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DARWIN 2021 Living Our Dream

24 - 28 June Together in the Top End



SAVE THE DATE!
Complimentary Sunset Welcome Function
on Wednesday evening, 23rd June 2021



62nd Australian National Square Dance Convention

Marrara Stadium, Darwin

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Northern Territory's Official Symbols and Emblems

The Northern Territory's flag was flown for the first time at a ceremony in Darwin on 1 July 1978 marking the grant of self-government.

It includes the three official NT colours - black, white and red ochre and a stylised version of the Territory's floral emblem, the Sturt's Desert Rose.

The Desert Rose on the red ochre panel has seven petals with a seven-pointed star in the centre, symbolising the six Australian states and the Northern Territory. The five white stars sitting on the black panel on the left of the flag represent the Southern Cross.

The flag was designed by Australian artist Robert Ingpen AM, whose work is well known throughout Australia.

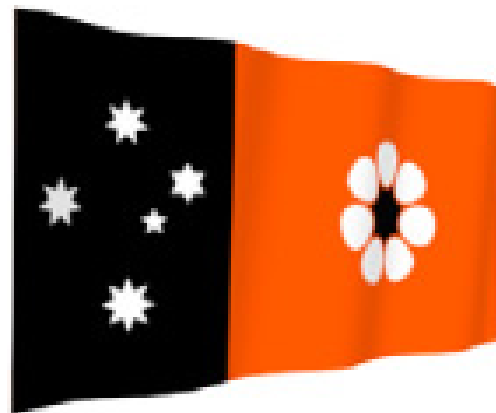
The Coat of Arms is symbolic of the people, history and landscape of the Northern Territory.

It has floral and fauna emblems, the Sturt's Desert Rose, two red kangaroos and a wedge-tailed eagle.

The kangaroos hold a shield decorated by Aboriginal motifs in one hand and shells found on the coastline in the other.

In the centre of the shield is an x-ray drawing of a woman as seen in rock art in Arnhem Land. The designs on either side symbolise camp sites joined by path markings of Central Australian Aboriginal people.

The eagle holds an Aboriginal Tjurunga stone that rests on a helmet. The helmet is a reminder of the Northern Territory's war history.



MYTH: THE NORTHERN TERRITORY IS TOO RUGGED

We know that the NT has a reputation for being rough and rugged, and if you're looking for your modern-day Crocodile Dundee then the NT has its fair share of characters. In fact, for many tourists, this is the appeal of a trip to the Territory.

When you think of Australia's outback you probably imagine tumbleweeds and sweaty bushwalks. You think of taking a campervan and making up your itinerary as you go. But do you think of luxury? Probably not - so get ready to have your world flipped! But there is a glamorous side of the NT you've never seen before.

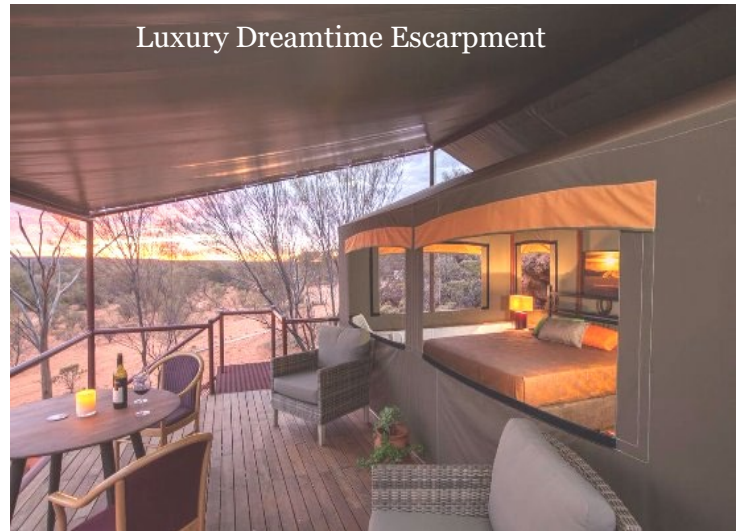
But a trip to the Territory doesn't mean you have to rough it. You can do the NT in style, whether you're in the city or in the heart of the Outback. In recent years, the [luxury accommodation scene](#) in the Northern Territory has exploded.

In the Red Centre, go glamping in a luxury Dreamtime Escarpment tent near Kings Canyon, rest and recuperate at [Longitude 131 in Uluru](#), or relax in style at [Squeaky windmill in Alice Springs](#). Or try fine-dining under the stars at [Tali Wiru in Uluru](#).

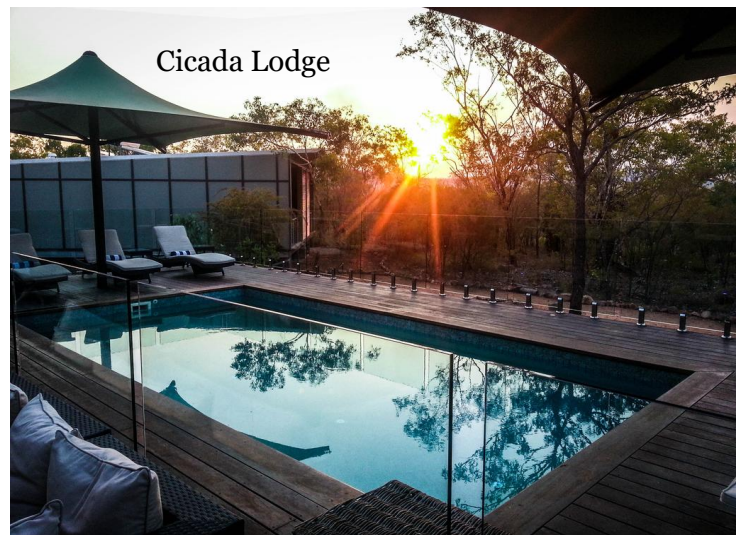
In Katherine, the Cicada Lodge is an Aboriginal owned-and-operated 5-star resort, situated right alongside Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park. You can experience a range of relaxing activities, from canoeing down the pristine gorge to enjoying a [Nabilil Dreaming Sunset Dinner Cruise](#).

Just two hours east of Darwin and on the door-step of Kakadu National Park lies [Wildman Wilderness Lodge](#), a frontier-like experience with all the creature comforts you're accustomed to.

And Darwin itself has many forms of accommodation to suit every needs and budget. Darwin, Australia's northernmost capital, is a contemporary multicultural city with a room for the business traveller, backpacker and tourist. Choose from apartments with views of the marina and harbour, leafy tourist parks, comfortable B&Bs in quiet residential areas, chain and boutique hotels, and the bustling Mitchell Street backpacker strip. [Click here to access the different accommodation details for Darwin](#). **Source Tourism NT**



Luxury Dreamtime Escarpment

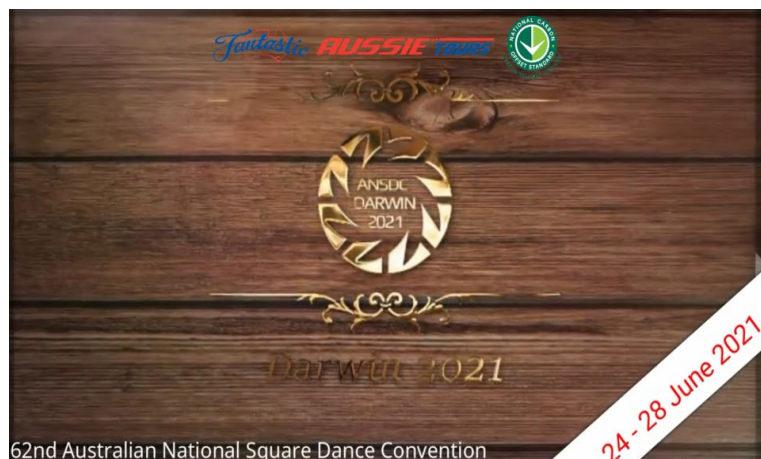


Cicada Lodge



Darwin Waterfront Luxury Suites

OCTOBER PROMOTIONAL VIDEO



November's Darwin's 2021 promotional video highlights some of the reasons why we invite you to join us to Live Our Dream Together in the Top End.

The video takes us on a journey of Darwin and its surrounding area and invites you to come and dream a little in 2021 and join us for some great dancing and adventures

OUR PLATINUM SPONSOR



PRE AND POST CONVENTION TOURS



Why not see more of Australia on the way to Darwin or post the Convention in 2021

Fantastic Aussie Tours who are also major sponsors of the Blue Mountains Convention in 2020 are planning two special tours for Darwin2021 delegates. The first, the Banjo Patterson tour, travelling from Sydney or Brisbane through Central Queensland into the Northern territory and onto Darwin. The second tour will be post the Darwin2021 Convention to discover the highlights of the Kimberley travelling from Darwin to Broome. All tours will be travelling in luxury long distance touring coaches, quality accommodation, most meals and entry fees to attractions. Fantastic Aussie Tours has been operating extended tours around Australia for over 40 years and offer a wide range of guided holidays within Australia and overseas.

Register your interest for either tour or even both at info@fantastic-asussie-tours.com.au full itineraries will be published at a later date. Phone: 02 4780 0700



61st AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

Don't forget to support the 61st Australian National Square Dance Convention. Details are available on the adjacent panel. You can access further details by clicking on the panel

COME AND JOIN THE DREAM

You can register an *Expression of Interest* for Darwin2021 by visiting our website at <https://www.darwin2021.com/registration> and completing the online form. We'll place you on our email list and forward all details, including newsletters, as they become available. We look forward to sharing our next newsletter in December.

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