

NORTHERN TERRITORY - KAKADU, ARNHEM, LITCHFIELD & NITMILUK

7-days / 6-nights guided walk with mote / lodge accommodation



Starting in Darwin, spend a week discovering iconic Top End destinations including Kakadu National Park, Arnhem Land, Nitmiluk, Katherine Gorge and Litchfield National Parks. This tour offers a unique opportunity to explore on foot spectacular gorges, take in far-reaching lookout views and relax in secluded swimming holes. Visit remote and restricted Indigenous sites with local guides including the sacred Ubirr and Nourlangie rock art sites. Take a cruise along the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land, with its sunny banks home to many, many crocodiles. End the week at Litchfield National Park, home to the curious Magnetic Termite Mounds and the cool beauty of its waterfalls and billabongs.

The guided walk starts with three full days to explore all Kakadu has to offer and really soak up this amazing World Heritage listed destination. Many rock art sites of significance are hidden amongst Kakadu's spectacular landscapes and there is the opportunity to discover the Aboriginal history, culture and increase understanding of the unique bond of Australia's Indigenous people to country. The region's natural beauty is also on display, with visits to stunning and remote gorges, pristine waterholes and wetlands full of birds, with plenty of time to take it all in. Moving on to Nitmiluk, enjoy a full day of walking including some of the Jatbula Trail. Enjoy waterfalls and lounging around a series of rock pools. Then its on to the Katherine Gorge area of Nitmiluk and Litchfield National Park. Highlights include Butterfly Gorge (a rainforest haven for butterflies), cruising up the mighty Katherine River and the sweeping vistas of the lowlands of Litchfield National Park.

This tour has a strong focus on walking and active sightseeing with plenty of time to still swim and relax. You stay in a range of comfortable accommodation, from motel-style rooms to apartments and cabins and enjoy delicious meals cooked by the two knowledgeable and multi-talented guides.

Cost from: **\$3450** per person, twin-share Single supplement from \$550

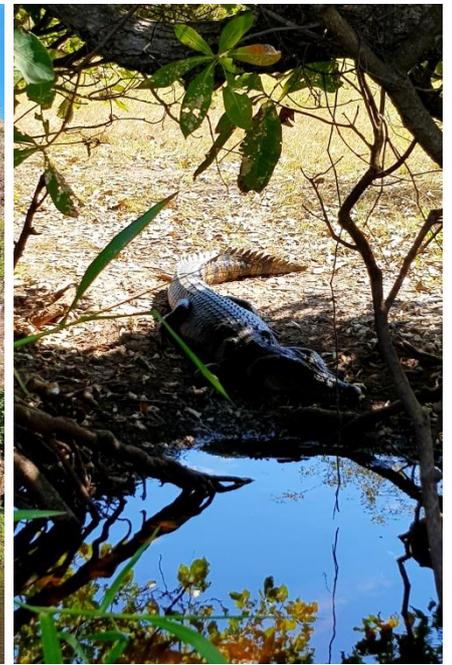
Prices are based on twin share accommodation. Single travellers may share with another single traveller of the same gender at no extra cost. A limited number of single rooms are available at extra cost.

Departs: 2nd July, 10th July, 18th July, 27th July 2021; 27th June, 6th July, 15th July, 24th July, 2nd August 2022

Includes: 6 nights in motel or lodge style accommodation; all meals including trail snacks; air-conditioned vehicle transfers; luggage transport, ferry tickets, Guluyambi and Arnhem Land experience, National Park entry fees; 2 expert guides with a satellite phone, full first aid kit and emergency support.

Grade: Moderate to Challenging with 3km to 12km per day. A guide will accompany you each day and on some of the more challenging walks two guides will accompany the group to offer more options. Some of the walks include quite steep and rocky sections. A good level of fitness is required, best acquired by regular hill walking, with steps if possible and over uneven and rocky terrain.

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Accommodation: Stay at a variety of different accommodation styles. In Kakadu stay at Anbinik Kakadu Resort for 3 nights, with shared bathrooms, a central kitchen, communal area and swimming pool. In Pine Creek, stay at the Pine Creek railway resort in simple rooms with ensuite bathrooms and a pool. At Nitmiluk stay in 2 bedroom apartments at St Andrews Serviced Apartments, Katherine, where the group will come together in one of the apartments for meals. Suitable alternatives will be substituted if these are not available.

Suggested itinerary:

Day 1 – Depart Darwin for Kakadu National Park and Jabiru

Walking distance @ 3km

Be ready for pick-up by 7.30am in Darwin for the three hour coach transfer to the start of the walk. Come dressed in your walking attire with your day pack and water bottles ready to go. Make a quick visit to the Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre before heading to the World Heritage Listed Kakadu National Park. Enjoy a short walk and bird-spotting opportunities at the Mamukala Wetlands before the drive to Jabiru and your comfortable cabin for the next three nights. There is time for a swim or a wander around town before a home-cooked dinner.

Day 2 – Ubirr Rock Art Site, Guluyambi Cruise and East Alligator River

Walking distance @ 5km

Today explore the Ubirr area of Kakadu National Park. First head to the Ubirr rock art sites and learn more about the Aboriginal stories and history. In the afternoon take a cruise up the East Alligator River and gain insight into the local mythology and the rivers abundant food chain before disembarking on the Arnhem Land side of the river to explore. After a short demonstration of some traditional aboriginal hunting methods return in time for a relaxed evening in Jabiru.

Day 3 – Nourlangie and Barrk Walk

Walking distance @ 8 to 12km

Drive out to Nourlangie, where there is the opportunity to explore some of the most breathtaking and diverse Aboriginal rock art paintings in the area. After discovering the site, head off on the Barrk Walk (12km) that skirts around the Nourlangie escarpment. There is an option to shorten the day to only 8km, taking the Barrk walk as far as Nanguluwurr and then detouring back to the vehicle.

Day 4 - Yurmikmik and Gunlom Falls

Walking distance @ 5 + 2km

After breakfast, head deep into Kakadu National Park to explore the Yurmikmik and Gunlom area. The walk this morning goes through open woodland up a stony ridge to Yurmikmik lookout, with rewarding views over the very diverse Jawoyn country. Please note, access to Gunlom may be limited due to river crossings. Alternative program will be provided if affected. Depart Kakadu and drive to Pine Creek for an overnight stay.

Day 5 – Pine Creek to Katherine via Leliyn (Edith Falls area)

Walking distance @ 9km

From Pine Creek, head to the northern section of Nitmiluk National Park to Leliyn (Edith Falls), with a full day to explore this beautiful area. Once up top of the escarpment there is a series of pools to discover on today's walk. The walk follows the last section of the Jatbula trail to Sweetwater Pool. On the way back detour to the Upper Pools of Leliyn for another swim, before returning to the coach. Then transfer to Katherine for the next two nights.

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Day 6 – Katherine Gorge and Butterfly Gorge Nitmiluk

Walking distance @ 12km

There is a short drive to the southern section of Nitmiluk and Katherine Gorge. The walk today starts with a climb up an escarpment to be rewarded with the first of many stunning views for the day. Continue walking to Butterfly Gorge, a little haven for the local butterflies in amongst a pocket of rainforest. From Butterfly Gorge head along the escarpment towards the Southern Rockhole. End a wonderful day's walk with a short boat ride up the Katherine River.

Day 7 – Litchfield National Park and return to Darwin

Walking distance @ 8km

Today drive north to Litchfield National Park. On the way there is the chance to see the Magnetic Termite Mounds, one of the very iconic natural wonders of the park. Depending on the group's ability there are lots of options for various short walks to different stunning waterfalls and billabongs within the park. Options will also depend on seasonal accessibility and quieter spots for busy periods. The day ends with a two hour drive from Litchfield National Park to Darwin, arriving at approximately 6.30pm. You will be dropped off at your accommodation or the airport if required.

Darwin accommodation is not included in the tour - ask Outdoor Travel for options when making a booking.



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