



KAKADU EXPLORER 9 DAYS | APPROX 86 KM

THE KAKADU ESCARPMENT COUNTRY IS A VAST WILDERNESS AREA IN THE TOP END OF AUSTRALIA. THE KAKADU EXPLORER TREK TAKES US DEEP INTO THIS WILD REGION.

Join us on this challenging 9 day off-track, full pack exploratory hike for a unique opportunity to explore the Kakadu Escarpment country, where few non-indigenous people have ever walked.

We explore the most beautiful swimming holes, stay in spectacular camp sites and discover significant and inspiring Aboriginal rock art. This is a stunning trekking journey along two of Kakadu's great creeks (so big you could almost call them rivers!), the Twin and Jim Jim.

Your guides believe that this is the best trek they have done so far in their walking careers and are excited to take you into this incredible, remote untouched wilderness.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 8 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners.
- All delicious snacks on the trail.
- 2 experienced professional wilderness guides.
- All national park permits and camping fees.
- All camping equipment including mosquito net, sleeping bag, and sleeping mat.
- All catering equipment including cutlery, cups, plates, bowls.
- Emergency satellite communication/navigation equipment.
- Wilderness first aid equipment and supplies.
- Transport from Darwin and return.
- Yellow Waters Lagoon cruise.
- This is a small group off-track trek for experienced hikers - limited to 8 people.
- Gear hire: Backpack \$50.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Our 9 day Kakadu Explorer adventure is a demanding walk, we advise you to do as much training as you can before your tour with us. The more you train for the walk the easier you will handle the terrain and the more you will enjoy this wonderful part of the world. It's also important to come along with an open mind ready for an awesome experience whatever the weather, whoever the group.

We need to stress that this is a demanding hike - there is no vehicle support once you have been dropped at the start, and you need to feel confident carrying a full pack weighing up to 20kg. The other factor in Kakadu is the heat and humidity - while we try to walk in the coolest parts of the day, you need to be prepared for temperatures in the high 20s/low 30s with relatively high humidity.

It is very important that you bring the right gear for the conditions. A comprehensive gear list is included at the end of this itinerary. Quality backpacks are available for hire. If you are at all concerned about your ability to do this walk, please feel free to call one of us here at Trek Tours Australia for more advice (1300 133 278).

WHAT YOU CARRY

On the 9 day Kakadu Explorer adventure you will need to carry all your equipment in a full trekking pack that is 70-90 litres in capacity. This includes sleeping bag, inflatable sleeping mat, mosquito dome, a proportion of the group's food supplies and all personal items as specified in our gear list. Depending on the quality and quantity of personal gear and toiletries, the average pack may weigh up to 20kg.

A pre-trip briefing and a full gear check with your guides the afternoon before your Kakadu Explorer trek departs will ensure you have the right mix of gear for your adventure. Please make your way to the NT General Store, 42 Cavenagh Street Darwin at 4PM the day before your trip, bringing your pack and what you intend to bring on your trek.



DAY 1: DEPART DARWIN, YELLOW WATER LAGOON CRUISE.

Pick up Darwin hotels between 7.30am and 8am. Drive to Warradjan Cultural Centre where we have a fresh healthy lunch and a chance to look around the centre. Continue to Cooinda, in the heart of the Kakadu wetlands, where an afternoon cruise on the famous Yellow Water Lagoon is a spectacular way to end our first day. We are treated to a vast array of birdlife and some of the top end's most famous creatures - the massive and deadly salt water crocodile. Following the cruise we drive another hour to our campsite where your guides will prepare a delicious dinner, followed by a detailed tour briefing.

5hrs driving | 2hr cruise
Meals: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9: TWIN CREEK GORGE, TWIN FALLS, RETURN TO DARWIN.

An early start this morning, with amazing photo opportunities, as the early light filters through the high walls of the gorge. Our walk out from camp takes us to the top of Twin Falls before our descent from the escarpment. Following the first and only marked trail of this incredible journey; we make our way to the end of our trek at Twin Falls. Transfer to Darwin with a lunch stop on the way, arriving approximately 5pm.

Walking: 6kms | 2-3hrs, 6hrs driving to Darwin
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 2 TO 8: FOLLOW JIM JIM AND TWIN CREEKS TO TWIN FALLS.

This morning we transfer by four wheel drive to the beginning of our remote Kakadu journey, Jim Jim Falls. From here we leave all the other tourists behind and make our way to the top of the escarpment. Once up top, you feel like you're on the roof of Kakadu, looking all the way down the spectacular Jim Jim Gorge. Following a well earned rest, another swim and a bite to eat, we continue trekking beside the river to our camp tonight.

For the next 8 days we follow the Jim Jim and Twin Creeks across the plateau to join up with Twin Falls. Expect free flowing waterfalls, amazing swimming and plunge pools, ancient rock and stunning natural formations, monsoonal rainforests, protected gorges, and colourful birdlife. This is spectacular escarpment country, overlooking Kakadu and beyond.

We camp in areas where very few have been before. We are also introduced to some rare Aboriginal art along the trail. The southern part of the park is traditionally divided among three closely related Jawoyn clans: Bolmo, Wurrkbaba and Matjba. This area is within the traditional domain of the Jawoyn language group.

The hike is untracked; your expert wilderness guides will be utilising map and compass navigation along the way.

On average we expect to trek approximately 12-14 kilometres per day plus some exploring in untracked and remote areas, with a final camp destination in mind each day. We aim to reach camp mid to late afternoon giving us time to relax, swim, read and enjoy the beauty of our remote wilderness surrounds. Each campsite has its own fresh water source.

approximately 85kms + exploring over 8 days
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WHAT EQUIPMENT TO BRING ON YOUR KAKADU EXPLORER TREK

The following list sets out all the clothing and equipment you are required to bring for you to participate in the Kakadu Explorer Trek.

E indicates essential item of equipment

H indicates available for hire

| Clothing | Equipment |
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| 1 Woolen /Polar fleece jumper. Must be wool or synthetic fibre. E | Backpack 70-90 litre capacity E, H (\$50) |
| 2 T-shirts/Long sleeve shirts E | Light weight inflatable sleeping mat (we provide) E |
| Walking trousers (not jeans) or walking shorts E | Sleeping bag rated to 3 seasons (we provide) E |
| Wool walking socks E | Inner sheet (we provide) E |
| Underwear | Mosquito Dome (we provide) E |
| Sunhat E | Head torch with spare batteries and globe E |
| Swimmers | Sunglasses |
| Gaiters - knee length E | Combination of water bottles & water bladder minimum 3 litres E |
| Warm hat/beanie E | Travel Towel |
| | Catering equipment including cutlery, cups, plates, bowls (we provide) E |
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| Footwear | Personal Toiletries and First Aid |
| Boots must be lace up, ankle high, leather/fabric construction with a sturdy rubber sole. They must be well worn-in but not worn-out. E | Personal toiletries |
| Spare comfortable shoes or sandals with straps. | Sunscreen and lip balm E |
| | Personal first aid kit - blister protection E |
| | Insect repellent cream |
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| Optional Equipment | Optional Equipment |
| Camera | Walking poles |
| Pillow | A good book! |
| Binoculars | |