



Darwin 2026

Exercise Pitch Black & the WWII Bombing of Darwin 28 July - 03 August, 2026



Day 1 - Tuesday 28 July 2026 DARWIN
Meet the Tour escort & Torii guests this afternoon at the Rydges Central Hotel Darwin. (*Own arrangements to Darwin*).
STAY AT : RYDGES CENTRAL DARWIN

Day 2 - Wednesday 29 July DARWIN
Today we experience the history of WWII in Darwin. See the remnants of the war along the Darwin shoreline, aboard the **Bombing of Darwin Cruise boat**; visit the **Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility**, featuring the RFDs Story and the Bombing of Darwin on 19th February, 1942; and the **WWII Oil Storage Tunnels**, built to protect oil stored in Darwin from Japanese bombing.
Afterwards we enjoy lunch at the **Trailer Boat Club**, before our visit to the **Darwin Military Museum**, featuring the powerful Defence of Darwin Experience, which highlights the 1942 bombing raids.

Day 3 - Thursday 30 July DARWIN
We transfer this morning to the perimeter of the **RAAF Base Darwin**, to view the aircraft of the exercise, departing and returning to the Base. **Exercise Pitch Black 2026** is the RAAF's most significant International Engagement activity. The exercise will host over 2500 personnel and up to 100 aircraft from around the globe, are expected to attend including participants from Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Indonesia, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, UK, and the USA. (*Participants are subject to change*)
Following a quick lunch stop, we call at the **1934 Qantas Hangar**, home of the Northern Territories Automotive history, from Steam Traction Engines and Locomotives to the first Solar Car. Afterwards a visit to the **Darwin Aviation Museum**, displaying Darwin's aviation history and wartime experience, with aircraft including the legendary Boeing B52 G Stratofortress 92596 "Darwin's Pride", the only one in the Southern Hemisphere; a B-25 Mitchell Bomber (one of the few surviving in the world); the remnants of the Mitsubishi Zero gunned down during the first bombing of Darwin; the F-111C Strike Fighter; aircraft engines and rare amateur footage of the first air-raid in Darwin.

Day 4 - Friday 31 July DARWIN
Morning visit to **Charles Darwin National Park** to view the World War II – era concrete bunkers, memorabilia displays & the sweeping views of Darwin's skyline. Travelling south along the Stuart Highway, we stop at **Strauss Airfield**, a base for P40 Kittyhawk and Spitfire fighter squadrons during WWII, before visiting the **Adelaide River War Cemetery**. A stop for lunch at the **Adelaide River Inn "303 Bar"**, where standing proudly is "Charlie" the Buffalo, made famous by Mick Dundee in the movie Crocodile Dundee.
Returning to Darwin we stop at **Coomalie Creek airfield**, a RAAF airfield built in 1942. The first unit stationed at the airfield was No. 31 Squadron, equipped with Bristol Beaufighters. The last Australia-based operational RAAF mission of World War II departed from Coomalie Creek. The airfield came under attack by the Japanese 6 times during 1942-1943.

Day 5 - Saturday 01 August DARWIN
Today is spent at the **Pitch Black Open Day**, RAAF Base Darwin, to view the static displays and to observe the capabilities of the participating nations.

Day 6 - Sunday 02 August DARWIN
A day at leisure for you to explore & enjoy the sights of Darwin and the surrounding Northern Territory countryside.

Day 7 - Monday 03 August DARWIN
The tour ends this morning, after breakfast, for your own travel arrangements home.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

It is a condition of this tour that you read and accept our Responsibility Clauses.

Reservations and Deposits

A minimum of 15 adults is required for the Tour to operate.

Reservations will be accepted on receipt of a Non Refundable Deposit of \$500.00 per person and a completed Electronic booking form covering all passengers.

Please complete the Torii Booking Form at: www.toriiitours.com

Full payment is due by 09 June 2026.
For bookings received after this date full payment is required on receipt of confirmation.

Payment Options:

Payment can be made by Direct deposit to our bank account, or by credit card (Visa or Mastercard). A surcharge of 1.5% applies to credit card final payments.

Bank Account: *NAB North Sydney*
J E Cook T/A Torii Tours Clients Account
BSB: 082 212 Account #: 53 321 2612

Sorry, we are unable to accept deposits or payments by cheques at this time.

Tour Inclusions

Tour Host - 1st class accommodation - transfers between hotel and attractions - sightseeing as specified - Admission to attractions - **daily breakfasts - 2 Lunches - 1 Dinner**

Not Included

Airfares - Meals unless specified - Insurance - gratuities - items of a personal nature such as laundry, souvenirs, drinks, medications, telephone charges. Day at leisure options.

Cancellations:

1. if you cancel your reservation after payment and prior to June 16, 2026, a cancellation fee will be applicable.

2. if you cancel your reservation after June 16, 2026, for any reason, your payment is not refundable.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE - is recommended.

TOUR COSTS PER PERSON

Share Twin or Double Room:
\$2790.00

2 adults travelling together per person.

Single Room:
\$3610.00

IMPORTANT: CHAIRS: Please take a small fold up chair with you for use along the perimeter of the RAAF Base, and at the RAAF Open Day. Small chairs are available that fold neatly in a zip pack and fit easily in your checked bag. **Torii Flight Line Squatters** are available to order.

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