



Equity Services



OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

The Off-Campus accommodation service is designed to assist new and continuing students and staff to find appropriate accommodation while studying or working at Charles Darwin University. We offer a FREE and confidential service providing information and advice on housing options, tenancy advice and support and assistance with accommodation problems. The Accommodation Officer is happy to discuss your accommodation options but is unable to book or arrange accommodation on your behalf.

Rental Properties/Rooms

StudyStays

CDU provides a free website to staff and students for private room and unit rental. This is an online noticeboard to connect staff and students with available accommodation. If you do not have a CDU email address you will need another form of confirmation that you are enrolled or working at CDU to register. The website can be searched without registration. <https://cdu.studystays.com.au/>



UniLodge Darwin

UniLodge

UniLodge is a professional management company and the market leader in the operation and management of student accommodation in Australia and New Zealand. UniLodge Darwin student accommodation is the first UniLodge property in the Northern Territory. It offers students a modern living environment that is convenient and safe, only 800 meters from the front gates of Charles Darwin University, Casuarina Campus. UniLodge Darwin is a purpose built student accommodation building and is an integral part of Northern Territories premier Shopping Centre, Casuarina Square. For more information please visit the UniLodge Darwin Website at <https://unilodge.com.au/lodge/darwin/> or call the UniLodge Concierge on (08) 8942 0706.

Banyan View Lodge

Banyan View Lodge is a residence which accommodates students for short or longer term stays. The lodge is in the CBD and on the bus route to the Casuarina Campus. The application form and more information can be found online.

www.banyanviewlodge.com.au

Phone: +61 (08) 8980 6100

Both www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au are the easiest and fastest ways to look for rental properties in Darwin. Most real estate agents and property managers list their properties on these sites and update the lists regularly. To contact an agent directly please refer to the selection below:

Darwin Rental Specialists Phone: **08 8948 8512**, 1/12 Totem Road, Coconut Grove 0810

LJ Hooker Phone: **08 8924 0900**, 1/25 Parap Road, Parap 0820

Absolute Realty Phone: **08 8947 0156**, 30/119 Reichardt Rd, Winnellie 0820

Elders Real Estate Phone: **08 8981 1822**, 70 Smith St, Darwin 0800

Raine & Horne Darwin Phone: **08 8941 8941**, 18 Stuart Highway, Stuart Park 0820

First National Real Estate Phone: **08 8942 8942**, 141 Mitchell St, Darwin 0820

Colliers International Phone: **08 8997 0888**, 8/1194 Stuart Hwy, Winnellie, 0801



Private rentals are listed in the **NT News**, the Northern Territory newspaper that comes out daily. Wednesday's and Saturday's are the best days to look at rental and sales listings. The NT News also has listings for room rentals if you are looking at renting a room in an already set up house/unit.

Other websites - www.gumtree.com.au www.flatmates.com.au www.easyroommate.com and www.share-accommodation.net are also good websites to find private accommodation to rent.



Applying for off-campus accommodation

There is a strong demand for rental properties in Darwin. This means there is usually a lot of competition for accommodation and the prices can be high. It is best to book short term accommodation for when you first arrive so you have a chance to view rental properties. Do not sign up for any accommodation without seeing it first and do not ask friends to get accommodation for you before you arrive. You may consider asking a friend to send you information and prices of accommodation prior to your arrival to give you more of an idea, but do not commit to a property on a friend's advice.

Accommodation up to 15 minutes travelling time (by car) to the University includes (but not limited to) the following suburbs: Wanguri, Tiwi, Casuarina, Brinkin, Nightcliff, Alawa, Anula, Coconut Grove, Nakara, Leanyer, Wagaman, Rapid Creek, Lyons and Jingili.

When applying for a house or unit through a real estate agency you will need rental references from properties you have rented in the past. Remember, real estate agents WILL call your referees. If you do not have rental references, personal references can be used, such as a reference from a previous employer.

Rent is to be kept in advance as set out in your Residential Tenancy Agreement (lease). You will be expected to pay a bond (normally 4 weeks rent) and to pay a minimum of 2 weeks rent in advance. Privately rented accommodation (not through an agency) can vary according to the landlord but bond cannot exceed the amount of 4 weeks rent.

If you need to break the lease you are responsible for and must pay the rent until the property is re-let to a suitable tenant or until the lease expires. It is advisable to read the Tenancy Agreement and understand all the conditions outlined.

The Accommodation Officer can assist you if you are having difficulty in understanding the Tenancy Agreement. **Please be aware that all off-campus accommodation is privately owned and is not controlled by the University.**

Short Term/Temporary Accommodation

We advise you to book short term accommodation (listed below) for when you first arrive in Darwin so that you have the opportunity to view and inspect properties you may wish to rent. Do not sign or send money without seeing the property first as differing expectations can be problematic.

Prices vary throughout the year in Darwin due to the high demand for accommodation in the 'Dry Season'

WET SEASON (approximately October – March)

DRY SEASON (approximately April – September)



Various hotels and short stay apartments are listed on the following sites:

www.stayz.com.au – Short term apartments to rent all around Darwin

www.wotif.com - Darwin Hotels

www.quickbeds.com.au - Darwin Hotels

www.airbnb.com.au – A variety of local accommodation

Melaleuca on Mitchell - Backpackers – 52 Mitchell St, Darwin City – Ph: 1300 723 437

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – Dorm \$25 per night – Private \$69 per night

DRY SEASON – Dorm \$33 per night – Private \$125 per night

Chilli's Backpackers – 69 A Mitchell St, Darwin City – Ph: 8941 9722

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – Dorm Room \$28 per night – Private \$65 per night

DRY SEASON – Dorm Room \$32 per night – Private \$90 per night

Elkes Backpackers Darwin – 112 Mitchell St, Darwin City – Ph: 8981 8399

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – Dorm \$24 per night – Double Standard \$70 per night

DRY SEASON – Dorm \$33 per night – Double Standard \$80 per night

Frogs Hollow Lodge - Backpackers – 27 Lindsay St, Darwin City – Ph: 8941 2600

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – Dorm Room \$20 per night – Private Room \$70 per night

DRY SEASON – Dorm Room \$28 per night – Private Room \$85 per night

Youth Shack Backpackers - 69 Mitchell Street, Darwin, Australia 0810 - Ph: 1300 793 302

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON - \$25 – \$65 per night

DRY SEASON - \$32 – \$80 per night

Palms City Resort - 64 The Esplanade, Darwin, Australia 0801 - Ph: (08) 8982 9200

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON - \$109 p/night

DRY SEASON - \$190 p/night

Value Inn – 50 Mitchell St, Darwin City – Ph: 8981 4733

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – \$85 per night

DRY SEASON – \$140 per night

Luma Luma Holiday Apartments - 26 Knuckey Street, Darwin, Australia 0800 - Ph: (08) 8981 1899

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON - \$80 per night

DRY SEASON - \$165 – 185 per night

Travelodge Mirambeena Resort Darwin - 64 Cavenagh Street, Darwin, Australia 0800 - Ph: (08) 8946 0111

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON - \$99 per night

DRY SEASON - \$200 per night



Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront - 7 Kitchener Drive, Darwin, Australia 0800 - Ph: (08) 8982 9998

Approximately 25 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON - \$129 per night

DRY SEASON - up to \$400 per night

Paravista Motel - 5 Mackillop Street, Parap, 0820 Darwin - Ph: (08) 8981 9200

Approximately 15 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON - \$89-\$99 per night

DRY SEASON - \$139-\$149 per night

Cullen Bay Resort - 26 - 32 Marina Boulevard, Cullen Bay, 0820 - Ph: 8981 7999

Approximately 20 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – \$129 per night

DRY SEASON – \$180 – \$200 per night

Best Western Darwin Airport Gateway Motel - 225 McMillans Road, Jingili, 0812 - Ph: (08) 8948 9400

Approximately 10 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON - \$149- \$169 per night

DRY SEASON - \$218 – \$265 per night

Darwin Airport Resort – 1 Henry Wrigley Drive, Marrara – Ph: 8920 3333

Approximately 10 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – \$169 per night

DRY SEASON – \$199 per night

Darwin Bara Base – 2 Todd Crescent, Malak – Ph: 8945 0376

Approximately 10 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – Share Room \$50 per night – Single Room (approx) \$80 per night

DRY SEASON – Share Room \$80 per night – Single Room (approx) \$140 per night

Coconut Grove Holiday Apartments- 146 Dick Ward Drive, Coconut Grove - Ph: 8985 0500

Approximately 10 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – Starting at \$89 per night

DRY SEASON – Starting at \$147 per night

Club Tropical Resort Darwin- 622 Lee Point Rd, Lee Point - Ph: 8944 8500

Approximately 10 minutes drive from CDU

WET SEASON – Starting at \$155 per night

DRY SEASON – Starting at \$205 per night

Also at location is Lee Point Village Resort – a caravan park with cabins and camping sites

*All prices listed above are approximations and are subject to change.

Full board or Homestay

Home stay is a situation where students stay with host families or individuals. You have your own furnished bedroom and the use of the other family living areas. There are many different options including meals provided or just the room fee.

For all enquiries regarding home stay please visit: www.homestaynetwork.org



Emergency Accommodation

For Emergency Accommodation visit - <http://www.shelterme.org.au/#> which is a directory of services for homeless Territorians.



FURTHER INFORMATION

For further off-campus accommodation information please contact

Katie Chadwick, the Off-Campus Accommodation Officer.

Phone: 08 8946 6288

Email: katie.chadwick@cdu.edu.au

Office: Casuarina Campus - **Blue 1.1.21**

For information on renting in the Northern Territory

Consumer Affairs

Phone: (08) 8999 1999 or 1800 019 319

Email: consumer@nt.gov.au

Website: <http://www.consumeraffairs.nt.gov.au/ForConsumers/ResidentialTenencies>

For information about obtaining bond assistance

Territory Housing

Phone: 1800 104 076

Email: territoryhousing@nt.gov.au

Website: www.nt.gov.au/territoryhousing

For information about the Northern Territory

Tourism Top End

Phone: 08 8980 6000 or 1300 138 886

Email: info@tourismtopend.com.au

Website: www.tourismtopend.com.au

