



Aboriginal Cultural Immersion Program

East Arnhem Land 9 - 15 August 2020

Itinerary

Days 1-2: Culture College/Nhulunbuy/Yirrkala

Arrive in Nhulunbuy (Gove) and Welcome to East Arnhem Land and Culture College.

Over the next few days you will spend time in and around the town of Nhulunbuy staying at the Culture College base. During the afternoon/evening you will take part in a Culture College induction presentation. There will be a briefing on the itinerary for the program.

The next day you will engage in some of these activities:

- Walk to and climb the lookout at Mt Nhulun to see a 360 Degree view of Nhulunbuy and surrounding Arnhem Land
- Be part of a 'Welcome to Country' ceremony
- Visit Yirrkala Community and Shady Beach
- Discussion on significance of area and environmental issues
- Visit the Yirrkala Community School & Literature Production Centre and interact with local Yirrkala School students (if in session)
- Enjoy a visit to internationally renowned Buku-Larrnggay Mulka (Yirrkala Arts) Centre & Museum. See the historical artworks (including the Yirrkala Church Panels)
- Meet with the region's famous artists (if in session)
- Make paint from clays and traditional painting brushes made from strands of hair
- Gather white clay for use in local traditional ceremonies
- Learn about bush tucker, bush medicine, dreaming stories and aboriginal conservation and sustainable land management.

Accommodation: Culture College, Nhulunbuy

Days 3-5: Cultural Exchange Program

Journey to a Nyinyikay traditional Homeland. On arrival at Nyinyikay you will be part of a traditional Yolngu welcome to country. You will meet and engage with members of the family that will be hosting us over the next few days.

We will set up camp and experience the clearest night sky you have ever seen!

During your Cultural Exchange Program you will enjoy some of the following activities:

- Yolngu language & Sign language lessons
- Kinship Structures
- Preparing dinner and making fire
- Dreaming stories
- Collection & preparation of pandanus leaves for basket weaving
- Basket weaving
- Bush tucker – gathering and preparation
- Flower charts
- Traditional dancing
- Making jewellery
- Making spears
- Fishing.

After our farewell dinner we get together to share everyone's thoughts of our time on country in Arnhem Land. Around the campfire there will be stories and memories of this trip of a lifetime.

Accommodation: Traditional Nyinyikay Homeland

Day 6: Return to Nhulunbuy

We will pack up camp this morning and travel back to Nhulunbuy/Yirrkala for some final activities before we share our final night in Arnhem Land.

Accommodation: Culture College, Nhulunbuy

Day 7: Depart Gove (Nhulunbuy)

Say goodbye today and we will look forward to your return to this unique and wonderful part of Australia!