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Travel Highlights

Cairns to Darwin

Distance Best Time to Travel Suggest Time Frame

3,000 km

May to September

14 days minimum (*travel either direction*)



Townsville

CAIRNS







table trip 525 pp into ree to enter

Highlights

- Enjoy the changing scenery on the sealed road from Cairns to Darwin, travelling the main highway south to Townsville, through Hughenden and Mt Isa to the Three Ways (the Three Ways is where the Barkley Highway meets the Stuart Highway)
- Alternative route which offers diverse scenery is west from Cairns through the Atherton Tablelands, Undara Lava Tubes, Normanton (Karumba in Gulf of Carpentaria), south to Cloncurry and join up with the main highway to the Three Ways. Dry season only, sealed road.
- Another interesting alternative route is to take the remote **Tablelands Highway** to **Cape Crawford** and then back out to the **Stuart Highway** at **Daly Waters** for a fun night at the iconic outback pub. *sealed; ensure you fill up with fuel at Barkly Homestead and Cape Crawford*.
- You'll have the opportunity to see plenty of **wildlife** including **emus**, **kangaroos**, **camels and crocodiles** (when further north)
- Relax in hot pools in Mataranka and Katherine, also enjoy the spectacular Katherine Gorge at Nitmiluk National Park
- Many National Parks to explore like world heritage listed Kakadu National Park and the stunning Litchfield National Park near Darwin
- Enjoy 'a thousand star' accommodation in the many **beautiful freedom camps** (*free or low cost camping*) and **commercial camps** along this unforgettable trip
 - No entry fee into QLD National Parks; in NT entry fee of AU\$25 pp into world heritage listed Kakadu National Park; Litchfield NP is free to enter (recommend doing both as quite different)



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