

Australia: Darwin

Information

Time Zone	UTC +9.30 (minus minutes from Mackay)
Dialling Code	+61 (Australia) (+08 for Northern Territory)
Emergencies	All 000 or 112 from a mobile/cell phone

Useful websites

www.australia.com
www.tourismtopend.com.au
www.darwin.nt.gov.au

Pilotage Information

Charts: AUS26 Approaches to Port Darwin

Pilots: Australian Cruising Guide (Lucas)

Entry Requirements

Darwin Marine Inspections

To prevent the introduction and spread of marine pests, the Northern Territory Government has developed protocols for yachts entering Darwin. Two marine pests have been identified as threats to the local environment, namely the Black Stripe Mussel found in Panama, and the Ocean Green Mussel from Cairns. As World ARC yachts will have passed through these areas they will have to undergo a hull inspection and internal seawater system treatment on arrival in Darwin after which a certificate will be issued allowing yachts to go into any of the Darwin marinas.

On arrival in Darwin, yachts will be directed to go to an anchorage or a treatment site at Cullen Bay Marina Waiting Pontoon before proceeding into a marina. NT Fisheries will visit each yacht. Divers will inspect the hull of the yachts. Yachts recently hauled out for more than 14 days in Australia may be exempt if invoices are produced. A treatment of all seawater inlets and outlets will then take place - this takes up to 10 hours. You will be unable to use any through-hull fittings during this period (sinks, engine etc). This procedure is likely to take place at Cullen Bay Fuel Floating Pontoon. If you arrive in darkness, you will probably be asked to anchor in Fannie Bay. All crew are welcome to use the superb facilities at the nearby Darwin Sailing Club whilst waiting although landing a dinghy on the beach can be challenging due to the tidal range.

Customs and Immigration

Further information on clearances will be distributed by the World ARC team on arrival.

Customs House 21 Lindsay Street T: 1300 558 287

Local Dangers

Saltwater crocodiles (salties) are the most dangerous animals in the north of Australia. Attacks are rare, but usually fatal. There are lots of salties in the Darwin area, and sea bathing should be avoided.

Box jellyfish (marine stingers) are usually found between October and May, but stinging jellyfish can be found at all times. Take local advice before swimming. In case of stings, douse liberally with vinegar and seek urgent medical attention.



Crocodile jumping for bait

General

Lying at Australia's 'Top End', Darwin is the biggest city in the Northern Territory – a region comprising one sixth of the country's landmass, and an area where visitors can experience the awesome grandeur of the Australian Outback first hand. Basking in a warm tropical climate the city is delightfully laid-back and is now a tourist destination, famed for its markets, festivals, Asian cuisine, massive natural harbour (and tides!), as well as being a gateway to the interior.

In Darwin yachts will be able to lock into one of the marinas, conveniently situated close to the centre of town and the marine repair facilities.

Darwin has much to offer the visiting yachtsman, with plenty of exciting tours and excursions within the Northern Territory. Nearby Kakadu National Park (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), is well worth a two day trip, and closer at hand are Litchfield National Park and Casuarina Coastal Reserve. Darwin itself has plenty to offer with several evening markets and an unusual outdoor deck chair cinema! There is also a selection of international cuisine throughout the town, and a great welcome at the Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Club and Darwin Sailing Club.

Don't Miss

Kakadu National Park. A cultural landscape rich in Aboriginal sites and a terrain bound up by the creation myths of "the Dreamtime", a period 50,000 years ago when humans first explored the continent. The park is open for camping, day trips and cultural exploration. www.australia.com/explore/icons/kakadu.aspx

Litchfield National Park. Together with stunning tropical waterfalls and swimming holes, this is a truly beautiful destination, located just south of Darwin. Litchfield National Park features numerous waterfalls which cascade from a sandstone plateau called the Tabletop Range, plus monsoon rainforest, intriguing megalithic termite mounds and historical sites.

The Ghan. One of the world's great train journeys linking Darwin with Adelaide via Alice Springs, travels right through the heart of Australia's Red Centre. www.gsr.com.au



Litchfield National Park

Mooring

Whilst in Darwin, yachts can choose to stay at anchor, or use one of the several marinas in the city. The two marinas most used by visitors, and by World ARC yachts are Tipperary Waters and Fisherman's Mooring Basin (also known as the Duck Pond). The complimentary berthing for three nights before departure will be provided at either of these. **Tipperary Waters Marina** is usually the marina chosen for the monohulls that can access the lock (max LOA 21.5m, beam 6m, draught 3.4m).

1. Tipperary Waters Marina

86 Frances Bay Drive

Stuart Park

NT 0820

Mailing Address:

GBP Box 4764

Darwin NT 0801

Australia

T: +61040 7075077

VHF: Ch 08 (Tipperary Lockmaster)

E: tipperarywatersmarina@bigpond.com

Web: www.tipperarywatersmarina.com

2. Fisherman's Mooring Basin (or The Duck Pond)

mailing address as above

T: +61 04 28207612

E: Gregory.hocking@nt.gov.au

VHF: Channel 06



Full marina facilities available. Standard lock opening times are 0600-2100 daily. The lock is accessible when tidal levels are 4m above chart datum. A live-aboard surcharge of \$14/day for first two crew, plus \$8 per subsequent person covers water and electricity. Lockmaster on VHF Ch 08 (call Tipperary Lockmaster). The World ARC office will be based in Tipperary Waters.

Fisherman's Mooring Basin (or the Duck Pond). This is a commercial fishing harbour that welcomes yachts. The facility is mainly used for catamarans and larger boats that cannot enter the marinas with narrower locks. Berthing facilities consist of piled wharfs 200m in

length and dredged to 4m. Electricity and fresh water. Basic toilets and showers are available. Manager: Greg Hocking T: 0428207612

Anchoring There are two anchorages for yachts in Darwin, the first located west of the Darwin Sailing Club in Fannie Bay (approximately 12°25'S 130° 50'E). This is a public anchorage area and there are no set moorings - you are free to anchor anywhere suitable. The prevailing offshore south and east breezes make this a pleasant anchorage, but check the tides and depth as the range in Darwin exceeds 7m. There is usually good holding in mud. You can leave your dinghy directly in front of the sailing club buildings - please keep the beach south of the club free for rigging sailing dinghies. The Darwin Sailing Club welcomes visiting yachts and offers full facilities including showers and garbage/ rubbish bins.

The second anchorage is located east of Darwin Wharf (approximately 12°28'S 130°51'E), but this is exposed to the south east winds that prevail in July and August, and there are no facilities nearby.

Travel Information

Airports and Airlines

Darwin International Airport is 10km from the city. Domestic flights to all Australian cities and international flights to south east Asian destinations. W: www.darwinairport.com.au
Book the airport shuttle bus the day before departure T: 1800 358 945 or 8981 5066

Airlines include:

Qantas T: 131313. W: www.qantas.com.au

Virgin Australia T: 136789 W: www.virginaustralia.com.au

Jetstar T: 131538 W: www.jetstar.com

Bicycle Hire

Darwin Scooter Hire 9 Daly Street T: 89412434. W: www.thescootershop.com.au

Kakadu Dreams Mitchell Street T: 89813266

Darwin Bike and Camping Gear 15 Bennet St T: 8942 0460 E: topendnt@gmail.com

Buses

Darwin Bus T: 8924 7666 A comprehensive network of buses around the city, departing from

the city bus interchange opposite Brown's Mart.

Camper Van Rental

4 Wheel Drive camper van rental to explore Kakadu National Park

Britz Darwin 17 Bomding Road Wimmeppic NT 0820 T: 8981 2081 Open Daily 0730-1600

Travellers Autobarn Darwin 13 Daly Street Darwin NT0801 Open daily 0900-1700 T: 1800 674 374

Car Rental

Territory Car Rental/Thrifty 64 Stuart Highway, T: 8924 0000. The preferred rental car company in Darwin.

Avis rates and reservations T: 136333 89 Smith Street. T: 893 60600

Budget corner Daly & Doctors Gully Road. T: 8981 9800

Europcar 77 Cavenagh Street. T: 8941 0300

Hertz corner Smith & Daly Streets. T: 8941 0944

Taxis

Darwin Radio Taxis T: 8913 1008

Arafura Shuttle T: 8981 3300 minibus within CBD

Australia Wide Taxi T: 131 008

Train

Ghan twice weekly, Adelaide, Alice Springs, and Darwin. T: 8913 2147. W: www.gsr.com.au



Termite mound in Litchfield National Park

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

Darwin has plenty of accommodation suitable for every budget, however World ARC visits the city in high season, so please book ahead. www.tourismtopend.com.au

Book Exchange

Read Back Book Exchange 32 Smith Street Mall T: 89 81 8885

Darwin Sailing Club Fannie Bay

Butchers

Jamie's Tender Meats Will freeze and vacuum pack selected meats. 3/5 Presley Street Stuart Park T: 8941 5322 FB: Jamies Tender Meats

Chandlery

Nautical Supplies (next to Tipperary Waters Marina) 80 Frances Bay Road T: 8981 6651 E: sales@nauticalsupplies.com.au

The Yacht Shop located next to the Darwin Sailing Club in Atkins Drive, Fannie Bay. T: 8981 2948. E: sales@yachtshopnt.com.au Services include roll swage rigging and splicing Open Mon-Fri 0800-1730; Sat 0800-1500

Seafleet Marine 102/23 Tannadice St. Winnellie. T: 8947 3022. E: seafleet@bigpond.com W: www.seafleet.com.au

Road Tech Marine 474 Stuart Highway, Winnellie. Open daily. T: 8947 1504

Darwin Shipstores Fisherman's Mooring Basin, Frances Bay T: 8981 7322. E: darwinship@opusnet.com.au also at Cullen Bay

Doctors / Hospital

Royal Darwin Hospital Rocklands Drive
Tel:T: 8922 8888

Top End Medical Centre. 44 Stuart Highway Stuart Park. Open daily 0800-2100. T:8930 4900

Travellers Medical & Vaccination Centre
1st floor Cavenagh Street T: 8981 7492.
Specialise in tropical medicine and vaccinations. Appointments Mon-Fri 0830-1200 and 1300-1530

Emergency ambulance T: 000

Dentist

City Dentists 71 Smith Street Darwin T: 8941 0369 W: www.dcmedicalcentre.com.au

Electricity

240V 50Hz in both berthing locations

Fuel

Duty-paid fuel is available from **Cullen Bay Marina** 24hrs a day with no locking required; self service credit card pump. The tax can be reclaimed retrospectively. More information through Customs

Gas (Cooking)

Through **Tipperary Waters Marina Office** or **Bosch Car Solutions** 166 Coonawarra Road, Winellie T: 8984 4555. E: service@automotive-solutions.com.au

Road Tech Marine – for fittings and bottles. See chandlery

Hairdressers

Osmosis Hair Studio Tipperary Waters. T: 8942 2000

Ice

Available in all supermarkets

Internet

Internet cafes available in the city centre. Wifi is also available at Tipperary Waters through Arafura provider

Telstra 4G Mobile Coverage

Laundry

Self service machines in Tipperary Waters Marina and Darwin Sailing Club

Markets

Mindil Beach Sunset Market Buses 4 and 6 go past the market. A place to eat and browse. Thu 1700-2200 and Sun 1600-2100

Rapid Creek Market Trower Road. Darwin's oldest market. Fri 1700-2200 and Sun 0800-1400

Money

The four major banks have branches with ATMs across the city. There is an ATM in the mini-market in Tipperary Waters Marina. Money exchange at American Express and Travelex.

Important Note: Australian dollars will also

be needed in Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling, where there are extremely limited cash withdrawal facilities.

Pharmacy

Stuart Park Amcal Pharmacy 4/5 Westralia Street Stuart Park NT0820 Open 0800-2030 T: 8981 8075.

Better Health Mitchell Centre, Mitchell Street T: 8981 4442 Open: Mon-Fri 0830-1800; Sat 0900-1700; Sun 1000-1500.

Bardens Pharmacy in Woolworths, 47 Cavanagh Street T: 8981 8522 Open: Mon-Sat 0830-1800; Sun 0900-1400.

Post Office

Corner of Cavenagh/Edmunds St. Open: Mon-Fri 0900-1700; Sat 0900-1230.

Restaurants

Darwin has a quality and diversity of food not found anywhere else in the Northern Territory, with a full range from top end restaurants to the exotic food stalls found in the markets. Enjoy exploring!

Rubbish/Garbage

Bins provided at both marinas and at the Darwin Sailing Club for yachts anchored in Fannie Bay.

Supermarkets

Good quality, large supermarkets abound, both in the city and at out of town shopping centres. Woolworths is located on Cavenagh Street. Mini-market in Tipperary Waters Marina.

Sports Facilities

East Point Reserve Fannie Bay is a recreation area that includes Lake Alexander - a safe saltwater swimming pool. Open: 0800-1800.

Leanyer Recreation Park Waterpark, great for children. Open: daily 1000-1900.

Public swimming pool on Ross Smith Avenue, Mon-Sat 0600-1930; Sun 1000-1800.

Garden Golf Park Links T: 8981 6365. W: www.gardensparkgolfinks.com.au. A nine hole golf course, centrally located near the Botanic Gardens.

The Rock Doctor's Gully Rd T: 8941 0747 Indoor rock climbing wall. Open: Tue-Fri 1200-1500; Sat 0930-1800; Sun 1000-1800.

Telephones

Telstra operate a 4G mobile network throughout Darwin, which currently (Sep 2015) offers voice only service in Christmas Island. There are no nationwide service providers that operate on Cocos Keeling.

Tourist Office

Darwin Regional Tourism Association Information Centre corner of Knuckey and Mitchell Streets T: 8936 2499. W: www.tourismtopend.com.au Open Mon-Fri 0830-1730; Sat 0900-1500; Sun 1000-1500.

Yacht Club

Dinah Beach Cruising Association Frances Bay Drive T: 8981 781 W: www.dinahbeachcya.com.au

Darwin Sailing Club Atkins Drive, Fannie Bay T: 8981 1700 W: www.dwnsail.com.au. Bars, restaurant, library/book exchange, shower and laundry facilities. Visiting yacht crews most welcome.

Water

Fresh water available at the docks and in both marinas.

A to Z of Repair Facilities

Boatyard

Cullen Bay Slipway Cullen Bay Marina T: 8941 7544 F: 8941 7566. Has a 40 ton rail slipway, repairs, chandlery. Owned by Darwin Shipstores.

Coringle Slipway Perkins Shipping Group , Frances Bay Drive , Darwin NT 0800 T: 8941 2836 F: 8941 2585. Has a 60 and 500 ton slipway.

Darwin Ship Repair & Engineering Frances Bay Drive, Darwin NT 0800 , GPO Box 4696 Darwin NT 0801 T: 8981 4244 E: admin@dsre.com.au 2550 ton synchrolift.

Spot On Marine Colivas Road, Fannie Bay T: 8981 7244 OMC, Evinrude agent. Also has 50 ton travelift and boatyard facility. GRP repair. W: www.spotonmarine.com.au

Dive Services

Tech Dive Darwin Cullen Bay Marina T: 0411 470033 W: www.divedarwin.com

Fibreglass/GRP Repair

Spot On Marine See Boatyard.

Haulout See Boatyard.

Electrical and Electronics

N.T Marine Engineering 109 Reichardt Rd, Winnellie NT 0820. T: 8947 0444 (Highly Recommended).

Seafleet Marine 31 Stuart Highway, Stuart Park T: 8981 5880 E: seafleet@bigpond.com

Wheelhouse Marine M: 04 2838 2047 E: wwbateman@austarnet.com.au

Industrial Electrical Services T: 8947 7180 E: ies@octa4.net.au Hydraulics and generator repair.

Liferaft Servicing

Amdac T: 8981 7012.

Nautical Supplies Frances Bay Drive, Darwin T: 8981 6651.

Mechanical

N.T Marine Engineering 109 Reichardt Rd, Winnellie NT 0820. T: 8947 0444.

Askensmith Marine 416 Stuart Highway T: 8947 0287 E: engine.sales@askensmith.com. Agents for: Yanmar, Perkins, Lister, Isuzu, Honda.

Electro Mech Services T: 0408 328 061.

Refrigeration

David James Refrigeration 0427 276 007.

RADO Refrigeration Frances Bay Mooring Basin T: 8981 5944 E: rado@rado.com.au M: 0412 953380. Contact Karl Radonich.

Rigging

Seafleet Marine (see Electrical).

Sail Repairs

Seafleet Marine (see Electrical).

The Yacht Shop Atkins Drive, Fannie Bay, T: 8981 2948 E: yachtshop@octa4.net.au Open Mon-Fri 08:00-17:30 Sat 08:00-15:00 .

Watermakers

Askensmith Marine (see Mechanical).

Welding / Metalwork

Beaver Bay Autos T: 8947 4415.

Darwin Marine Engineering T: 8981 6566.

Fingers Aluminium 46 Hickman Street T: 8984 3582. M: 0407 461384. E: fingers@octa4.net.au W: www.fingers.com.au



TRS Refund Scheme

The Tourist Refund Scheme (TRS) enables you to claim a refund, subject to conditions, on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) which you pay on goods (not services or labour) you buy in Australia.

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHEME

To claim a refund you must:

- spend A\$300 (GST inclusive) or more in a single store
- claim the GST back on purchases made within 60 days of your departure date from Australia
- carry the goods on board your yacht and present the original tax invoice and your passport & ships papers to a Customs officer on your departure from Australia
- present your claim at a time as instructed by the Rally programme

HOW TRS WORKS

You may buy several lower-priced items from one store, either at the same time or over several occasions within a 60 day period, provided the total purchase amounts to A\$300 (GST inclusive) or more. You need to ask the retailer to consolidate these lower-priced purchases onto a single tax invoice. Be sure the retailer will do this before you buy the goods. You may buy goods from several stores, provided each store's tax invoice totals at least A\$300 (GST inclusive). **No refund applies for services or labour – goods only.**

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WHEN BUYING GOODS

If you wish to claim a refund, you must obtain an original tax invoice from the store. All stores registered for GST will be able to give you a tax invoice. A refund cannot be given without it. Tax invoices for purchases of A\$1000 or more must contain additional information, such as the name and address of the buyer.