



East Arnhem Land

Strong culture, remote beaches and pristine waters!

VISITOR INFORMATION

Welcome to East Arnhem Land. This is one of the last wilderness areas on earth, yet all services can be found in the town of Nhulunbuy. The town is an ideal base from which to explore this unique region that is entirely owned by traditional Yolŋu people.

Aboriginal significance

Yolŋu people solely own the entire Arnhem Land Region. Yolŋu have lived in the region for at least 60 thousand years with recognized land and marine estates. Clans lived throughout Arnhem Land hunting fish, bush animals and seasonal bush food. Today, most of the Yolŋu retain cultural and spiritual links to the area.

World War II

There are some war relics in and around the Gove Peninsula. Historic sites include Drimmie Head where the Catalinas landed in the bay and taxied onto land, remnants of an observation station and rocket tracking station. Yolŋu played a significant role in WWII as soldiers and bush guides in the Northern Territory Special Reconnaissance Unit. Many Yolŋu men died serving their country. Without their valuable contribution of local knowledge and survival skills the efforts of the Armed Forces may not have been so successful. Many of the old airstrips, bunkers and aircraft wreckage can be seen around Nhulunbuy and throughout the region.

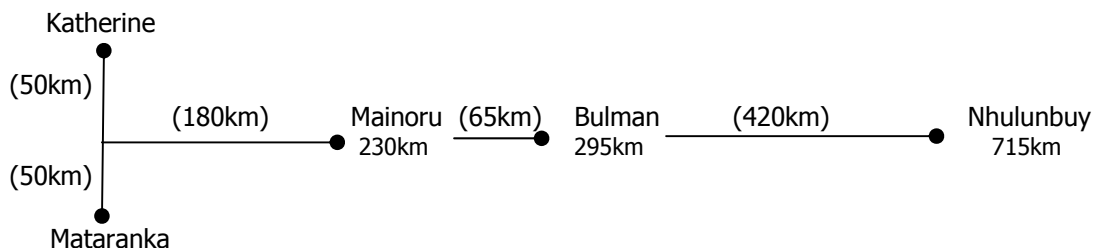
Road Permits

To travel the Central Arnhem Road from the Stuart Highway via Bulman to Nhulunbuy requires a permit from the Northern Land Council (NLC) in advance. Permits can take up to two weeks to process. The road is not suitable for caravans or boat trailers and they are not permitted by the NLC, only sturdy off-road camper trailers. The NLC office in Nhulunbuy is contactable on ☎ 08 8986 8500 and the Katherine office ☎ 08 8971 9899

NB. Severe penalties apply for moving throughout the region without a permit and visitors are asked to respect the wishes of the Traditional Owners in this regard.

The distance from either Katherine or Mataranka through to Nhulunbuy is approx. 715km. Fuel is available from Katherine, Mataranka, possibly Bulman Community Store. [Mainoru Store is now closed]

Approx. Distance



NB. There has been no caravan park or serviced campgrounds previously in Nhulunbuy.



However, a 12 site trailer park was established at the Walkabout Lodge in 2010 to cater for 4WD visitors with camper trailers only .

Aboriginal Cultural/Eco Tours


- Yolngu Tourism

 08 8987 2828
 402 338 793
 info@lirrwitourism.com.au
 www.lirrwitourism.com.au

Bawaka Homelands

 08 8987 3433 (Timmy Burarrwanga)
 www.lirrwitourism.com.au




Nyinyikay Interactive Indigenous Experience

 08 8987 9443 (Gary Baker)
 0448 329 947
 www.lirrwitourism.com.au

Rripangu Yirdaki



 0407 536 308 (Djalu Gurruwiwi)
 gurruwiwi@gmail.com
 www.djalu.com

- Banubanu Wilderness Retreat

 08 8987 8085 (Trevor Hosie)
 0411 690 508
 www.banubanu.com


Aboriginal Art and Craft

- Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre and Museum

 08 8987 1701
 08 8987 2701
 www.yirrkala.com

Located at Yirrkala community this is one of Australia's most renowned community-based Indigenous art museums.

- Galupa Arts - Local Artist: Gayili Marika




 0417 888 643

Fishing Charters



- Gove Sports Fishing and Diving Charters

 08 8987 3445 (Ken Waugh)
 08 8987 8158
 0418 773 358
 www.govefish.com.au
 govefish@iinet.net.au

- Banubanu Wilderness Retreat

 08 8987 8085 (Trevor Hosie)
 0411 690 508
 www.banubanu.com

- Iron Lady Wilderness Safaris

 0408 762 276
 07 4055 1301

Diving

- Gove Sports Fishing and Diving Charters

 08 8987 3445 (Ken Waugh)
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- Bawaka Cultural Experience
 08 8987 3433 (Timmy Burarrwanga)
 www.lirrwitourism.com.au
- Nyinyikay Interactive Cultural Experience
 www.lirrwitourism.com.au

Town Tours



- Kansas Pty Ltd  08 8987 2872. Airport shuttle bus [\$15pp or \$35 per family], car hire, mini bus hire and guided tours by arrangement.
- Banubanu Wilderness Retreat
 08 8987 8085 (Trevor Hosie)
 0411 690 508
 www.banubanu.com

Please note: Rio Tinto Alcan Mine Tour no longer conducts tours of their mining operations.






Gayḡaru (Town Lagoon)

Gayḡaru holds special spiritual significance for the Dhanḡ speaking clans of the region. Gayḡaru is the Dhanḡ language group name for the place where Wititj, the ancestral snake settled and created the lagoon during the time of creation. Gayḡaru is home to many species of plants and animals including birds, crocodiles and fish. Bird watching and boating are ideal activities and tours are available. An interpretative walk around the edge of Gayḡaru is available from the Walkabout Lodge Reception Desk.

Sailing/Boating

- Gove Boat Club  08 8987 3077  www.goveboatclub.com - Visitors are welcome to use the club facilities (must be signed in by a Club member) and enjoy the fantastic sunsets.

Car Hire and Transport Services

- Kansas Pty Ltd  08 8987 2872 Airport shuttle bus, car hire, mini bus hire and guided tours by arrangement.
- Gove Rentals 4x4 & Cars  08 8987 1700 or  0418 197 373
- Manny's Car Rental Pty Ltd  08 8987 2300
- Peter and Beau's Taxis  0417 850 105 / 0417 820 025
- Gove Bus Service  131 008 or 08 8987 1144
- Thrift Car Rental  8924 2466
- Green Taxi & Bus Service  8987 3333 or  0448 248 682
- Gove Boat & Scooter Hire  0400 185 507  goveboathire.com

Recreation Permits

A recreation permit is compulsory for visitors to venture outside of the marked Nhulunbuy town Lease boundary. These permits must be obtained from **Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation** upon visitation for a minimal cost (see website for details). The Visitor's Guide \$10 is a valuable source of information on all recreational areas. The office located near the Captain Cook Shopping Centre. ☎ 08 8939 2700 or 🌐 www.dhimurru.com.au

The permit covers visitation to the following recreational areas:

Nanydjaka * (Cape Arnhem)	Gapuru * (Memorial Park)	Nhumuy (Turtle Beach)
Guwatjorumurru (Giddy River)	Lombuy (Crocodile Creek)	Rängura (Caves Beach)
Ganami * (Wonga Creek)	Ganinyara (The Granites)	Lurrupukurru (Oyster Beach)
Banambarrnga (Rainbow Cliff)	Daliwuy (Daliwoi Bay)	Gumuniya (Buffalo Creek)
Wirrawuy (Cape Wirawawoi)	Baringura (Little Bondi)	Gadalathami (Town Beach)
Wupurr (Melville Bay)	Dhamitjinya (East Woody Island)	Yarrapay (Rocky Point)
Mananygami * (Scout Camp)	Wathawuy (Latram River & Goanna Lagoon)	

* Extra permit required from Dhimurru Land Management Corporation

Separate permits must be obtained from **Yirrkala Dhanbul Council** ☎ 08 8987 3433 to visit Ganarrimirri (Shady Beach), Garrai (Rocky Bay Beach) and Witimurru (Yirrkala Boat Ramp). Likewise, a separate permit must be obtained from the **Northern Land Council** (NLC) to visit Gowupu (Catalina boat ramp) ☎ 08 8986 8500 or 🌐 www.nlc.org.au

Alcohol Liquor Permits

Alcohol restrictions apply across the East Arnhem region, including the township of Nhulunbuy. Permits are required as a result of the Licensing Commission decision to declare the East Arnhem Region as a General Restricted Area under the Northern Territory Liquor Act. You do not need a permit to consume alcohol in any of the East Arnhem licensed premises.

🌐 www.facs.gov.au/nter/docs/factsheets/legislation_factsheets/liquor_restrict.htm

However, if you wish to buy, possess and drink takeaway alcohol during your stay, you will need to obtain a permit from the Licensing Regulation & Alcohol Strategy, Shop 6 Endeavour Square ☎ 08 8987 0505 [Monday-Friday between the hours of 10.00-12.00 and 3.00-4.30pm] or from the Darwin Office of Licensing and Regulation, 1st Floor Enterprise House, 28-30 Knuckey Street, Darwin. Enquiries regarding these permits can be made to ☎ 08 8999 1800.

You will need to provide an itinerary, invoice or other information confirming the travel arrangements and a Photo ID (such as Drivers Licence).

- 🌐 Fact sheet 1 www.nt.gov.au/justice/docs/alcohol/permit_system_factsheet.pdf [NB - typo valid for this link!]
- 🌐 Fact sheet 2 www.nt.gov.au/justice/docs/alcohol/east_arnhem_fact_sheet.pdf
- 🌐 Application Form www.nt.gov.au/justice/docs/alcohol/liquor_permit_application.pdf

Where to stay in Nhulunbuy

- Walkabout Lodge ☎ 08 8939 2000, www.walkaboutlodge.com.au
- Walkabout Lodge Trailer Park (12 sites) ☎ 08 8939 2000, www.walkaboutlodge.com.au/lodge.html
- Gove Peninsula Motel ☎ 08 8987 0700, www.govemotel.com
- Banubanu Wilderness Retreat (on Bremer Island) ☎ 08 8987 8085 (Trevor Hosie)
☎ 0411 690 508
🌐 www.banubanu.com

Major Events Visit Gove Online ☎ www.goveonline.com

Garma is a Yolŋu word meaning 'two-way learning process'; and the Garma Festival (August) is Australia's biggest annual Indigenous cultural exchange event. The festival is organised by the Yothu Yindi Foundation and is recognized as a model for authentic, insightful Indigenous cultural awareness and eco tourism, and each year a special theme is incorporated into a major education and exchange forum and series of workshops

☎ www.garmafestival.com.au/aboutgarma.htm

Join in John Jones Billfish Competition, AFANT Ladies Fishing Competition or one of the numerous competitions organized by the Gove Fishing Clubs.

If you like playing golf or volleyball and socializing with locals and visitors and generally having fun...then contact...GOCROC (Gove Outback Charity and Recreation Organising Committee) to find out more. GOCROC is a committee of independent residents of Gove that organize Gove Beach Volleyball in June and Gove Bush Golf Classic in October to raise money for local charities and sporting bodies. All are welcome!

Access

Qantas Link has daily jet services to Gove from Cairns and Darwin with connections to anywhere in the world. The Cairns-Gove flight is only 1 hour and 40min and Darwin-Gove flight is only 1 hour and 10 min. Aircraft are jets seating 120 passengers. An airport shuttle bus meets every jet and transfers passengers to Nhulunbuy and accommodation houses [\$15 per person/ \$35 per family one way].

Airnorth has services to Darwin and Groote Eylandt. Aircraft are 30 seat Brasilia.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) operate regular services to Elcho Island, Lake Evella (Gapuwiyak), Maningrida, Milingimbi and Ramingining.

Northern Air Charter and Laynapuy Aviation operate charter services as required.

Vehicle Repairs and Fuel

- BP Service Station ☎ 08 8987 1122 Fuel, outboard motors, parts and service
☎ 08 8987 2368
- Gove Motors ☎ 08 8987 1911 Toyota, Nissan, Rover, outboard motors, parts and service & ARB agent
- Kansas Pty Ltd ☎ 08 8987 2872 Service and repairs
- Nhulunbuy Tyre Power ☎ 08 8987 1610 Tyre & window sales and repairs
- BC Autos ☎ 08 8987 2280 Mechanical repairs, service, roadworthy inspections
☎ 0407 790 738
- Gove Auto Electrics ☎ 08 8987 1001 Repairs to vehicles, equipment, machinery and AC service & repairs


Travel Agents

- Qantas Nhulunbuy ☎ 08 8987 1222
☎ 08 8987 2276
- MTA ☎ 0407 783 345
Mobile Travel Agents ☎ bcox@mtatravel.com.au










Calendars/Postcards/Photos

- Tropics Photos ☎ 08 8987 1452
☎ tropics@bigpond.com
- Gove Fotos ☎ www.govefotos.com
☎ sales@govefotos.com



Services and Facilities

Nhulunbuy has two shopping precincts (Endeavour Square and Captain Cook) with supermarkets, takeaways, beauty salons, hairdressers, pharmacy, hardware, clothing shops, Westpac Bank, Post Office (Commonwealth Bank agent), Australian Central Credit Union, local newspaper, electrical goods shop, newsagency, hospital, doctor, dentist, Police, vet, fabric shop, arts and crafts, sports shops, historical society, Fire, Ambulance, community radio station (8EAR Gove FM 106.9), sports clubs, surf club, gym, tennis and squash courts, 50m olympic swimming pool. Keep up to date with all the happenings in Gove in our local newspaper The Arafura Times or visit Gove Online  www.goveonline.com

Where to eat/purchase supplies in Nhulunbuy

- Walkabout Lodge Restaurant – Latitude 12  08 8939 2000, www.walkaboutlodge.com.au
- The Arnhem Club - Macassans Restaurant  08 8987 0601, www.thearnhemclub.com.au
- Gove Country Golf Club - The Waterfront Kitchen  08 8987 3191 www.goveonline.com/clubs/gove-country-golf-club
- Gove Boat Club  08 8987 3077, www.goveboatclub.com
- Kamayam Café  08 8987 3259
- Captain Cook (Three Cs) Café  08 8987 1877
- Nhulunbuy Bakery  08 8987 1415
- Munch `n Crunch  08 8987 8477
- Woolworths  08 8987 1588
- IGA Supermarket & Snack Bar  08 8987 2400
- Mitre 10  08 8987 1885
- BP Service Station  08 8987 1122

For further information contact

East Arnhem Land Tourist Association **EALTA**  www.ealta.org
 info@ealta.org

#1 4WD & Camping Adventures

- Explore the pristine beaches [Town Beach, East Woody, Cape Arnhem], crystal clear rivers [Goanna Lagoon, Giddy Pools] and tropical bushland [Memorial Park] of East Arnhem Land ~ see Dhimurru Recreation Areas.

#2 Spectacular Fishing

Melville Bay and beyond ... launch from Gove Yacht Club, Perkins Wharf, Yirrkala Boat Ramp, Daliwuy Bay plus other Dhimurru Recreation Areas

- Fishing Charters
- Launch your own boat
- Hire a tinnie

#3 Arts & Cultural Experiences

- Buku Larrnggay Mulka Arts Centre at Yirrkala
- Galupa Arts on the road out to the wharf
- Bawaka Cultural Experiences
- Nyinyikay Interactive Culture Experience
- Ripangu Yirdaki (Yidaki Masterclass) with Djalu Gurruwiwi

#4 Roy Marika Lookout

From the lookout located at the summit of Nhulun, the hill from which the town takes its name, enjoy panoramic views of the lagoon wetlands, birdlife, Gove Harbour, extensive coastline, the town centre and the RTA mine and learn about Wuyal the Sugarbag Man [General Dhimurru Permit area]

#5 Walks

- **Gayṇaru (Town Lagoon) Interpretative Walk** – A picturesque area of wetlands extending seven kilometres parallel with the beachfront. Gayṇaru is home to many species of plants and animals including crocodiles. There is an overwater observatory platform, ideal for bird watchers, photographers and nature lovers. An interpretative walking guide booklet around the edge of Gayṇaru is available from the Walkabout Lodge Reception.
- **Wurrwurrwuy** (The Stone Pictures) A Yolṅu record of Macassan Traders at Macassan Beach
- **Coastal Walking Trail** – Daliwuy Bay to Little Bondi Beach in the Dhimurru Recreation Area

#6 Walkabout Lodge & Tavern

Great accommodation, fully licensed a la carte Restaurant with pool side dining, cocktails in the Club Bar, real pub atmosphere in the Sportsman's Bar and party into the early hours at The Jam Night Club.

#7 Golf

Enjoy a round on the picturesque 9-hole golf course [alternate tee positions make up a Par 72 course].

#8 Town Swimming Pool

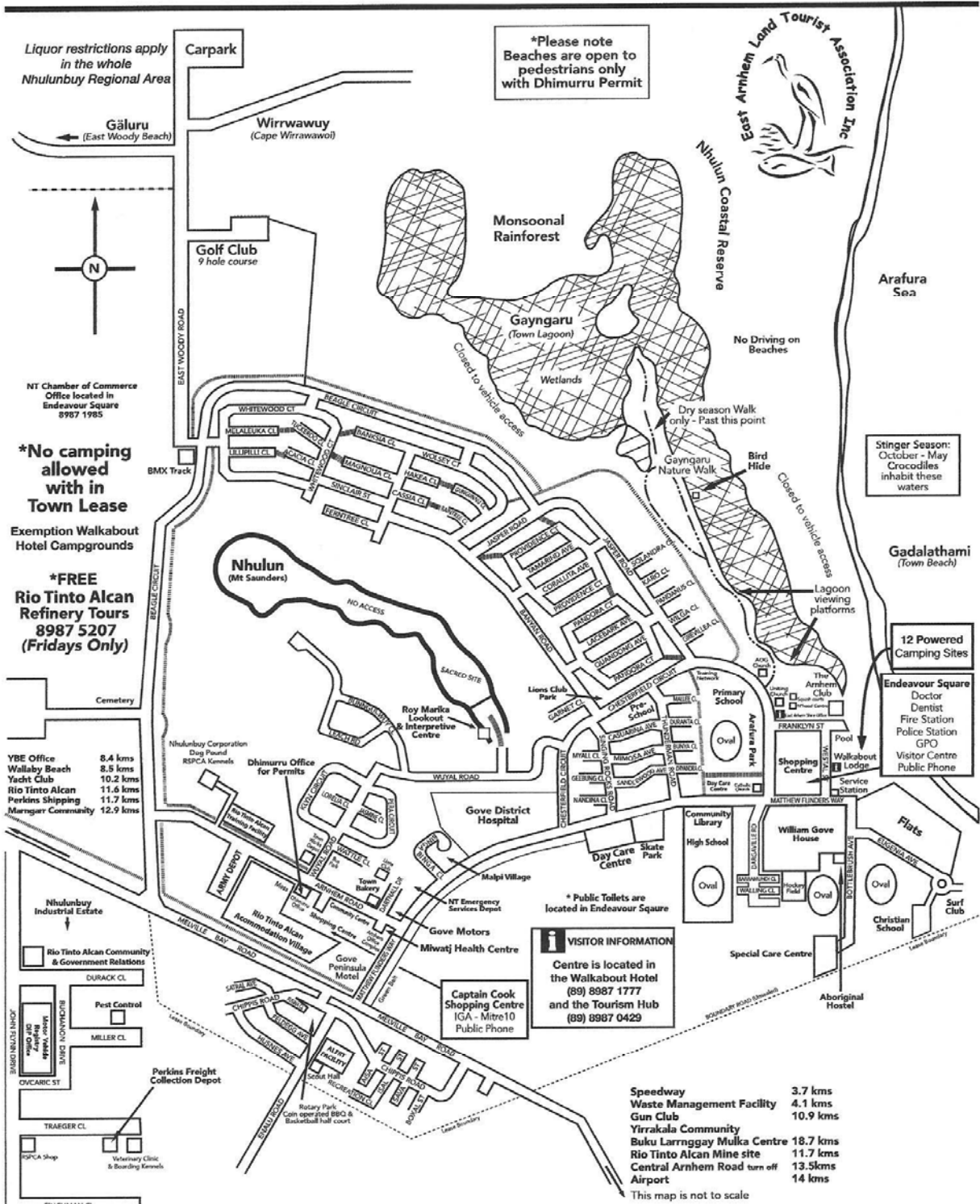
Keep up your fitness regime in the 50m Olympic pool or just laze under the trees with the family.

#9 Birdwatching

Spend a relaxing afternoon checking out the birds around the town or venture out into the coastal or bush lands and observe the specific birds of this region – a comprehensive bird list is available from Reception.

#10 Just Chillout & Relax ...

NHULUNBUY TOWN MAP 2009 - 2010



LEGEND:	Cycle Tracks: [Symbol] Gaygaru Nature Walk: [Symbol] Tourist Information Centre: [Symbol]
PERMITS:	Are required to visit any area off the Town Lease. Apply to DHIMURRU LAND MANAGEMENT (recreational) Tel: 8987 3992 or Northern Land Council (Central Arnhem Road/work/other permits) Tel: 8987 2602
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS	POLICE: 8987 1333 DOCTOR: 8987 3044 POISON INFO: 13 11 26 GOVE HOSPITAL: 8987 0211 AMBULANCE: 8987 0200 VET: 8987 2110 ALCAN Gatehouse/ESO's: 8987 5345 RSPCA: 8987 1987 ROAD CONDITIONS: 1800 246 199

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Gove and East Arnhem Land Websites

Local Information:

Gove Online www.goveonline.com

Local Councils:

Northern Land Council www.nlc.org.au
Dhimurru Land Management Corporation www.dhimurru.com.au

Accommodation:

Walkabout Lodge www.walkaboutlodge.com.au
Gove Peninsula Motel www.govemotel.com
Banubanu Wilderness Retreat www.banubanu.com

Clubs:

The Arnhem Club www.thearnhemclub.com.au
Gove Country Golf Club www.goveonline.com/clubs/gove-country-golf-club
The Gove Yacht Club www.goveboatclub.com

Fishing:

Gove Fishing & Diving Charters www.govefish.com.au
Banubanu (formally Nomad Charters) www.banubanu.com

Festivals/Events:

Garma Festival [in August] www.garmafestival.com.au/aboutgarma.htm

Arts and Crafts:

Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre & Museum www.yirrkala.com
Lirrwi Tourism (Indigenous Tourism) www.lirrwitourism.com.au

Regional Tourism Associations:

East Arnhem Land Tourist Information www.ealta.org
Lirrwi Tourism (Indigenous Tourism) www.lirrwitourism.com.au
Tourism Top End www.tourismtopend.com.au/pages/arnhem_land_gove_peninsula
Katherine Region Tourism Association www.katherine.nt.gov.au/About-Katherine/Tourism
Central Australian Tourism Industry Assoc www.centralaustralian.com
Tennant Creek Tourism www.tennantcreeknt.com.au
Darwin Tourism en.travelnt.com

Other:

Weather www.weather.com.au/nt/nhulunbuy
NT Road conditions www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport

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