

Conditions

- Strictly no alcohol in dry communities.
- Catholic Mission maintains overall responsibility for the immersion.
- Participants must agree to abide by Catholic Mission's COVID-19 policy.



Paying our way

Catholic Mission is a not-for-profit organisation that seeks to never burden any community that we visit. Providing mutually beneficial outcomes underpins all the work we do.

This includes the employment of local people to provide services such as preparation and maintenance of accommodation, catering, acting as on country teachers and guides, as well as to Elders who share their time, wisdom, and culture with groups. All these fair and just payments support local families.

We strongly recommend a digital detox by leaving your mobile phone at home. Life in Indigenous communities runs at its own pace, so leave your phone at home and go with the flow. Open your mind and heart, move out of your comfort zone, and be led by the Spirit.

Participants come away from the experience with greater appreciation, sensitivity, and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and cultures.



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CATHOLIC MISSION'S INDIGENOUS IMMERSION PROGRAM:

Adult Immersion





Where

Darwin (incorporating the Tiwi Islands and Litchfield National Park)



Cost

\$3,990 per person (ex nearest capital city)



Dates

(Dates may change subject to host community's availability)



Inclusions

- ⦿ Flights, accommodation, meals and local transport.
- ⦿ Insurance and Risk Management services.
- ⦿ Local guides, Elders and an accompanying Catholic Mission trained Facilitator for the duration of the immersion.
- ⦿ All permits and entry fees.
- ⦿ Donations and fair remuneration for Indigenous partners.

About the Immersion

Catholic Mission's Immersion Programs cater for individuals who want to deepen their understanding and appreciation of First Nations peoples' realities and lives, and want to discover how they might play a part in bringing about positive changes in Australia for the benefit of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Often people have genuine love, care, and concern, but are uncertain about where to start or what they can do.

Sometimes we just need to head out and meet people where they are, listen, be open to learn and see for ourselves. The knowledge acquired can open a whole new perspective, leading to informed action and positive change. This visit is all about seeing with your own eyes.

As well as exploring a contemporary understanding of the realities of Aboriginal people on Larrakia country in Darwin, the immersion incorporates a day trip to Wurrumiyanga, Tiwi Islands and a chance to reflect on the experience among the natural beauty of Litchfield National Park.

Participants will be given unparalleled opportunities to move beyond being merely tourists through the long-standing partnerships that Catholic Mission has with the communities who welcome them within Darwin and on the Tiwi Islands. Time is set aside each day for reflection and prayer on what has been experienced as individuals and as a travelling group. Participants are challenged to think about how what they have experienced will shape their actions upon returning home.

This immersion may be physically demanding so a reasonable level of mobility is required.

"Be prepared to be more than just a tourist. This isn't a sightseeing holiday. It is an educational, life changing, self-development program founded on Catholic principles."

Luke F, Immersion participant.



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