

CULTURE COLLEGE – 10 DAY ITINERARY (EXAMPLE ONLY)

DAY	SESSION	ACTIVITY
DAY 1: MONDAY	Morning	Travel on flights to Gove (Nhulunbuy) via Cairns or Darwin.
	Afternoon	You will be met at the Airport by your Culture College Tour Manager. They will then transfer you to the Culture College Accommodation base in Nhulunbuy.
	Evening	Dinner at Culture College Welcome & Orientation During the evening students and staff will take part in team building activities alongside a Culture College induction presentation. There will also be a briefing on their itinerary for the rest of the program. <i>OVERNIGHT: Culture College Nhulunbuy</i>
DAY 2: TUESDAY	Morning	Breakfast at Culture College Walk to and climb the lookout at Mt Nhulun to see a 360 Degree view of Nhulunbuy and surrounding Arnhem Land. There are information panels on the culture and history of the area. Local Yolngu Dhimurru Rangers from both local Clans will extend a Welcome to Country. Later travel to Yirrkala Community. Here you will visit the local attraction of Shady Beach, accompanied by Yirrkala Rangers. You will have the opportunity to discuss with Yolngu Rangers the significance of the area, and the work they do looking after the local environment.
	Afternoon	Lunch at Yirrkala School Visit the Yirrkala School Literature Production Centre and interact with local Yirrkala School students, enjoy an afternoon tea and walk to Shady Beach via Ralpa Way. Some sports and recreation activity will follow at Yirrkala Oval or Shady Beach prior to returning to Culture College.



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	Evening	<p>Dinner at Culture College</p> <p>Discussion on the language, culture and politics that have been introduced to you during the day. There will also be a forum for discussion and debate on some of the issues facing the region and the opportunity to see some local documentaries and films on Yolngu Culture.</p> <p>OVERNIGHT: Culture College Nhulunbuy</p>
DAY 3: WEDNESDAY	Morning	<p>Breakfast at Culture College</p> <p>Enjoy a visit to Buku-Larrnggay Mulka (Yirrkala Arts) Centre. Take a tour of this internationally renowned locally owned art centre, and meet with the regions famous artists and historical artworks (including the Yirrkala Church Panels). You are shown how to make paint from clays and how to make a traditional painting brush made from strands of their or their teacher's hair.</p> <p>Walk to Shady Beach to gather white clay for use in local traditional ceremonies. This clay is added to supplies which are kept at the Arts Centre for future needs by Yolngu.</p>
	Afternoon	<p>Lunch at Culture College</p> <p>Depart to Nhulunbuy Lagoon Walk (Gayngaru) led by local Yolngu from Dhimurru Rangers. Learn about bush tucker, bush medicine, dreaming stories and aboriginal conservation and sustainable land management.</p>
	Evening	<p>Dinner at Culture College</p> <p>Enjoy some fun outdoor activities or time for reflection.</p> <p>OVERNIGHT: Culture College Nhulunbuy</p>
DAY 4: THURSDAY	Morning	<p>Breakfast at Culture College</p> <p>We depart for Nhulunbuy High School to participate in Community Service 'Active Citizenship' with local students. We then visit the local Town Beach to participate in cleaning up rubbish, advising Rangers of Ghost Nets and perhaps a spot of fishing.</p>



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	Afternoon	Lunch at Nhulunbuy High School
	Evening	You will participate in an informal classroom discussion on topics associated with living and schooling in a remote and culturally diverse school, compared to schools in the City. Return to Culture College for discussion on the upcoming Homeland tour. OVERNIGHT: Culture College Nhulunbuy
DAY 5: FRIDAY	Morning	Breakfast at Culture College After this we will drive 30 minutes to Gulkula in Gumatj Country. This special site will be your home for the next 5 nights. The site at Gulkula has profound meaning for Yolngu - with views to the Gulf of Carpentaria, Gulkula is where the ancestor Ganbulabula brought the Yidaki (didjeridu) into being among the Gumatj people. Here you will be assigned a tent and enjoy camping with your group!
	Afternoon	CULTURAL PROGRAM
	Evening	Welcome to Country Dinner at Gulkula OVERNIGHT: Gulkula Base Camp
DAY 6: SATURDAY	Morning	Breakfast at Gulkula. CULTURAL PROGRAM
	Afternoon	CULTURAL PROGRAM
	Evening	Dinner at Gulkula and evening activities OVERNIGHT: Gulkula Base Camp
DAY 7: SUNDAY	Morning	Breakfast at Gulkula. CULTURAL PROGRAM
	Afternoon	CULTURAL PROGRAM
	Evening	Dinner at Gulkula and evening activities OVERNIGHT: Gulkula Base Camp



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DAY 8: MONDAY	Morning	Breakfast at Gulkula. CULTURAL PROGRAM
	Afternoon	CULTURAL PROGRAM
	Evening	Dinner at Gulkula and evening activities <i>OVERNIGHT: Gulkula Base Camp</i>
DAY 9: TUESDAY	Morning	Breakfast at Gulkula. CULTURAL PROGRAM
	Afternoon	This afternoon we will return to the Yirrkala Arts Centre and experience the local artwork with a new focus. There will be opportunity to purchase artworks and visit the Mulka Media Centre on site.
	Evening	Farewell Dinner at Gulkula After dinner we get together to share everyone's thoughts and experiences of our time in Arnhem Land. Swap stories and memories of this amazing trip of a lifetime you have just experienced with Culture College and the local Yolŋu. <i>OVERNIGHT: Gulkula Base Camp</i>
DAY 10: WEDNESDAY	Morning	Breakfast in camp. Today the campsite is packed up and students have their final morning on country. Swap stories and say a final farewell to the local community that has been with us over the last few days. We look forward to your return to this unique and wonderful part of Australia. Transport to Gove airport for departure charter flight to Melbourne END OF SERVICES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT GULKULA

- Interaction with children and elders of different Yolŋu clans from the region.
- Learn about the differences between homelands and communities including language, bush foods & medicines, totems and dreaming stories.
- Learn and participate in a culture that has existed for over 50,000 years
- Come with open hearts and minds and you will leave with a wealth of knowledge about the country you live in.

ACTIVITIES

Please find a list of some of the cultural exchange activities that will take place in the sections highlighted in the above itinerary as **CULTURAL PROGRAM**.

Time works very differently in East Arnhemland. We run on our hosts time so timings of activities are fluid and depend on a wide range of factors. Please note that we will work with your group to make this an experience of a lifetime, however patience and flexibility is a big part of creating that success. Culture College will endeavour to allocate a mix of these components into our Cultural Exchange Program but note that not all will be possible and will depend on aspects of community life at the time of this program.

YOLŊU LANGUAGE LESSONS:

- Students are introduced to initial words and phrases and learn how to meet & greet each other.
- Students learn phrases about family and general well-being and practice phrases in pairs.
- Students learn about flora and fauna and how to count.

YOLŊU SIGN LANGUAGE LESSONS:

- Learning how to sign important words and play games including making skits in sign language that the other students have to guess and interpret.

KINSHIP STRUCTURES:

- Education on kinship system of the Yolŋu (including learning about Yirritja and Dhuwa)
- Learn about Gender roles
- Students are given their Aboriginal Skin Name

PREPARING DINNER AND MAKING FIRE:

- Students will learn how the Yolŋu have made fires for thousands of years using the friction method
- Learn how to make damper the traditional way

DREAMING STORIES:

- Dreaming stories pass on important knowledge, cultural values and belief systems to later generations.
- Through song, dance, painting and storytelling, which express the dreaming stories, the Yolŋu have maintained a link with the Dreaming from ancient times to today.
- Students will have the opportunity to listen to some of the dreaming stories of the local area and the chance to learn their significance



PREPARATION OF PANDANUS LEAVES FOR BASKET WEAVING:

- For thousands of years women have collected Gunga (pandanus leaves used for weaving) and woven them into baskets.
- Students will learn to collect Gunga (pandanus leaves), prepare them and dye them in preparation for basket weaving.

BASKET WEAVING:

- Students will weave their prepared pandanus leaves into a small item that they will take home with them.
- The process, which may often take weeks, will take a few days during their stay.
- Story-telling and sharing is part of the process as much as making a finished product.

BUSH TUCKER: GATHERING AND PREPARATION:

- Looking for wild honey
- Making bread
- Collecting herbal leaves for tea and bush medicines.

FLOWER CHARTS:

- Flower charts are essential to hunting & gathering alongside principles of stewardship and conservation.
- Students will be shown examples of how different flowers and plants assist in knowing what and when to gather and hunt and when to conserve species.

DANCING:

- Learning and participation in a full traditional dance or Bunggul.
- Students will learn the history and significance of the dance and the basic steps.
- They will participate in the dance during their stay at Gulkula.

YOUTH FORUM/PEER TO PEER EXCHANGE:

- Invitations will be sent to local schools to bring local Indigenous and Non-Indigenous student to be part of a discussion on issues facing kids in Arnhemland.
- Provide interaction with peer groups to foster discussion and create break-out sessions with learning activities