



# Kakadu National Park Walking Tour

8 Days



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# Kakadu National Park Walking Tour

Come on a journey with us as we head deep into the heart of the Top End to the three National Parks this area is famous for, Kakadu, Nitmiluk and Litchfield. We'll explore on foot spectacular gorges, wetlands, and escarpments with plenty of time to relax in secluded swimming holes. In Kakadu you'll visit remote and restricted rock art galleries, including the sacred Ubirr and Nourlangie rock art sites, and enjoy a full day tour of Arnhemland, the last frontier of indigenous culture with a local guide. In Nitmiluk, you will walk the last day of the remote Jatbula Trail, with it's series of secluded pools and waterfalls to cool off in on the way. After this its onto the Katherine Gorge area of Nitmiluk. Highlights include Butterfly Gorge (a rainforest haven for butterflies) and cruising up the mighty Katherine River. The tour finishes with a full day spent in Litchfield National Park. Stand in awe as you soak in the beauty of the lush rainforest trails and waterfalls of one of the Northern Territory's most iconic attractions.

## Details

Arrive:	Darwin
Depart:	Darwin
Duration:	8 Days
Group Size:	Maximum 12 guests
Average Age:	55-75
Activity Level:	Moderate - Challenging

## Testimonials

This 8 day tour was a wonderful opportunity to experience the best the Northern Territory Top End has to offer. Our walks each day were varied as we experienced the rich indigenous culture, stunning landscape, gorges and waterfalls, interspersed with many swims in beautiful waterholes and plunge pools. Rachelle and Campbell, our very capable and caring guides were wonderful and the whole trip was expertly planned. The food and accommodation was excellent as always with Inspiration Outdoor trips. Thank you once again for enabling me to experience this very special place in Australia.

Jenny

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# Highlights



Visit remote and restricted rock art sites with local guides including the sacred Ubirr and Nourlangie rock art sites.



Visit stunning and ancient gorges, cruise up the mighty Katherine River and enjoy the sweeping vistas of the lowlands of Litchfield National Park



Visit some of the waterfalls along the Jatbula trail and lounge around idilic rockpools.

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## What to expect



Comfortable air-conditioned accommodation.



A variety of delicious meals prepared by your guides and local Restaurant dinners will keep you energised for the next day of exploring.



Weather July: 18 min - 35 max (up on the plateaus in the stone country it can be more like 36-38) Very humid.

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# Itinerary

A guided walking tour of the three famous National Parks of the Top End of Australia, Kakadu, Nitmiluk and Litchfield.

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## Day 1 ARRIVAL DAY AND WELCOME MEETING

There are daily flights into Darwin from most major capital cities. Make your way to your accommodation at the Travelodge Resort Darwin (64 Cavenagh St, Darwin). ?? Meet in the lobby at 6pm where we will do an extensive briefing about the week to come. Afterwards we head to a local restaurant to enjoy a delicious chef prepared a la carte meal and the chance to become familiar with your fellow walkers.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: D

Accommodation: Travelodge Resort, Darwin (or similar)

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## Day 2 DARWIN TO JABIRU

We depart Darwin early this morning from our centrally located hotel. Our first destination is Mamukala Wetlands, which is in the World heritage-listed Kakadu National Park. Here we will have the opportunity to stretch our legs for a short walk to the bird hide and a chance to spot some wetland birds in this bountiful refuge. From Mamukala we then drive to Ubirr, one of Kakadu's rock art gems. Here we learn more about the local Aboriginal history and stories as we explore the different rock art galleries. From Ubirr we then head to Jabiru, where we check in to our comfortable rooms, which we will call home for the next few nights. These rooms do have shared bathroom facilities.

Activity: 2-3hrs of walking

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Anbinik, Jabiru (or similar)

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## Day 3

### FULL DAY ARNHEMLAND EXPERIENCE

Today we embark on a special full day Arnhemland experience operated by Top End Day Tours. Journey across Cahill's Crossing on the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land. Visit the entrance to Mikkinj Valley with its stunning scenery of billabongs, wildlife & towering escarpment. Enjoy either morning tea or lunch beside the Inkiyu Billabong. Travelling in comfortable 4WD buses, with forward facing seats, you will experience the region's world-famous landscapes consisting of sandstone escarpment outcrops, rock art sites, forests, floodplains and billabongs alive with abundant birdlife.

Activity: 2-3hrs of walking

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Anbinik, Tabiru (or similar)

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## Day 4

### NOURLANGIE ROCK ART SITE AND BARRK WALK

Today we drive out to the Nourlangie rock art site, where we will have the opportunity to explore some of the most breathtaking and diverse Aboriginal rock art paintings in the area. After discovering the site we will embark on the Barrk Walk (12km) that takes us around the Nourlangie escarpment. You will have the option to walk only the first 8km of the Barrk walk to the Nanguluwurr rock art site or you may choose to complete the whole circuit. Later in the day you have the option to take part in a 30 min scenic flight at additional cost. Please let us know in advance if you would like to add this optional activity.

Activity: 7-9hrs of walking

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Anbinik, Tabiru (or similar)

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## Day 5

### MATARANKA THERMAL POOLS AND KATHERINE

We pack up this morning and then have a decent and quite adventurous drive to Mataranka thermal pools. But once we arrive you will quickly see why it's such an attraction and special place to visit.

Today is a day off from walking as we make the long drive south. Along the way we'll have brief stops in Pine Creek and Katherine.

Enjoy an hour at the naturally scenic pools and relax the muscles from the previous days walks.

Then head back to Katherine to check in at our hotel and make ourselves at home for the next 3 nights.

Once legal disputes are resolved, we will return to exploring Gunlom Falls as we had originally intended for this day.

Activity: Swimming

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Knotts Crossing or Contour Hotel, Katherine (or similar)

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## Day 6

### KATHERINE TO LELIYN (EDITH FALLS AREA). SWEETWATER POOL WALK.

From Katherine we head to the northern section of Nitmiluk National Park to Leliyn (Edith Falls).

Here we will have the opportunity to spend a full day exploring this beautiful area. Once up top of the escarpment there is a series of pools to discover on our walk today. Our walk takes us along the last section of the Jatbula trail to Sweetwater Pool (9km return). On our way back we will detour to the Upper Pools of Leliyn for another swim, before making our way back to the bus.

Once back at the bottom of Leliyn Falls and the carpark we will head back to Katherine for a relaxing evening.

Activity: 6 hours of walking, swimming opportunities

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Knotts Crossing or Contour Hotel, Katherine (or similar)

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## Day 7

### KATHERINE GORGE IN NITMILUK NP

A short drive to the southern section of Nitmiluk will take us to Katherine Gorge this morning. Depending on the temperature on the day and the ability of the group the guides will be able to offer a selection of walks varying in difficulty and length (6-12kms). After a full day of exploring what Katherine Gorge has to offer we will make our way back to Katherine for another very comfortable night.

**Activity:** 6-8hrs of walking, swimming opportunities

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Accommodation:** Knotts Crossing or Contour Hotel, Katherine (or similar)

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## Day 8

### LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK AND RETURN TO DARWIN

Today we make our way up north to Litchfield National Park. Before we start our first walk and on our way into the park we will stop at the Magnetic Termite Mounds.

Depending on the groups ability there are lots of options for various walks to different stunning waterfalls and billabongs within the park. Options depend on seasonal accessibility and quieter spots for busy periods. Your guides will expertly provide the best possible itinerary for the day.

Darwin is a short drive from Litchfield National Park where we drop you off at a central location around 6-6.30pm.

\*Please Note: we can also drop you off at the airport along the way if you are flying out this night. We don't recommend you book any flights before 8pm.

**Activity:** 3-4hrs of walking, swimming opportunities

**Meals:** B, L

**Accommodation:** n/a

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# Departure Dates

28 May 2024	-	04 Jun 2024
05 Jun 2024	-	12 Jun 2024
11 Jun 2024	-	18 Jun 2024
24 Jun 2024	-	01 Jul 2024
01 Jul 2024	-	08 Jul 2024
21 Jul 2024	-	28 Jul 2024
25 Jul 2024	-	01 Aug 2024
10 Aug 2024	-	17 Aug 2024
20 Aug 2024	-	27 Aug 2024

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# Pricing

2024

\$4,299 Per Person

\$350 Deposit

Optional Extras

\$720 Single Supplement

## Inclusions

- All transport in an air-conditioned 4WD tour coach to and from Darwin.
- Ferry tickets, Arnhemland experience and National Park Entrance Fees
- 7 nights comfortable accommodation (Tabiru has shared facilities)
- All meals: delicious 2-course dinners, continental breakfasts, healthy packed lunches and morning teas
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Small group size, 12 people maximum
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from over 20 years experience

## Exclusions

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# Ready to book?

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Jump onto our website [www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au](http://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au) , find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/Book Now' alternatively call us on 08 6219 5164 (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at [walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au](mailto:walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au).

Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

## 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:

- 85 days or more, you will be refunded all monies paid, less a \$50 administration fee
- 42 to 84 days prior to departure, you will lose your deposit
- 28 to 41 days: 25% of full tour cost
- 14 to 27 days: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 14 days: 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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## About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

## Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor



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