Darwin Waterfront Precinct

Experience the best of Darwin's tropical lifestyle while enjoying resort-style luxuries, safe swimming, ocean views and delicious food – all at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct.

The Darwin Waterfront is a fresh, new destination for anyone who wants to relax, cool off with a swim, meet with friends over coffee, catch a movie or enjoy a family picnic.

Create lasting memories with family and friends and enjoy the essence of Darwin's tropical lifestyle, all at one destination.

Stay, play and dine

Perfect for a weekend getaway at the internationally renowned Vibe and Medina Hotels, the precinct is cradled on the ocean side by Stokes Hill Wharf.

Friendly wharf retailers offer fresh seafood and the best Asian cuisine in one of Darwin's largest outdoor eateries with panoramic harbour views.

Go on a sunset cruise, experience adventure on a jet boat, enjoy some fishing on Stokes Hill Wharf or sit back and watch a spectacular monsoonal storm.

Learn about local marine life at nearby Indo Pacific Marine, sample seafood at Ocean Fresh and take a scenic walk along the new waterfront promenade skirting the iconic Darwin Convention Centre.

Inspired by the curves of a pearl oyster, the Darwin Convention Centre is an architectural triumph, creating an eye-catching focal point for the Darwin Waterfront Precinct.

Cool off all year round

The inviting, crystal blue waters of the Wave Lagoon draw everyone to the centre of the precinct with 10 different wave patterns to excite people of all ages.

Open 10 am – 6 pm seven days a week, the Wave Lagoon is open all year round except Christmas Day (2 pm – 6 pm).

The cool, aquamarine water of the nearby Recreation Lagoon laps at a sandy beach perfect for sand castles or a place to relax and enjoy a safe swim to escape the tropical heat.

The Recreation Lagoon is patrolled by experienced lifeguards seven days a week.

Just like the ocean, the Recreation Lagoon is a natural ecosystem with fish, algae and small Cassiopeia jellyfish. While the Darwin Waterfront Corporation does its best to prevent marine stingers entering the lagoon with mesh screens, night spotting and drag netting, it cannot guarantee the lagoon is free of jellyfish.

Sky Bridge connects to the city

The Darwin Waterfront Precinct is connected to the heart of Darwin city by a Sky Bridge and the Smith Street East Walkway, both offering their own unique experiences with wheelchair access via lifts and ramps.

A piece of art in its own right, the Smith Street East Walkway is lined with shady raintrees. Take a stroll through it to the Smith Street Mall, scenic parklands of Civic Park, the old Town Hall ruins and Parliament House in State Square.

Intricate artifacts, symbolic construction materials and interpretative signs along the walkway explain Darwin's history and progress.

The Sky Bridge takes visitors over the oldest road in Darwin – Hughes Avenue – which follows the contours of the escarpment from the Esplanade towards the sea, stopping where the European settlers first camped in 1869 at Fort Hill gully. The Sky Bridge offers panoramic views of the Darwin Waterfront Precinct and harbour beyond, with a glass-lined elevator taking visitors to the retail precinct and promenades below.

Catch up with friends or colleagues at The Coffee Club or Curve Cafe and Bar, indulge in pampering at Elements Day Spa or update an endless summer wardrobe at Rush.
**Discover rich history in cultural precinct**

A network of walkways, promenades and decks lets visitors walk, jog or ride between the land and water, spanning both new and historical landmarks of the Darwin Waterfront Precinct.

A heritage and cultural trail, marked out by an informative map, retraces the steps of early settlers. The trail provides an inspirational journey through Darwin’s maritime history, Larrakia sacred sites, oil storage tunnels and the site where the first Japanese bomb fell in 1942.

Enjoy a walk or take the family for a bike ride along the waterfront promenades to appreciate the peaceful, parkland setting and views of Darwin Harbour.

Intriguing public art is well-placed along the promenades and pays homage to the characters, forebears, culture and rich history of Darwin’s vibrant city.

For a truly tropical experience from a past era, watch a movie at the Deck Chair Cinema, located at the end of Kitchener Drive on the foreshore of old Lameroo Beach. Enjoy one of the classics in the outdoor cinema or catch a new movie release.

**A safe place to play**

To preserve the fun, relaxed family atmosphere, the Darwin Waterfront Precinct is an alcohol-free zone except in licensed premises.

There are no barbecue facilities and barbecues are not allowed, but visitors are welcome to bring a picnic. The Darwin Waterfront Corporation and its authorised persons reserves the right to check eskies and bags. The entire precinct, including the Wave and Recreation Lagoons, is under 24 hour video surveillance with regular security patrols.

There is zero tolerance for inappropriate or anti-social behavior and the Darwin Waterfront Corporation and its authorised persons can refuse entry and remove people from the precinct.

For everyone’s safety the following conditions apply to the Darwin Waterfront Precinct:

- no alcohol
- no glass
- no litter
- no pets in the water – pets must be on a leash at all times
- no skateboards

Lifeguards patrol the Wave and Recreation Lagoons and are there to help. There is a fully equipped first aid room at the Wave Lagoon kiosk. Snack food and drinks are also available.

Lockers can be hired to secure valuables but the Darwin Waterfront Corporation accepts no liability for theft or damage to personal property.

**Getting there**

The Darwin Bus network services the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. Two hours free parking is available at the Kitchener Drive multilevel carpark. Off-street parking is available on Stokes Hill Road and behind the Darwin Convention Centre.

**Want to find out more?**

Contact the Darwin Waterfront Corporation on 8999 5155 during office hours Monday to Friday 8 am – 4.21 pm or email darwinwaterfront@nt.gov.au