



# NORTHERN TERRITORY

From the tropics of Darwin to the outback landscapes around Alice Springs, food and wine in the Territory is a world away from the norm, with magical outdoor dining, million-star cuisine, spectacular landscape backdrops and rich, colourful Territory personalities behind the incredible food.



## DINE UNDER THE CANOPY OF A MILLION STARS

Visitors to Uluru in Central Australia can choose from some magical dining experiences such as the Sounds of Silence and new intimate dining experience Tali Wiru.

### SPOTLIGHT:

#### SOUNDS OF SILENCE DINNER

- » Sip champagne on a red desert dune as the setting sun lights up Uluru
- » Enjoy a gourmet buffet of delicacies including barramundi, kangaroo and crocodile complimented by Australian wines
- » Entertainment includes: didgeridoo performance, traditional Indigenous dance, guided tour of the sky by the resident 'sky talker'
- » Operates daily, departing one hour before sunset

### SPOTLIGHT

#### TALI WIRU

- » Intimate dining experience at Uluru for up to 20 people
- » Enjoy champagne and canapés as the sunsets over Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- » Four course dune-top dinner with matched wines. The menu is strong in Indigenous flavours such as wagyu beef scented with native thyme and macadamia and lemon myrtle encrusted barramundi
- » Dinner is followed with Indigenous story telling
- » Operates nightly from 1 April to 15 October each year, weather permitting

### EXPERT TIP:

Bookings are essential, both experiences can sell out



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Add on a one hour camel tour which will pick your clients up from their hotel and take them on a scenic ride to the Sounds of Silence dinner site.



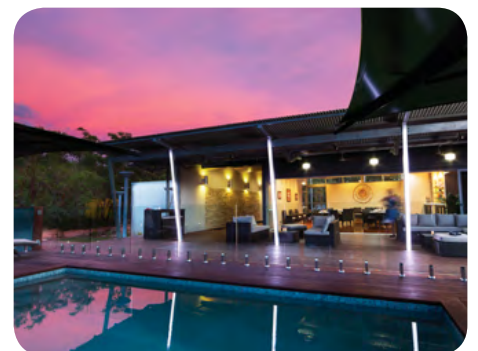
## CICADA LODGE, NITMILUK, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Newly opened Cicada Lodge at Nitmiluk Gorge, offers guests a dining experience with a difference, seared kangaroo steak and crocodile tail are just some of the delicacies on offer.

### SPOTLIGHT:

#### CICADA LODGE

- » Located 300 kilometres south of Darwin and 32 kilometres from the town of Katherine
- » Owned by the local Jawoyn people
- » Learn about traditional Aboriginal arts and ways of life.



# KAKADU AND ARNHEM LAND SAFARI

Collecting and eating seafood so fresh it is literally moments from habitat to taste buds is a highlight your clients will never forget on Venture North's **5 day Kakadu and Arnhem Land Safari**.



## SPOTLIGHT:

- » Departs Darwin
- » Explore Kakadu National Park before
- » Stay in a remote coastal camp on the Coburg Peninsula in Arnhem Land
- » Forage for fresh seafood around camp
- » Sample Black Tip oysters straight off the rocks with a squeeze of lemon
- » Learn the traditional Indigenous way to hunt prized mud crabs, then enjoy their sweet soft flesh atop a cliff with a glass of wine.



## BARRAMUNDI FISHING - BAMURRU PLAINS

The mighty barramundi is a Territory icon, prized the world over for its exhilarating fight, strong runs and enormous leaps out of the water. A number of tour operators offer barramundi fishing trips with expert guides throughout the Top End.

Luxury safari camp Bamurru Plains is one of the few places in Australia where you can catch a barramundi while on an airboat.

## SPOTLIGHT:

### BAMURRU PLAINS

Located on the Mary River floodplains, three hours from Darwin on the boundary of Kakadu National Park

- » Considered one of the best places in Australia to catch a barramundi
- » Exclusive camp with just nine safari suites
- » February to April is the best time to fish, Bamurru Plains operates as a dedicated fishing lodge over these months
- » Sustainable fishing practised i.e. catch and release

Barramundi has soft, moist and delicate flesh that can be prepared a hundred different ways



## MORE FOOD AND WINE EXPERIENCES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

- » Take a 'bush tucker' tour in the Top End or Central Australia to learn about the wild foods that have sustained Aboriginal people for generations
- » Sample delights from every corner of the earth at Darwin's famous **Mindil Beach Sunset Markets** held Thursday and Sunday evenings during the dry season: April – October
- » Experience the spectacular beauty of Katherine Gorge on a **Nabill Dreaming Sunset Dinner Cruise**, dishes include slow cooked crocodile and confit Berry Pepper Kangaroo Tail
- » Sample exotic tropical fruits such as the spiky but sweet rambutan, luscious mangosteen, sweet and crunchy dragon fruit or sweet and juicy mangoes at Parap, Rapid Creek or Mindil Beach Markets in Darwin.

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## FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR

### MAY

#### Outback Fest – Uluru

Uluru, provides the spectacular setting for this 3 day festival. Events include; the Outback Fest Markets featuring local arts and crafts and bush inspired food and the Outback BBQ Bash with live music.

### JUNE

#### Greek Glenti – Darwin, Northern Territory

The Territory's biggest food festival, sees locals and visitors alike indulge in mountainous spreads of barbecued octopus, honey puffs and the best lamb yiros this side of Athens.

### AUGUST

#### Darwin Festival

The 18-day Darwin Festival is one of the Territory's biggest events that transforms Darwin into a hive of culture, music, art, dance and local flavour every August.

## USEFUL LINKS

[Northern Territory Food and Wine Itinerary](#)

[Darwin City Food Trail](#)

[Sounds of Silence](#)

[Tali Wiru](#)

[Cicada Lodge](#)

[Venture North's 5 day Kakadu and Arnhem Land Safari](#)

[Bamurru Plains](#)

[Mindil Beach Markets](#)

[Nabili Dreaming Sunset Dinner Cruise](#)

