

Turtle Dreaming Tour

Get away to a remote tropical island and get up close and personal with giant turtles!

With the warm wind in your hair and sea-spray on your skin, join us for an exhilarating 2 day sail to Bare Sand Island. With our Larrakia guide and Traditional Owner of the area, get up close and personal with Giant Flatback Turtles; discover the military and indigenous history of the island, and keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life.

In the evening after a sumptuous dinner, lay back on the deck of Sundancer NT and let the balmy night air wrap itself around you as you marvel at the Milky Way far from city lights. At your leisure, make your way to your air-conditioned private cabin or if you prefer swag it on deck, under a sky of diamonds.

Highlights:

- Explore Bare Sand Island
- Witness giant sea turtles nesting
- Learn traditional Larrakia hunting techniques
- Experience the freedom of real sailing aboard a 50ft catamaran

"I took my son on the Turtle Dreaming cruise and would give it a 10 out of 10 on all aspects. The crew, on board accommodation, food, and boat were great. We opted to sleep in swags on deck, quite a unique experience. Thanks to everyone on board for an unforgettable time."

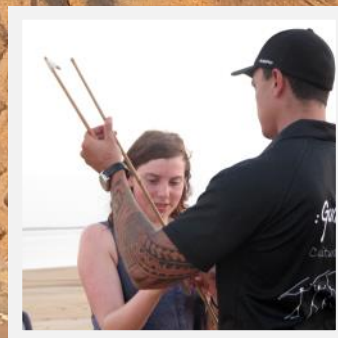
Ross A., Sydney, July 2014



2 days 1 night

\$725

per person



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ITINERARY

The itinerary varies depending on the tides and weather. Turtles nest at Bare Sand Island all year round, with the peak nesting season in July/August. The best times to see turtles are around full moon and new moon. A typical itinerary is below.

Day 1

Embark at Cullen Bay Jetty in Darwin at 8am for a briefing prior to departure. As we sail out of Darwin Harbour, take in the panoramic view of Mandorah and the Cox Peninsula coastline. Keep an eye out for marine life - dolphins, manta rays, green sea turtles and even flying fish. Once past the historic Charles Point lighthouse we then sail southwest past a series of tropical reefs and islands to arrive at Bare Sand Island mid afternoon, where we'll go ashore and look for turtle tracks. Our Aboriginal guide will teach you the history of the island and surrounding area, and you'll learn traditional hunting and string making methods.

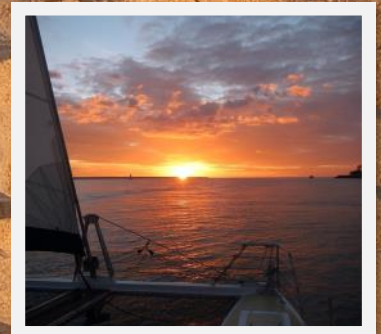
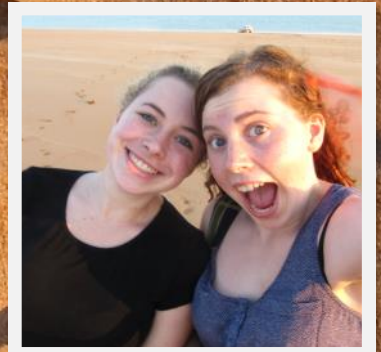
At sunset we return to Sundancer for a delicious meal aboard, bathed in the glorious colours of the last lights of the setting sun. After dinner, we return again to the beach where we watch for sea turtles making their way up the beach, and hopefully the chance to witness a female turtle making her nest and laying her eggs. Later in the season you may also witness the eruption of baby turtle hatchlings from their homes beneath the warm sand, as they begin their scramble towards the water.

Day 2

In the morning, after a wholesome breakfast aboard we can explore any of several nearby reefs, and possibly hook a salmon or jewfish for some fresh lunchtime sashimi! A brisk sail back on the afternoon seabreeze - with keen guests permitted to assist with sailing and navigation - sees us sailing back into Darwin harbour around 4pm.

ABOUT THE BOAT:

Sundancer NT is a superbly seaworthy vessel, in survey for up to 30 passengers for day tours and 12 overnight. She is completely self sufficient, with 2500 lts fuel capacity, 1500 lts of water, onboard water maker and much more. All creature comforts have been catered for: Sundancer is fully airconditioned, with 4 double cabins, 4 single beds, 3 bathrooms (all with hot showers), and of course an on-board espresso machine!



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