

...touring the Northern Territory with Avis

Touring in an Avis car is a wonderful way to experience the extraordinary contrasting scenery of the Northern Territory.



Take advantage of one of the best road systems in the country to explore the Territory at your leisure. From the tropical green canopy and refreshing waterholes of the North to the magnificent rock formations and sheer vastness of the Centre. And you'll enjoy the friendly hospitality that Territorians are famous for along the way.

The "Top End" has two seasons during the year. May to September is the Dry winter season. As the name suggests, rain is not expected this time of the year. Temperatures do not usually go below 30° during the day. The second season is known as the Tropical Summer between October and April. This is when the rains come, bringing some truly amazing pyrotechnic lightning storms. Rivers and creeks gush and waterfalls burst into top gear.

Central Australia on the other hand has four seasons, with temperatures ranging from around 36° in summer (Nov–Feb). The days are usually mild and sunny during the winter months of June to August but remember that desert nights can become quite chilly.

Whichever season you choose to visit, at Avis we are happy to assist you with your touring plans and offer some itinerary choices and advice to help get you started.

A few things to watch out for:

- Long distance fatigue is a problem when travelling the huge expanse of the Territory. Make sure you have regular breaks and stop at least every two hours.
- Wandering stock and animals are a common sight as most roads are unfenced. Native animals are particularly active after dark so driving during dusk or night time is not recommended.
- Remember to take into account the type of roads you will be travelling on when planning your itinerary and book your car accordingly. Avis has a wide range of 4WD and Remote Area vehicles available for travel on unsealed roads where conventional vehicles are not permitted.
- Dust can be dangerous when travelling on unsealed roads. Stop or slow down until the dust settles.
- Another feature of the Territory is flash flooding. If you're unsure of depths and unseen obstructions, wait it out until levels drop.
- Treat roadtrains with respect! They are a common sight on Territory roads and can be up to 53.5m in length. Look for at least one kilometre of clear road before attempting to pass.

Route and suggested itinerary

Darwin to Litchfield Park via Batchelor

Darwin – Batchelor – Magnetic Termite Mounds – Buley Rockhole – Florence Falls – Tolmer Falls – Wangi Falls

Expected duration of trip – one day

Darwin to Kakadu National Park

Darwin – Fogg Dam – Windows on the Wetlands – Jumping Crocs – Bark Hut Annaburroo Billabong – Bowali Visitor Centre – Ubirr – Jabiru

Expected duration of trip – one day

Jabiru to Katherine

Jabiru – Nourlangie Rock – Warradjan Cultural Centre – Cooina -Yellow Waters – Pine Creek – Edith Falls – Katherine

Expected duration of trip – one and a half days

Katherine to Tennant Creek

Katherine – Katherine Gorge – Mataranka – Daly Waters – Elliot – Tennant Creek

Expected duration of trip – one and a half days

Tennant Creek to Alice Springs

Tennant Creek – Devils Marbles – Barrow Creek – Central Mt Stuart – Aileron – Alice Springs

Expected duration of trip – one day

Alice Springs to Ayers Rock/Uluru

Alice Springs – Eildunda – Mt Connor – Ayers Rock/Uluru – Mt Olga/Kata Tjuta

Expected duration of trip – one day

Ayers Rock/Uluru to Kings Canyon

Ayers Rock/Uluru – Mt Connor – Kings Canyon

Expected duration of trip – one day

Distance Chart

Route	Approx distance	Approx drive time
Darwin to Litchfield Park	190 km	1 hour 30 mins
Darwin to Kakadu	250 km	3 hours
Jabiru to Katherine	296 km	3 hours 30 mins
Katherine to Tennant Creek	664 km	7 hours
Tennant Creek to Alice Springs	504 km	5 hours
Alice Springs to Ayers Rock/Uluru	443 km	4 hours 30 mins
Ayers Rock/Uluru to Kings Canyon	293 km	3 hours

