



## Over The Top Charter 7 or 8 Day Circumnavigation of Melville Island Itinerary Available: June - Nov

Due north of Darwin are the Tiwi Islands which consist of the Islands of Melville & Bathurst. On this charter you will circumnavigate Melville Island the larger of the two.

Melville Island has a well-deserved reputation of being a top class fishery. On this charter you will experience the best of what this area has to offer.

From the offshore shoals & reef systems chasing Pelagics such as Mackerel & GT's to Barra & Saratoga in the upper fresh water reaches of Goose Creek. You will also fish the estuaries for Barra Salmon & mangrove Jacks as well as chase Black Jew & Golden Snapper on the reefs.

This Charter is certainly "Over The Top" in more ways than one.

- Day 1 At midday you will depart Darwin steaming approximately 40nm north to the entrance of the Apsley Strait which separates the Islands of Bathurst & Melville. Watch the sunset over Bathurst Island as you travel a further 45nm through the strait to the overnight anchorage at the tip of the Islands.
- Day 2 & 3 For the next 2 days you will explore the shoals and reefs to the north of the islands. This area is renowned for excellent pelagic fishing with areas such as the MCG producing sensational Spanish Mackerel Fishing. GT's and even Sail & Marlin are all possible catches in the location.
- Day 4 Today you will experience a change of scenery as you travel to the upper fresh water reaches of the famous Goose Creek. Barramundi Tarpon and XXL Saratoga are the target species in this amazing part of the Top End.
- Day 5 Today you will hit the reefs of Madford Shoals for a bit of bait fishing. Golden Snapper & Black Jew Fish are just a couple of the species you will encounter on these reefs.
- Day 6 For the next few days the fishing will be in the estuary systems of Melville Island, trawling and casting will be the main techniques for targeting the fish. Robinson Inlet will be the first of these systems where you will chase Barramundi, Salmon, Mangrove Jack & Mud Crabs.
- Day 7 Today you will fish the estuaries of Yunanti Bay for Barramundi, Salmon & Mangrove Jack & mud crabs, finishing off the day on the reefs chasing a few Golden Snapper.

Day 8                      On your final days fishing you will chase Barramundi, Threadfin Salmon, Mangrove Jack & Mud crabs in the estuaries of Quanipiri Bay.

                                 This evening you will make your way back to Darwin returning to port early morning tomorrow.

Next morning            Arrive back in Darwin at approximately 8am

Note: Schedules are subject to change dependant on the prevailing weather conditions at the time.

There may be other places visited, more chances to wet a line and many other species encountered than mentioned on the itinerary.

Schedules can also be changed to meet you requirements as the charter is in progress.

This schedule can be reversed to suit the tides at the time.

“Island Explorer”  
Darwin

