



Northern Territory

TOP END BIRD & WILDLIFE PHOTO SAFARI

9 day Escorted Small Group
07 - 15 October 2021

Join our Escorted Top End Bird & Wildlife Photographic Safari with your specialist guide, Luke Paterson. Enjoy the chance to view and photograph an incredible range of colourful and unique northern Australian birds and wildlife in stunning natural landscapes. Photography cruises allow us to get up close and increases our encounters with key bird photography targets.

Day 1: Arrive Darwin

On arrival in Darwin, transfer to your hotel for day at leisure. **Darwin**

Day 2: Darwin & surrounds (BLD)

Take a full day bird and wildlife photography tour around Darwin's urban and rural hotspots. There is the chance to get some pictures of rainbow pittas, macropods, water monitors, kingfishers, finches and so much more. **Darwin**

Day 3: Adelaide & Mary Rivers (BLD)

Pre-dawn departure for bird and sunrise photography at Fogg Dam. Enjoy a 2.5 hour private photographic cruise on Mary River Wetlands guided by specialist guide Luke Paterson with the chance to photograph kingfishers, waterbirds and other species.

Mary River Wilderness Retreat

Day 4: Mary River region and the World Heritage Kakadu National Park (BLD)

Pre-dawn departure for 2.5 hour private photographic cruise on Mary River Wetlands guided by specialist guide Luke Paterson. Lookout for black-necked stork, raptors, alwater crocodiles and more. Hotel check-in and lunch, privately guided aboriginal rock art tour and sunset/landscape photoshoot (landscape, rock wallabies, sandstone bird species). **Jabiru**

Day 5: Kakadu National Park (BLD)

Early departure for 1-2km photographic walk around riverine sandstone outcrops (sandstone and monsoon forest bird

species, dragonflies and butterflies), 800m photographic walk in monsoon forest (little red and black flying foxes, butterflies, saltwater crocodile, arafura fantail), saltwater crocodile feeding frenzy photo shoot may happen. On alternate day, rest and photo download period, south alligator floodplain bird photography shoot and walk up to 3km for finches, magpie goose and waders. **Jabiru**

Day 6: Kakadu - Pine Creek (BLD)

Pre-dawn departure for bird, crocodile and sunrise photography at Yellow Water Billabong – 3 hour private photographic cruise guided by specialist guide Luke Paterson. 5 species of kingfisher, black bittern, brolga, white-bellied sea eagle, plumed whistling ducks, salt and freshwater crocodiles, asian water buffalo, brumby, sunrise over floodplains and reflections in water, buffet breakfast, travel to outback gold-mining town of Pine Creek. Set up for evening photography for bush birds (endemic hooded parrot, great bowerbird, galah, Australian bustard). **Pine Creek**

Day 7: Pine Creek & Nitmiluk N.P. (BLD)

Pre-dawn departure for gouldian finch photography (may require periods of sitting and waiting low in the bush), breakfast with bush birds at Leliyn/Edith Falls in Nitmiluk National Park (optional swim in plunge pool, photographic opportunity for northern rosella, red-winged parrot, golden orb spider), evening photography for bush birds (cockatiel, black flying fox). **Pine Creek**

9 days from \$ 7,785[^]

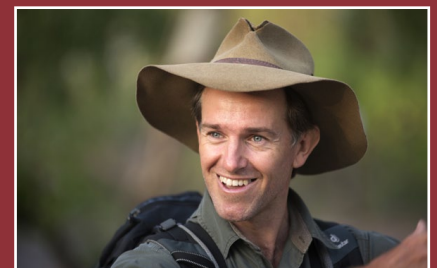
INCLUSIONS

- Award-winning NT Bird Specialists guide
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Covid-Safe Plan and Hygiene kit
- Transportation in 4WD vehicle
- 8 nights accommodation in 3-4 star hotels
- 7 days all touring activities
- Meals as stated • 1 sunset platter
- 2x 2.5 hour and 1x 3 hour photographic cruises wih specialist guide Luke Paterson
- 1 privately guided aboriginal rock art site
- Digital & printed field guides
- In-field photography hints and tips
- All park entry & tickets
- Kakadu & NT Parks tour operator permits

** Maximum 6 Guests*

Specialist Guide - Luke Paterson

Luke Paterson is one of Australia's best bird guides and has built his reputation and industry experience by guiding exceptional tours in remote outback Northern Territory, WA Kimberley region & Sri Lanka.



Day 8: Pine Creek to Darwin (BL)

Depart for gouldian finch photography, slowly make our way back to Darwin stopping for species sightings along the way and lunch at Adelaide River township (varied lorikeet, red-tailed black cockatoo, rufous owl). Hotel drop off and optional farewell dinner with hotel transfers. **Darwin hotel**

Day 9: Depart Darwin (B)

Breakfast at hotel then transfer to the airport

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