

EXPECTATIONS

Tarntipi Bush Camp Information Sheet

This document outlines the approach of the cultural experience delivered at Tarntipi Bush Camp. The delivery of Indigenous education can differ from the styles of Western education. This document will provide you, the participant, with a set of criteria with which to evaluate your experience and learnings.

Knowledge delivery

Tiwi education extends from an oral and visual tradition. Information and knowledge is delivered through stories. You might find the same stories are being told multiple times but if you listen carefully, you will realise that small pieces of information are being built upon with each retelling. You might also feel as though the stories do not relate to one another but as understanding grows, the connections will become more apparent. We encourage you to remain patient and open to learning.

Participatory learning

Tiwi education invites participation. Experiences on country are the most effective way of engaging with Tiwi culture. Our cultural educators ask you to walk beside them. This means being open and receptive to the learning that occurs through activities such as fishing, hunting, and gathering firewood. Culture is intertwined in the routines of daily life. The program has been intentionally structured to be delivered to small groups for highly personalised and intimate engagement. We encourage you to participate as much as you can.

Time

Tiwi culture is thousands of years old and imparted to a person over the course of their lifetime. You might feel as though the delivery of knowledge is slow compared to what you are used to. We encourage you to notice your own assumptions about time.

Respect

Our cultural educators encourage people to develop curiosity and learn about Tiwi way. They like to share their language, land and culture. But please be aware there are certain cultural protocols that guide communication and sometimes simply 'asking questions' in search of answers will have limitations. There are boundaries on the types of interactions that can occur between men and women. There is also respect given to elders. Although participants are not expected to be familiar with these protocols, they are things to keep in mind when evaluating your experience.

Photography

Permission to take photographs needs to be requested from a Tiwi educator and consent provided. We ask that permission is sort before photographing the land or the children. In no circumstances is it appropriate to use photographs for commercial use.