

**NORTHERN TERRITORY - KAKADU, ARNHEM, LITCHFIELD & NITMILUK**  
8-days / 7-nights guided walk with motel / 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. 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) 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 cabins and enjoy delicious meals cooked by the knowledgeable and multi-talented guides.

**Cost from:** \$4300 per person, twin-share      Single supplement from \$770

*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:** 28 May, 5, 11, 21 & 24 June, 1, 8, 11, 21, 25 & 31 July, 7, 10, 20 & 23 August 2024

**Includes:** 7 nights in ensuite motel rooms or lodge style accommodation (with shared facilities); 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners, trail snacks; air-conditioned vehicle transfers; luggage transport, ferry tickets, Arnhem Land cultural tour, National Park entry fees; 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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## **Suggested itinerary:**

### **Day 1: Arrive Darwin**

Arrive in Darwin and make your way to our centrally located accommodation, where you'll meet the rest of the group at 6pm for a tour briefing, then head to a local restaurant for a delicious dinner and a chance to get to know your fellow walkers. There are regular flights to Darwin from most capital cities.

### **Day 2: Darwin to Kakadu National Park and Jabiru**

**Walking @ 5km**

We leave from Darwin early this morning for the three hour coach transfer to the World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park. Enjoy a short walk and bird-spotting opportunities at the Mamukala Wetlands, then we head to Ubirr, where we learn more about the Aboriginal stories and history while exploring the rock art sites. Afterwards we drive to Jabiru, the main township of the national park, where we stay in comfortable cabin accommodation for the next three nights. There may be time for a swim or a wander around town before dinner.

### **Day 3: Arnhem Land**

**Walking @ 5km**

A special cultural and scenic experience today as we journey across Cahill's Crossing on the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land. We visit the entrance to Mikkinj Valley with its towering sandstone escarpment, then have either morning tea or lunch beside the Inkiyu Billabong. With local indigenous guides, we travel through Arnhem Land's world-famous landscapes: sandstone escarpment outcrops, rock art sites, forests, floodplains and billabongs alive with abundant birdlife. We return to Jabiru in time for dinner.

### **Day 4: Nourlangie and Barrk Walk**

**Walking @ 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 5: Mataranka Thermal Pools and Katherine**

We farewell Kakadu this morning and head south for Katherine. After brief stops in Pine Creek and Katherine, we head to Mataranka Thermal Pools, where you will have the opportunity to swim and relax in the crystal-clear hot springs. Afterwards we head back to our hotel accommodation in Katherine, where we stay the next three nights.

### **Day 6: Katherine to Leliyn (Edith Falls area)**

**Walking @ 9km**

From Katherine, we head to the northern section of Nitmiluk National Park to Leliyn (Edith Falls). We have 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 and back to Katherine.

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### **Day 7: Katherine Gorge**

**Walking @ 6 to 12km**

There is a short drive to the southern section of Nitmiluk National Park and Katherine Gorge. There is a choice of walking routes today of varying lengths and difficulty. The longer route starts with a climb up an escarpment to be rewarded with the first of many stunning views, and weather permitting we may have the chance to walk to Butterfly Gorge, a little haven for the local butterflies in amongst a pocket of rainforest. After a full day of exploring Katherine Gorge, we return to Katherine in time for dinner.

### **Day 8: Litchfield National Park and return to Darwin**

**Walking @ up to 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 6pm. You will be dropped off at your accommodation (own arrangements) or the airport if required. If you plan to fly out of Darwin this evening, please ensure your flight departs at 8pm or later.



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