



tropical
WATERFRONT



top end
EXPERIENCE



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DINING



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LOCATION



A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER



COME TO DARWIN A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER

Darwin, the spectacular tropical capital city of Australia's Northern Territory, is a dynamic, unique and ideal destination for your next conference or business event.

Darwin itself is a vibrant, modern metropolis with a thriving business culture based on innovation and enterprise.

This energetic spirit has given it one of the fastest growing economies in Australia. Thanks to its strategic location at the spectacular Top End of Australia, close access to Asia and ongoing development of its many natural assets, Darwin has developed considerable strategic strengths across the fields of gas exploration, mining, agriculture, tourism and remote health.

So it's no wonder it attracts so many visionary leaders and entrepreneurial organisations from other countries to its shores.

Darwin is a naturally beautiful city set on a stunning harbour peninsula. With its lush tropical parklands; turquoise water; striking coastal scenery; modern city skyline; wonderful waterfront precinct and blazing sunsets; Darwin is a dazzling dream come true for those lucky enough to experience it.

Darwin is also home to a diverse mix of over 60 cultures including the traditional owners, the Larrakia people, who themselves have historically enjoyed close relationships with both the sea and trade with regional neighbours. This amazing diversity is reflected in Darwin's welcoming customs, multicultural fare, exciting cultural festivals and array of colourful weekly markets.

With its year-round tropical weather, relaxed outdoor lifestyle, thriving business environment and quintessential Top End adventures, hosting your next business event in Darwin promises to be an experience like no other.



THE TOP 10 FOR THE TOP END

1
Unique Top End experiences



2
4 hour flight time from many Australian and South East Asian cities



7
22,900 square metres of flexible space under one roof



8
Creatively themed rooms for special event experiences



3
Ultra-professional team who deliver outstanding events



4
First class food and exceptional service



5
Resort-like tropical setting with warm, balmy weather year-round

6
Modern, world class conferencing and exhibition facilities



9
Close to city accommodation, shops and restaurants

10
Exciting pre and post touring opportunities including World Heritage-listed Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks



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LOCATION

“Darwin’s close proximity to Asia is a distinct advantage for those conferences with international delegates like ours, plus it’s easy to get to. Everyone can get to Singapore or Kuala Lumpur, then fly directly here.”

Professor Peter Terry, President, Asian-South Pacific Association of Sport Psychology, International Congress of Sports Psychology

ENJOY THE DARWIN ADVANTAGE

Darwin is Australia’s northern most capital city with very close proximity to South East Asia.

Within just three to five hours’ flying time, delegates from across Australia and South East Asia can converge at Darwin’s central and convenient location.

Major international and domestic carriers fly direct from major Australian cities daily and there are also regular direct services from Denpasar, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dili and Manila.

International delegates from the UK, Europe, Middle East and USA can also easily access Darwin directly via Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines.

The Darwin International Airport is just 12 kilometres from the city centre and is well serviced by registered taxis and shuttle buses.

The Darwin Convention Centre is conveniently located within a short 5-minute drive or leisurely 15 minute walk from the city hotels via the elevated ‘Sky Bridge’ to the Darwin Waterfront Precinct.





DENPASAR

2 hrs 41 mins

SINGAPORE

4 hrs 40 mins

SHENZHEN

5 hrs 30 mins

DARWIN CBD

15 mins walk

BRISBANE

3 hrs 55 mins

**DARWIN
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT**

15 mins drive

**DARWIN
CONVENTION
CENTRE**

**DARWIN
WATERFRONT
PRECINCT**

2 mins walk

ADELAIDE

3 hrs 55 mins

**SYDNEY,
MELBOURNE**

4 hrs 20 mins



Within 4 hours flight time* of Darwin, conference organisers have easy access to the Australian and booming South East Asian markets. Darwin is a logical central meeting point for Australasian delegates.

485
MILLION
PEOPLE



8
CAPITAL
CITIES



36
TRADING
PORTS



69
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORTS



23
MILLION
PEOPLE



8
CAPITAL
CITIES



20
TRADING
PORTS



18
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORTS



* Approximate average flight time from Australian capital cities

“The delegates enjoyed the warmth of the Darwin community and had the opportunity to see the energy of the region. Supported by the world class convention centre, we produced a successful event where delegates could deepen their knowledge and develop relationships to pursue fresh business opportunities.”

Paul Gallagher, Executive Director, Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee
52nd Australia – Japan Joint Business Conference



DEVELOPING THE NORTH

Representing 40% of the Australian landmass, Northern Australia provides vast natural resources and connections across the Tropics, along with the untouched land, skills and institutions that the wider Asia Pacific region needs.

‘Developing the North’ is a long-term strategy of the Australian Government to unlock its full potential and opportunities. This comprehensive blueprint encompasses building priority roads; developing water resources; increasing agricultural production; creating new export markets; developing a sustainable workforce; and ensuring effective governance arrangements.

At the macro level, it aims to build a strong, prosperous economy by leveraging the strengths and advantages of this enormous region.

TAP INTO THE LOCAL TALENT

Hosting conferences at the Darwin Convention Centre provides opportunities to invite locally based industry experts as guest speakers and to organise field visits to educational research centres, industry sites or remote communities.

These truly once-in-a-lifetime experiences in the Top End add an element of difference and can provide memories that delegates will treasure and talk about for years to come.

Darwin and the Top End offer world-leading expertise across the specialist fields of:

Oil and Gas

Boasting rich resources and major projects of global significance, Darwin is a world class maintenance and operations hub for the Asia Pacific oil and gas industry.

Mining

Darwin is the supply, service and distribution hub for major projects in northern Australia, the Timor Sea and South East Asia. The development of the Australasia Trade Route has further enhanced Darwin’s position as a key destination for large-scale mining projects.

Indigenous Health

Darwin is leading the development of innovative research, programs and policies aimed at reducing the health disadvantages experienced by Indigenous people.

Research is supported by world-renowned institutions such as the Menzies School of Health and the Lowitja Institute.

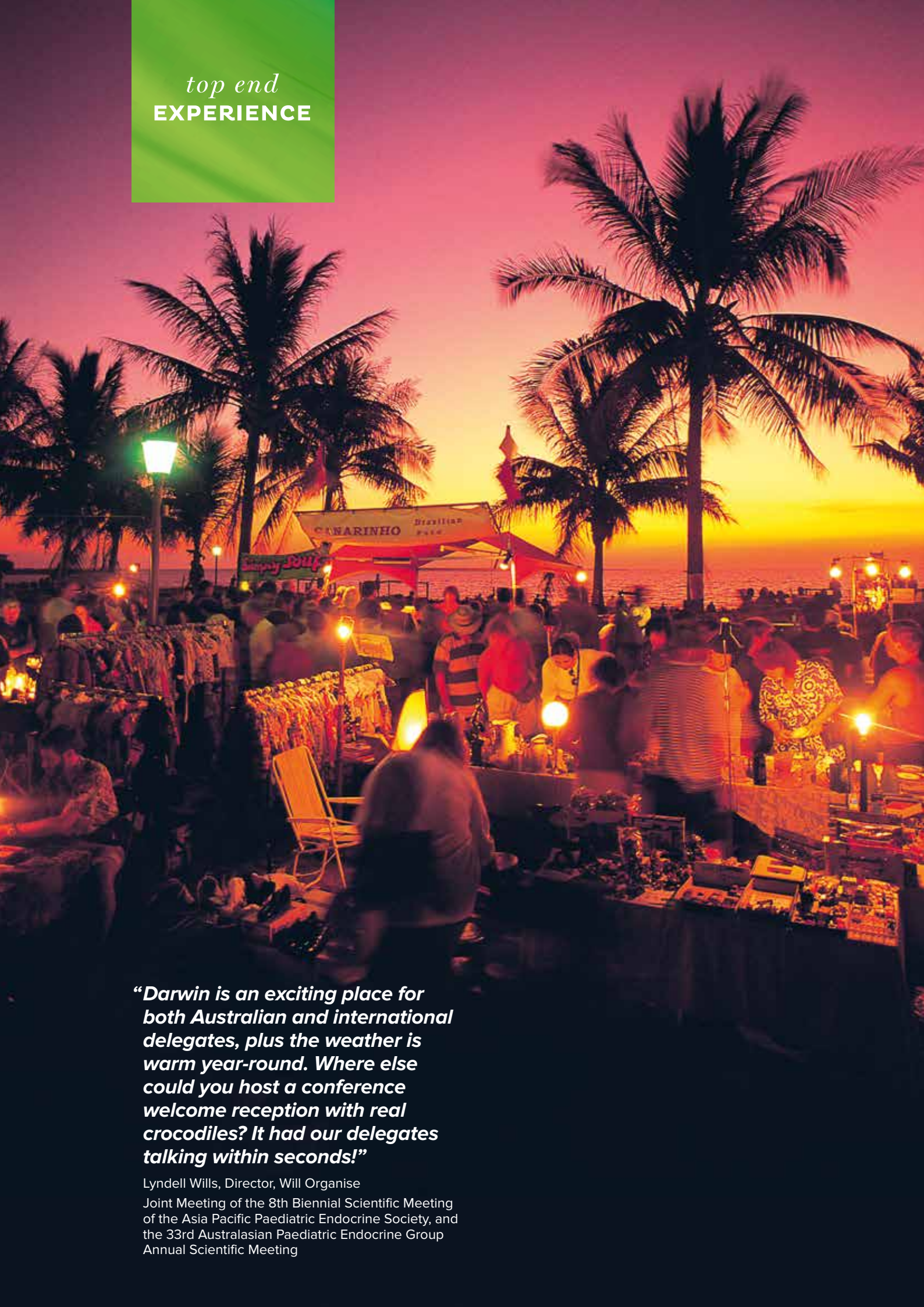
Tropical Knowledge

Darwin is also equally renowned for research into tropical health; food production; climate change; tropical savannahs; tropical wetlands; exotic pests; tropical flora and fauna; wildlife management and tropical marine environments.

Food and Agribusiness

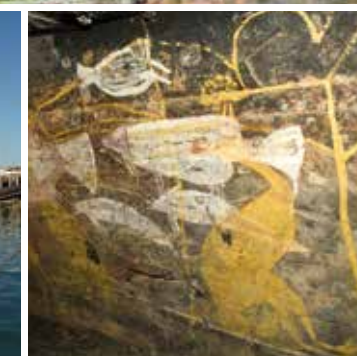
The beef cattle industry is the leading food production sector for the Northern Territory, with the Port of Darwin operating as the main outlet for Australian live cattle export trade into South East Asia. While aquaculture is the fastest growing sector of global food production.

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EXPERIENCE



“Darwin is an exciting place for both Australian and international delegates, plus the weather is warm year-round. Where else could you host a conference welcome reception with real crocodiles? It had our delegates talking within seconds!”

Lyndell Wills, Director, Will Organise
Joint Meeting of the 8th Biennial Scientific Meeting
of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society, and
the 33rd Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group
Annual Scientific Meeting



DARWIN: IT'S HARD TO TOP

Darwin is refreshingly unique as a business events destination. This vibrant contemporary city offers delegates a myriad of amazing Top End experiences and attractions to enjoy and explore.

Learn about Australia's fascinating defence history; relax on a scenic harbour cruise; hold a baby saltwater crocodile; dine at an alfresco waterfront restaurant; watch the glorious sun set into the ocean; take in a movie at the open air cinema; indulge in multicultural fare and be entertained at the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. There's so much to see and do in Darwin.

Connect with the Larrakia people – the traditional owners of the land – through a cultural performance or participating in an Indigenous cultural workshop.

Within two hours' drive of Darwin, delegates can take in the natural beauty and wildlife adventures offered by the World Heritage-listed Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks.

Admire the dramatic beauty of cascading waterfalls; cool down in tranquil rock pools; spot wildlife on a scenic wetlands cruise; experience the thrill of catching a wild barramundi; see the jumping crocodiles; or learn about Indigenous rock art.

From onsite entertainment and small group activities to offsite excursions and private touring, the Top End offers a dazzling range of exciting, diverse and unique sightseeing experiences.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME

Our local businesses extend their warm and genuine hospitality to delegates via the **Darwin Welcomes Delegates** program.

This special initiative showcases Territory businesses as informed and friendly hosts, offering insider knowledge and privileges to ensure delegates have an enjoyable and memorable visit to the Top End.

On arrival in Darwin, delegates can choose to take up a wide range of special offers and value-added opportunities at a variety of retail outlets, restaurants, hotels and tourist attractions.

WARM ALL YEAR ROUND

Darwin enjoys a tropical climate with warm weather year-round.

There are two main seasons – the 'wet' and the 'dry'. The daily temperature averages 32 degrees celsius all year, however subtle changes occur throughout these seasons. Summer wardrobe and shoes are essential.

STAY IN STYLE

Darwin offers a wide variety of accommodation options and rate categories to suit conferences of any size or style.

Delegates staying in city properties can conveniently walk to the Darwin Convention Centre via the elevated 'Sky Bridge' and through the picturesque Waterfront Precinct. Alternatively, a tailor-made shuttle bus service or taxis can provide door-to-door transfers to suit any conference timetable.

3,200 hotel rooms, serviced suites and apartments

1,800 rooms within 1 km of the Convention Centre

Additional 1,440 rooms within 10 minute drive of the Convention Centre

For more information about attractions, events, touring, accommodation, transport and the Darwin Welcomes Delegates program, visit ntconventions.com.au and tourismtopend.com.au

OUR WONDERFUL WATERFRONT

The Darwin Convention Centre is the spectacular centrepiece of the picturesque Darwin Waterfront Precinct.

This vibrant, stylish enclave offers high quality accommodation; upmarket shops and eateries; along with a sheltered sandy beach; wave lagoon pool; pleasant walkways and lush parkland – all right on the doorstep of the Convention Centre.

The Precinct hosts many lively events and festivals on weekends, and is also a popular spot for exercise. The Centre overlooks Darwin Harbour, which is active with commercial and leisure craft year-round.

The beautiful resort-like setting, blue sunny skies and the leisurely Darwin ambience all help to take delegates away from the usual hustle and bustle of big cities. Instead, delegates find themselves more relaxed with more mindspace to think and concentrate on the conference agenda at hand.

The serene waterfront setting enables delegates to combine business with leisure and pleasure: head out for a morning walk and soak up the views, do yoga in the park or take a swim in the recreation lagoon or your own hotel pool.

The excellent alfresco dining options, cafes and bars overlooking the scenic water views are ideal for connecting and networking or simply unwinding at the end of the working day.

The Waterfront Precinct is located within a leisurely 15-minute walk of the City and is easily accessible via the elevated 'Sky Bridge'.

“The Centre’s stunning location within the Waterfront Precinct along with its light and bright design and spectacular views helped to enhance the mood of the delegates every day!”

Mark Nash, Project Director, Australian Government
World Indigenous Network Conference

world class
VENUE

“We came to the Darwin Convention Centre expecting they would do a great job. They did an outstanding job. I’ve been involved in organising events throughout the world, and the staff and facilities here are as good as we have ever used.”

Charles Henry, Managing Director Australia & New Zealand & Senior Area Vice President Asia Pacific, Tupperware
Tupperware Dreamtime Manager Conference

A WORLD CLASS VENUE FOR FIRST CLASS EVENTS

The Darwin Convention Centre is world-renowned as Darwin’s premier business events venue.

Managed by global venue management specialists, AEG Ogden, this modern, award-winning facility offers a range of multi-purpose and flexible event spaces to accommodate up to 1,200 conference delegates.

Take advantage of the stunning tropical setting, eternally warm weather and magnificent sunset over the harbour for your own specially themed outdoor event.

The Centre can host large conferences; high profile business summits; large interactive public and trade exhibitions; spectacular awards ceremonies and gala dinners; themed outdoor cocktail functions; concerts by touring performing artists; exciting sporting events and demonstrations; glamorous fashion parades and bespoke intimate dinners.

Whatever the occasion, the professional expert team at the Darwin Convention Centre are ready, willing and able to work with you to create an outstanding and truly memorable occasion.

22,900
SQUARE METRES
OF MULTI-PURPOSE
SPACE

4,000
SPECIAL EVENT
PATRONS UNDER
ONE ROOF

1,200
SEAT TIERED
AUDITORIUM

4,000
SQUARE METRES
OF HALL SPACE

225
EXHIBITION
BOOTH SPACES

7
CONCURRENT
MEETING SPACES

1,200
DELEGATES
FOR OUTDOOR
COCKTAIL PARTY

228
ONSITE
UNDERGROUND
CAR PARK SPACES

SPACE TO THINK, ROOM TO FOCUS



1,200 Seat Auditorium

Ideal for conferences, presentations, concerts, awards and graduation ceremonies, this is a formal setting with tiered seating for up to 1,200 that can be divided into two equal spaces.

Outdoor Events

Host a spectacular outdoor event to enjoy the glorious warm weather, waterfront view and stunning sunset. The external spaces are great for gala banquet dinners, cocktail functions and tropical market-themed events.



Waterfront Rooms

Operable walls provide flexibility to have up to three individual spaces on Level Two. These rooms can be beautifully themed for gala dinners, weddings, meetings and seminars.

Spacious Foyers

Enjoy spectacular harbour views from the large, light-filled foyer spaces on all three levels. Suitable for morning and afternoon tea breaks, buffet luncheons, pre-dinner drinks and cocktail receptions.



Meeting Rooms

Our multi-functional meeting rooms with presentation facilities are designed for small and medium-sized meetings and events. Rooms can be divided into two or four spaces.



Exhibition Halls

With a combined area of 4,000 square metres of column-free space – or easily divided into three separate spaces. The four halls are perfect for medium to large functions including exhibitions, conferences, gala dinners and special events.

“The Indigenous themed signature dinner here was very special. It’s one of the best dinners I have ever attended or hosted. Having a large hall at the convention centre that was made to feel intimate with artwork and lighting was impressive and the acoustics were fantastic. The Indigenous dancers and the food...it was a beautiful experience.”

Wayne Taylor, Managing Director, Taylored Images
Professional Conference Organiser



YOU BECOME THE MAIN EVENT

CLEVER, COORDINATED EVENT SOLUTIONS

Our dedicated Event Planners will work closely with you to produce a creative solution to suit your conference theme as well as your budget.

Each individual element of your event experience will be holistically considered to ensure the best possible outcome. Our experienced planners will coordinate every little detail with internal departments, important stakeholders and external suppliers to ensure a minimum of fuss and worry for you and your team – and deliver an outstanding event experience for your delegates.

COOL, CALM AND CONNECTED

Darwin Convention Centre provides leading edge, integrated technology to ensure maximum connectivity for your delegates. Interactive multi-media technology; wireless internet; networking solutions; and digital signage; are all on hand to keep your conference well connected 24/7.

MAJOR PRODUCTIONS, MINOR CONCERNS

The Centre’s expert in-house production team will bring in-depth knowledge and innovative ideas to your lighting, sound and imaging to create spectacular results.

From basic data projection through to custom-designed production, our hardworking technicians will ensure the end result is dynamic, eye-catching and within your budget.

SHOW YOUR BRAND IN ITS BEST LIGHT

The entire Centre can be themed exclusively for your conference or organisation – with conference, corporate or sponsor branding – creating a striking and memorable impact on your audience.

SPECIAL NEEDS ACCESS

All public areas are easily accessible by wheelchair and there are designated disabled car parking spaces in close proximity to the Centre’s lifts.

A wireless hearing augmentation system and Braille directional signage have both been incorporated throughout the Centre.

A CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Darwin Convention Centre is committed to operating as an environmentally sustainable venue.

From the building’s energy-efficient and sustainable design and comprehensive recycling program through to its purchasing policy of sustainable food sources and environmentally sound products, the Centre is continually monitoring and minimising its environmental footprint every step of the way.

THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

Darwin Convention Centre is committed to pursuing and maintaining the highest possible quality standards. The Centre is ISO 9001 Accredited and has been awarded the International Association of Congress Centre’s (AIPC) Gold Quality Standards Certification.

outstanding
DINING

DINE IN STYLE, DARWIN-STYLE

The Darwin Convention Centre prides itself on delivering an outstanding dining experience whether catering for a boardroom luncheon or a large gala banquet dinner. We aim to always produce the very best in terms of quality, variety and service.

While including a delicious range of local and regional specialties to showcase our unique Top End, the Centre's extensive menus also feature flavours, recipes and ingredients from around the world.

We take full advantage of Darwin's amazing array of market fresh fruit and vegetables as well as its close proximity to the Arafura Sea for fresh, sustainably caught seafood including wild barramundi, tiger prawns and mud crabs.

Our talented team of chefs offer a mouthwatering selection of innovative menus and signature dishes to cater for individual tastes and budgets. A bespoke menu can be created to match any occasion or meet special dietary requirements.

"The gala dinner was very well managed, the food was exceptionally good especially for an event of this size, so compliments to the Chef. It arrived at tables hot, perfectly cooked and well presented."

Marissa Briston, Manager, Student Recruitment and Events, Charles Darwin University

Charles Darwin University 25th Anniversary Dinner

DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE
CAPACITIES

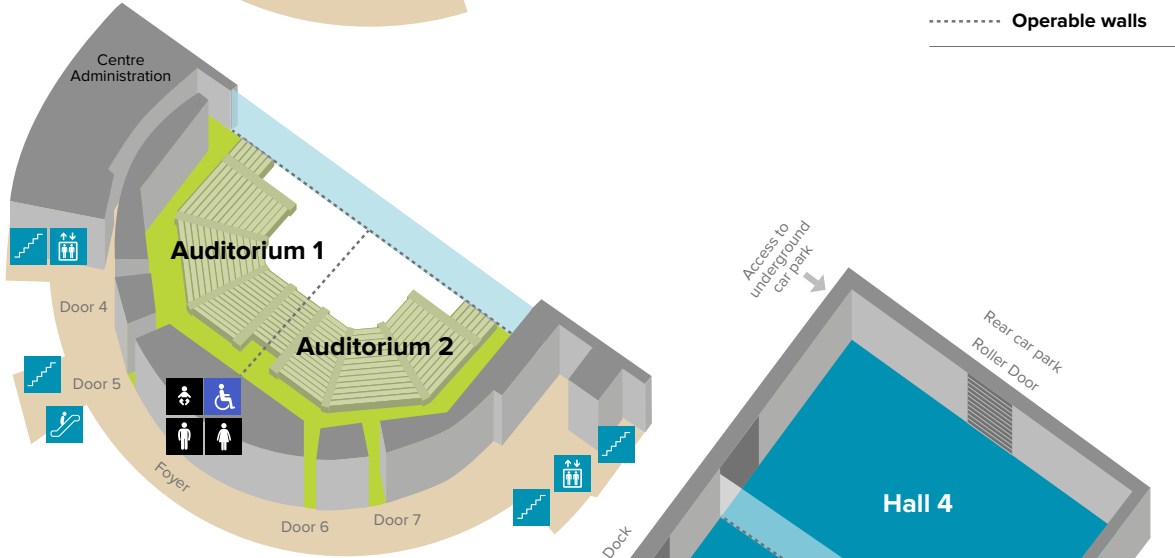
Venue		Area		Capacities					Trade booths 3m x 3m
		Metres²	Feet²	Theatre	Classroom	Cabaret	Banquet	Cocktail	
	Auditorium 1 & 2	669	7,024	1,236	-	-	-	-	-
	Auditorium 1	334	3,507	618	-	-	-	-	-
	Auditorium 2	335	3,517	618	-	-	-	-	-
Lectern Only	Meeting Rooms 1 & 2	148	1,554	156	84	96	100	170	-
	Meeting Rooms 3 & 4	148	1,554	156	84	96	100	170	-
	Meeting Room 1	63	661	64	30	40	40	70	-
	Meeting Room 2	85	892	82	40	48	60	100	-
	Meeting Room 3	85	892	82	40	48	60	100	-
	Meeting Room 4	63	661	64	30	40	40	70	-
Small Stage & Lectern (2.4 m x 1.8 m)	Waterfront Rooms 1, 2 & 3	508	5,334	560	300	272	330	600	28
	Waterfront Rooms 1 & 2	337	3,538	350	198	192	250	420	19
	Waterfront Rooms 2 & 3	338	3,549	350	198	192	250	420	19
	Waterfront Room 1	170	1,785	184	102	96	110	210	9
	Waterfront Room 2	167	1,753	160	96	96	110	210	9
	Waterfront Room 3	171	1,795	184	102	96	110	210	9
Larger stage (12 m x 4.8 m)	Halls 1, 2, 3 & 4	4,000	42,000	3,660	-	2,024	2,740	4,700	225
	Halls 1, 2 & 3	2,800	29,400	2,420	-	1,344	1,820	3,230	157
	Halls 1 & 2 or 3 & 4	2,000	21,000	1,560	-	920	1,150	2,200	112
	Hall 1	1,200	12,600	800	-	448	530	1,200	68
	Hall 2	800	8,400	630	-	360	440	700	45
	Hall 3	800	8,400	630	-	360	440	700	45
	Hall 4	1,200	12,600	920	-	544	580	1,200	68

DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE
FLOOR PLAN

LEVEL 2



LEVEL 1



GROUND LEVEL



The following rooms
can be divided:

Auditorium:
into two equal spaces

Halls 1 – 4:
into three spaces

Meeting Rooms:
into two or four spaces

Waterfront Rooms:
into three spaces

“Our Conference at the Darwin Convention Centre was a huge success with excellent delegate numbers and increased exhibitor numbers. Darwin offered a terrific destination with many unique Top End experiences incorporated into this memorable program for our delegates.”

Leanne Coleman, Conference Organiser,
National Rural Health Alliance
13th National Rural Health Conference

➤ Take a virtual tour of our
event spaces and the beautiful
Darwin Waterfront Precinct
[www.darwinconvention.com.au/
thecentre/virtualtour](http://www.darwinconvention.com.au/thecentre/virtualtour)



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