



# Visitor Protocols for the Tiwi Islands

For visitors with a permit to travel outside community boundaries

*These protocols provide guidance for people visiting the Tiwi Islands to ensure their work respects Tiwi property, privacy, cultural beliefs and practices.*

## Your permit

You have been issued with a Visitor Permit by the Tiwi Land Council (TLC) to visit the Tiwi Islands and travel outside community boundaries. Please carry your permit with you at all times, and be open, honest and respectful in your dealings with Tiwi people. Failure to present a permit when requested by an authorised officer is an offence under the *Aboriginal Land Act*.

The Tiwi Islands are private property. Your permit only allows you and the others listed on your permit to visit the islands; it does not entitle you to invite other people, such as friends or relatives, to accompany you. Your permit does not allow you to go fishing in the exclusion zone, hunt or camp. If you wish to engage in recreational activities, you will need to apply for a relevant permit [www.tiwilandcouncil.com](http://www.tiwilandcouncil.com) and be hosted by a Tiwi resident. Your application will need TLC approval.

## Transport and accommodation

You are responsible for organising your own transport and accommodation on the Tiwi Islands. Please visit the Transport and Accommodation page on the Tiwi Land Council website. [www.tiwilandcouncil.com](http://www.tiwilandcouncil.com)

Your permit allows you to drive on the main roads between communities. However, you are not permitted to go off-road or engage in recreational activities such as sightseeing, fishing, hunting or camping.

## Travelling beyond community boundaries

There are a number of places you may wish to visit for recreational purposes on the islands, including local beaches, Tumwarripi falls and Maralumpi waterhole on Bathurst Island, and Taracumbi falls and Kilu-Impini waterhole on Melville Island. Please be respectful of Tiwi culture and avoid Sacred Sites. Burial areas, marked with distinctive Pukumani poles, are located across the islands and should also be avoided.

## Photography and filming

It is permitted to take photographs for personal use as a memento of your visit, but you must always seek written permission from individuals before taking their photograph or filming them. A Tiwi Media Consent Form is available on the TLC website under *Information for Permit Holders*. A signed Consent Form provides a record of your interaction, respects Tiwi interests, and will help avoid potential misunderstandings.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You will need to apply for a Media Permit to film or take photographs of the Tiwi Islands for publication or for commercial purposes.

## Social media

Social media posts have the potential to cause offence to Tiwi people. Do not upload audio, video or images of people to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or blogs without written consent from the individuals involved.

## Protecting the environment

The Tiwi Islands are environmentally sensitive and largely intact. To ensure the ongoing protection of Tiwi land and sea country, you must comply with applicable Northern Territory and Commonwealth laws and comply with all TLC environmental and quarantine requirements.