

# A FAMILY WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

10 DAYS IN THE CENTRAL COAST, CANBERRA, DARWIN AND LITCHFIELD PARK

Australian Reptile Park, Somersby, New South Wales  
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Australia is a big place and this itinerary showcases just how diverse its natural wonders are. Experience three completely different seasons in just ten days.

From the surf towns of the New South Wales Central Coast to Canberra's cool climate surrounds to the tropical warmth of the wild Top End, this itinerary packs a lot into a short amount of time.

Designed for families with children over four years old (teens will love it!) but just as interesting for anyone else, you'll discover the best of our nature and wildlife.

## AT A GLANCE

- Journey begins Sydney Airport
- 3 nights Central Coast
- 3 nights Canberra
- 2 nights Darwin
- 1 night Top End Safari Camp
- Journey ends Darwin Airport

## DAY 1

Pick up a hire car and head to the Central Coast, just 90 minutes' drive from Sydney/Warrane (war-rang). Despite its proximity, it's easy to find a beach to yourself and even in the cooler months you'll be tempted to dive in with sunny days and mild nights. The Central Coast is an emerging eco-destination

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Central Coast coastal and wildlife experiences
- Quad-biking the largest coastal sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere
- The best of Australia's capital, Canberra
- Australia's iconic wildlife at Tidbinbilla – kangaroos, koalas, emus and more
- Crocodile encounter and feeding
- Airboat cruise to spot wildlife and birds
- Scenic helicopter flight over floodplains

**States visited:** New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory & Northern Territory

**Best for:** Adventurous families (children 4 and above)

**When to go:** May to October

**Duration:** 10 days





Sand Dune Adventures, Port Stephens, New South Wales



Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

with endless beaches, waterways, and fantastic national parks to explore.

As you head out of Sydney stop at Glenworth Valley for unforgettable outdoor adventures in the most breathtaking escarpment scenery.

### AGENT TIP:

Encourage your clients to grab a dinner of fish and chips at Woy Woy Fisherman's Wharf and watch as pelicans fly into land as the sun sets.

**Stay 3 nights** at **Glenworth Valley Eco Villas**.

### DAY 2

Kickstart the morning with some fresh air and a hike. The Bouddi Coastal Walk runs from Putty Beach to MacMasters Beach, boasting beaches, boardwalks and birdlife. This relatively easy hike is characterised by sweeping views, shady rainforest and inviting picnic spots. You might even see some migrating whales from Gerrin Point lookout (May to November).

In the afternoon, cuddle up to koalas, kangaroos, quokkas and dingoes, and learn about the importance of native animal conservation at the **Australian Reptile Park**.

### DAY 3

Today, make your way up to Port Stephens for some family fun adventure on quad bikes. **Sand Dune Adventures** combines culture with the exhilaration of riding a quad bike through the amazing cultural landscape.

As you ride through the largest coastal sand dunes in the Southern Hemisphere, hear and learn about the Worimi Peoples age-old connection to Country. This is an Indigenous tourism experience like no other!

Return to **Glenworth Valley Eco Villas** for your final night on the Central Coast.

### DAY 4

Depart the Central Coast and drive down to Canberra, stopping in Sydney for a spot of lunch on the way (4 hours, plus stops).

### AGENT TIP:

Canberra is only a 3-hour drive from Sydney and takes about the same amount of time as flying (when you add in getting to/from the airport, check-in).

Check in to your Canberra accommodation, then head off for your 'Twilight Tour' of the **Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary**. This is a unique experience where visitors get to step back in time and experience the Australian bush as it was 100 years ago. On the tour you might be lucky enough to witness the Eastern Bettong foraging on native truffles in the wild. The Eastern Bettong has been extinct from the Australian mainland for almost 100 years. Return to your accommodation.

**Stay 3 nights** at **Jamala Wildlife Lodge**.

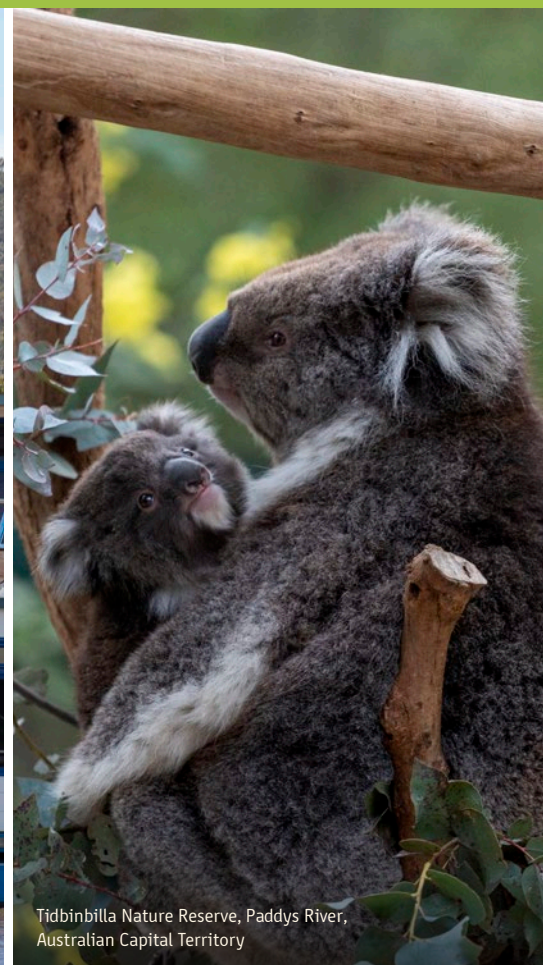
### DAY 5

Witness an abundance of Australian animals in their natural environment. Spend the day at **Tiddinbilla Nature Reserve** just a 45-minute drive from





MV Southern Cross Cruises, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory



Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Paddys River, Australian Capital Territory

Canberra. Located in a beautiful setting with snow-capped mountains in the distance (winter months), join the 'Best of Wildlife and Birds Tour' where you will hopefully witness and get close to kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, platypus, echidnas and emus, plus other native fauna. Take a picnic lunch or enjoy snacks from the café. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

#### Suggested activities:

- Book a ranger tour to learn more about the reserve, its heritage, and cultural connections, and about the plants and animals. Topics include Australian plants, animals and habitats, wetlands and waterbirds, fire ecology or Aboriginal culture and heritage.
- Visit the eucalyptus forest to spot koalas, potoroos and wallabies

- While you are in the region you could also visit nearby **Corin Alpine Adventure** to play in the snow (near Tidbinbilla)

#### DAY 6

There is plenty to do in Canberra and surrounds. Take your pick depending on what your family loves to do.

#### Suggested activities:

- Join the **WILD Night ZooVenture** evening tour where you can choose your tour vehicle to meet and greet the animals
- Visit **Gold Creek Village** which includes **Cockington Green Gardens** and the **National Dinosaur Museum** - one of the biggest permanent collections of interactive dinosaurs in Australia and get up close to the skeletons and fossils

- Cruise Lake Burley Griffin and enjoy the picturesque shoreline on an **MV Southern Cross Sightseeing Tour**

#### DAY 7

Drop off your car at Canberra Airport for your onward flight to Darwin/ Gulumerrdgen (golom-murrd-gen).

Arrive in Darwin and check into your hotel.

**Stay 2 nights** at **Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront**.

#### AGENT TIP:

Kids will love the attractions at the Darwin Waterfront (including a safe lagoon, wave pool and aqua park).

*Note: Due to risk of crocodiles it's not possible to swim at Darwin's beaches.*





Top End Safari Camp, Peninsula Way, Northern Territory



Litchfield National Park, Northern Territory



Litchfield National Park, Northern Territory

## DAY 8

Take a day tour to **Litchfield National Park** to swim in waterholes under cascading waterfalls. Learn about Aboriginal culture and see giant termite mounds. There are a variety of Litchfield day tours to suit every budget and duration.

You'll stay in well-equipped glamping tents and return to Darwin the next morning.

**Stay 1 night** with **Top End Safari Camp**.

## DAY 9

Last but not least, your final day and night will be one of the highlights of your trip! You'll be collected at midday by air-conditioned coach for a 1.5-hour transfer to the Top End Safari Camp - an unforgettable, bespoke outback glamping experience. This is an immersive outback experience like no other. Experience the thrill of an airboat whilst spotting crocodiles, wildlife and birds. See the endless nature and beauty from above on a scenic helicopter flight and soak up an incredible Top End sunset over the floodplains followed by a gourmet dinner and star gazing.

## DAY 10

Return to Darwin for your onward journey.

