



TRIP NOTES 2017

5 Day Top End Explorer

Itinerary Updates

There are no recent itinerary updates to this trip.

Accommodation

PNTK5 Safari Tent: shared facilities (2nts), Camping: shared facilities (2nt)

Note: See Overnight Accommodation (right) for details.

Meals

This tour includes: 4 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 4 Dinners

We cater for special dietary requirements where possible, so please advise us when booking.

We recommend you budget approx \$100 for additional snacks, drinks and souvenirs you may choose to buy while on tour though you may opt to spend more or less.

Inclusions

- Experienced Guide
- Aboriginal Cultural Experience*
- Meals as specified
- Mary River Wildlife Cruise*
- National Park Entry Fees

* The Aboriginal Cultural Experience and Mary River Cruise is only included during the Dry Season. During the Wet Season, an alternative itinerary is provided including a substituted boat cruise option.

What to Bring: Checklist

- Swimming costume and towel
- Walking shoes
- Personal water bottle (ideally 1.5L capacity)
- Small day pack
- Personal toiletries
- Insect repellent & Sunscreen
- Long-sleeved cotton shirt (sun protection) and loose-fitting pants (warmth and insect protection for evenings)
- Warm jumper (particularly in winter)
- A pillow
- Sleeping Bag *Note: 10°C sleeping bags are available for sale at \$35pp — must be requested prior to travel and can be kept following your trip or donated to indigenous communities.

Note: Maximum bag weight limit on Kakadu tours is 10kg

Itinerary Notes

Itineraries in the Top End cover a big geographical area and we must travel some significant distances in order to experience the highlights covered in this itinerary - rest assured they are well worth the journey! Approximate distances on this itinerary are: Day 1 - 350km, Day 2 - 120km, Day 3 - 340km, Day 4 - 350km, Day 5 - 250km.

Departure Point

We offer free pick up from key hotels on request - please ask our sales staff. It is your responsibility to ensure we know where to pick you up (call 1300 73 88 70). If we do not hear from you, we will assume you will make your way to our Main Departure Point:

Darwin: Melaleuca On Mitchell (52 Mitchell Street), at 6.50am

We will not be responsible for missed pick-ups (and a missed tour) if we do not receive notification from you or your travel agent, or if you are not at your pick up location at the right time. Please also have your mobile phone turned on in the morning in case we need to reach you. Call 1300 73 88 70 if you are concerned that you have missed pickup.

Tour Style

This is a **Kakadu Expedition** offering comfort, choice and affordability with a range of 3 to 5 day tours throughout the Top End. As we operate our own Private Safari Camps we are able offer accommodation choices with excellent value for money. Frequent departures ensure there will be a tour to suit your plans while key itineraries are Guaranteed to Depart.

Overnight Accommodation

On Kakadu Expeditions, accommodation options can include:

Camping consists of permanent or semi-permanent tents (with shared facilities).

We provide comfortable swags while sleeping bags are required and are available for pre-purchase from us.

Safari Tent involves our comfortable permanent Safari Tents with a light, a fan, standing room & twin beds with spring mattresses. All private Safari Camps have shared facilities, including a screened, powered kitchen-dining area.

Important Notes!

1. It is essential that you call 1300 73 88 70 the day prior to departure to confirm your pick up, and provide a mobile phone number for last minute notifications.
2. Your vehicle will be branded as Adventure Tours Australia, Western Exposure or Kimberley Wild, but this tour is operated by Adventure Tours Australia.
3. Itineraries may vary and/or attractions be substituted for any cause including seasonal conditions (including the opening and closing of Twin and Jim Jim Falls and other natural attractions), weather extremes, traditional owner and national park requirements. Please note that the opening dates of waterfalls and attractions vary each year and can change on a daily basis during the wet and shoulder seasons. For an up to date access report please contact our customer service team or visit kakaduroadreport.wordpress.com. See terms and conditions for full details.
4. The Aboriginal Wulna-Limilngan cultural experience is only available during the dry season (Apr to Oct) as site is subject to flooding. Participants may be absent due to cultural commitments with minimal prior notification and Kimberley Wild reserves the right to amend the itinerary in these circumstances with no obligation to refund.
5. Space in a 4WD is limited so please keep luggage light - bring only essentials in a small soft bag. **Max on all tours to Kakadu is strictly 10kg.** Suitcases are not suitable. Excess luggage must be left behind or sent to a forward destination.
6. We reserve the right to assess the fitness capability of passengers prior to tour departure.
7. It is your responsibility to advise us if you have any dietary requirements or medical conditions (including allergies) well ahead of departure.
8. Your guide will prepare most of the meals whilst on tour but you will have the opportunity to assist with daily activities such helping prepare meals and clearing dishes. None of this is difficult however many hands make light work and any assistance is always appreciated.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is compulsory for all travellers on all tours and details must be presented to your guide before departure. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Alcohol

Alcohol is not usually provided with meals (some exceptions apply). It can be purchased on tour.

Climate

During dry season months (Apr-Sep) overnight temperatures can get below 10 degrees Celsius but daytime temperatures can still exceed 30 degrees Celsius. Daytime temperatures and humidity can be extreme during the wet season (Oct to March) with temperatures over 35 degrees Celsius. Night time temperatures can also be high at this time of year.

Physical Preparation

To get the most out of this trip you need to be prepared for walks of between 3-8 km on some days. This may be on rough ground and perhaps getting feet wet in rivers and creeks. From Oct to March you will experience temperatures of over 32 degrees Celsius with very high humidity so be prepared to endure extra physical stress due to the heat at these times, especially while on walks. These extreme outside temperatures can also place stress on the air-conditioning units within our vehicles which can make travelling slightly uncomfortable. Your tour guide will assist with regular breaks and information to assist in keeping well hydrated.