

Tango Group to Kakadu

- Fri** Leave Darwin, drive to Fogg Dam, look for birds & other wildlife, short nature walk on marked trail. Leave in time for short drive to
- 6 Aug** 10:30 AM Pudukul Aboriginal Cultural tour. <https://www.pudukul.com.au/>
Lunch at Corroboree Park Tavern
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 Jabiru. <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>
Very good BYO Thai restaurant.
- Sat** 9 AM Guluyambi Cruise on the East Alligator River.
- 7 Aug** <https://www.kakaduculturaltours.com.au/index.php/guluyambi>
Visit the Ubirr art site. <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/ubirr-walk/>
Mangarre Rainforest walk
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/manngarre-rainforest-walk/>
and/or Bardedjilidji sandstone walk,
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/bardedjilidji-sandstone-walk/>
Lunch at the Ubirr Café. This is run by the same people who run the Thai restaurant at Anbinik.
One of the walks, if done, would be after lunch. Return to Anbinik.
- Sun** Drive to Nourlangie. Nanguluwurr art site walk.
- 8 Aug** <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 Coinda 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,
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/walks/nawurlandja-lookout-walk/>
to see sunset over Nourlangie (Burrunkuy). Return to Anbinik.
- Mon** Leisurely morning relaxing. Drive to Coinda for lunch.
- 9 Aug** Animal Tracks safari in the afternoon (1-8 PM). <https://www.animaltracks.com.au/>
Overnight at Coinda. <https://kakadutourism.com/accommodation/cooinda-lodge>
Cooinda needs to make all their money in a very short peak season so prices are high. As of Friday 26 Feb, a double was \$189, a twin was \$239, double in an Outback Retreat with shared bath was \$209. Prices can go as high as \$300 for a double.
- Tue** 6:45 AM Yellow Waters Cruise.
- 10 Aug** <https://kakadutourism.com/trip-planning/tours-activities/yellow-water-cruises>
Breakfast. Drive to southern Kakadu. Possible stop at Maguk (9 km along a gravel road), <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/waterfalls/maguk/>
Stop at Moline Rockpools for a last swim in Kakadu
<https://venturenorth.com.au/northern-territory-tourism-blog/moline-rockhole-kakadu-national-park/>
Late lunch in Pine Creek or Emerald Springs. Or if very late dinner at Emerald Springs or Adelaide River. Return to Darwin.

Tue Short version. 6:45 AM Yellow Waters Cruise. Breakfast. Drive to Darwin via the Old Darwin Road. Stop at the Bark Hut, Mary River Park or Corroboree for lunch.
10 Aug You miss a nice waterhole or two but save 200 to 300 km sitting in the car.

Return drive description

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. This is the yellow line on the map.

The long route goes back to Darwin via the Kakadu and Stuart Highways. Solid pink is the main route, all bitumen. The driving time without detours is about 4 hours. The dotted lines are possible gravel detours. Moline Rockpools (Ikoymarrwa) is only a short distance off the main track. Not too many people there. Driving in and stopping for a swim would add less than an hour to the return. There is a small visitor centre with info about the southern part of the park not available at the main one. Worth a 20-30 min stop if people are interested.

The track to Maguk would take about 45 minutes return. The walk to the pool takes something like 15-20 minutes so the total detour including stopping for a swim would take about 1½ to 2 hours.

Doing both swim stops would make for a long day. Might be worth bringing a lunch. If we spend enough time at the two pools, we might have dinner on the way back to Darwin.

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.
- Ikoymarrwa is a beautiful spot but it can't take a huge number of visitors so there is no park page about it. The link is from one of the tours that visits on a regular basis.
- 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. The best site I found for info about Warradjan is their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/warradjanculturalcentre/>
- It took three Google pages before I found anything reasonable about Bowali. This 30 second video clip gives you a good idea what it's like.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XpZLjExRnI>

Notes

- 1 You don't need to decide whether you prefer the short or long drive at the end until we have begun the trip.
- 2 Making bookings will require paying **non-refundable deposits**. We'll need some money in advance.

Cost

- Guide and transport fee will be \$1000.
- Accommodation will be added to cost depending on what's available and what each person prefers.
- Cruise costs Gulyambi & Coinda will be added on.
- Everyone needs to pay for their own meals. It will be possible to bring your own breakfasts & at least some of the lunches.

Expenses

Bookings

- Anbink. 4-6 August, 3 two bedroom cabins – Estimate \$100 each
- Cooina. X rooms – Estimate \$150 to \$350 each

Other costs – prepaid

- Pudukul tour – \$99
- Guluyambi cruise – \$79
- Animal Tracks – \$220 (not yet taking bookings)
- Yellow Waters cruise – \$99

Other costs – pay on the trip

- 4 nights dinner & drinks – estimate \$150-\$250 (If we do the long option, we may have dinner on the way back to Darwin.)
- Breakfasts, lunches & snacks – estimate \$100-200 (bring your own for less)

Total cost of extras: \$1000 to \$1500

But

Prices can go up. 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 Tango
- In spite of the fact that you will not be doing an overnight walk, we recommend you read the Bushwalking Guide, 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 two, self-drive 4WD vehicles with manual transmission. At least one more driver is essential. More than one is safer.
- Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$500. The nature of the trip and the expenses we will incur before the trip starts means that we need a higher deposit than our normal one.
- Pay the balance, including the pre-paid expenses above, by 10 April.

Bank details for payment

- Westpac, BSB: 035 306
- Acct: 971336
- Acct name: Willis's Walkabouts

Please try and label the transfer with your name and the word tango.

Please send an email to rrwillis@internode.on.net when the transfer is done.