

# East Arnhem Land Leadership Immersion Itinerary *(suggested April 2018)*



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Immersion Hosts:	Caroline Benedet & Dr Jan Robertson in partnership with Culture College, Justin Porter, General Manager.
Participant Numbers:	Minimum 15- Maximum 25
Travel dates:	Sunday 30 September - Saturday 6 October 2018

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. This program is based in a remote part of Australia and costs for basic amenities can be considerably different to metropolitan cities
2. Time works very differently in East Arnhem Land. We run on our indigenous host's time, so timings of activities are fluid and depend on a wide range of factors. Patience and flexibility is a big part of creating the best possible experience. Culture College will endeavour to allocate a mix of these components into your program, but note that not all will be possible and will depend on aspects of local community life at the time.
3. Please note that Culture College is a non-profit organization with the proceeds from this program being passed onto the Hooker Family Foundation to continue the initiatives it provides for the local community in Educational Incentive programs. (Kids to Coast)

## **LAND + AIR PACKAGE: \$4,995 per person**

- \* Deposit \$500 by 30 April 2018
- \* Final payment by 1 July 2018

Note: All costs are Inclusive of GST.  
All participants complete Culture College Booking Form.

## **PROGRAM AIRFARE ITINERARY:**

DATE	CARRIER	SECTOR
September 30, 2018	Virgin/Jetstar	Sydney to Cairns
September 30, 2018	Air North	Cairns to Gove
October 6, 2018	Air North	Gove to Darwin/Cairns
October 6, 2018	Virgin/Jetstar	Darwin/Cairns to Sydney

## **INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation:  
Culture College - single room, shared toilets/showers  
Homeland - tents with single camp stretcher (Approx. 5 - 6 per tent)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.
- Culture College Tour Manager and local staff as required for duration of program
- Local Yolŋu guides as required during program
- Airport transfers to and from Gove airport and Accommodation (as above)
- Transport in Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala and surrounding areas as required during program
- Transfers to Homeland by 4WD 'Troopie' vehicles
- Permits and entry fees
- Programming in Nhulunbuy and Yirrkala based on availability of activities as outlined in itinerary
- All Indigenous Educational Exchange activities and equipment
- Round-trip economy airfare to and from Gove and Sydney

## **DAYS 1 – 2: NHULUNBUY/YIRRKALA**

Arrive in Nhulunbuy (Gove) and Welcome to East Arnhem Land.

Days 1 & 2 are in and around the town of Nhulunbuy staying at Culture College base. There will be a briefing on the itinerary for the next few days.

**Each day there will be time for self reflection, peer learning conversations, research and practice, using metaphor in leadership learning, storytelling and mindfulness.**

**Reference: *Coaching Leadership Robertson J, 2nd Edition 2016.***

Some of the activities include:

- Walk to and climb the lookout at Mt Nhulun to see a 360 Degree view of Nhulunbuy and surrounding Arnhem Land
- Be part of a 'Welcome to Country' ceremony
- Visit Yirrkala Community and Shady Beach
- Enjoy a visit to internationally renowned Buku-Larrŋgay Mulka (Yirrkala Arts) Centre & Museum. See the historical artworks (including the Yirrkala Church Panels)

## **Accommodation: Culture College, Nhulunbuy**

## **DAYS 3 – 4: CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Journey to a traditional Homeland today. On arrival you will be part of a traditional Yolŋu welcome to country. Meet and interact with members of the family that will be hosting us over the next few days. We will set up camp and wait for the clearest night sky you have ever seen!

During the 2 days on the Homelands a selection of activities can include:

- Yolŋu language & Sign language lessons

- Kinship Structures
- Preparing Dinner and making fire
- Dreaming stories
- Bush tucker - gathering and preparation
- Traditional Dancing
- Making Clap Sticks or Yidaki (Didgeridoo)
- Making Jewelry

After our farewell dinner we get together to share everyone's thoughts of our time in Arnhem Land. Swap stories and memories of this amazing trip of a lifetime that you have just experienced!

**Accommodation: Traditional Homeland (Tents)**

**DAY 5: RETURN TO NHULUNBUY**

We will pack up camp this afternoon and travel back to Nhulunbuy for some final activities before we share our final night in Arnhem Land.

**Accommodation: Culture College, Nhulunbuy**

**DAY 6: DEPART GOVE (NHULUNBUY)**

Say goodbye today and we will look forward to your return to this unique and wonderful part of Australia!

**Why did we partner with CULTURE COLLEGE?**

**Culture College is a social enterprise** originally established to inspire and educate secondary school students and empower the next generation of Australia's leaders. Proceeds from Culture College programs support the charitable objectives of the Hooker Family Foundation

Jan Robertson and I approached Culture college to offer a uniquely bespoke program.

**This Immersion experience has a deliberate lens on leadership development for experienced principals and senior leaders with a difference - being grounded remotely in Australia's traditional culture.**

Culture College Vision is for Australia to be united, culturally enhanced and stronger. A country led by a new generation of Australians who are global citizens: well educated, culturally dynamic and environmentally sensitive.

By being part of Culture College you will directly support Aboriginal education, engagement and employment alongside boosting the local economy, jobs and tourism in East Arnhem Land

**HOOKER FAMILY FOUNDATION**

For three generations the Hooker family has fostered a culture of giving back to the community and furthering the development and prosperity of Australia. Today, Ana and L.Janusz Hooker drive the family's social impact activities through the Hooker Family Foundation, a non-profit organisation dedicated to empowering youth in Australasia through education.

"We were inspired and searched the country for a suitable location to establish a permanent Culture College campus and a social enterprise to sponsor Aboriginal youth education programs sustainably over the long term. We believe that education lays the foundations to create positive, healthy and sustainable communities."

***L. Janusz Hooker, Co-Chair of the Hooker Family Foundation, The Scots College and SCECGS Redlands alumnus***

