

# Special Kakadu Day Walk Trip Kakadu: 19-23 August 2022

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. Some were still keen, so we're doing it this year as a special one-off.

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

**Fri 19 Aug** Leave Darwin, drive to Fogg Dam, look for birds & other wildlife, short nature walk on marked trail. Leave in time for short drive to 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 <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.



Rainbow pitta at Fogg Dam



On the Pudukul tour



August birds at Fogg Dam



Mamukala bird hide

**Sat 20 Aug** 9 AM Guluyambi Cruise on the East Alligator River.

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

Visit the Ubirr art site.

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

Do either the Mangarre Rainforest walk

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

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.

Return to Anbinik, meet Victor Cooper for the 1 PM Buffalo & Wildlife tour.

<https://www.ayalkakadu.com.au/kakadu-buffalo-camp-history-wildlife-tour>



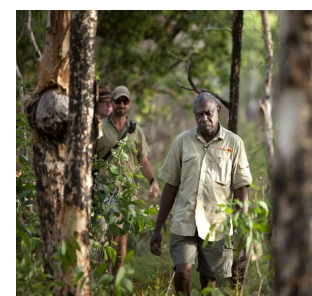
In Arnhem Land on the Guluyambi tour



Climbing to a high view at Ubirr



Crocodile seen on the Guluyambi cruise



On the Ayal tour



**Sun** Drive to Nourlangie. Nanguluwurr art site walk.  
**21 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 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,

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

to see sunset over Nourlangie (Burrungkuy). Return to Anbinik.



On the Anbangbang walk

**Mon** Leisurely morning relaxing. Drive to Cooina for lunch.  
**22 Aug** Animal Tracks safari in the afternoon (1-8 PM).

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

Overnight at Cooina.

<https://kakadutourism.com/accommodation/cooina-lodge>

Cooina needs to make all their money in a very short peak season so prices are high.

As of Tuesday 21 June, a double was \$529, a family room was \$579, double in an Outback Retreat with shared bath was \$529.



Burrungkuy view from Nawurlandja

**Tue** 6:45 AM Yellow Waters Cruise.

**23 Aug** <https://kakadutourism.com/trip-planning/tours-activities/yellow-water-cruises>

Breakfast. 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 swamphen



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. 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

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.

## Cost

- Guide and transport fee will be \$800 per person.
- Accommodation will be added to cost depending on what's available and what each person prefers.
- Cruise costs Guluyambi & Coinda 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

### Bookings

- Anbink. Two bedroom cabins –\$275 each
- Coinda. X rooms – Estimate \$530 each

### Other costs – prepaid

- Pudukul tour – \$199
- Guluyambi cruise – \$82
- Animal Tracks – \$220 (not yet taking bookings)
- Yellow Waters cruise – \$99

### Other costs – pay on the trip

- 4 nights dinner & drinks – estimate \$150-\$250
- Breakfasts, lunches & snacks – estimate \$100-200 (bring your own for less)

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

## 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](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, 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 the full \$800 plus \$500 towards the expenses. a non-refundable deposit of \$500. Our standard 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.