

Groote Eylandt
offers a lifestyle
like nowhere else.







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Live

The place

Living on Groote Eylandt is a unique experience, with a relaxed atmosphere and plenty of natural beauty.

Groote Eylandt is a remote island located off the coast of the Northern Territory just a 25 minute flight from Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula. A popular spot for tourists and locals alike, offering a range of activities such as fishing and bird watching.

The island is home to seven indigenous communities made up of 14 clans. The Traditional Owners of the Groote Archipelago are referred to by their language name, Anindilyakwa. The largest communities are Angurugu and Umbakumba located on Groote Eylandt, the Milyakburra located on Bickerton Island and there are four satellite communities 4 Mile, Malkala, Little Paradise, and Bartalumba Bay, located close to mainstream services.

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Weather

Groote Eylandt has 2 seasons - the dry and the wet.

During the dry season residents enjoy sunny days paired with blue skies. With average temps around 32° days and 20° nights. The humidity drops to a comfortable 60-65%, making it the perfect conditions for outdoor living.

The wet season generally commences around November and ends towards the end of April. Temperatures will reach the mid-30° with the increase in humidity triggering refreshing monsoonal rains combined with spectacular thunder and lightning storms, with a drop in humidity and temperatures.

Transport

There are regional flights to Groote Eylandt from Darwin Airport.

There are also regular [ferry services](#) from Groote Eylandt to adjacent Bickerton Island and Numbulwar as well as charter flights and private boat charters.

On the island and car hire is currently not available. Vehicles can be bought over by barge.

GEMCO offers a regular shuttle bus service between Alyangula and the Groote Eylandt Airport for Alyangula residents.

Seaswift offers a bus service- [visit https://www.sealink.com.au/groote-eylandt/ferry-information/timetable/](https://www.sealink.com.au/groote-eylandt/ferry-information/timetable/) for info and complete timetable of where bus goes and when, including costs.

Permits

A permit is required to visit any Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

Visitors to Groote must obtain a permit by contacting the [Anindilyakwa Land Council](#).

There are also bio security [restrictions](#) to protect the natural ecosystem from pests and diseases. Some pets are not allowed.

The people

Aboriginal people account for most of the population of Groote Eylandt.

The people are represented by the Anindilyakwa Land Council, which is the peak body for the Anindilyakwa people. The Land Council is responsible for protecting and promoting the rights and interests of the Anindilyakwa people.

The Groote Eylandt Mining Company (GEMCO) set up the town of Alyangula for its workers on the mine under a special purpose lease between GEMCO, ALC and the Anindilyakwa Land Trust (ALT).

Aboriginal language groups

The term “language group” is used often to describe different groups of Aboriginal people because they themselves identify by their language.

Major Aboriginal languages of the Northern Territory



Health Services and contact details

In the event of an emergency, dial 000 for emergency services.

In case of emergencies the nearest hospital to Groote Eylandt is the Gove District Hospital, located in the town of Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory. The hospital provides a range of services including emergency, medical, surgical, obstetric, paediatric, mental health and allied health services. Medical Air Services provide medical repatriation via helicopter or jet.

Gove District Hospital
(08) 8987 0204

Remote Health Care Facilities in the East Arnhem Region

Location	Phone	Opening hours	Operator
Alyangula	08 8987 6255	9am to 5pm	NT Health
Angurugu	08 8987 6311	9am to 5pm	NT Health
Milyakburra (Bickerton Island)	08 8987 7054	Please call for hours	NT Health
Umbakumba	08 8987 6772	Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm Friday 9am to 1pm	NT Health

Medical services also visit Groote on a regular basis with oral health, cardiology, ultra sounds, diabetes, optometry, physiotherapy, hearing, obstetrics and gynaecology just some of the services that visit.

Dental services

Gove Dental Clinic	Endeavour Square Nhulunbuy NT 0880	08 8922 6466
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Visiting dental services in remote towns

If you live in a remote town you can access dental services from visiting and mobile dental clinics. To find out when dentists are visiting your town, contact your local remote health clinic at nt.gov.au/wellbeing/remote-health/remote-health-services.

Aged Care

The aged care assessment program provides support to eligible people who need Australian Government services such as:

- residential aged care or respite
- home care packages
- transition care program for older people after a hospital stay.

To access this program, you must be Aboriginal and 50 years old and over, or non-Aboriginal and 65 years old and over.

For more information, call the Australian Government's My Aged Care on [1800 200 422](tel:1800200422) or go to the Australian Government's [My Aged Care website](https://myagedcare.gov.au) at myagedcare.gov.au.

Care is available through Mungkadinamanja Aged Care.

(08) 8987 6598

info@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au





WORK

Opportunities

Mining is the main contributor to economic activity in the area with the production of manganese at the GEMCO mine. Remote Hospitality placements and also Health workers are highly sought after.

The Northern Territory Government is a significant employer on Groote Eylandt, you can search employment opportunities in government at jobs.nt.gov.au.

Local Government Councils

Often have job listings available on their website. Their peak body Local Government Association NT ([LGANT](https://www.lgnt.org.au)) has links to all Council websites.

Northern Territory Government jobs

Sector	Website
Health	health.nt.gov.au/careers
Police	pfes.nt.gov.au/join-us
Teaching	education.nt.gov.au/education/careers-in-education

Key job websites

Key job sites	Website
Seek	seek.com.au/jobs/in-Northern-Territory-NT
Indeed	au.indeed.com/jobs-in-Northern-Territory
Adzuna	adzuna.com.au
Australian jobsearch	workforceaustralia.gov.au
Jobs in Australia's Northern Territory	jobs.theterritory.com.au

LEARN

Schools and Daycare

Alyangula has a single school, the Alyangula Area School, which is run by the NT Department of Education. It has enrolment for students, primarily in the younger years and middle years of schooling. Although the school offers Prep to Year 12, the senior years of high school are typically offered through distanced education.

School term and holiday dates differ to other States with a longer mid-year break of 3 weeks.

There are 4 terms in the school year and, most government schools follow the same term dates with the exception of some remote schools.

Territory schools generally hold classes between 8am and 3pm. All Government schools are co-educational.

In the Northern Territory there are three stages of schooling which are:

- Primary - transition to Year 6
- Middle - Year 7 to Year 9
- Senior - Year 10 to Year 12.

Student transfers

If transferring from one school to another, your child's records will automatically transfer between government schools in the Territory.

If your child is transferring to a non-government school, your written consent must accompany any request.

Childcare

Childcare services in Alyangula are provided by Sea Grass Early Learning & OSHC.

Phone 08 89 877 030

Email director@seagrasslearning.org



Enrolling at school

You can complete a student enrolment form [online](#) or in person at your child's new school. Enrol your child at nt.gov.au/learning/primary-and-secondary-students/enrol-your-child-at-school.

If enrolling in preschool you must also complete the supplementary preschool enrolment form.

The Northern Territory Government, in partnership with education providers, offers Study in Australia's Northern Territory Scholarships to talented students. The scholarships are for vocational education and training, higher education, and schools.

For more information on studying and living in the Northern Territory, visit the Study NT website at theterritory.com.au/study.

Financial Assistance for students

You may qualify for a range of financial assistance available to support Learning in the NT including:

- Scholarships
- HELP fees
- VET fee help,
- Austudy
- Abstudy
- Youth Allowance
- Assistance for Isolated Children
- Back to school payment scheme
- School Sport Vouchers

School	Location	Contact
Alyangula Area School	Groote Eylandt	(08) 8987 6366 Alyangula.admin@education.nt.gov.au
Umbakumba School	Groote Eylandt	(08) 8987 6793 Admin.umbakumba@ntschoools.net
Angurugu School	Groote Eylandt	(08) 8987 6355 Admin.angurcec@ntschoools.net
Milyakburra School	Bickerton Island	(08) 8987 6084



THRIVE

Arts and Culture

Visitors to Groote Eylandt can experience the Anindilyakwa culture through art galleries, cultural tours, and cultural festivals.

Explore the Historic mission church, cave paintings, naked pools and Milner bay port. The [Anindilyakwa Aboriginal Art Centre](#) and [Anindilyakwa arts](#).

Sports

Sport on Groote Eylandt is mainly focused on outdoor activities such as fishing, golfing, boating, and camping. There are also a number of sporting clubs on the island, including the Groote Eylandt Football Club, and Groote Eylandt Netball Club.

Recreation facilities include a nine-hole golf course, BMX track, swimming pool, gym, squash and tennis courts, and walking tracks and ovals.

[Bush fit mob](#) run after school and holiday program for kids and swimming program

Events

The Groote Eylandt Game and Sport Fishing Club host regular activities follow them on Facebook for updates.

Anindilyakwa Music Program and its staff manage a string of bands and artists and run in-school and out-of-school music programs.

Sporting tournaments for the various sporting activities on the island also occur from time to time.

Dining

Dining spots on the island include the The Arc, the Groote Eylandt Golf Club, and the Groote Eylandt Lodge. Offering a variety of local and international cuisine, as well as a range of drinks and snacks.

There is also a bakery and several cafés/takeaway options scattered around the island, offering a range of seafood, burgers, and other local dishes.



Shopping

The Alyangula supermarket provides at good variety of essential groceries and fresh foods. Open 7 days. Hours vary over public holidays.

Local attractions

There are 15 designated recreation areas on Groote Eylandt open to visitors for fishing and camping (with permits), fully accessible by vehicle as well as boat. All persons over the age of 15 must hold a valid Recreation Permit.

You must visit the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers at Pole 13 to organise your Recreation Permit on arrival to Groote Eylandt.

Local Services

Groote Eylandt offers a variety of amenities, including an airport, golf club plus the Umbakumba Cultural Centre and Groote Eylandt Language Centre.

The library at Alyangula Area School is available for use by all staff, students and members of the public. A second public library is available at Umbakumba.

There is a 25m swimming pool, childcare centre facilities, sporting facilities, a training centre, church and health centre.

There is also a post office, a chemist, newsagency, Remedial and KaHuna Massage and alternative therapies, gift shop, gym, café, hardware store, supermarket and a bakery. The town also has a hairdresser, takeaway food outlets, clothing shops, mechanical workshop, fifo veterinarian, and a service station.

The Country Womens Association also has a Groote Eylandt branch that presents regular events (bingo, theme nights, fishing competitions) in the community plus runs the local op shop and book nook.

Community Amenities

Visit bushtel.nt.gov.au to gain an understanding of what is available in each of these regional communities:

- Alyangula <https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/10270>
- Umbakumba <https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/555>
- Angurugu <https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/451>
- Milyakburra <https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/532>

