

# kakadu walking adventure



## trip highlights

Sunset cruise on the Yellow Water billabong,  
home to a variety of wildlife

Trek the diverse habitat of the escarpment, from cool  
Monsoon Vine Forest to the rugged stone country on top

Stay in exclusive semi-permanent campsites away from the crowds

View some of the most beautiful indigenous rock art galleries

Learn about the area with your expert guides

Experience the iconic Twin and Jim Jim falls



<b>Trip Duration</b>	6 days	<b>Trip Code:</b> KAK
<b>Grade</b>	Introductory to Moderate	
<b>Activities</b>	4WD, Day Walking	
<b>Summary</b>	6 day trip, Day walks, 5 nights camping	

## welcome to World Expeditions

Thank you for your interest in our Kakadu Walking Adventure trip. At World Expeditions we are passionate about our off the beaten track experiences as they provide our travellers with the thrill of coming face to face with untouched cultures as well as wilderness regions of great natural beauty. We are committed to ensuring that our unique itineraries are well researched, affordable and tailored for the enjoyment of small groups or individuals - philosophies that have been at our core since 1975 when we began operating adventure holidays. Our itineraries will give you the very best travel experience, designed by people with incredible local knowledge who share our vision of authentic exchange and real exploration with a responsible tourism approach. Whether you like your adventures to include trekking, touring, cycling, mountaineering, kayaking or cruising World Expeditions can make it happen for you. We hope you will join us for a life changing experience!!

## why travel with World Expeditions?

World Expeditions Australian Treks have been in continuous operation for more than 30 years, offering economical, reliable, environmentally friendly small group fully inclusive adventure holidays to some of the most beautiful pristine parts of Australia. Our trips cater to people from many walks of life, age groups and motivations. World Expeditions offers more than 30 tailored Australian itineraries that incorporate trekking, walking, rafting, cycling and climbing throughout Australia.

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## trip cost

Joining Darwin from: \$2163

All prices are per person

## options & supplements

Sleeping Bag Hire: \$16

The World Expeditions Semi Permanent camps have up to 12 tents permanently set up. This ensures that with most groups containing a mix of couples, twin share and single travellers, a single tent is usually available to those that request it. For this reason there is no additional charge for a single tent. A guaranteed single supplement is not offered and cannot be booked in advance.

## the trip

Kakadu National Park is a World Heritage Area covering some 20,000 square kms. Waterfalls tumble from the red cliffs off the Arnhem Land escarpment into shady pools; tranquil wetlands teem with animal and bird life, while 40,000 years of Aboriginal cultural heritage is on display in the numerous hidden rock art galleries. Get away from the crowds on our active, walking based itinerary, which includes a cruise on the Yellow Waters (a favourite haunt of saltwater crocodiles). It's when you go for a walk beyond the main tourist sites that Kakadu will reveal its true magic.

Our collection of full-day bushwalks venture in to remote gorges and sparkling waterfalls, as well as visit ancient rock-art seen by very few visitors. The upgraded semi-permanent campsites encourage travellers to relax in idyllic tropical surrounds. The itinerary varies to make the most of the season, choosing the best walks and waterfalls as the wet season floodwaters recede and access opens up. You will return to Darwin having enjoyed a complete adventure across the full range of tropical wilderness of Australia's Top End.

## at a glance

OUR TEAM WILL CALL YOU THE DAY BEFORE YOUR TOUR COMMENCES TO CONFIRM EXACT PICK UP TIME AND LOCATIONS. IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING FROM OVERSEAS PLEASE ENSURE THE WORLD EXPEDITIONS OFFICE HAS YOUR AUSTRALIAN CONTACT DETAILS.

DAY 1 TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK VIA WULNA COUNTRY

DAY 2 JIM JIM AND TWIN FALLS

DAY 3 NOURLANGIE MASSIF AND THE BARRK WALK

DAY 4 BARRAMUNDI (MAGUK) FALLS AND GUNLOM PLUNGE POOL

DAY 5 SOUTHERN KAKADU WILDERNESS WALK

DAY 6 LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK, RETURN TO DARWIN

## what's included

- 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners
- 2 professional wilderness guides
- Wildlife cruise
- Safari camps including tents, stretcher beds and swags for sleeping
- All National Park and camping fees
- Emergency communications and group first aid kit
- 4WD transport from Darwin
- All dining and catering equipment

No local payments policy: Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices.

## what's not included

- Airfares
- Accommodation in Darwin before and after the trip
- Items of a personal nature
- Backpacks
- Sleeping Bag hire
- Alcoholic beverages
- Travel insurance

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## trip dates

<b>2019</b>	12 May - 17 May
	02 Jun - 07 Jun
	09 Jun - 14 Jun
	16 Jun - 21 Jun
	23 Jun - 28 Jun
	30 Jun - 05 Jul
	07 Jul - 12 Jul
	28 Jul - 02 Aug
	04 Aug - 09 Aug
	25 Aug - 30 Aug
	01 Sep - 06 Sep
	08 Sep - 13 Sep

## important notes

1 - Family departure - child prices (15 and under) apply to these dates only

**Note:** - Prices valid up to 31/12/2018. Price may increase after this date subject to local inflationary pressures on operational cost. You will be notified accordingly if this should occur.

## fast facts

### Countries Visited:

Australia

### Private Groups:

Private group options are available for this trip\*

### Singles:

A single tent may be available on this trip at no extra charge\*

### Leader:

Expert local leader

### Advice for people with limited mobility

This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

### Brochure Reference:

Australia, New Zealand, Pacific

## detailed itinerary

This tour commences with a Darwin hotel pick-up between 7-7:30am (CBD only). A member of our team will contact you the day before to confirm exact pick-up time and location. Once the whole group is together your guides will conduct a trip briefing which includes an overview of the trip, introductions, and a chance for you to ask any questions you may have.

### DAY 1 To Kakadu National Park via Wolna Country

Our journey begins with a Darwin accommodation pick-up between 7-7:30am and travel south-east to Kakadu National Park. On the way we meet with Wolna Aboriginal elders for a traditional welcome to country, followed by morning tea, damper and a chance to discuss culture, or take a walk by the billabong. We then get off the sealed roads and transfer by 4WD along the old Jim Jim Road, passing some of the area's great wetlands such as Red Lily Billabong.

In the late afternoon we take a cruise on the Yellow Water Billabong, home to an astounding variety of wildlife. We may encounter Brumbies, wallabies and goannas drinking from the waterside, salt-water crocodile and thousands of birds including Magpie Geese, Brolga, Cormorants, Pelicans and one of Australia's largest flying birds – the Black-necked stork (Jabiru). The flat-bottomed boat is guided by an expert wildlife guide. We spend the evening at our comfortable semi-permanent camp, located at Djarradjin Billabong, in the heart of Kakadu National Park.

meals: L,D

### DAY 2 Jim Jim and Twin Falls

Wake up to the dawn chorus of the multitude of birds of the Savannah and wetlands. We drive to Jim Jim and Twin Falls along a bumpy old track, to Kakadu's most famous waterfalls. Our day is focussed on stunning walks within the World Heritage listed National Park. Our visits to Jim Jim and Twin falls aim for an active experience, walking beyond the reach regular tourist groups.

NB: Jim Jim and Twin Falls usually available after mid-July. Prior to this we may visit alternative waterfalls such as Gubara. Keep in mind the thundering torrent usually depicted in the postcards is a phenomenon that only occurs during the wet season and this flow declines gradually through the dry season until it is a gentle, but still magnificent, trickle!

We return to our semi-permanent camp near Djarradjin Billabong.

Walking distance: 7km

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 3 Nourlangie Massif and the Barrk Walk

An early start this morning in order to take in all the highlights of this adventurous walking day. After a scrumptious, nourishing breakfast we drive a short distance to Nourlangie massif and begin our stunning walk – the Barrk and Nourlangie circuit – traversing the crest of this quartzite plateau. Barrk is the indigenous name for the male black wallaroo, a member of the kangaroo family which lives in this area. The walk reveals the extraordinary diversity of habitats of the escarpment, from cool Monsoon Vine Forest to the rugged stone country on top.

We have the opportunity to visit the Warradjin information centre – a place full of fascinating traditional owner information and stories. In the late afternoon we return to Djarradjin Billabong camp to relax around the campfire and enjoy another delicious evening meal.

Walking distance: 8-12km

meals: B,L,D

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## thoughtful travel

The environments we travel through are fragile. It is our responsibility as visitors & to minimise the impact of our presence.

World Expeditions were the proud recipients of the inaugural Australian National Travel Industry's Environmental Achievement award for our Responsible Travel Guidebook.

This detailed guide to responsible & sustainable travel is provided to all World Expeditions clients before they travel. Please ask your consultant if you have not received your copy of our award winning book. Alternatively, you may like to download a copy from our website [www.worldexpeditions.com](http://www.worldexpeditions.com)

## trip grading Introductory to Moderate

This trip is for almost anyone with a reasonable level of fitness and competent swimming ability. This adventure is designed for the enthusiastic and adventurous in search of something different. This trip has been graded at an introductory to moderate level. However, some days will be quite active involving steep walks for most of the day. These adventures are best prepared for with some regular moderate exercise. As always with adventure travel, you should enjoy a healthy lifestyle before undertaking this trip. Please bear in mind that because you will be traveling into a remote wilderness, creature comforts are limited. Your level of fitness can also help you acclimatise to the warm temperatures and humidity, so we suggest a bit of swimming, walking, jogging or cycling to trim yourself up ready for the Territory!

### DAY 4 Barramundi (Maguk) Falls and Gunlom Plunge Pool

Heading south we will explore some of the other stunning waterfalls and gorges of Kakadu. Maguk (Barramundi) Falls is reached via a stunning walk through the monsoon forest, opening out to a deep plunge pool lined with blonde quartzite cliffs. Keep your eye out for birds such as Rainbow pitas, Emerald doves and Spangled drongos as well as the endemic Anbinik tree – the biggest trees in Stone Country.

In the far south of the National Park we arrive at our semi-permanent camp near Gunlom. Gunlom is a magnificent waterfall and plunge pool ringed by sandy beaches and pandanus palms, the perfect spot to relax. The sunset views from the swimming pool on top of the Gunlom Waterfall are some of the most iconic images of the Northern Territory – and it's all just a short stroll from our comfortable camp!

Walking distance: 4km

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 5 Southern Kakadu Wilderness Walk

Over the day we will undertake our expedition by foot, deep in to Southern Kakadu Buladjang Country. We aim to visit Motor Car Creek Falls areas and undertake a decent walk (up to 11 km), taking most of the day. The highlight is arriving at an unspoilt, stunning crystal clear waterhole and some outstanding views of the surrounding hills and woodland. We have the freedom to set the pace of the walk depending on the group and weather of the day.

Our walk takes us through open woodland past some remarkable Salmon Gums, glowing pink in the morning sun, before entering an area of pristine monsoon rainforest. Tonight we can take in our last Kakadu sunset while enjoying pre-dinner nibbles from the top of Gunlom Falls.

Walking distance: up to 11km

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 6 Litchfield National Park, return to Darwin

After our final night in the semi-permanent camp at Gunlom, we pack up and make our way to Litchfield National Park. This smaller National Park is home to iconic magnetic termite mounds and mysterious clusters of weathered sandstone pillars known as The Lost City.

On our way we may enjoy a relaxing swim and our last scrumptious picnic lunch at at one of the many waterfalls and gorges, before continuing north to Darwin. We expect to arrive back into Darwin and drop you at your accommodation at around 5pm. We hope you've enjoyed your journey into the unique and unforgettable country of the Top End!

Walking distance: 1km

meals: B,L

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

## suggested extensions

- Katherine River Canoeing
- Jatbula Trail

## country information

You will be traveling through Aboriginal land with a living culture and rich heritage. When on Aboriginal land it is necessary to accept that there may be some conditions of travel (your

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By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant of travel agent.

guide will explain) and that local and traditional obligations take precedence over permission to travel. Consider that Aboriginal land is essentially private land and that permission is to enter is a privilege. There is incredible diversity in Aboriginal culture and each local clan may have their own language and culture. Your guide will keep you informed of local culture, issues, and any considerations for dealing with locals.

## climate

Generally speaking, it is fine, rain-free and there is plenty of sun between May and October. The days are quite warm from May to November (tops of around 35°C) and evenings can be cooler (down to around 15°C). Mid dry season (Jun-July can be cold at night down to around 5°C in Katherine). As the wet season approaches (Oct/Nov) there are sometimes spectacular thunderstorms which provide relief from the humidity. Throughout the year we can swim in crystal clear, spring fed pools.

It is essential in this climate to keep up a high fluid intake (plain water is best) to avoid dehydration. The first sign of mild dehydration is headache, which can make your holiday uncomfortable. More severe dehydration can lead to heat exhaustion, a most uncomfortable experience, and there is no 'quick fix' for this condition. Please ensure that you drink 4 litres per day. Your guide will point this out again when you start the trip, as mild dehydration can be easily avoided.

## private eco campsites

Kakadu Semi Permanent Campsites

Since 1984, World Expeditions has operated the most complete, active tours in Kakadu. Our guide team are some of the most experienced in the Top End and this is the basis for an itinerary that always makes the most of the opportunities. Whether long walks to rarely visited waterfalls and gorges, or short walks to little-known rock art sites, the guides will share a complete experience of Kakadu seen by very few others.

In 2014 we upgraded our Kakadu program based around two semi-permanent safari camps providing simple, comfortable camping accommodations in convenient locations. One camp is near Miurella Park in the Jim Jim district of the Central North of Kakadu. This allows easy access to Cooida, Yellow Waters, Nourlangie, Jim Jim and Twin Falls. In the south we have set up a safari camp at Gunlom, Kakadu's most iconic plunge pool and waterfall.

Each camp is adjacent to a National Park campground and we use the excellent solar hot showers and the flushing toilet facilities provided. The advantage of a semi-permanent safari camp is that everything is set up waiting for us. There is no time and effort wasted with setting-up or packing-down camp, allowing more time for walking, exploring or just relaxing.

The tents are a custom built safari tent, each 2.4m x 2.4m x 2.1m, offering plenty of room for two people, swags and gear. The inner tent has mesh walls so it is easy to remove the fly sleep under the stars. There are enough tents at each site where single travellers can request a single tent at no additional cost

These campsites would not be possible without a strong partnership with Aboriginal Traditional Owners and the Kakadu National Park who jointly manage the land.

## meals during the trek

World Expeditions aims to provide high quality, interesting and nutritional meals for all our guests. Wherever possible we use fresh produce sourced from local providores and carefully selected, stored and transported so as to maintain freshness and quality. There is often plenty of fresh fish, meat or other protein based main dishes and fresh salads. On most trips we re-supply with fresh food every few days however on some more remote trips we may go longer before we can stock up on fresh food.

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Our guides have remarkable wilderness culinary skills and pride themselves on the variety and standard of their meals, and ability to cater to a wide range of dietary requirements. Please ensure you let us know if you have a birthday or special occasion during the trip so we can help you commemorate the occasion! The following is a general guide:

-Breakfasts: Ranges from cooked eggs and bacon on toast, to continental (fruit, cereal, yoghurt). Always accompanied by fresh coffee and hot drinks.

-Lunches: Depending on the trip, you may prepare your lunch such as wraps or sandwiches in camp before the day's trek. Most often we have a picnic style lunch on the track with a wide selection of bread rolls, wraps, deli-meats, salads and spreads to prepare a tasty lunch how you like it.

-Dinners: 2-3 courses. The main meal is usually a classic outback style meal such as grilled barramundi, camp-oven roast, or perhaps a tasty stirfry or pasta dish.

-Snacks: Your guides will always have plenty of trail snacks available such as muesli bars and fruit. In the evenings we often serve hors d'oeuvres around the campfire while dinner is being prepared.

## dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

## accommodation on the trip



On this trip we stay at our semi-permanent campsites. Toilets and solar-heated hot showers are located nearby. Your guides will prepare all the meals and run the camp, however you will be asked to contribute by taking care of your own swag and tent. Participation around the camp will make for a more enjoyable experience for everybody.

We supply safari-style tents, swags and stretcher beds to sleep on. A swag is comprised of a three-inch (5 cm) thick foam mattress with a canvas cover to keep it clean – they are very comfortable!

-Your swag contains a pillow with pillow cover and one sheet.

-Swags are rolled out on top of a stretcher bed, this means you sleep up off the ground with a flat comfortable base to sleep on. There is room under the stretcher to store your bags.

-Sleeping bags are essential for warmth. You can bring your own or hire from us for \$20 – please contact our staff if you require one. We ask that you provide an inner-sheet if you hire a sleeping bag.

-There are enough tents for solo travellers to have their own at no extra cost.

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## pre and post tour accommodation

Our Australian Adventures do not include accommodation before or after the trip. If you contact World Expeditions we would be happy to book accommodation for you and we can often get some great deals for you with the hotels in Darwin.

## what you carry

Kakadu Walking Adventure is fully supported. You will need to carry just a day-pack with your water bottles, lunch, camera and other personal items. You should plan on carrying at least 3 litres of water each and every day.

## equipment required

Specialist gear required including walking shoes and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

## visas

Most visitors to Australia require a visa obtained prior to arrival.

Passport holders from the following countries can apply for the Australian Tourist Visa online prior to their arrival which allows you a stay in Australia for up to 3 months:

Canada

United States

United Kingdom

New Zealand passport holders do not need to obtain a visa prior to arrival they will be granted a visa on arrival.

\*All other nationalities should check with your nearest embassy or consulate.

## private groups

The adventures featured in our brochures, and on our website, are just a starting point for many of our private group travellers. Working closely with our Groups Department we can organise custom designed itineraries for groups of friends, clubs, charity's, schools or even work colleagues. Our team will assist you with all aspects of your private group adventure from itinerary design to group flights. Contact our team today.

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## trip availability

If this trip seems right for you then we encourage you to call us now to check availability. There are many reasons why you may not be able to join your desired departure and limited space on our small group departures is just one of them. Many of our adventures require us to secure services on your behalf; such as trekking permits, train travel and visa invitation letters. The demand is increasing each year making it difficult to join a trip last minute. To ensure we can assist



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you onto your adventure of a lifetime we ask that you check your trip availability with our team at your earliest convenience.

## how to book

To book a World Expeditions trip, you will need to complete a booking form which is found at the back of our brochure or can be downloaded from our website [www.worldexpeditions.com](http://www.worldexpeditions.com). On completion, fax or post the form to your nearest World Expeditions office along with your non-refundable deposit. Call your nearest World Expeditions office or travel agent for assistance with your travel arrangements including flights, travel insurance and additional accommodation.