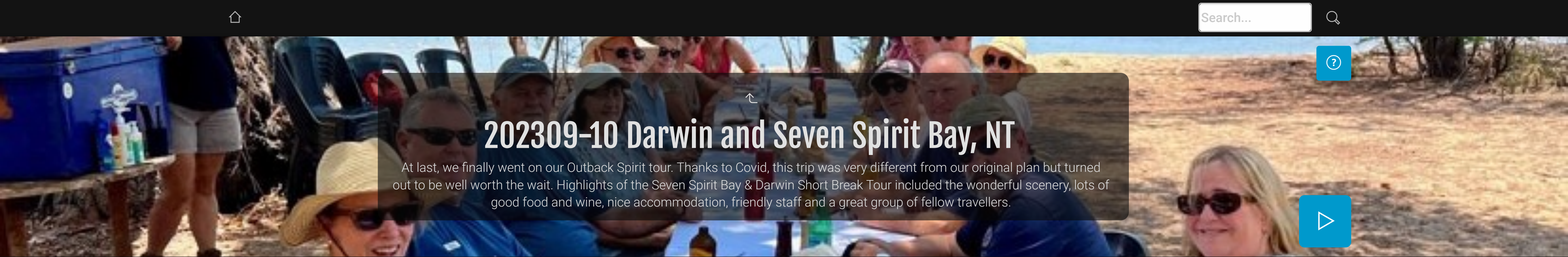


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Outback Spirit's Seven Spirit Bay & Darwin Short Break

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Stokes Hill Wharf from Sky Bridge



Darwin from Pee Wee's at East Point



We were the first for dinner at Pee Wee's



Getting ready for dinner at Pee Wee's



Early sunset from Pee Wee's



Later sunset from Pee Wee's



Forever hungry croc at Cullen Bay



Hungry fish at Cullen Bay



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Days before in Darwin

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Seven Spirit Bay International Airport, Vashon Head



Dave and Anne at Seven Spirit Bay International Airport, Vashon Head



Coral Bay from the deck at Seven Spirit Bay Lodge



Coral Bay from the deck at Seven Spirit Bay Lodge



On the Nature Walk near the Lodge



Well-used billabong on Nature Walk near the Lodge



Tree feature on Nature Walk near the Lodge



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Roadside sign near the Lodge



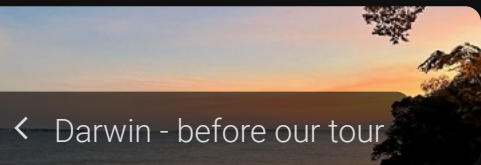
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Seven Spirit Bay Lodge
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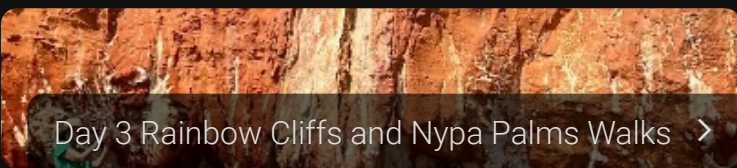
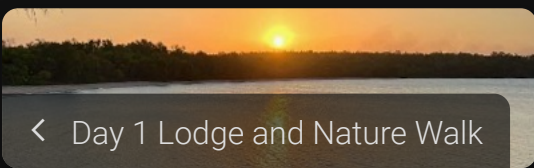
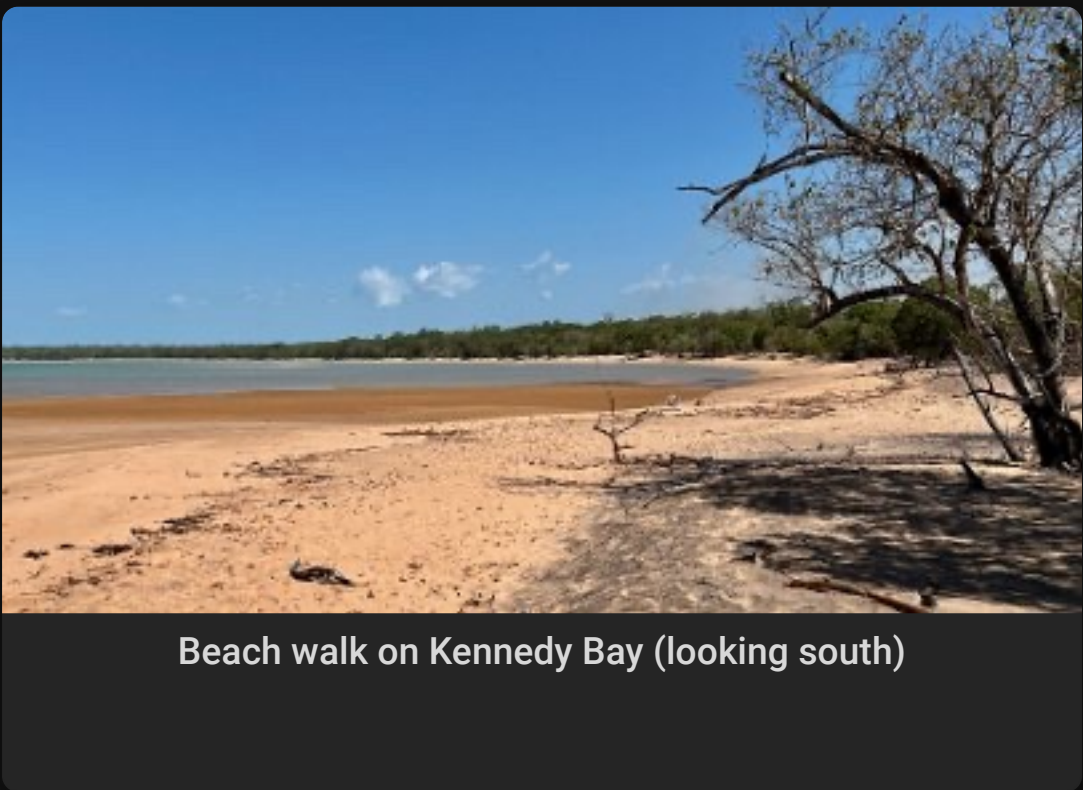
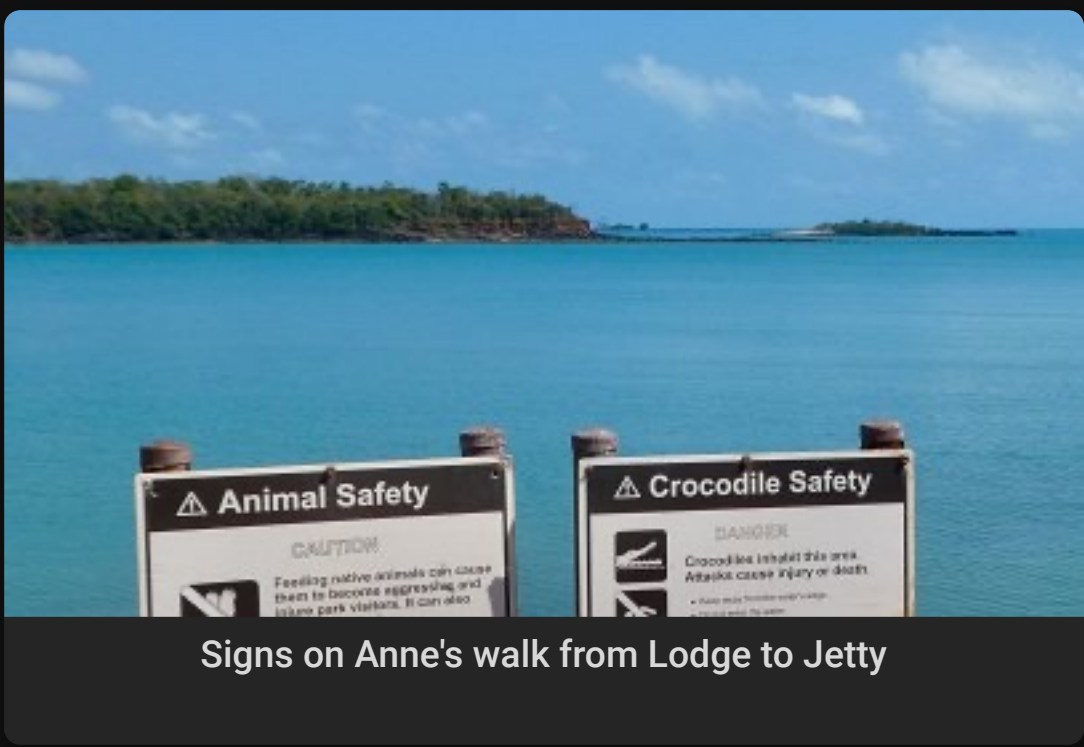
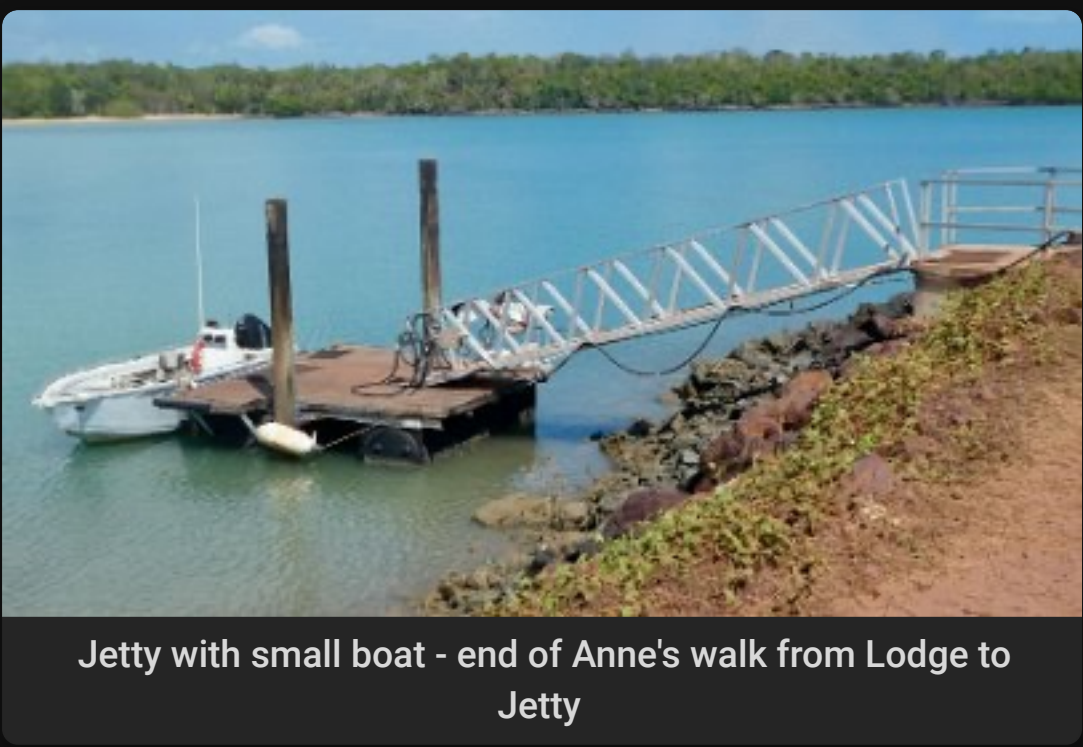
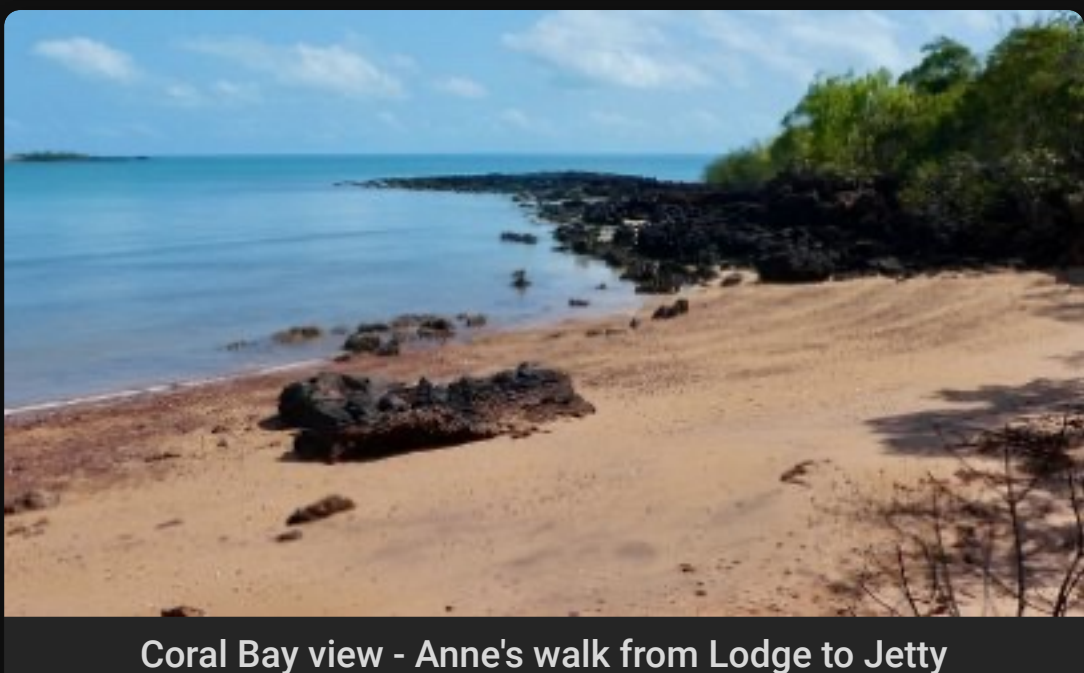
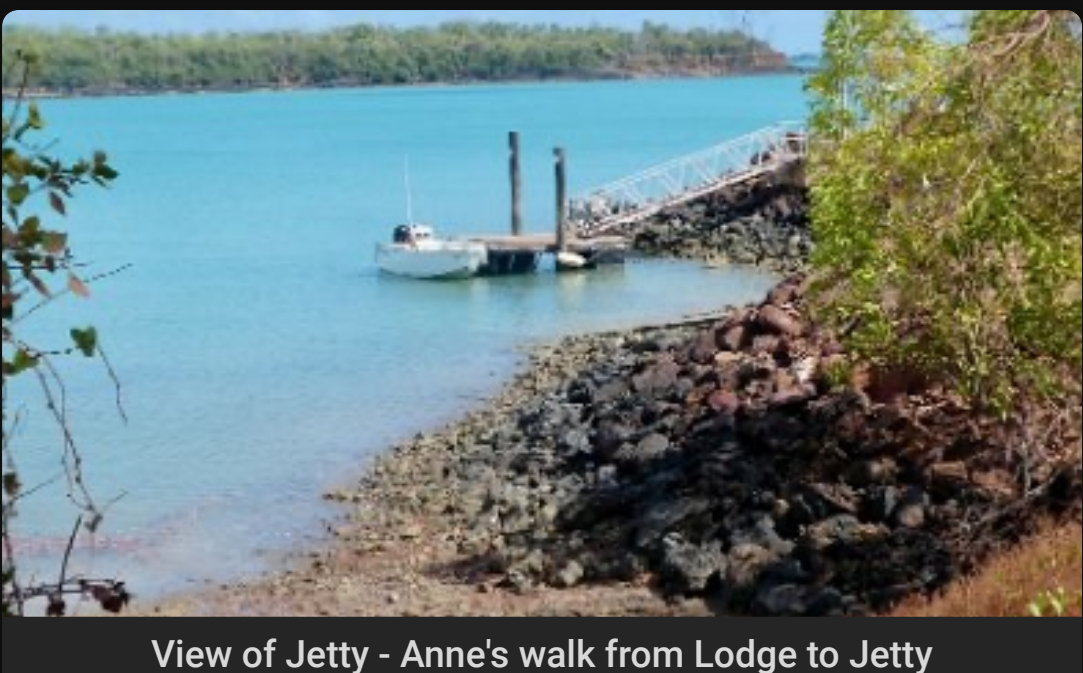
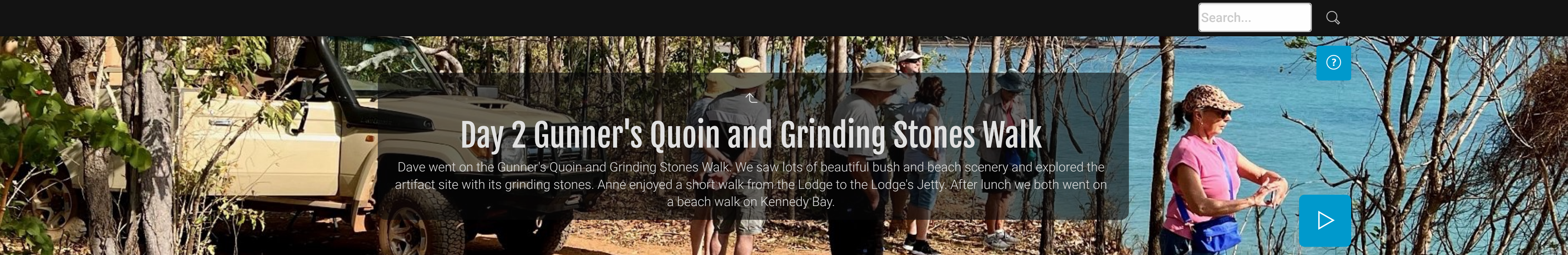


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Exterior of our accommodation at the Lodge



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Well hidden accommodation at the Lodge



Our rope-assisted way down to Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



First view of Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



View of Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Beach view near Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Inspecting the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



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The Elephant at the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Dave seen through The Elephant at the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



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Red and black colours at the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Bat cave entrance at the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Micro Fishing Bats in cave at the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay [Rhonda Davis]



Resident Wallaby at the Lodge



Turkey Bush on way to Alaru Creek



Bower bird nest and shell collection on way to Alaru Creek



Bower bird nest on way to Alaru Creek



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Billabong on Alaru Creek



Nypa Palms on Alaru Creek



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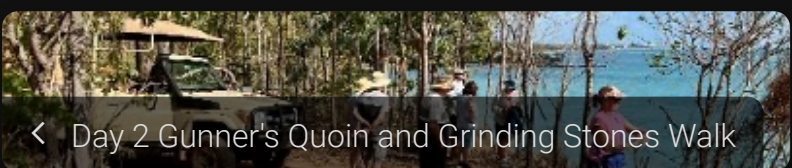


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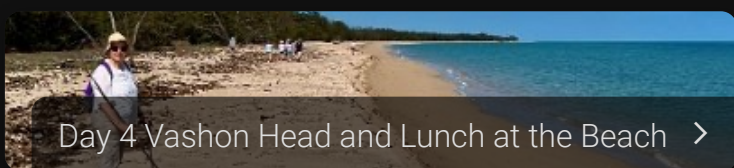


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Water Buffalo on way to Vashon Head



Bintang near Airport, Vashon Head



Old beach line near Airport, Vashon Head



Corals washed up at Vashon Head



Anne and others on beach at Trepang Bay, Vashon Head



Nice shell on beach at Trepang Bay, Vashon Head



Turtle (and other) tracks on beach at Trepang Bay, Vashon Head



Interesting palms on beach at Trepang Bay, Vashon Head



Creek south of Airport on Trepang Bay, Vashon Head



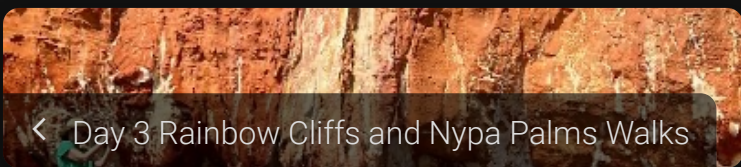
Beach at lunch spot east of Lodge on Kennedy Bay



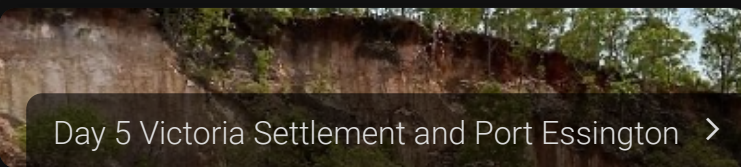
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Sunrise on way to Victoria Settlement



Start of walk to Victoria Settlement



Exploring Port Essington's eastern shore



Record Point eastern shore of Port Essington



Mrs Lambrick and Child's Grave in Victoria Settlement Graveyard



Inscription on grave to Mrs Lambrick and Child



Victoria Settlement (Port Essington) Memorial Plaque



Lime Kiln at Victoria Settlement



View from Victoria Settlement



Hospital Kitchen at Victoria Settlement



Hospital Kitchen (above) and Hospital (below) at Victoria Settlement



Married Quarters at Victoria Settlement



View from Adam Head, Victoria Settlement



Magazine at Victoria Settlement



The MV Arafura ready to take us back to the Lodge



Adam Head on way back to the Lodge



Trees clinging to eroding cliffs on eastern shore of Port Essington



Eroding cliffs on eastern shore of Port Essington



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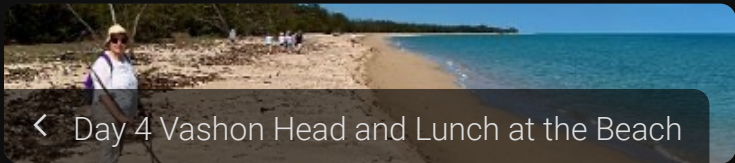


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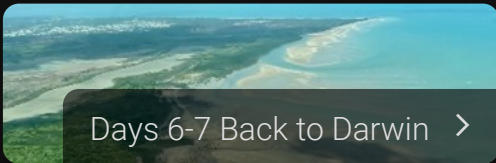
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Cape Don, Cobourg Peninsula



Approaching Darwin, Lee Point in the distance



Anne's pearl necklace from Darwin's The House of Pearls



Street art in Darwin



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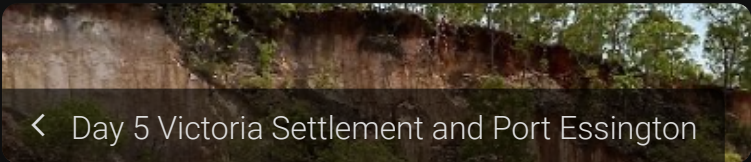


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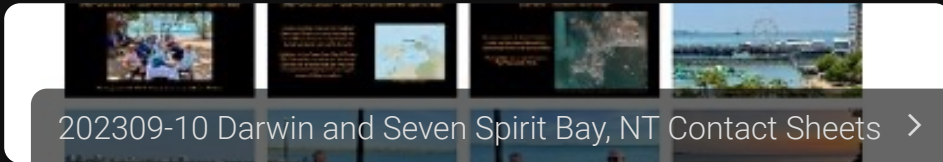


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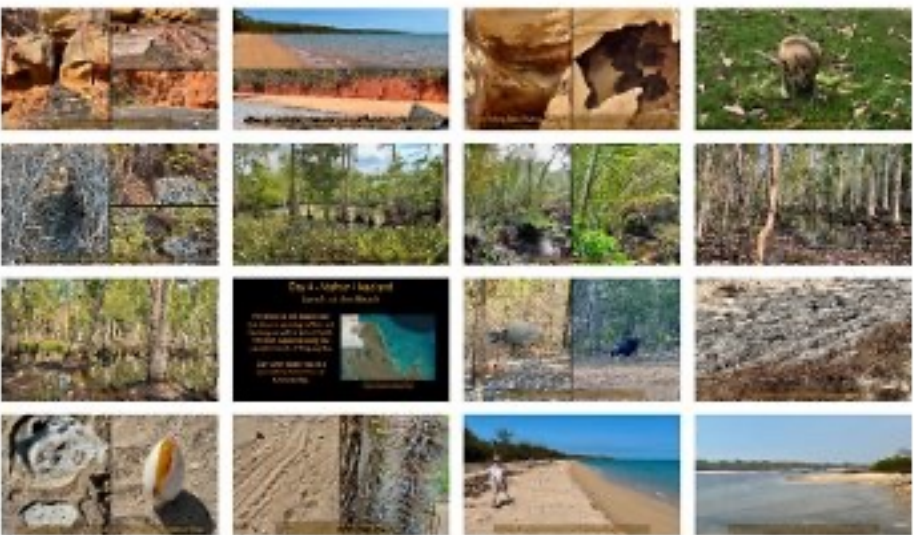
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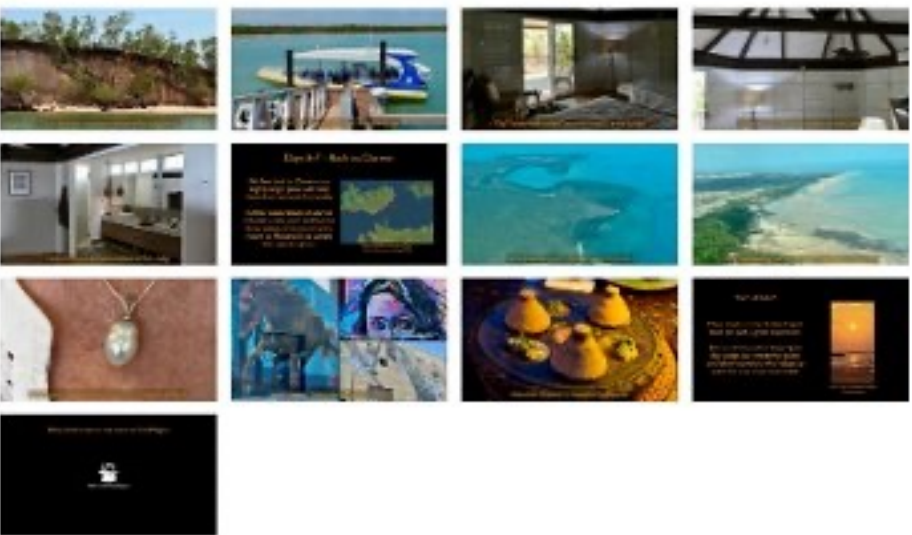
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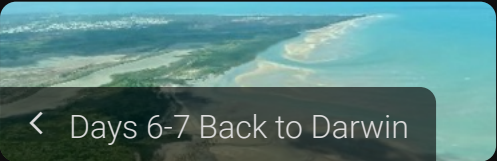
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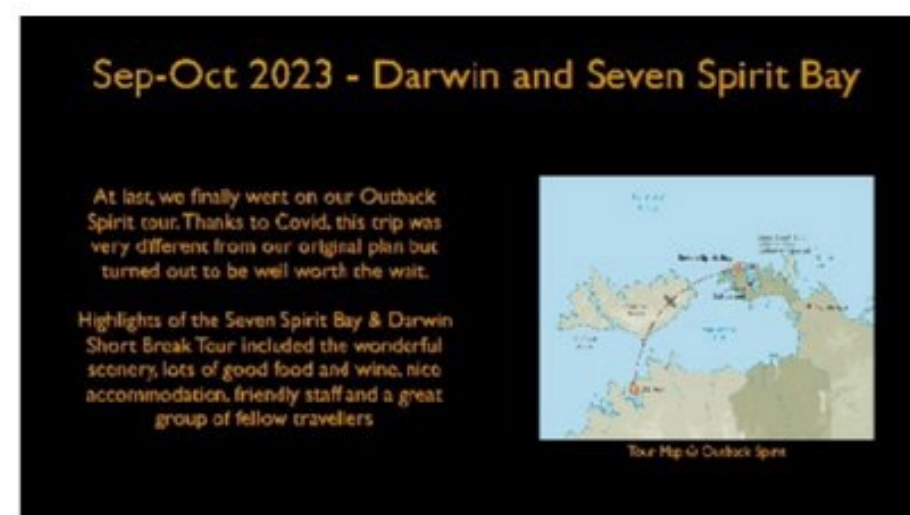


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On the Nature Walk near the Lodge



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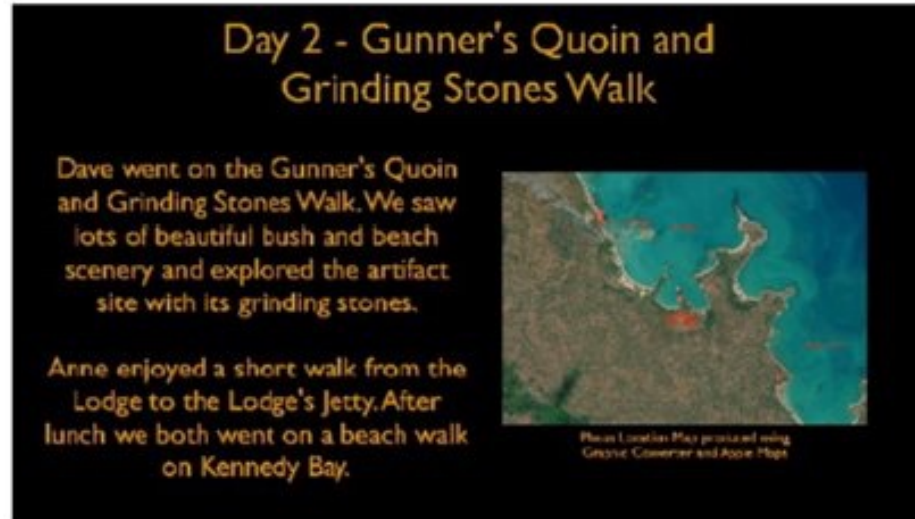
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Seven Spirit Bay Wilderness Lodge



Sunset view from the Lodge



Views of Lodge swimming pool and Coral Bay



View of Coral Bay from near our accommodation at the Lodge



Some of our group on the beach



View to the east from Gunner's Quoin towards Wilford Point



Beach scene north of Gunner's Quoin (looking north at left, looking south at right)



Coconut sprout and turtle track in the sand north of Gunner's Quoin



Grinding stones north of Gomer's Quail



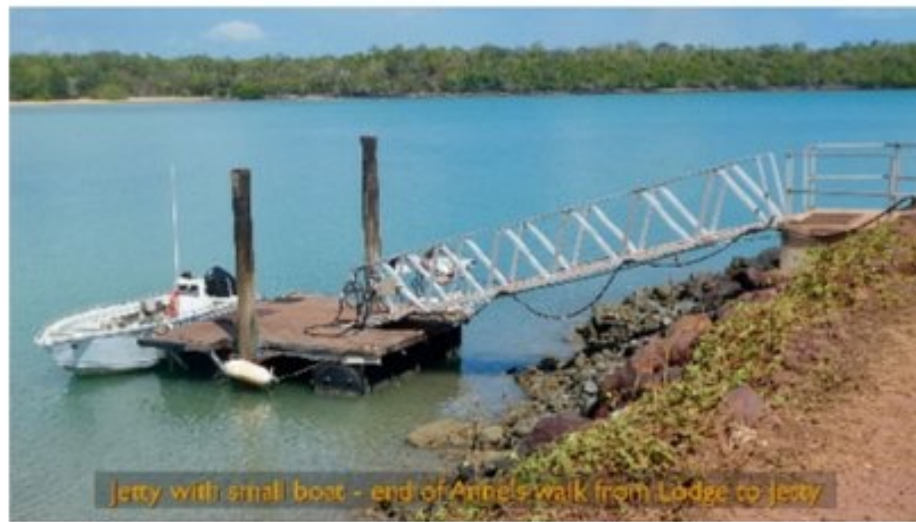
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Vegetation on walk back from Gomer's Quail



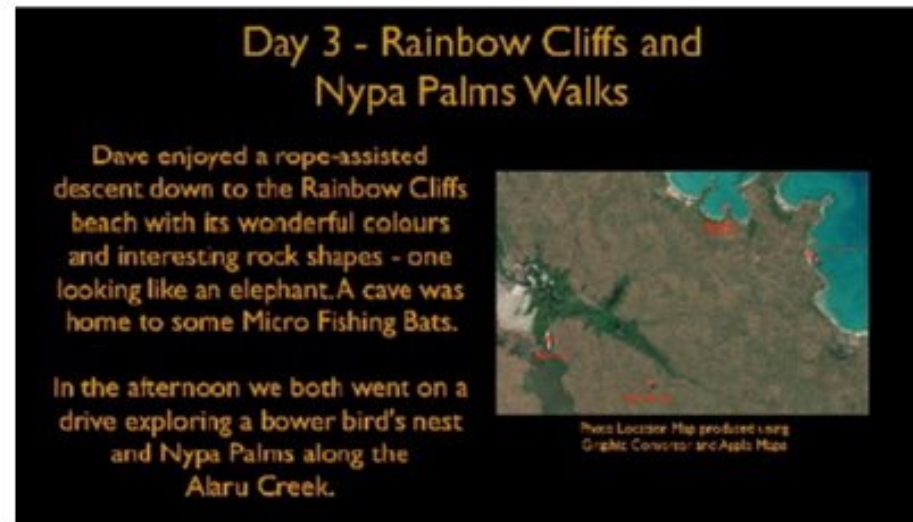
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Tree sculpture on Kennedy Bay beach walk



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Our accommodation at the Lodge on left - another well-holder on right



People descending to Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Inspecting the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



The Elephant Well Cave seen through it at the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Colours at the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Beach view to the beach and shore with Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay



Micro Fishing Bats (Fishing Bats) live at the Rainbow Cliffs, Kennedy Bay - entrance and residents (10 month later)



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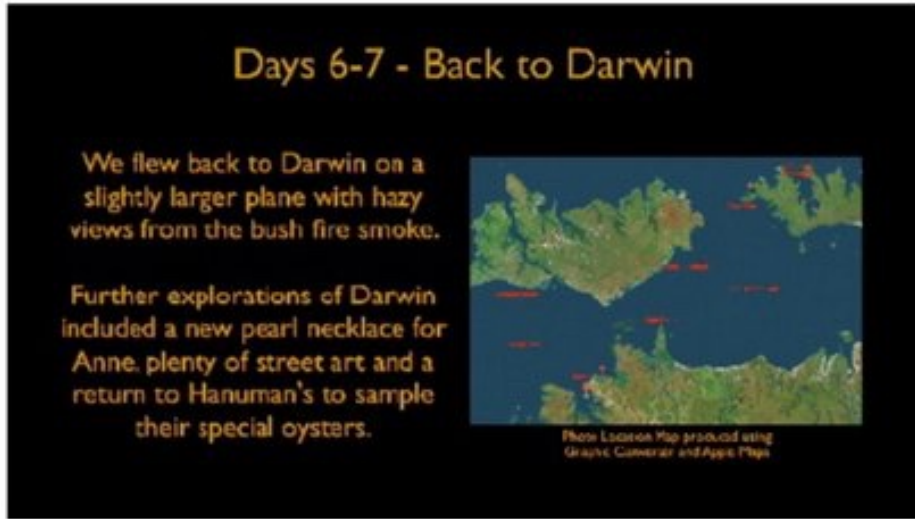
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