

Kakadu National Park Walking Tour



Welcome to your next adventure.
Here are a few details to help you get prepared...

Getting to and from your Trip

You will explore Kakadu in a comfortable bus. Our vehicles are modern, comfortable and regularly serviced to ensure their safety and reliability. They are also fitted with recovery gear in case of emergency. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances affecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour. Seat Allocation: Seats on tour vehicle are not pre allocated. To ensure all participants get to enjoy window seats we encourage a daily seat rotation system.

Pre/Post Trip Accommodation Recommendations

We recommend staying one night in Darwin at the end, as we usually don't get back into Darwin until around 6-7pm. We recommend to our guests the following accommodations:

- Palms City Resort
- Mitchell Apartment Hotel
- Traveldge Resort Darwin
- Darwin City Hotel

Washing Facilities

There are public laundry facilities at all your accommodations.

Phone Coverage and Charging

Out in the parks there is very limited phone reception. All accommodation, except for Anbinik has free WiFi.

Climate

June, July and August is the best time in the Top End. River crossings and some trails all depend on the wet season and how much rain the area received. Usually by mid June, most roads and tracks should be open again. The chance of getting rain in this period is very small, but still always come prepared. The days will generally be around 30-32C, humidity is generally quite low, but there is always a chance it can be humid. Drinking enough water is paramount to feeling well and you will need to ensure you bring enough water bottles with at least 4l capacity. Drinking 3-5l of water a day is absolutely normal in the Top End. On some of the longer walking days and when we walk in peak heat in the afternoon as well as up on the plateaus in the stone country, temperatures of around 36-38 is to be expected. Come well prepared for hot weather. At this time of the year the nights generally cool down and can be anywhere between 18-22C.

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Food

Breakfast comprises of cereal, fruit and toast. Lunch is sometimes prepared and brought to you on the track when we can get vehicle access. On days you are walking in a remote section guests will pack their lunch in the morning which consists of cold meats and salad with sandwiches, rolls or wraps. Dinner is a 2 course meal, main and dessert. Each day on the track you will enjoy our famous baked cakes/biscuits for morning tea and fresh fruit is always available.

If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know when you book, we are happy to adapt our tasty, nutritious meals to suit a variety of dietary needs.

Drinks

There will be shops along the way to purchase alcohol, however Jabiru and Batchelor are very small towns and may have quite a limited selection. Jabiru is a dry community and hence there will be no opportunity to buy any alcohol while we are there. It is recommended to stock up in Darwin before the trip for the 3 nights in Jabiru. At Pine Creek we are eating out at a licensed restaurant. In Katherine we can plan to stop at the shops if needed, but the restaurant at Knotts Crossing is also fully licensed.

Medical Restrictions

As we operate in remote areas, guests will need to bring all of their own personal medications on tour. Whilst our guides are qualified in remote area or wilderness first aid and carry satellite phones, we do not carry EpiPens, Ventolin or other emergency medications. If a person requires urgent medical attention whilst on tour, it may take several hours or more for emergency services to attend the scene and take you to a medical facility. Under certain circumstances your tour consultant may request a medical certificate of fitness before you are cleared to participate on the tour. If pre-existing medical issues that will affect your ability to complete the tour or have an impact on other guests experiences, are not disclosed prior to the departure, we reserve the right to remove you from the tour. You can bring a cpap machine whilst on tour but you will need to purchase a single supplement.

Dietary Requirements

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements. We will do our best to cater for these whilst you are on tour.

Access to Shops

It is recommended to stock up in Darwin before the trip and plan to restock in Katherine. There are small shops along the way but the selection is very limited.

Optional Scenic Flight

There is the option for a scenic sunset flight over Kakadu on either the evening of Day 2 or 3. The operator we use is Kakadu Air (<https://www.kakaduai.com.au>). If you are interested this will be booked via your guide on the tour, there is no need to pre-book. Please have a look at their website to get an idea of the different packages and prices.

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What to Pack

- Day-pack - with a thick waist strap to help take some weight off your shoulders. In wet weather, a waterproof cover or a bin bag to wrap your belongings in can be handy
- Shorts/long pants and shirts for walking - as many sets as you wish! Quick-dry material is best, especially for trousers. Don't wear jeans walking.
- Socks - whichever thickness you're comfortable walking in and as many pairs as you like (thick explorer socks can get quite hot)
- Boots/shoes for walking (make sure you wear them in well - see note on footwear below)
- Windcheater or lightweight jumper for walking
- Waterproof jacket*
- Sun protection - hat (secure fitting and/or with chin strap), sun cream, sunglasses
- Casual clothes for evenings and rest days
- Bathers and swimming towel (lightweight so you can easily carry them)
- Torch/headlamp (can be handy when twin sharing for getting up at night)
- Any preferred first aid supplies - such as your favourite blister treatment! (Your guide will carry a full first-aid kit)
- Water bottle/s or camelback - **minimum 4 litre capacity** (may need to bring extra bottles to supplement water bladder)
- A lunch container and Beeswax wrap (with ice brick to keep lunch cool, useful in preventing your roll from getting squished in your backpack). Otherwise gladwrap and foil will be provided.

*At this time of year (July) the days are typically not too humid and warm (average 33 degrees) and the nights are mild. You may want a jumper for nighttime, as it can cool down a little after sunset.

Optional items

- Fly net (especially for walks in warmer weather)
- Cooling towel (they work a treat to keep you cool on really hot days)
- Camera and charger/batteries
- Gaiters for snake bite protection are recommended unless you are wearing long pants and long socks. They're also good for keeping sand out of your shoes.
- Snacks and alcohol - there will be time to purchase more during the week if you need to. Some people like to have some muesli bars, nuts, lollies etc
- Walking poles (good for using on some rocky sections if your balance is not good)

Emergency Contact on Tour

In the case of an emergency and family and friends are trying to get in contact with you and unable to reach you on your personal phone, please ask them to call the office on 1300 544 882. After hours or on the weekend there is an option on the voicemail which will direct them through to the duty managers personal mobile. On tour in an emergency situation our guides will be carrying satellite phones.

Final Payment Due Date

Final payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks. We will send out a reminder email.

Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit

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- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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