

## Travel Gateway Winners Announced

Airport Development Group (ADG) has announced winners in their Travel Gateway website competition; with them major \$10,000 cash prize and \$5,000 travel voucher prize awarded.

Judges chose the winners from nearly 5,000 images.

The \$10,000 winning entry is a stunning image of a swimmer enjoying the crystal-clear waters of El Questro Gorge in the Kimberley.

The image was taken by a young Victorian couple in early 2021 during an 8-week campervan holiday through the NT and Kimberley.

Yelena and her boyfriend Matt said the winning image was taken during their favourite walk of the entire trip – the El Questro Gorge Walk - which they described in glowing terms.

"We were awed by the sheer red cliffs and tall palms as we climbed over boulders and swam across the creek in the narrow gorge. The swim under the waterfall at the end of the gorge was the perfect way to cool off and offered spectacular scenery."

Yelena and Matt's top tip for people travelling across the NT and Kimberley was to add an additional week to their plans as there is just so much to see and do in the region. They also recommended speaking to locals and other visitors to get valuable advice.

The couple plan to use the \$10,000 cash to finish their house renovations, and have earmarked some of the cash for a future getaway.

The \$5,000 in travel vouchers winner has been awarded to a Darwin local who submitted an iconic image of friends enjoying a picnic at Fannie Bay.

Nathan described his photo as being taken on a "very typical dry season evening with sunset colours like these common between May and September."

"A crew of us will often head down for a picnic to the nearest foreshore - Nightcliff or Fannie Bay - with whoever is available at short notice. The more the merrier. There are few better ways to unwind after a week of work than watching the water among good company."

The NT News People's Choice Award competition opens from Monday 2 August and for two weeks people will be able to vote for their favourite image from the best 50 entries received. The winner will receive \$5,000 in travel vouchers.

ADG's Travel Gateway website showcases unique destinations and aims to inspire year-round travel to the NT and Kimberley.

The images from the competition, submitted by enthusiastic photographers capturing their most memorable travel experiences, will be used on the website to promote the regions.





Instagram account: @yelenamilosev (<https://www.instagram.com/yelenamilosev/>) Image taken at El Questro Gorge, Kimberley





Instagram account: @yelenamilosev ([https://www.instagram.com/nath\\_lew/](https://www.instagram.com/nath_lew/)) Image taken at Fannie Bay, Darwin