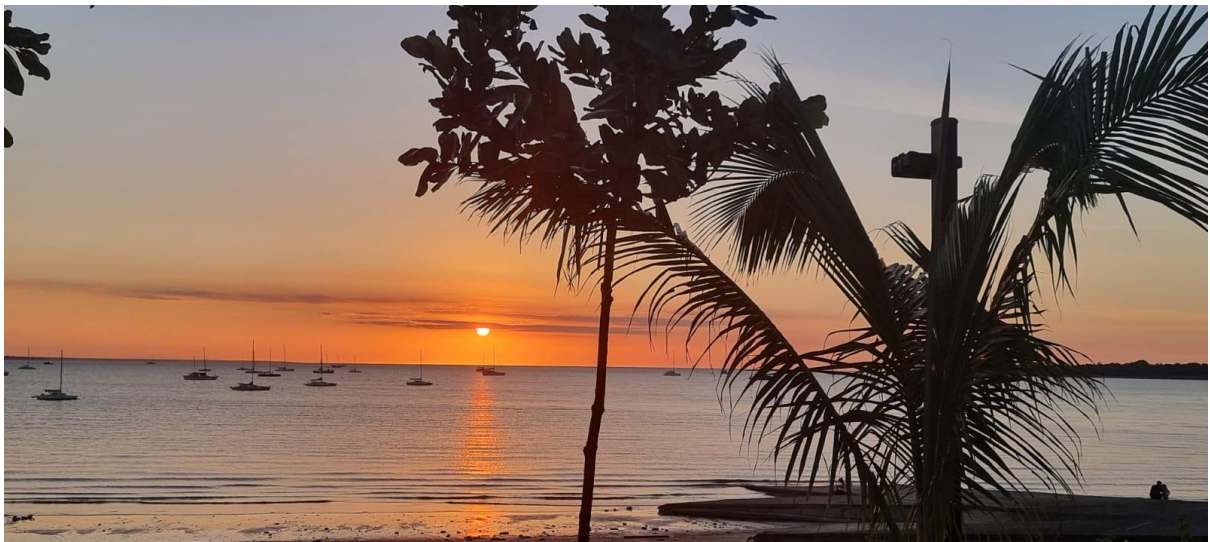


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APARTMENT HOTELS

At Hudson Apartment Hotels, our goal is to provide a comfortable, enjoyable, and memorable experience for all our guests as they discover the beauty and excitement of the unique Top End area. In this guide, you'll find a curated selection of accessible tours, inclusive infrastructure, and accessible landmarks in Darwin, along with sensory-friendly experience suggestions. Some of the information provided here is sourced from the Northern Territory Travel and Tourism Top End websites. We've also included a map of accessible car parks and general information on public bus transportation.

If you need further details about bus routes, schedules, or any additional information, please don't hesitate to ask our reception team. We're here to help make your stay as seamless and enriching as possible, so you can fully enjoy all that Darwin has to offer.



7. Darwin Attractions with Accessible infrastructure

Swimming Pool Access Equipment

The Parap swimming pool is a short taxi ride from the CBD. Nightcliff Swimming Pool has an aqualift chair, a shower on pool deck, and an accessible toilet. Parap Pool has ramps to access both the 25m and 50m pools, with a water wheelchair provided. There are two all-access bathrooms next to the cafe.



Parap Swimming Pool

77 Ross Smith Avenue,
Parap **Phone:** 0475 031 573

Peter Mahony Fishing Platform

The Peter Mahoney Fishing Platform is located on Casuarina Drive, near the Rapid Creek footbridge. The fishing platform is designed specifically for wheelchair access, fitted with adjustable panels to allow casting from a low height.



The fishing platform is locked, to arrange free access phone: 08 8930 0560
email : darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au

Liberty Wheelchair Swing

The Liberty Swing is designed for use by people of all ages and have room for a wheelchair to be strapped into them as well as a pop-up internal seat with a seat belt attached. Liberty swing is located at the Lake Alexander Regional Playground, East Point Reserve, Fannie Bay. Reserve.



The swings are locked, keys are available free of charge

Phone: 08 8930 0560

Email: darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au

Adult Change Facility

Darwin's first public accessible adult change facility is at Jingili Water Gardens alongside all abilities play space Darwin Waterfront. Inside the Darwin Waterfront changing room you will find a height-adjustable changing bench and a ceiling-mounted fixed hoist is intended for lifting children and adults up to 200kg, providing essential support for individuals who require assistance with personal care tasks.

For more information about Darwin Waterfront Changing Places:

<https://www.waterfront.nt.gov.au/changing-place>



8. Further Information and Feedback

Phone: 1300 138 886 or +618 8980 6000

Email: info@visittopend.com.au

Accessible landmarks near Darwin CBD

Source from Northern Territory travel website

Darwin is the capital of the Northern Territory. It is a, relaxed and modern city encompassed by parkland's overlooking the Timor sea. The central business district (CBD) is relatively flat and easy to navigate with many accessible paths, tourism attractions and services in close proximity of the CBD. A few accessible landmarks in close proximity of Darwin's CBD are:

- See the bite force of crocodiles during the feeding show at Darwin's **Crocosaurus Cove**. Get a snap with a baby croc and meet the reptiles inside the fully accessible and airconditioned reptile house. Most areas are wheelchair friendly and companion cards are accepted.
- Discover the many accessible museums and art galleries across the Northern Territory, with the **Darwin Military Museum** which is housed inside the original concrete bunker and allows you to explore the bombing of Darwin.
- **The Visitor Information Centre** is in State Square at the Top of the Smith Street Mall and Bennett Street. In this busy precinct you will find helpful staff who will guide you on accessing tourism and local information.
- **Watch a Territory sunset at Cullen Bay** where the accessible path leads you to unobstructed views of the harbour, and a short drive away you can enjoy a variety of cuisine, handcrafted goods and entertainment at the [Mindil Beach Sunset Markets](#) which runs from April to October.
- **Smith Street Mall** is almost opposite the Visitor Information Centre, it is a hub for cafes, and shops with art galleries, playground, food court and markets in the dry season.

- **Parliament House and the Supreme Court** are visually spectacular buildings, with the State library open to the public, a café and tours all a short distance from the visitor information center and accessible by wheelchair ramps.
- **Brown's Mart Theatre** – is also across the road from the Visitor center built in 1883, this old sandstone building is now home to the Darwin Theatre Company.
- **Christ Church Cathedral** - built in 1902, the cathedral was damaged by the Bombing of Darwin and Cyclone Tracy and is a peaceful visit enroute to the Waterfront.
- **Deckchair Cinema** - located in Jervois Road in the Wharf Precinct. On balmy evenings in the dry season, the Deckchair Cinema is a popular venue for locals and visitors alike to catch current and classic films in the open air.
- **Darwin Entertainment Centre** - located on Mitchell Street, the DEC hosts many exciting theatrical performances.
- **The Darwin Waterfront** – is a hive of activity with a wave pool, swimming lagoon, restaurants. This is also the Cruise ship terminal.
- **The Administrators residence** – a historic residence overlooking the waterfront.
- **The Chinese Temple** - located on Litchfield Street, the current temple is built on the site of a temple that was constructed in 1887.
- **Cavenagh Street** - Darwin's original Chinatown. In the late 1800s the southern end was full of ramshackle huts and shops, and you'll still see some of the original stone buildings near the Darwin Post Office.

- **Bicentennial Park and Anzac memorial** - the park runs the length of the Esplanade with a walking/cycling path from Doctors Gully to the Waterfront Precinct. There is a children's playground halfway along the park, an eagle's nest lookout at the northern end and a Cenotaph containing a Bombing of Darwin Civilian Memorial Wall at the southern end.
- **Darwin Library** - are situated in Civic Centre. Members and non-members are welcome to enjoy the spaces and use the resources in the libraries.
- **The Botanic Gardens** – a beautiful array of tropical gardens, local food garden, café and amphitheater.
- **Royal Flying Doctor Service and Bombing of Darwin Museum** – located on Stokes Hill Wharf
- **Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT)** – located between Vestey's beach and the Botanic Garden's an easy access venue with a café and information centre.
- **Defence of Darwin Experience and Darwin Military Museum** – located at East Point overlooking the Timor Sea.



6. Planning your journey around Darwin and the Top End

Tourism Top End Visitor Information Centre

There are many inclusive tourism experiences accessible to travellers with disabilities throughout the Top End. Talk to one of the friendly Tourism Top End staff members to design a tourism experience with a tourism provider that will suit your specific needs.

Phone: 1300 138 886

Email: info@visittopend.com.au

Website: visittopend.com.au



Darwin City Public Toilet Map

Accessible toilet options can be found using the filter on the following map:

[https://toiletmap.gov.au/Find/Northern Territory/Darwin](https://toiletmap.gov.au/Find/Northern%20Territory/Darwin)

Wheelchair accessible map to assist with planning your journey

<https://wheelmap.org/> or

<https://darwin.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fec38ca352e747f8b12388765b564b61>

Free Internet & Wi-Fi hotspots in Darwin

Many of Darwin tourism related businesses offer free Wi-Fi services

- Bicentennial Park
- Darwin Airport
- Smith Street Mall
- Parliament House
- Northern Territory City Library
- Civic Park
- Tamarind Park
- Anula Regional Playground
- Nightcliff Pool and Cafe
- City Library and Parliament House Library

Car Parking Map



Bus transport in Darwin city

The free Darwin Waterfront shuttle bus <https://www.waterfront.nt.gov.au/free-waterfront-shuttle>. The bus will operate at peak lunch and dinner times; from 11.30 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 9 pm. Linking Stokes Hill Wharf, the Cruise Ship Terminal, residential apartments, hotels and various other precinct attractions, jump on board and explore everything there is to love at Darwin Waterfront!

Public transport in Darwin is constantly being improved to help residents and visitors to have a safe and comfortable journey. To plan a trip around Darwin city or require more information on accessible transport, visit the Northern Territory Government's website <https://nt.gov.au/driving/public-transport-cycling>.

'Easy Access Bus'. Some NT public buses have an easy-access low floor and are fitted with ramps that provide access for standard wheelchairs and light-weight mobility aids.

These buses have the following assistance:

- a driver activated manual ramp
- footpath 'kneeling' action to bring the floor closer to ground level and reduce the angle between the floor and the footpath, improving wheelchair and pram access
- handrails and bus stop button to assist the mobility of passengers with a disability
- room for two wheelchairs or prams in the priority seating areas
- a special button in the priority seating area to enable those with limited upper body strength to signal when it is their stop
- skid-resistant flooring in the priority seating area to reduce the amount of movement of wheelchairs while the bus is in motion.

Buses: mobility aids

Wheelchairs and mobility aid users can board buses that have an easy-access low floor, as long as they have the right dimensions, manoeuvrability and weight. Please visit this webpage for detailed measurements guidance. For more information visit <https://nt.gov.au/driving/public-transport-cycling/help-getting-around/using-a-mobility-aid-on-a-bus>

Bus Concession fares

You are entitled to a concession fare in the Northern Territory (NT) if you hold one of the following valid cards:

- Pensioners and Carers Card - concession fare
- Health Care Card - concession fare
- Companion Card - Free
- BasicsCard - concession fare
- Veterans' Affairs White or Orange card - concession fare
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card - concession fare
- Veterans' Affairs Gold Card - Free
- Student ID card - concession fare
- Vision Impaired Travel Pass - Free
- Senior Card - Free

List of accessible tours, activities in Darwin (non-exhaustive list)

• WALK DARWIN

A locally owned family business specialising in small group sightseeing tours of Darwin City. You can do history tours, secrets of Darwin or even street art tours.

Darwin City is reasonably flat and Walk Darwin has selected its city routes to avoid stairs as much as possible and enable wheelchair participation.

All their tours are suitable for people with accessible needs.

They can also provide visuals of starting locations, walking/rolling surfaces, routes taken, etc., on request.

They like to work directly with guests looking for assistance, so that they can ensure the guide is informed and the route adapted as required.

We can contact them by mail enquiries@walkdarwin.com.au or phone +61 428 183 444, at any time.

• CROCOSAURUS COVE

There's nothing like turning up the adrenaline as soon as you arrive. At [Crocosaurus Cove](#) in Darwin's CBD, you can get up close and personal with the Territory's notorious local reptiles. Croc cove is home to many animals and reptiles native to the Northern Territory, and the venue is completely wheelchair accessible, with low and wide viewing windows. If you do want to take it to the next level, access to swimming in the Cage of Death requires some mobility.

As Hudson guest, you can have a discount.

• MAGNT

The museum and gallery, set in a scenic location overlooking the Arafura Sea, is home to a collection of more than 1.2 million natural history specimens and over 30,000 items of art and material culture. You can also grab a drink and bite to eat at the café that overlooks the spectacular Darwin Harbour.

The MAGNT has internal and external disability ramps and access to the museum, including the galleries, shop and [Saltwater @Bundilla café](#).

- **SUNSET WATCHING AT CULLEN BAY**

Head down to Cullen Bay for a spectacular sunset from Cullen Bay Beachfront. This area is completely wheelchair accessible, with access ramps and paths to the grassed area overlooking the beach, and accessible toilets close by.

The Cullen Bay beachfront has various restaurants and takeaway shops in surrounding areas, or it's perfect for a picnic.

- **CITY OF DARWIN CRUISES**

They are wheelchair friendly on board but need assistance to go in and out the boat (need to lift the wheelchair).

- **BOTANIC GARDENS**

Start your day at the [George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens](#) to see a magnificent display of plants from northern Australia and tropical areas around the world.

There are extensive plantings of colourful heliconias, gingers, tropical orchids, bromeliads and other exotic plants. The new Visitor and Event Centre is a magnificent, accessible tropical structure where visitors can learn about the Gardens natural and cultural history, the plant collections, and uses of Aboriginal plants. Grab a coffee and breakfast from the historic building site of [Eva's Botanic Gardens Café](#).

- **DARWIN WATERFRONT WAVE POOL AND LAGOON**

Ease of access either via a lift and bridge from Darwin City or accessibility parking close by, the precinct has fully accessible paths, and they also have a saltwater wheelchair & beach Mobi-mat available; just ask the lifeguards or the kiosk for assistance.

Head into one of the many accessible restaurants at the precinct for lunch, and maybe even an afternoon beverage.

- **ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE TOURIST FACILITY AND BOMBING OF DARWIN HARBOUR ATTRACTION**

Check out Stokes Hill Wharf and make sure you pop into the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility and Bombing of Darwin Harbour attraction. Telling 2 iconic Territory stories using cutting-edge technology, including life-sized holograms and virtual reality headsets, you can feel what it was like when Darwin Harbour came under attack.

- **DECKCHAIR CINEMA (MID APRIL TO MID OCTOBER)**

When evening hits, roll into the [Deckchair Cinema](#) for an outdoor movie. Located on Darwin Harbour and regularly playing both blockbusters and independent movies, the Deckchair Cinema provides good access and a unique Top End experience.

Dinner, snacks and drinks are available for purchase on-site.

- **HOWARD SPRINGS NATURE PARK**

Embark on a small adventure out to [Howard Springs Nature Park](#). A great, accessible recreational park that gives a taste of monsoon forests, extensive woodlands, and valuable wildlife habitat.

Bring your hamper and find a shady spot, where you can picnic with ibis and agile wallabies on the lawns near the main pool. An all-season wading pool provides a great way to cool down, but some mobility is required to step in and out of the pools.

- **FANNIE BAY FORESHORE**

In true Darwin style, end the day how you started it – at the beachfront. Both the [Darwin Sailing Club](#) and [Darwin Trailer Boat Club](#) have wheelchair-accessible restaurant/bistro areas, and offer great views and atmosphere. But get there early to secure your spot, it's a popular option!

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- **DARWIN MILITARY MUSEUM**

The Darwin Military Museum is located at East Point adjacent to the Defence of Darwin Experience.

The site is within a heritage listed area that contains WWII fortifications. The No.2 gun turret is located within the Military Museum and, along with the No.1 gun turret, is one of the major fortifications at East Point. The Museum aims to collect artefacts from all conflicts where Australian troops were deployed.

- **ADELAIDE RIVER QUEEN CRUISES**

Escape the heat and relax in air-conditioned comfort as your knowledgeable crew takes you on a journey down the murky waters of the Adelaide River. Be thrilled and awed by the sight of huge prehistoric beasts leaping high out of the water right alongside the boat!

Truly the 'Queen' of the Adelaide River, this two-story vessel has a fully air-conditioned lower deck fully enclosed by floor-to-ceiling croc-proof glass with toilet facilities as well as an open-air upper deck under the canopy. The Queen caters to all cruise-goers.

All car parks are wheelchair accessible, however some areas are accessed by stairs. Toilet facilities remain accessible. The Adelaide River Queen is manual wheelchair accessible and accessible to mobility-impaired passengers.

Assistance may be required so please advise staff at the time of booking or phone for more information. Visually impaired visitors who are assisted by guide dogs will need to discuss their operational and welfare issues in advance so mutually appropriate arrangements can be made.

- **TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK**

Experience authentic and up-close encounters with the animals and plants of the Top End. The park is a mix of zoo-type exhibits and natural bush, with attractions spread out around a 4km loop road.

There are natural paths, or a train with a wheelchair-accessible carriage that takes you around the many different exhibits.

- **LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK**

Wangi Falls is the best-known and most popular attraction in Litchfield National Park, a park renowned for its pristine natural beauty. Featuring large, grassed areas and sealed paths overlooking the falls, do note there are some small steps to navigate to enter the water.

The falls are found near the western boundary of the park, 150km south of Darwin along sealed roads. It cascades over 2 high escarpments into one deep plunge pool. A short path takes you to the viewing platform to check out one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the park.

Access is also available to the lookout over the wonderful Florence Falls but the plunge pool at the bottom is only accessed via uneven paths and stairs.

- **BARRAMUNDI ADVENTURE**

Visit the wheelchair-accessible [Barramundi Adventures](#), the Top End's only land-based, recreational barramundi fishing venture.

Everyone can experience the thrill of catching the Top End's iconic Barramundi. It offers the perfect environment to introduce children and beginners to the thrill of catching their first fish. Stocked up with thousands of Barramundi, all visitors have a great chance of landing a Barra from the comfort and shade of the casting deck.

- **THE LEANYER WATERPARK**

The Leanyer Waterpark is wheelchair-accessible with a pool, water play areas and playground.

- **THE JINGILI WATER GARDENS**

The Jingili Water Gardens has accessible paths, toilets and a new children's playground specifically designed for wheelchair users.

7 incredible sensory experiences in the Top End for blind or low vision travellers

Article from Northern Territory travel website

The tropical Top End of Australia's Northern Territory is a place like no other. For blind and low-vision travellers, multi-sensory experiences abound, offering a unique and immersive way to discover this incredible destination and everything it has to offer.

Accessible travel company, Cocky Guides, designs and delivers engaging sensory group tours for blind and low-vision travellers, including seasonally led tours in Northern Territory. This list has been developed with owner James, with what he describes as *sensory travel experiences*: the experiences that forgo the sightseeing, and instead embrace the smells, tastes, sounds - and feelings - of the Top End.

The experiences below are usually visited as part of a Cocky Guides group tour, with transfers and additional on-ground support provided. To find out more about booking a tour, visit their [website](#).



Visit Crocosaurus Cove

Located in the heart of Darwin City, Crocosaurus Cove is home to the world's largest collective of Australian reptiles, including the iconic saltwater crocodile! There are nine incredible interactive shows daily, to learn all about Australia's incredible wildlife.

You don't need to see these beasts to understand how incredible they are - you can hear the sound of the jaws of a huge saltwater crocodile clap together as he dines on his lunch during the Big Croc Feed Show, cuddle a snake, lizard or even a baby crocodile during the Meet the Reptiles Show, and feel the pull of a feisty juvenile croc as you offer him lunch from the Fishing for Crocs platform.

Experience Litchfield all around you

On a day tour with Autopia Tours, you can hear the cascading plunge pools of Florence Falls, nestled in a monsoon forest. Feel the cool water lap against your skin in the shallow pristine pools of Buley Rockhole or Wangi Falls, listen for the birds, and feel the surface of the impressive century-old Termite Mounds.

Before booking your own tours, it's recommended you call ahead and enquire about adding an extra guide for support of a blind or low-vision traveller - which can be at an additional cost - and ask if the company offers a discount for companions with a companion card.



Taste and smell the markets

The Mindil Beach Sunset Market truly epitomises the word 'multicultural'. The market sees a congregation of over 200 unique stalls, ranging from food stalls offering incredible local and international cuisine to an array of arts, crafts, and services stalls. It really is a feast for the senses!

Taste local delicacies such as barramundi, kangaroo & crocodile as you wander the markets, breathing in the aromas of international cuisines from around the world. Or indulge in the tropical flavours and Territory atmosphere of the Parap Village Markets on Saturday mornings, for tantalizing tastes of local and exotic dishes - the famous Darwin laksa for breakfast - and the smell of fresh roasted coffee.

A companion or guide is recommended at Mindil Markets to assist blind or low-vision travellers with navigating the crowds, and the potentially uneven ground on the beach.

Taste and smell the tropical markets



Hear about Darwin's history at the city museums

Did you know that in 1942, more than 188 Japanese aircraft attacked Darwin? It was the first and the largest foreign attack ever mounted on Australia. The Defence of Darwin Experience and Darwin Military Museum, located on the beautiful East Point Nature Reserve, is a great history lesson for the senses.

Listen to first-hand accounts and gripping re-enactments through multimedia presentations. You can also request a volunteer guide when purchasing a ticket to assist with this experience.

Cyclone Tracy was also a defining moment in Darwin's history - a category 4 tropical cyclone in 1974 that destroyed 70% of the city. Head into the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and make your way into the Cyclone Tracy exhibit, where you can hear the devastating roar of the cyclone as it hits the town and learn about the day that changed the urban landscape and the lives of Darwin's residents forever.



Historic buildings in Darwin

Cruise the Kakadu Wetlands

You'll never forget the sounds of the Yellow Water Billabong, Kakadu's most famous wetland. Hop aboard a cruise on wetlands that are connected to Kakadu's largest river system for a fantastic sensory travel experience.

About one-third of Australia's bird species are represented in Kakadu National Park, with at least 60 species found in the wetlands. Embrace a relaxing cruise through a wetland as you feel the sun on your skin, listen to the whistling ducks, magpie geese, and maybe even the snapping jaws of a crocodile!

It's recommended that you let the friendly staff know when booking that you're a blind or low-vision traveller - so they can offer support boarding the boat if required.



Yellow Water Billabong



Hear the birdsong

Take an Aboriginal cultural walking tour

Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours take place near the banks of the Adelaide River, on Aboriginal-owned and managed lands at the forefront of the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park.

Embark on an Aboriginal Ecological Experience Tour – where you can listen to and learn about clap stick and didgeridoo playing, try your hand at throwing a spear, feel the unique fibres used to create dilly bags and basket weaving, and listen to stories and lessons on bush tucker and bush medicine.

Pudakul Cultural tour



Float through Nitmiluk Gorge

Where the Outback meets the tropics - a region full of gorges and misty waterfalls, thermal springs and ancient cultures, travellers with Echolocation skills may find the walls of the gorge very interesting.

Float through the gorges on a sunrise or sunset river cruise and sit back and listen as the Traditional Owners of the park, the Jawoyn people, transport you into a spiritual world of their culture and history.





Hike around Katherine Gorge

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Northern Territory - where sensory travel really is different in every sense.

