



AWANA (WELCOME) TO THE TIWI ISLANDS

“Ngawa kukunari ngini nuwa awungarra kapi nginingawula murrakupuni. Awi. We are happy that you are here in our country, in our land. Talking to everybody”

TIWI GREETING

Fast Facts:

The Tiwi Islands comprise Bathurst Island and Melville Island. The SeaLink ferry service goes to Wurrumiyanga (formerly known as Nguiu) on Bathurst Island.

The Tiwi Islands were separated from mainland Australia 6000-8000 years ago, with the melt of the Ice Age. Before that the Arafura Sea was the flood plain of the Adelaide River – the mouth of which is now Apsley Strait.

Wurrumiyanga is the largest community in the Tiwi Islands with a population of approximately 1500 people

Most residents speak Tiwi as their first language.

The Tiwi Islands Football League boasts 8 teams and the grand final held in March each year is a great community event.

Tiwi art, including paintings, prints, sculptures and textiles, is renowned throughout the world and exhibited in many major galleries.

The Tiwi Islands are privately owned – a permit is required if you plan to travel outside the community of Wurrumiyanga. Contact the Tiwi Land Council

The Tiwi Islands are alcohol restricted areas. Please do not bring alcohol – it will be confiscated.



USEFUL TIWI WORDS

Awungana

hello • welcome

Manya

thanks • see you later

Pupuni

good • it's good

Karluwu

no • no thanks

Mantowi

friends



Wurrumiyanga Timetable:

DAY	DEPART CULLEN BAY	DEPART WURRUMIYANGA
Thursday	8:00am	3:15pm
Friday	8:00am	3:15pm
Sunday	11:00am	1:45pm

Please arrive at the ferry terminal 30 minutes prior to departure.
** Please note that schedules and fares are subject to change without notice. Check website for further details.*

AFL on the Tiwi Islands

SeaLink runs special services for Tiwi Bombers AFL home games at Wurrumiyanga and also for the Tiwi Islands Grand Final in March. Please contact our office for more information.



Proud sponsors of the Tiwi Bombers Football Club.

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Main visitor attractions

- **TIWI DESIGN** One of the longest established art centres in Australia with a wide variety of locally made traditional and contemporary art available for sale direct to visitors.
- **OLD CHURCH PRECINCT** Historic church built by missionaries and Tiwi's in early 1900's with the radio shed that first reported the incoming Japanese in the bombing of Darwin WWII.
- **CULTURE MUSEUM** Display of history, art, stories and language.
- **NGARUWANAJIRRI** (meaning 'helping one another') Art centre featuring paintings, prints and carvings. Transport available phone 8978 3724.
- **BIMA WEAR** Women's group sewing shop with locally made designs, clothing and fashion.

Remember – no swimming – there are crocs even if you can't see them. Please ask Tiwis before taking photographs. Please don't take shells from the beaches.

CONTACT NUMBERS

SeaLink Ferry – 1300 130 679

Wurrumiyanga Clinic – 8978 3984

Police – 131 444, or for emergency dial 000

Tiwi Land Council – 8970 9373

Wurrumiyanga Township



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