

Conditions

- Strictly no alcohol while in North East Arnhem Land (dry area).
- 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 camp sites, 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.

The cost per participant has been set by the Aboriginal Land Council.

We strongly recommend a digital detox by leaving your mobile phone at home. Life in Arnhem Land runs on Yolŋu time, 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.

The Catholic Mission School Leaders Immersion Program is a partnership with Nungalinga College Incorporated and with the Yolŋu people, North East Arnhem Land. The event is open to all Catholic School Leaders.

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.



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Immersion Experience

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CATHOLIC MISSION'S INDIGENOUS IMMERSION PROGRAM:

School Leaders' Immersion





Where

Darwin and North East Arnhem Land



Cost

\$6,280 per person (ex nearest capital city)



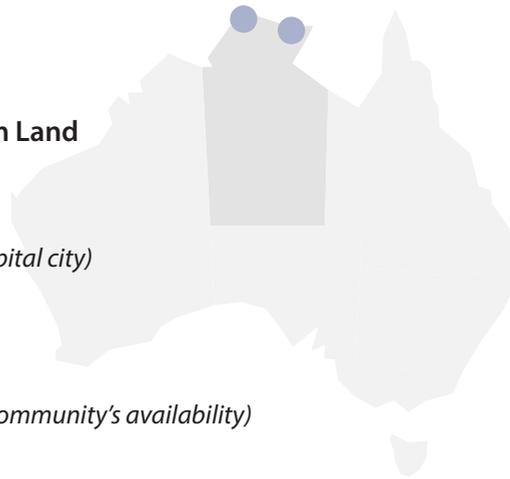
Dates

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



Inclusions

- Ⓞ Flights, accommodation, meals and local transport in Darwin and North East Arnhem Land.
- Ⓞ Insurance and Risk Management services.
- Ⓞ Local guides, Elders, and caretakers and a Catholic Mission trained Facilitator.
- Ⓞ All permits and entry fees.
- Ⓞ Donations and fair remuneration to Indigenous partners.



About the Immersion

Catholic Mission's School Leaders' Immersion Program is designed to engage school leaders in deep learning lead by our hosts from Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

The experience will help school leaders develop as educators to lead students and communities in healing the past and building a better future together.

Participants will spend 4 days in Darwin followed by 5 days in North East Arnhem Land where they will see, hear, learn, and experience spirituality and reality from the perspective of Aboriginal Australians.

The first part of the experience is a mix of studies and hands-on involvement in Darwin where the group will be guests of Nungalingya College. They will participate in workshops presented by Indigenous Christian leaders on culture, land, language, lore, kinship, and ceremony and how culture and the Christian faith relate to each other. On Sunday, the group will join the celebration of the Eucharist at St Martin de Porres Parish, the spiritual home of the Darwin Aboriginal Catholic community.

In the second stage on country with the Yolju people, the group continue to learn with experiences of a 'Welcome to Country', listening to dreaming stories, learning Yolju language, gathering bush tucker and plants for bush medicine, learning about sustainable land management, weaving pandanus baskets, painting, spear making & throwing, fishing, fire making and learning how the Yidaki (didgeridoo) is made and played.

In the daily debriefs the group reflects on their experience and what they have learned. They're challenged to be more aware of the current reality of Indigenous Australians, appreciate and learn from their deep spirituality and ultimately commit to building an Australian society founded on the Gospel value of fullness of life for all, especially for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Throughout history we Yolju have always been sharing our knowledge. It is our dream to share our knowledge with the mainstream; to connect our Yolju world with more of the non-Yolju world".

Marcus Mungul Lacey, Yolju Elder and ranger.



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