

What determines pricing for the multi-award-winning Arnhemland Barramundi Nature Lodge?

The Arnhemland Barramundi Nature Lodge is situated in the middle of the remote northern coastline region of Arnhemland. We are located in traditional Aboriginal homelands approximately 18km from the small, isolated Aboriginal community of Maningrida which is 300 km by air to the east of Darwin. By road, the distance is 480 km, with half of that varying between bull dust, sand and stones, and traversing 5 river crossings. Road access is therefore seasonal, depending on when it is dry enough after the wet season, and, even then, marginal at best.

A regional daily air service and a twice-weekly coastal barge are the lifelines for the township and the Lodge alike. Providing award-winning facilities, service and fishing experiences is a daily challenge, but one we are happy to undertake on behalf of our clients. These challenges embrace various factors associated with operating in such a remote, frontier, tropical region, including: logistical, physical, maintenance, quality reliable staff and the constant burden of inflated overheads. All this requires a high level of hands on management.

Our operation in Arnhemland is governed by annual lease payments and per-person-per-day royalty payments to the Aboriginal community. These are significant but nonetheless a valuable contribution to the economy of Maningrida. The combination of these costs with our ongoing investment in quality personnel, equipment, infrastructure and maintenance, plus fuel and lodge supplies which arrive by ocean barge, are the primary drivers that determine our pricing. Maintaining a viable operation means that we can continue to provide award-winning facilities and levels of service to all our current and prospective clients in one of Australia's remaining true fishing frontiers.

Factors to consider when deciding where to book your next fishing adventure:

- We have access to a huge fishing area (6 fish-rich rivers, 150 km of virtually uninhabited coastline, beautiful tropical islands and inland lagoons) available to us exclusively, as well as a spectacular level of environmentally-sensitive accommodation, for which we willingly pay significant annual lease payments and per-person-per-day royalties to the traditional owners of this vast, pristine area.
- Understandably the fishing pressure is low due to the remote coastline, river and creeks we access. Additionally, we have access diverse fishing area so large that you can be guaranteed that the fish stocks are not over-fished in any one location.
- We have a fleet of the acclaimed, state-of-the-art customised Ocean Master sportfishing boats, with the latest E-TEC high-performance outboard motors (which we change over annually), all equipped with current generation Lowrance fish-finding technology, VHF radios, EPIRBS and satellite phones in the event of an emergency.
- We operate Toyota Landcruiser four wheel drive vehicles and a 22-seat Coaster bus, to ensure our clients comfort, all of which are maintained by our own on-site accredited mechanic.

- We use only the best Shimano fishing tackle which we maintain, replace/update regularly to ensure 100% performance and results for our guests. Our guides use proven, quality lures and terminal tackle.
- We only employ top-shelf staff, including accredited, experienced guides, to maximise the quality of your fishing experience.
- We don't compromise on service, with trained staff numbers at more than one per two guests.
- Our Deluxe Cabins feature a full size en-suite bathroom, fully-stocked complementary bar fridge, accommodation for up to four king singles (or king double with 2 singles if required) in spacious comfort with a private, furnished patio area.
- We have no water restrictions and the Lodge's water supply is considered by most to be the best natural- sourced supply they have tasted.
- We provide at no additional charge a generous selection of quality ice cold beers from our Barramundi Bar and hand picked wines to compliment our gourmet meals as part of our comprehensive upmarket packages.
- We employ a Master Chef who provides guests with an amazing culinary experience, including a seafood banquet comprised of succulent local barramundi and mud crabs. Additional fresh seafood delicacies are brought in twice weekly from Darwin specialist seafood wholesalers.
- We provide a full complimentary laundry service, which is something the Hyatt does not even do.
- Our Lodge is supported by a modern Darwin office with three staff dedicated to making your Arnhemland Barramundi Fishing Lodge experience something you will dine on for years to come.

Thanks to all of the above, and more, we have won every major tourism award we have found time to enter, and recently we were awarded **AUSTRALIA'S BEST FISHING EXPERIENCE** by the prestigious *Travelling In Australia* magazine.

