Travelling Around the Northern Territory

A Few Important Tips Before You Go

Travelling through the Northern Territory can be an amazing experience, but conditions can be very different from what you may be used to in other parts of Australia. Many areas are remote, road conditions can change quickly, and services may be limited.

Before you head off, take a few minutes to read through these travel and safety tips to help you stay prepared and travel safely.

🚗 Before You Leave

1. Check Your Vehicle Before Departure

Make sure your vehicle is ready for the trip before leaving. Check your tyres, brakes, fluids, lights, and battery condition, especially if you're travelling long distances or through remote areas.

2. Secure Loose Items

Store luggage, bags, and equipment safely so they don't move around while driving or block your visibility.

3. Book Accommodation Early

Accommodation in remote areas can fill up quickly, especially during peak travel periods. Booking ahead is strongly recommended. In some locations, calling directly may be easier than booking online.

4. Carry Extra Water and Food

Even if your accommodation is confirmed, it's important to carry plenty of drinking water and emergency food supplies.

5. Pack Medication and Essentials

Bring any medication you may need, along with chargers, power banks, sunscreen, sunglasses, and other essentials for remote travel.

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📍 Staying Connected

6. Telstra Generally Has the Best Coverage

Mobile reception can be limited outside major towns and cities. Telstra usually provides the most reliable coverage across remote parts of the NT.

7. Expect Limited Services in Remote Areas

Some roads and regions have little to no mobile reception. Consider carrying a UHF radio or satellite communication device if travelling long distances and always let someone know your travel plans and expected arrival time.

8. Check Fuel Station Operating Hours

Fuel stations in remote areas may have limited opening hours and some may close on weekends or public holidays. Plan your fuel stops ahead of time and avoid letting your fuel tank get too low.

🛣️ Road Safety in the NT

9. Drive During Daylight Hours Where Possible

Wildlife activity is much higher around sunrise, sunset, and after dark. Kangaroos and other animals can appear suddenly on roads, particularly in remote areas.

10. Understand NT Road Conditions

Road conditions can change quickly, particularly during extreme weather.

Please remember:

- Follow all road closure signs and never drive through a closed road.

- Pothole warning signs may indicate significant road damage ahead.

- Speed limits on some NT highways can reach up to 130 km/h, so extra concentration is important.

11. Be Prepared for the Dry Season

Bushfires can occur during the Dry Season in some areas of the NT. Check local conditions and fire warnings before travelling.

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More Travel & Safety Information

For additional travel advice and safety information, please visit:

https://northernterritory.com/plan/useful-information/safety-information

Emergency Contacts

Emergency Services: 000
Police Assistance: 131 444
NT Road Report: https://roadreport.nt.gov.au/

Safe travels and enjoy your time in the Northern Territory.

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