



Hiking Australia's Kakadu National Park

9 Days



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➤ Hiking Australia's Kakadu National Park

Discover the captivating magic of UNESCO-listed Kakadu National Park on this brand-new MT Sobek journey in Australia's Northern Territory. Visit ancient rock-art sites, and learn about its rich archeological and ethnological heritage from Aboriginal elders. Feel like a true adventurer as you take sunset cruises along croc-filled billabongs and go deep into the wilderness on a two-day hike. See spectacular falls and gorges, and cool off in pristine swimming holes. You'll also enjoy exclusive access to rarely visited Arnhem Land and tour Litchfield National Park's fascinating termite mounds! This new trip is not to be missed.

Details

Arrive: Darwin, Australia

Depart: Darwin, Australia

Duration: 9 Days

Group Size: 6-14 Guests

Minimum Age: 13 Years Old

Activity Level:



Testimonials

"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."

Dennis G.

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Margaret I.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

Our connections allow us to have exclusive access to immersive Aboriginal experiences—visiting homesteads, rock art galleries and indigenous guided cruises!

REASON #02

This unique Australian hiking adventure covers up to 30 miles of trails in UNESCO-listed Kakadu National Park, with access to remote and undiscovered regional gems.

REASON #03

Experience the wonders of far-northern Australia from its iconic waterfalls, cool Monsoon forests, and billabongs to its secret ancient Aboriginal rock art.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Moderate hiking between 3 and 9 miles per day, swimming, plus wildlife cruising and cultural exploration of Aboriginal sites.



LODGING

Six nights of safari-style camping in stunning locations adjacent to national park campgrounds, plus two night's hotel accommodation in Darwin.



CLIMATE

Kakadu is normally rain-free with plenty of sun and very warm temperatures around 90°F from May to November. Evenings can be cooler at around 60°F.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN DARWIN

Welcome to Australia! Upon arrival at Darwin International Airport, meet your MT Sobek representative and transfer to your hotel. After meeting the group and a trip briefing, stretch your legs with a guided walk to some of the city's main attractions, including the fantastic Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Botanic Gardens, and Mindil Beach. Then enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Activity: 3 miles/3 hours of undulating walking

Meals: L, D

DAY 2

JOURNEY TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

En route to Kakadu, meet Wulna Aboriginal elders for a traditional welcome to country, plus morning tea and a cultural talk or billabong walk. Upon arrival in Kakadu National Park, a 7,700-square-mile UNESCO World Heritage Centre, take a sunset cruise on the Yellow Water Billabong, home to astounding wildlife. You may spot brumbies (wild horses), wallabies, goannas, saltwater crocodiles, and myriad native birds including magpie geese, cormorants, and the black-necked stork (jabiru) - one of Australia's largest flying birds. Come evening, settle into your comfortable eco-camp in the heart of Kakadu.

Activity: Sunset cruise

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

DISCOVER ANCIENT ABORIGINAL ROCK ART IN ARNHEM LAND

Wake to a chorus of birds, enjoy breakfast, and head out for Arnhem Land (via vehicle and boat) and the Mawurndaddja rock art complex. Enjoy exclusive, special-permit access to this Aboriginal-owned region, seen by very few visitors! Your Njanjma guide leads you into Arnhem Land, visiting several sites before climbing up to the Mawurndaddja complex. After experiencing the astounding ancient art and culture here, venture back into Kakadu. In the late afternoon, walk through the Bardedjilidji sandstone outcrops and up to Ubirr Rock for lovely views over the vast floodplain.

Activity: 7-8 hours/5-6 miles of undulating hiking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

EXPLORE NOURLANGIE, DINE WITH AN ABORIGINAL ELDER

Rise early for a full day of exploring Nourlangie (Burrungkuy), a large sandstone outcrop known for its Nanguluwur art site and beautiful vistas. Today's walk comprises the Barrk and Nourlangie circuit, traversing

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the crest of this plateau, and reveals the escarpment's extraordinary diversity of habitats — from cool monsoon vine forest to rugged stone country. After lunch, visit the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre, full of fascinating information and traditional stories. Return to camp for dinner with a special guest: a local Aboriginal elder who will share stories of culture, hunting, and Dreamtime.

Activity: 6 hours/6-7.5 miles of undulating hiking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

PLAY IN BARRAMUNDI & GUNLOM WATERFALLS

Head south to discover more of Kakadu's gorgeous waterfalls and gorges. Barramundi (Maguk) Falls is reached via a stunning walk through monsoon forest, opening out to a deep plunge pool lined with blond quartzite cliffs. Keep your eye out for birds such as rainbow pittas and spangled drongos, plus the endemic anbinik tree. Continue to camp near Gunlom, a magnificent waterfall ringed by sandy beaches and pandanus palms. While enjoying pre-dinner nibbles, experience a Kakadu sunset from the swimming hole atop Gunlom Falls - one of the most iconic images of the Northern Territory!

Activity: 3 hours/3-3.25 miles of undulating hiking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

TAKE A WILDERNESS WALK IN SOUTHERN KAKADU

Embark on a two-day 4WD and hiking adventure deep into southern Kakadu. The group determines the walk's pace and distance today, so today's destination is Koolpin Gorge or Motorcar Falls, with rock scrambling through splendid gorges plus stops to view Aboriginal art. Your effort is well rewarded by crystal-clear rock pools and outstanding views. En route, see limpid rock pools lined with ferns and palms, and birds and animals finding water and shelter in the gorge's walls. Only very few visitors receive permits to experience this magical environment - you're lucky!

Activity: 5-6 hours/9 miles of undulating hiking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

ENJOY SPECIAL ACCESS IN SOUTHERN KAKADU

Like yesterday, today's walk can be as strenuous as the group wishes. There are a few options of spectacular gorges and hidden waterfalls to discover, which you can reach only with local knowledge. Regardless of the destination, rest assured that the scenery, flora, fauna, and ancient landscapes combine for an unforgettable day!

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Activity: 5-6 hours/5 miles of undulating hiking

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

RETURN TO DARWIN VIA LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

After your final night camping in Kakadu, travel to Litchfield National Park, home to iconic magnetic termite mounds and mysterious clusters of weathered sandstone pillars known as the Lost City. On the way, you may enjoy a relaxing swim and your last scrumptious picnic lunch at one of the region's many waterfalls before continuing north to Darwin. Freshen up in your hotel room, then rejoin the group for a festive farewell dinner.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9

DEPART FOR HOME

After breakfast, transfer to the Darwin airport for your homeward-bound flight

Meals: B

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\$ 4,495 per person

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\$ 400 Single Supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- 1 glass of wine or beer at dinner
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All necessary camping gear
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day airport transfers

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving outside of Day 1 or departing outside of Day 9
- Optional travel protection

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