#### **Conditions**

- Minimum student participant numbers are set at 10 students with the maximum number of students dependant on the decision of each host community.
- For every 10 students there must be at least 1 accompanying teacher. There
  is no maximum limit on the number of teachers.
- Students must be at least 16 years old on the day of departure and in years 10 to 12.
- No mobile phones (the group leader will carry a mobile phone for emergency use).
- No cameras (a single camera will be carried by the group leader or a nominated participant to ensure that all photos taken are culturally sensitive and appropriate).
- Strictly no alcohol, drugs, or smoking.
- Accompanying teachers maintain responsibility, duty of care and legitimate authority for their students.
- 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. Our immersions are run in partnership with local Indigenous communities and are organised with consideration and respect for the communities we visit. Catholic Mission ensures that any community hosting immersion groups mutually benefits from the immersion and is not negatively impacted as a result of hosting immersions.

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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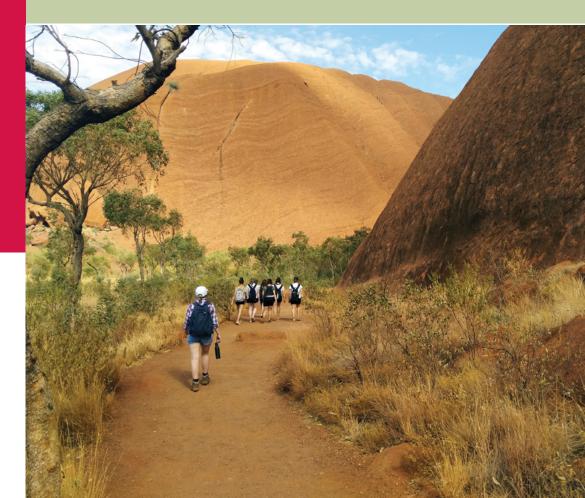






# CATHOLIC MISSION'S INDIGENOUS IMMERSION PROGRAM:

# **Schools Immersion**





## Where

Arrernte People – Alice Springs Tiwi Islanders – Tiwi Islands Larrakia People – Darwin





## Cost

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



## **Dates**

## Alice Springs/Uluru

25 Jun – 4 Jul 2022

05 Jul – 14 Jul 2022

15 Jul – 24 Jul 2022

17 Sep – 26 Sep 2022

26 Sep – 05 Oct 2022

05 Sep - 14 Oct 2022

#### **Tiwi Islands**

May 2022 (TBC)

September 2022 (TBC)

### Darwin

June 2022 (TBC)

September 2022 (TBC)

Additional dates that fall outside of school holidays can be arranged on request. (Dates may change subject to host community's availability)



## **Inclusions**

- Flights, accommodation, meals and local transport in all immersion destinations.
- 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.

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

## **About the Immersion**

Catholic Mission's unique position and history of partnerships over many years means that communities, parishes, and schools throughout Central and Northern Australia are open to sharing their lives in ways that very few tourists or visitors ever experience.

With a great sensitivity to millennia-old culture and traditions, acknowledgement of recent history, and within the current context of life, participants are led by our hosts into an immersive exploration of culture.

Guided by local Elders and guides, days on country are spent exploring the natural beauty of the land, visiting sacred sights, and discovering the spiritual connection that the First Nations people have held for more than 40,000 years.

Each group has its own unique experiences and opportunities to connect with and learn about the local Indigenous culture from the people met along the way. Participants immerse themselves in the Aboriginal stories of these places and return with a deeper appreciation, which provides the base for future commitments to promoting reconciliation and change.

To teach respect of Indigenous culture to our students we must first understand, and then embrace the differences ourselves.

