

Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

Australia's tropical frontier capital — a sun-baked port city where saltwater crocs lurk beneath the surface, WWII history runs deep, and the Mindil Beach sunset turns the sky to fire.

Docked (Fort Hill Wharf) Typical call: 8–10 hrs Australian Dollar (AUD) English

📌 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Fort Hill Wharf (central)

Walk to center: ~10 min to Waterfront Precinct

Best For: Crocs · WWII history · tropical nature

Don't Miss: Crocosaurus Cove Cage of Death

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ AU\$15–25 to city center · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber · **Hop-on hop-off** ✓ Big Bus Darwin

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Crocosaurus Cove — Cage of Death** — Right in the Darwin CBD, Crocosaurus Cove lets you descend into a perspex cage surrounded by massive saltwater crocodiles.
- **WWII Oil Storage Tunnels & Military History** — Darwin was bombed more times than Pearl Harbor.
- **Museum & Art Gallery of the NT** — Darwin's excellent free museum houses the preserved wreck of Sweetheart (a famous 5-metre problem croc), the haunting Cyclone Tracy exhibit, and a...
- **Litchfield National Park Day Trip** — About 100 km south of Darwin, Litchfield delivers spectacular spring-fed waterfalls (Wangi, Florence, Tolmer), magnetic termite mounds, and...
- **Jumping Crocodile Cruise** — A cruise up the Adelaide River (about 60 km east of Darwin) where wild saltwater crocodiles launch out of the water for dangling meat.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to CBD Loop** ~3 km · 1.5 hrs · easy (flat) — From the Waterfront Precinct wave lagoon, stroll along the boardwalk to Darwin's compact CBD, past Bicentennial Park's clifftop views over the Timor Sea, and on to...
- **WWII Tunnels & Waterfront Walk** ~2 km · 1 hr · easy — A short walk from the wharf area to the WWII Oil Storage Tunnels, then back along the waterfront esplanade with views of Darwin Harbour.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:52AM–6:41PM · Jun 7:05AM–6:28PM · Aug 7:00AM–6:41PM · Sep 6:41AM–6:42PM · Oct 6:21AM–6:43PM	
Apr	89°	78°	13d		
Jun	86°	72°	1d		
Aug	87°	71°	1d		
Sep	88°	75°	6d		
Oct	90°	78°	11d		

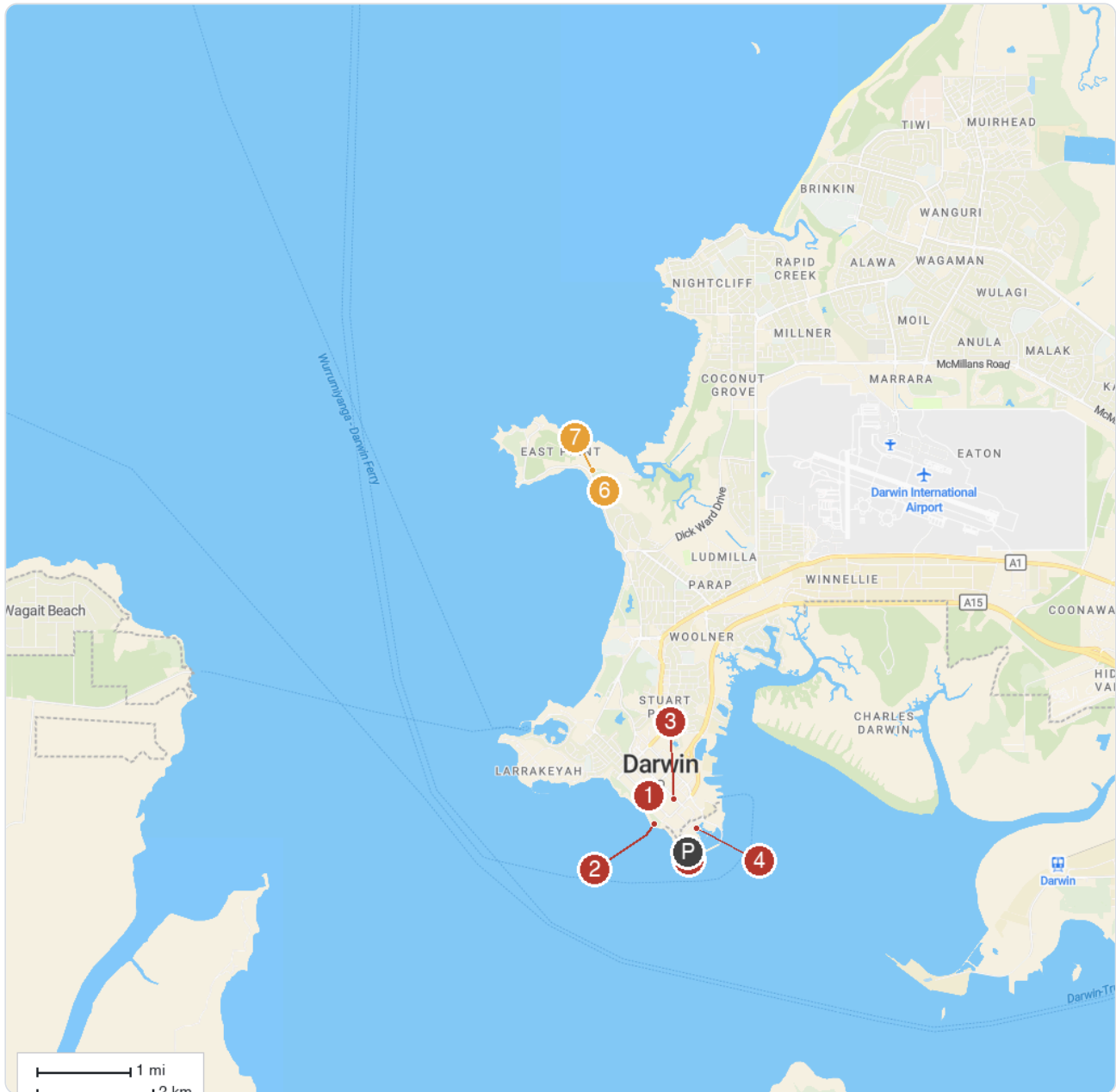
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- It is always hot. Darwin sits 12° south of the equator. Expect 30–35 °C with high humidity during cruise season. Carry water, wear a hat, and pace yourself.
- Do not swim in the harbour or unknown water. Saltwater crocodiles are present in Darwin Harbour and surrounding waterways. Stick to designated swimming areas like the Waterfront wave lagoon.
- Check the Mindil Beach Market dates. The famous Thursday/Sunday evening market runs April–October only. If your port day falls on a Thursday or Sunday in season, make it a priority.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Australia is largely cashless — tap-to-pay works at virtually every shop, restaurant, and attraction. A little AUD cash is handy for smaller market stalls.
- Taxis and rideshares are your friends. Darwin is spread out and the heat makes long walks unpleasant. Rideshare apps work well; taxis are available at the wharf. Budget AUD 10–15 for most city trips.
- Book Litchfield early. It's Darwin's best full-day excursion but requires a tour or hire car — distances and the heat make it impractical to improvise. Book through your ship or a local operator before the cruise.

Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Crocosaurus Cove | City wildlife park with crocodiles, reptiles, and aquatic life. | 2 Darwin Cenotaph War Memorial | Memorial commemorating Darwin's war service and sacrifice. |
| 3 Mason Gallery | Gallery showcasing contemporary and traditional Indigenous Australian art. | 4 Darwin Waterfront Precinct | Vibrant precinct with swimming lagoon, restaurants, and shops. |
| 5 Fort Hill Wharf | Main cruise ship terminal and port area. | 6 Lake Alexander | Man-made saltwater lake for swimming and recreation. |
| 7 Mangrove Boardwalk | Scenic boardwalk through a unique mangrove ecosystem. | P Cruise port / terminal | |