

Special Kakadu Day Walk Trip Kakadu: 31 Aug - 4 Sep 2026

This trip was originally created in 2021 for a group who wanted to see some of the best that Kakadu has to offer without having to carry an overnight backpack. Covid put an end to that, but some were still keen, so we did it in 2022. That worked so well that we made it a regular part of our program.

Special conditions apply so please make sure you read this document to the end.

Mon 31 Aug Leave Darwin, drive to Fogg Dam, look for birds & other wildlife, short nature walk on marked trail. <https://www.aussiemob.com/fogg-dam/>

Even if, it's not the best time of year to visit, there is always something to see.

Leave in time for short drive to 10:30 AM Pudukul Aboriginal Cultural tour.

<https://www.pudukul.com.au/>

Lunch at Corroboree Park Tavern. On the way, if it's open, we'll stop at Wetland View Top.

Drive to Kakadu stopping at the Mamukala Wetlands. Very short walk to bird hide or longer walk near billabong.

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/mamukala-wetlands-walk/>

Visit Bowali Visitor Centre.

Overnight at Anbinik Resort in <https://www.anbinik.com.au/>

Variety of accom possibilities. I'd recommend two, two-bedroom cabins,

<https://www.anbinik.com.au/index.php/accommodation/cabins>

BYO restaurant.



Rainbow pitta at Fogg Dam



On the Pudukul tour



August birds at Fogg Dam



Mamukala bird hide

Tue 1 Sep 9 AM Guluyambi Cruise on the East Alligator River.

<https://www.kakaduculturaltours.com.au/index.php/tours/guluyambi>

Visit the Ubirr art site.

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/ubirr-walk/>

Do the Mangarre Rainforest walk

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/mangarre-rainforest-walk/>

and/or Bardedjilidji sandstone walk,

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/bardedjilidji-sandstone-walk/>

Drive to meet Victor Cooper for the Gabarlgu

Billabong tour

<https://www.ayalkakadu.com.au/gabarlgu-billabong-tour>



In Arnhem Land on the Guluyambi tour



Climbing to a high view at Ubirr



Crocodile seen on the Guluyambi cruise



On the Gabarlgu tour

Wed 2 Sep Drive to Nourlangie. Nanguluwurr art site walk.
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/nanguluwurr-rock-art-walk/>
 Anbangbang billabong walk.
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/anbangbang-billabong-walk/>
 Drive to Cooina for lunch and a visit to the Warradjan Cultural Centre. Return to Nourlangie. Visit main art site.
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/nourlangie-rock-walk/>
 Late afternoon short walk to Nawurlandja lookout, to see sunset over Nourlangie (Burrunkuy). Return to Anbinik.
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/nawurlandja-lookout-walk/>



On the Anbangbang walk

Thu 3 Sep Drive to Kubara. 3 km walk each way to the pools. Have a soak in the smaller pools. Drive to Cooina for lunch. Animal Tracks safari in the afternoon (1-8 PM).
<https://www.animaltracks.com.au/>
 Overnight at Cooina.



Burrunkuy view from Nawurlandja

<https://kakadutourism.com/accommodation/cooina-lodge>
 Cooina needs to make all their money in a very short peak season so prices are high. Campsites are moderately priced. Book early and you might get a double/twin room for \$350. Book late and the same room will be over \$600.

Fri 4 Sep 6:45 AM Yellow Waters Cruise.
<https://kakadutourism.com/trip-planning/tours-activities/yellow-water-cruises>
 Breakfast. Drive to Maguk and walk to the plunge pool for a swim. Return to Darwin. The short route goes back to Darwin via the Old Darwin Road. This is good gravel for about 100 km (about 10 km near the start is often worse than the rest). It rejoins the Arnhem Highway and you return to Darwin the way you came out. Total driving time (not counting any stops) is about 2½ hours.



Yellow Waters boat



On the Animal Tracks tour



Yellow Waters Purple swamp hen



Yellow Waters sunset

Notes on web links.

- Many of the official Kakadu park links have links to printable PDF files giving more information about the walk or area.
- The official park website doesn't say much about the Warradjan cultural centre or the Bowali Visitor Centre. Very different. Both are worth a visit.
 Warradjan: <https://warradjanculturalcentre.com/>
 Bowali: <https://kakadutourism.com/see-and-do/attractions/bowali-visitor-centre>

Notes

- Making bookings will require paying **non-refundable deposits**. In at least one case, the full amount is not refundable. We'll need some money in advance.
- Some of the tours depend on a single person and can be closed at short notice, either for cultural reasons or because someone is ill.

Cost

- Guide and transport fee will be \$2295 per person. Our normal discounts apply. <https://www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/discounts>
- Accommodation will be added to cost depending on what's available and what each person prefers.
- Cruise costs Guluyambi & Cooinda will be added on.
- Everyone needs to pay for their own meals. We may be able to cook our own some nights in Jabiru. If so, we will provide those meals at cost. It will be possible to bring your own breakfasts & at least some of the lunches.

Expenses – prices are estimates, we had not been able to confirm all 2025 prices at the time these notes were written.

Anbink accom. Two br cabin	\$275 per cabin	Cooinda accom	Est \$500 per room
Pudakul tour	\$200	Guluyambi cruise	\$89
Animal Tracks	\$250	Yellow Waters cruise	\$135
Gabarlgu tour	\$250	4 nights dinner & drinks	\$150-250
Breakfasts, lunches, snacks	\$100-200		

You can save money by bringing some of your own breakfasts & lunches.

Estimated total cost of extras: \$1400 to \$1800. But

Prices can go up. Some tours might not be available on the day we want. You might have expensive tastes when it comes to a bottle of wine with dinner. You might want to buy souvenirs (good Aboriginal art in Jabiru and at Warradjan). If so, be prepared to go a bit more than the above.

To Confirm a Booking

- You need to fill in our **online registration form**. https://williswalkabouts.formstack.com/forms/willis_walkabouts_australian_trip_registration_and_liability_release
 - Name of trip: Kakadu Day Walks
 - In spite of the fact that you will not be doing an overnight walk, we recommend you read the Bushwalking Essentials Guide or watch the video, step 3 on our booking page, <https://www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/bookings>
 - These are the trip notes for the trip.
 - **Make a special note of the last bit about transport.** We will be using one or two, self-drive 4WD vehicles with manual transmission. At least one more driver is essential. More than one is safer.
- Pay a \$500 deposit + \$500 towards the expenses. The full fee is \$2295. Our standard discounts and cancellation fees apply to our fee (General Info link in step 3 on our booking page.) What you would lose in expenses if you cancelled depends on the policies of the accommodation places and tour operators we book with.
- Please send an email to rrwillis@internode.on.net if you would like to book.