

# NT Bird Specialists

Top End Bird Watching & Wildlife Experiences, Darwin, Australia, *'We'll Scope it All'*

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## Overnight Tour Pre-departure Guest Information

### Special Needs and Requests

Please advise us of any special needs or requests at the time of booking. We can try to accommodate your needs and/or requests where possible (subject to availability and conditions).

### Meals and Dietary Requirements

Please inform us of any allergies at least 7 days prior to departure so we can try to cater for your needs. Continental breakfasts and cold meat and salad lunches will often be eaten in natural bush settings, to maximise wildlife viewing opportunities. Local restaurants will supply dinners

### Medical Issues and Telecommunications

As we will be travelling in remote areas there will be limited access to medical facilities and telecommunications. Guides carry first aid kits in their vehicles and walking bags, as well as carry satellite phones for emergencies. Please ensure that you carry any required medications and confidentially disclose any medical conditions to your guide at the start of the tour or as early as possible.

You will be asked to provide emergency contact details and travel insurance details prior to departure of the tour. Guests are responsible for all charges resulting from medical services while on tour.

Refer to the Travel Insurance and Refunds sections of our Terms and Conditions for more information.

### Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your tour price. NT Bird Specialists strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes (without limitation) coverage for: accidental death, medical expenses, loss/damage to personal belongings and luggage, water and land-based activities, and airfare/travel disruption due to reasons beyond your control.

### Luggage

Due to limited space, it is advisable to travel light with a soft overnight bag (maximum 10kgs) and small daypack (for water bottle, camera, sunscreen, repellent, etc...). If you are returning to the same accommodation after the tour, you could ask to store your other belongings in their luggage room until your return.

### Damaged or Lost Items or Belongings

Our vehicles and trailers will be locked when not in use. We recommend you take minimal valuables on tour and keep possessions close to you at all times. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are adequately covered by comprehensive travel insurance in the event of any loss while on tour. Refer to the Travel Insurance section for more information.



Our tours depart early so we can make the most of prime bird and wildlife watching opportunities in the early morning. Pick ups commence at 6:15 – 6:30 am from the nominated pick up locations.

### **Transfers**

We will pick up and drop off guests to their accommodation in the Darwin CBD. Special requests for pick up or drop off at a different location will be considered if time and resources permit. Please note that our 10 day, 9 night tour departs from Darwin, Northern Territory and finishes in Kununurra, Western Australia. We can help arrange a short domestic return flight to Darwin or Broome. These tour can be delivered in reverse or an additional charge can be paid for road transfer back to Darwin with our guide (approximately 1.5 days travel).

### **Flights**

Flights are not included in the tour price. We strongly recommend you book one night's accommodation in the destination where your tour ends, and not fly out until the following day. We can assist you with flight bookings.

### **Accommodation**

Hotel rooms and service standards differ between locations and may not be quite as high in remote locations as you may be used to.

NT Bird Specialists aim to support local businesses, which cater most suitably to our accommodation needs. Some accommodation used on the tour may have shared bathroom and laundry facilities. Unless upgrades are purchased. Please notify us at the time of booking if you require multiple beds in your accommodation and we will try to fulfil your request. We list optional accommodation upgrade prices on our itineraries, which we can book for you if available on our dates of travel. Please notify us at the time of booking if you wish to upgrade your accommodation for the additional costs.

### **Smoking**

Smoking and consumption of alcohol is prohibited in tourist vehicles under Australian Government regulations. If you choose to smoke whilst on tour, please do so respectfully away from other guests and food and be sure to dispose of your cigarette butts in the bin.

### **Responsible Consumption of Alcohol**

Alcohol may be consumed on tour (at the guest's own expense). We encourage guests to drink responsibly and remember we will be touring in remote and hot conditions for extended periods of time and some areas that prohibit the consumption of alcohol.

### **Ethical Birding and Touring:**

NT Bird Specialists respects our natural and cultural assets found in the environment we are lucky enough to operate in. We aim to minimise food packaging, rubbish and waste, we support local and indigenous-owned businesses. We follow minimal impact principles when delivering our tours, including ethical birdwatching guidelines ... and we encourage our guests to do the same.

### **What to bring:**

- Binoculars
- Spotting Scope
- Sunscreen SPF 30+
- Insect Repellent
- Long-sleeved, light-weight clothing
- Swim wear
- Wide-brimmed hat
- Sturdy walking shoes
- Torch
- 1 Litre water bottle (you should drink 3 Litres of water per day in the tropics). Water is provided for refills
- Camera