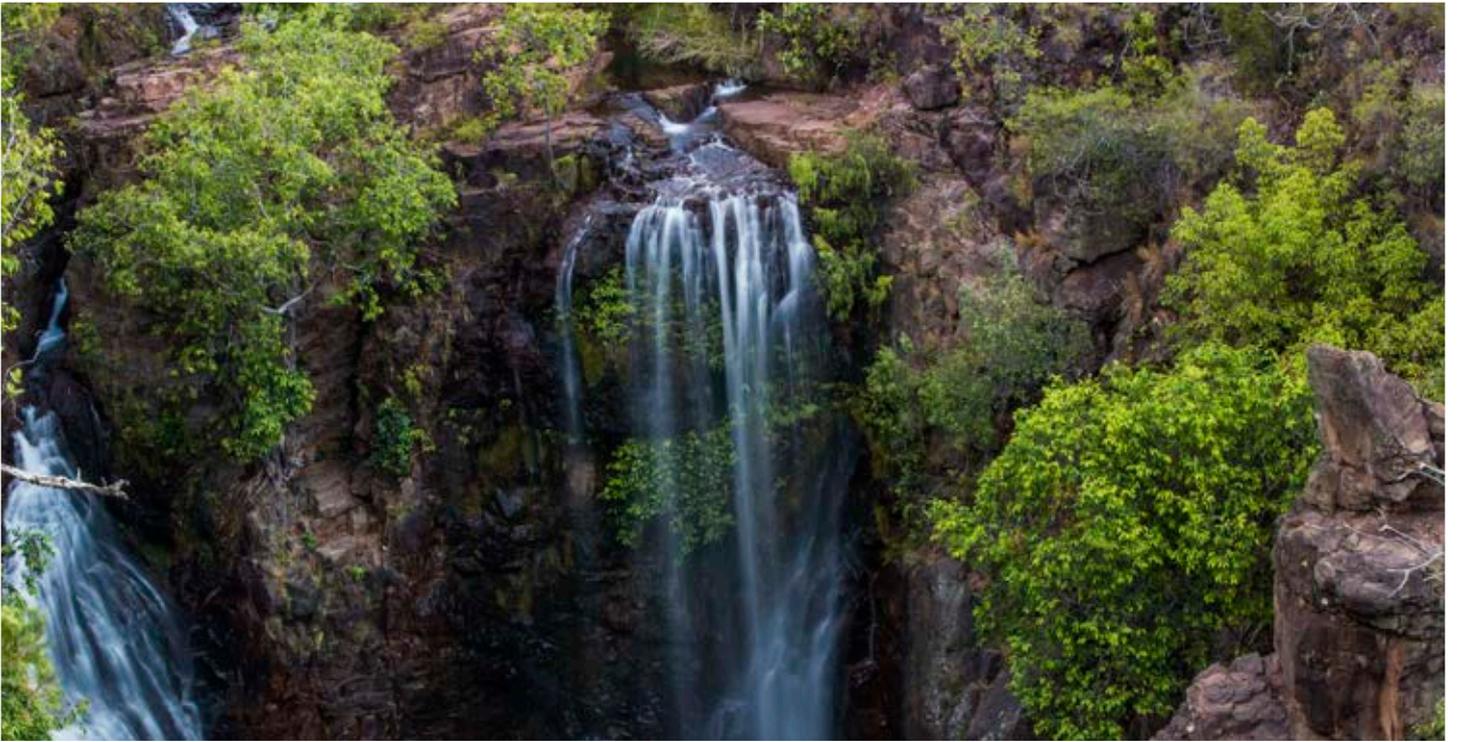
This day allows you to ride with us or be independent and ride your own route through Darwin's inner-city.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Along the way we will pass some of Darwin's major attractions and allow plenty of time to explore
- Ride to the Nightcliff Swimming Pool and Darwin Waterfront Precinct
- Visit WWII tunnels and the Darwin Military Museum
- Browse unique collections at the Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- Enjoy dinner at the Mindil Beach Markets

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Breakfast, lunch
- Shuttle to Mindil Beach Markets
- Room at H on Smith



DAY 3 MONDAY 5 JULY LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Today we will venture to Litchfield National Park on a 56km journey through vast outback landscapes and undulating terrain.

RIDING: 56km with 410m climbing

Ride to Florence Falls, Litchfield National Park with a stop at Wangi Falls along the way.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride and swim at Wangi Falls
- Ride and swim at Florence Falls
- Buley Rockpool exploration
- Visit the iconic termite mounds

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Room at Ibis Styles Katherine



DAY 4 TUESDAY 6 JULY NITMILUK

Today we ride to one of the Northern Territory's most famous landmarks, Nitmiluk Gorge (also known as Katherine Gorge).

RIDING: 56km with 137m climbing

The beginning of the ride travels through iconic outback terrain that is a hot-spot for native animals.

As we roll on, the gorge's enormity and beauty is put on show. Take a moment to soak up the gorge and all its power.

HIGHLIGHTS

- View the gorge by bike, boat or helicopter, an optional extra.
- Cultural tour showcasing basket weaving, spear throwing, fire lighting, painting and didgeridoo playing
- Take the time to relax and enjoy a three hour gorge cruise exploring three gorges with an expert guide with an opportunity to swim

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Breakfast, morning tea, lunch, dinner
- Cultural tour
- Gorge cruise
- Room at Ibis Styles Katherine

OPTIONAL HELICOPTER FLIGHT

- Take a breathtaking 10-minute flight over three gorges
- \$110 per person. Maximum 28 people with two people per helicopter.



DAY 5 WEDNESDAY 7 JULY YELLOW WATER TO JABIRU

Today is the longest riding day of our Great Top End Escape, with an 82km trip from Yellow Water to Jaibiru.

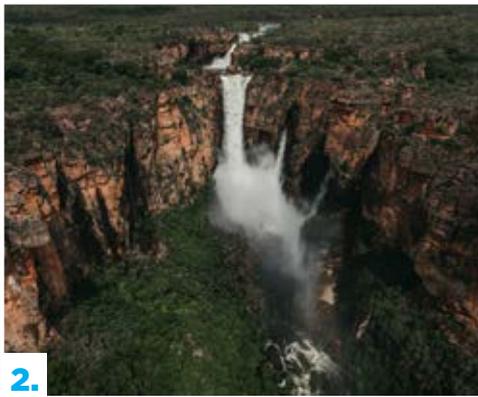
RIDING: 82km with 351m climbing

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride through the World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park
- See termite mounds towering in the horizon and exotic flora and fauna
- Explore Anbangbang rock art, showcasing the ancient history of the land through extraordinary indigenous artwork dating back thousands of years

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Breakfast, morning tea, lunch
- Dinner under the stars
- Room at Mercure Crocodile Hotel



DAY 6 THURSDAY 8 JULY CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Today is what you make it. Relax at the hotel, go for a gentle walk and rest those legs. Or, if you're interested in something a little more adventurous, try one of the amazing activities below.

All activities must be booked online or over the phone with one of our friendly team.

1. SPIRIT OF KAKADU 4WD ADVENTURE TOUR

Off-road adventure to waterfalls and swimming holes of Kakadu.

Cost \$205pp - maximum 30 people

2. TWIN & JIM JIM FALLS 4WD TOUR

Drive the rocky tracks, take a boat cruise and short hike to these magnificent waterfalls

Cost \$225pp - maximum 30 people

3. ARNHEM LAND 4WD TOUR

Explore Arnhem Land with an experienced guide.

Cost \$285pp - maximum 40 people

4. YELLOW WATER FISHING TOUR

Fishing experience in one of the most spectacular locations.

Cost \$125pp - maximum 8 people

5. KAKADU DAY EXPLORER

Bicycle Network coach shuttle to the Bardedjilidji Walk, a self guided walk through.

Free

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Room at Mercure Crocodile Hotel



DAY 7 FRIDAY 9 JULY JABIRU TO UBIRR ROCK ART

Day 7 is a jam-packed day of riding and attractions as we roll on to the pointy end of our adventure.

RIDING: 44km with 161m climbing

HIGHLIGHTS

- Begin the day with a magical cruise of the Yellow Waters billabong, taking you through one of Australia's unique ecosystems at sunrise
- Keep an eye on the sky – Kakadu National Park's woodlands and wetlands are home to approximately one-third of Australia's bird life
- Witness the most astonishing sunset at Ubirr Rock

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Breakfast, dinner
- Yellow Waters billabong cruise
- Room at Mercure Crocodile Hotel



DAY 8 SATURDAY 10 JULY BERRY SPRINGS TO WAGAIT BEACH

Just when you thought it was all over, there's one more memorable experience to top it all off - the Jumping Crocs cruise!

RIDING: 74km with 278m climbing

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get the chance to be up close and personal with the prehistoric predators of the Northern Territory on the Jumping Crocs cruise
- Relax and take a pre-ride swim at Berry Springs
- Take the ferry from Mandorah to Darwin
- Farewell dinner and drinks

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Jumping Crocs cruise
- Ferry ticket
- Room at H on Smith



DAY 9

SUNDAY 11 JULY

DEPARTURE DAY

Day 9 brings us to the end of our incredible adventure through some of the most untouched natural landscapes in the world. Depart any time or enjoy extra time to explore Darwin.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Complimentary transfer to the airport for you and your bike



TICKET OPTIONS

PRICES

Premium twin-share room	\$4,299
Premium double room	\$4,299
Premium own room	\$5,299

CALL US NOW TO BOOK

FREECALL: 1800 639 634

DEPOSITS

Secure your spot on the Great Top End Escape with a \$1000 deposit. Bookings are capped at 120 guests.

FINAL PAYMENTS

Final payments are due Friday 2 October 2020. All bookings made after this date must be paid in full.

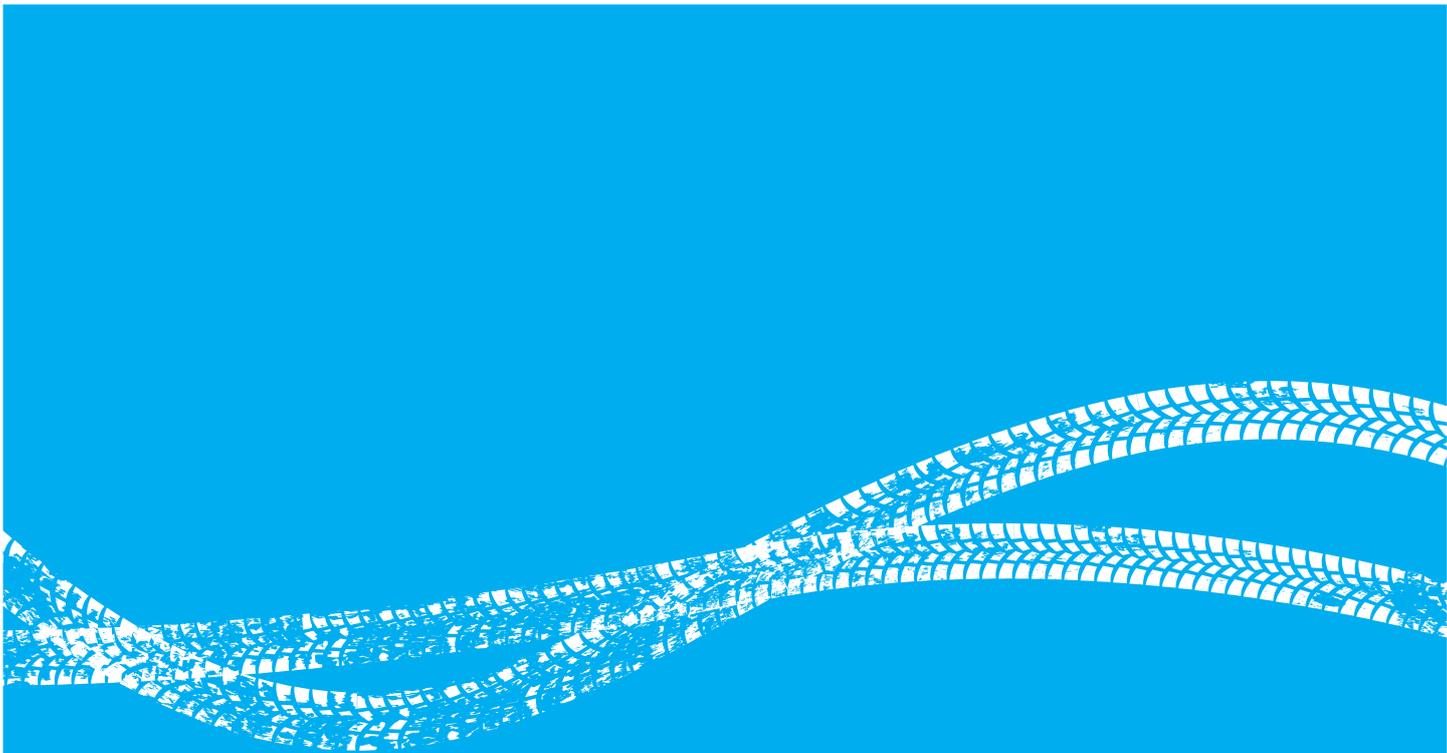
ADDED EXTRAS

Any additional activities and tours that are pre-booked with your entry must be confirmed by Friday 2 October 2020 to allow for scheduling.

INCLUSIONS

All entries include meals, accommodation, a number of special experiences, bike transfer from Melbourne and full support from Bicycle Network.

Please note: flights to and from Darwin are not included.



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