



## DARWIN (NORTHERN TERRITORY), AUSTRALIA

Closer to the capital cities of three other countries than it is to Canberra, Darwin is the capital of Australia's Northern Territory. Brutally hit by bombing in World War II, and devastating cyclones since. As such, the city has quite a modern look and feel due to being almost entirely rebuilt

### KEY INFO

**Currency:** Australian Dollar (1 USD = 1.5 AUD)

**Population:** 132,045 (246,500 NT)

**Emergency #:** 000

**Drinking water:** Tap water is drinkable

**Time Zone:** GMT+9.5

**ID Requirements:** Photo ID

**Languages:** English

**Drive on the:** Left

**Pharmacy:** Chemist Warehouse, 55-59 Mitchell St

**Protection:** Bug Spray & SPF 30+

**Wi-Fi:** 'City of Darwin Free Wi-Fi' throughout CBD

**Post Office:** 48 Cavenagh St, Darwin, NT 0800

### PORT LOCATION

Ships dock at Fort Hill Wharf, which is about 10-minute drive or 15-minute walk from the CBD

**Getting Around:** As you leave the terminal, follow the covered walkway to the right for a 15-minute walk to the CBD, via the Water Precinct. Otherwise, taxis and shuttle buses serve the port area for a short drive into town. Darwin's public bus network stops by many of the city's attractions, as well as providing service to regional attractions (including Palmerston city). Bike rentals are available in CBD

For taxis, dial 13 2227 ( [13cabs](http://13cabs.com)), or 13 82 94 ( [Blue Taxi Company](http://BlueTaxiCompany.com)).

[nt.gov.au](http://nt.gov.au) (click [here](#) for live bus tracker web app)

**Tourist Bus:** Darwin has a 60-minute Hop On Hop Off bus route run by [Big Bus Tours](#) (from \$47)

**Port Facilities:** Toilets, Taxis, Tourist Information (1<sup>st</sup> 2 hours)

**Port Address:** Fort Hill Wharf Cruise Terminal, 1 Anchorage Court, Darwin City, NT 0800

### SEA LIFE... WITH & WITHOUT TEETH

**Crocodylus Park:** Home to over 1000 crocs, including both salt- and freshwater species. Guided tours and feeding shows throughout the day. 9a-4p | Entry \$44 | 20-minute drive (15km from port)

[www.crocodylouspark.com.au](http://www.crocodylouspark.com.au)

**Crocosaurus Cove:** Come face-to-face with crocodiles right in the heart of the CBD. Famous for its terrifying Cage of Death which lets you swim with the snappers.

9a-5:30p | Entry \$38 (Cage of Death \$185) | 6-minute drive/24-minute walk (2km from port)

[www.crocosauruscove.com](http://www.crocosauruscove.com)

**Aquascene Sanctuary:** Attracting 70,000 visitors a year, this fish feeding sanctuary is a great way to get to know some of the Top End's less aggressive creatures. You can wade in the water with the fish. High Tide Only | Entry \$15 | 9-minute drive/40-minute walk (3km from port)

[www.aquascene.com.au](http://www.aquascene.com.au)

For more: [www.northernterritory.com](http://www.northernterritory.com), [www.enjoy-darwin.com](http://www.enjoy-darwin.com), [www.tourismtopend.com.au](http://www.tourismtopend.com.au)

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## WATER & NATURE

**Waterfront Precinct:** A covered walkway from the port leads you to this waterfront zone with 21 eateries, two public pools and an aquapark.

24 hours | Free (Wave Pool \$8 | Aquapark \$28/hr) | 1-minute drive/10-minute walk (500m from port)

📍 [www.waterfront.nt.gov.au](http://www.waterfront.nt.gov.au)

**Charles Darwin National Park:** See 36 of the NT's 51 mangrove species in this small, but significant, national park. Not just great for nature, this park is also the site of various World War II relics.

📍 [Park Fact Sheet](#) | \$10 Day Pass ([Book Online](#)) | 16-minute drive/1-hour bus #5/8 (15km from port)

📍 [nt.gov.au/parks](http://nt.gov.au/parks)

**Litchfield National Park:** 1,500km<sup>2</sup> of parkland, with stunning waterfalls, crystal clear swimming pools, landmark magnetic termite mounds and historic sandstone pillars.

📍 [Park Fact Sheet](#) | \$10 Day Pass ([Book Online](#)) | 1hr 20-minute drive (110km from port)

📍 [nt.gov.au/parks](http://nt.gov.au/parks)

**George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens:** Just north of the CBD, Darwin's botanic gardens have plenty of relaxing trails to explore, with public art among the trees. Also see the wooden Wesleyan Church - NT's oldest church, relocated from the city center. 📱 Download the App for [Android](#) and [iOS](#)

7a-7p | Free | 8-minute drive/50-minute walk (4km from port)

📍 [nt.gov.au/parks](http://nt.gov.au/parks)

## MILITARY & SOCIAL HISTORY

**World War II Oil Storage Tunnels:** Hollowed out by over 400 men (all 50+) during the Second World War, to store fuel. The tunnels were never used, but now serve as an interesting exhibition space.

9a-1p (Oct-Apr), 9a-4p (May-Sep) | Entry \$9.50 | 1-minute drive/6-minute walk (400m from port)

📍 [www.ww2tunnelsdarwin.com.au](http://www.ww2tunnelsdarwin.com.au)

**Darwin Military Museum:** Formerly a wartime command post. You'll see anti-aircraft guns, and fascinating galleries of stories and memorabilia that bring the past to life.

9:30a-4p (Mon-Sat), 10a-3p (Sun) | Entry \$20 | 15-minute drive (10km from port)

📍 [www.darwinmilitarymuseum.com.au](http://www.darwinmilitarymuseum.com.au)

**Darwin Aviation Museum:** This indoor-outdoor museum is located just south of the airport and displayed a permanent collection of 19 aircraft and 21 engines. Plus rotating seasonal exhibitions.

9a-5p | Entry \$20 | 11-minute drive (10km from port)

📍 [www.darwinaviationmuseum.com.au](http://www.darwinaviationmuseum.com.au)

**1934 Qantas Hangar:** Great collection of cars, trains, and diggers in a disused aircraft hangar. See NT's first ever locomotive - Sandfly - which was built in 1886 in Philadelphia, USA, and shipped to Australia.

9:30a-3:30p (Mon-Fri), 9a-2p (Sat) | Free | 10-minute drive (6km from port)

📍 [www.mvec.org.au](http://www.mvec.org.au)

**Fanny Bay Gaol:** An active prison for almost 100 years (1883-1979), now an intriguing museum. See the old cell blocks as well as the gallows from the NT's final executions.

10a-2p (Wed-Sun) | Free | 10-minute drive (6km from port)

📍 [www.magnt.net.au](http://www.magnt.net.au)

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