

# 5 DAY 4WD KAKADU/ KOOLPIN SAFARI (JUNE TO AUGUST)

## The 5 day 4WD Kakadu tour explores Kakadu National Park at it's best.

This tour visits the special permit areas of Koolpin Gorge as well as seeing Jim Jim Falls, Barramundi Gorge, Ubirr Rock and Gunlom Falls. Included is a wildlife cruise on Yellow Waters at sunset.

This premium camping tour is for the dedicated adventurer. Traditionally this tour will be enjoyed by the more mature traveller who enjoy fantastic hikes in travelling in small groups.

Camping is in permanent safari tent accommodation with the option to sleep under the stars in a swag. Travel by 4WD vehicle

### Highlights Include:

- 2hr Sunset Cruise on the famous Yellow Waters
- 4 Wheel driving to Jim Jim Falls
- World famous Ubirr for views over the Nardab floodplains and into Arnhem land
- Gunlom Falls in the southern end of Kakadu
- Bowali Information Centre within Kakadu National Park
- Jarrangbarnmi (Koolpin Gorge), special permit restricted area, hike & swim
- Maguk (Barramundi Gorge) hike through paperbark forests & swim in the pristine plunge pool



## DAY 1: TUESDAY DARWIN – KAKADU

Pick up at 6.30-6.45am from your nominated accommodation in Darwin

We start our Kakadu tour by heading towards the world heritage listed Kakadu National Park, with a stopover and the iconic Australiana Bark Hut for quick refreshment.

Stop & enjoy the sights of the tidal East Alligator River with the opportunity to spot some crocs and flying foxes!

Then on to the world famous Ubirr in the north of the park. Some of the best examples of northern Australian rock art can be found here. Learn about the art from your guide and the meaning behind these special paintings. A climb to the top is rewarded with staggering 360° views over the Nardab floodplains and into Arnhemland.

Tonight, we camp at our exclusive safari camp at Mardukal Billabong in the heart of Kakadu. Enjoy sitting around an open campfire enjoying a cool beverage or a toasted marshmallow.

**Fitness:** 3 kms | **Meals:** Lunch & dinner

## DAY 2: WEDNESDAY KAKADU

We then return to our safari camp at Mardukal Billabong and relax around the campfire after some dinner.

After breakfast we do some 4 Wheel driving to Jim Jim Falls. A 1 km walk through the gorge surrounded by towering 200m high sandstone cliffs leads to the impressive plunge pool for a well-deserved refreshing swim, or simply relax on the beach whilst taking in the breathtaking views.

Visit to the Warradjan cultural centre is a great opportunity to gain some insight into the traditional owners of Kakadu through interactive displays and demonstrations.

This evening we will enjoy 2hr Sunset Cruise on the famous Yellow Waters. Here we will have the opportunity to see spectacular wildlife including abundant birdlife and crocodiles in their natural habitat.

We then return to our safari camp at Mardukal Billabong and relax around the campfire after some dinner.

**Fitness:** 5 kms | **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner

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## DAY 3: THURSDAY KAKADU - DARWIN

After some breakfast we then make our way to Maguk (Barramundi Gorge). A 1km hike through a paperbark forest with some rock scrambling leads to the plunge pool for a cool swim in a pristine environment, teeming with black bream and barramundi this is a place like no other.

This afternoon is spent exploring Gunlom Falls in the southern end of Kakadu. A hike to the top is rewarded with a swim in the naturally occurring infinity pools whilst taking in the panoramic views of southern Kakadu. The bottom plunge pool and beach are not to be missed, made famous in the Crocodile Dundee movie it's a great place to relax and soak up the atmosphere of this special place.

Tonight, we camp at our private camp at Goymarr (Mary River Roadhouse)

**Fitness:** 5 kms | **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 4: FRIDAY KAKADU

Today we spend the whole day exploring the magnificent Jarrangbarnmi (Koolpin Gorge), the jewel in the crown, this is a special permit access area that is recognised for its cultural and environmental sensitivity.

Territory Expeditions is the only tour operator that is able to offer regular tours to this area, and is grateful to the traditional owners for allowing us to have this opportunity.

The name Jarrangbarnmi comes from the Jawoyn words jarrang meaning flood, or big water flow, and barn meaning rift or gap. Jarrangbarnmi was created by the Jawoyn creation ancestors. It is part of Buladjang country. Bula created this landscape and then went to live under the ground. Bolung (Rainbow Serpent) lives in plunge pools in this country. Both powerful creation ancestors can cause earthquakes, storms, floods and disease if disturbed.

The walk up the gorge is a real wilderness walk and requires a good level of fitness with great rewards on arrival to some of the National Parks most spectacular rock pools, waterfalls and rock landscape.

This remote location is restricted to only 40 people per day and is home to several endemic species of fauna and fauna.

Tonight, we camp at our private camp at Goymarr (Mary River Roadhouse)

**Fitness:** 5-8 kms | **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch & dinner

## DAY 5: SATURDAY KAKADU

This morning we visit Old Goodparla Homestead, this was one of the first cattle stations occupied by the early pastoralists of the Kakadu region before being declared a national park. A great opportunity to see how Europeans lived and struggled in the early days with many of the remnants remaining, a glimpse into the past.

Then we visit Ikoymarrwa (Moline Rockhole), a special permit area that is spring fed and flows all year round, this is the last opportunity for a swim in Kakadu before preparing for the drive back to Darwin.

Return to Darwin via the historic town of Pine Creek, arriving back in Darwin at approximately 5pm.

**Fitness:** 2 kms | **Meals:** Breakfast & lunch



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## About Territory Expeditions

Our guides are experienced Kakadu tour guides. They have excellent knowledge about Kakadu and the Aboriginal people who have occupied this region for thousands of years. Our tours aim to be fun, yet educational. We want you to take away knowledge of our region and hope that it remains as special to you as it is to us.

### Itinerary disclaimer

Please note that while we operate successful trips in this region throughout the year, some changes may occur in our itineraries due to inclement weather and common seasonal changes to timetables and transport routes. This can happen with little notice so please be prepared for modifications to the route.

### Aboriginal cultural experiences/communities:

Please note due to cultural sensitivities, entry to particular parts of local Aboriginal communities may be unavailable. Participants may be absent due to cultural commitments with minimal prior notification and Territory Expeditions reserves the right to amend the itinerary in these circumstances with no obligation to refund.

### WET SEASON ITINERARY

A tropical summer itinerary applies in Kakadu Nov/Dec-May.

Itineraries may vary and/or attractions be substituted for any cause including seasonal conditions, weather extremes, traditional owner and national park requirements.

### Level of Fitness

Kakadu, Arnhemland and Litchfield are rough and rugged stone bush country. In many of the places we access and those listed in the itinerary, there are cleared walking tracks, but not boardwalks or handrails. Some of the walks are over slippery and uneven ground, and we will always advise caution when walking over these surfaces. A reasonable level of fitness & stable footing is required for most locations in these itineraries and to make the most of the experience. Territory Expeditions has designed these tours for the fit and active.

### 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 35 degrees Celsius



(and sometimes well into the 40's) 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 uncomfortable. Your tour guide will assist with regular breaks and information to assist in keeping well hydrated.

### Included activities

Included activities are listed in the day-to-day itinerary. If you choose not to participate in the included activities on this itinerary, the cost will not be refunded.

Please note that some of our included activities are contingent on weather conditions. We'll arrange an alternative if an included activity is deemed unsafe.

### Spending money

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping, participating in optional activities, and tipping.

### Important notes

#### Wet Season & Weather:

Given the unpredictable nature of weather and travel in the tropics, we are sometimes forced to make late itinerary changes due to unexpected heavy rain and/or storms and road closures. In the event of this occurring, itinerary changes may need to be implemented after commencement of your trip. In this event, your Tour Leader/Driver has full authority to change the itinerary and/or order of activities and substitute alternative destinations and activities as necessary. No refunds are available due to itinerary changes and missed activities caused by extreme weather conditions and/or road closures.

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## Accommodation

On our tours you will stay in Permanent Safari Tent accommodation (twin share with shared facilities) Bathroom facilities are shared and are located a short walking distance from camp/accommodation.

## Meals

All meals while on tour are included as part of your package.

Your leader will prepare most of the meals whilst on tour but you will have the opportunity to assist with daily activities such as setting up camp, helping prepare meals and clearing dishes. None of this is difficult however many hands make light work and any assistance provided to crew is always much appreciated. Most people agree that this type of activity helps you feel like less of a tourist and more of an explorer.

You have the opportunity on tour to purchase snacks, ice creams or drinks.

Our suggestion based on past traveller feedback is that AUD 100.00 should cover any additional expenses.

## Dietary requirements:

Passengers with special meal requirements must ensure they inform Territory Expeditions of this at the time of booking. Food for the trip is purchased prior to commencement and special requirements cannot be catered for after departing. Vegetarians and those with any special meal requirements may need to provide additional assistance to the leader for meal preparation.

## Transport

All Terrain vehicle

You will be travelling in a vehicle specifically designed and built for Australian outback conditions. All our vehicles are air conditioned for your comfort, have CD players and/or Ipod connections and large panoramic windows for uninterrupted sightseeing.

## Issues on your trip

While we always endeavour to provide the best possible holiday experience, due to the nature of travel and the areas we visit sometimes things can and do go wrong. Should any issue occur while you are on your trip, it is imperative that you discuss this with your group leader or our local representative straight away

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so that they can do their best to rectify the problem and save any potential negative impact on the rest of your trip.

We recognise that there may be times when your group leader/local partner may not be able to resolve a situation to your satisfaction if this is the case, please ask the leader to speak to their direct manager.

## What to take

### Luggage restrictions:

Pack only your bare essentials. Due to limited space and strict road laws limiting gross weight of vehicles, you are required to limit your luggage to one small to medium sized soft bag or backpack (max 10 kg's) and a small daypack, which can be carried inside the vehicle. Extra luggage can usually be stored at your hotel.

### Water bottle:

Consider bringing your own water bottle to refill along the way. We recommend at least a 1.5 litre capacity. The sale of bottled water contributes to an enormous environmental problem around the world. In addition to the water in bottles, the production of a 1 litre plastic bottle takes 2 litres of water and 200ml of oil. A large proportion end up in limited landfill or discarded in waterways and natural environments.

## Batteries/power:

Most of our trips have access to power to recharge batteries for phones and cameras every couple of days. We always recommend that you carry an extra battery for your camera just in case. Your vehicle will be equipped with a 12 volt "cigarette lighter" socket which may be used at the crew's discretion, however, do bear in mind that only one piece of equipment can be charged at a time and it will not be allowed if there is a risk of running the vehicle's batteries low. Batteries may also be recharged from hotel room wall sockets. We suggest you bring a mix of normal and rechargeable batteries and the appropriate recharging unit. Hotels and many campsites have electricity and charging of batteries is advised before checking out the following day.

## Headlamp or torch:

A headlamp or torch is strongly recommended for around your accommodation at night. Some properties have limited lighting and are powered by generators that switch off at a certain time. It's a good idea to bring a headlamp or torch to navigate your way around at night.

## Clothing & climate:

Daytime temperatures and humidity can be extreme from Oct to March with temperatures over 35 degrees Celsius. Night time temperatures can also be high at this time of year.

We recommend that you bring loose, cool, cotton clothing to protect yourself from the harsh sun. A sun hat, sunscreen, swimwear, towel, sturdy walking shoes and sunglasses are a must.

## Safety

### Remote area travel:

We carry a satellite phone on all of our remote/overland trips to be used by our leaders in the event of an emergency and for your safety. In addition, all of our leaders are First Aid trained and certified.

### Hydration:

Daytime temperatures can be extreme from Oct to March with temperatures over 40 degrees Celsius. Please bring a large refillable water bottle. We strongly recommend the use of dehydration salts and sports drinks as a way to combat dehydration during times of extreme heat.

## Travel insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory for all our trips. We require that, at a minimum, you are covered for medical expenses including emergency repatriation. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Territory Expeditions accept no responsibility for the loss or damage to personal articles including luggage.

Territory Expeditions cannot be held responsible for any personal injury to clients due to action beyond their control.

Refunds will not apply for delays, curtailment or alteration of a tour resulting from any cause, including mechanical failure, cultural commitments from Traditional owners or severe weather conditions.

## Special Terms & Conditions

Smoking and drinking alcohol is prohibited inside a tourist vehicle under Australian Government regulation.

Drinking alcohol is permitted at the campsite; however the guide has the right to limit the amount consumed.

Under no circumstance will illegal drugs be allowed on the vehicle. The guide has the right to remove and terminate the tour for any persons found with illegal substances. This will result in no refunds and they will be responsible for their own travel costs at that point.

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## Cancellation Policy

1. 100% payable for all cancellations within 72hrs prior to arrival
2. 75% payable for all cancellations between 14 day – 72 hours
3. 50% payable for all cancellation between 15 -30 days
4. Refund less 20% non refundable deposit for all cancellations made outside 30 days prior to travel
5. Please note that this 20% non-refundable deposit can be refunded at the agent's discretion.

## Covid Flexi Travel Policy

1. In the instance of border closures due to Covid affecting your booking, date changes to your reservation can be made up to 24hrs prior to your scheduled departure. There will be no charge for this date change.
2. Credit for any tour will be held for 12mths from the original tour departure.

## Covid Operational Policy

Territory Expeditions complies with all health and safety requirements as per COVID19 Safe Practices required by the Northern Territory Government.

We are a Covid Safe inspected business.

## TERRITORY EXPEDITIONS

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## Here's the fine print

1. Due to seasonal variations at certain times of the year some areas are inaccessible – therefore itineraries may differ without notice. If an area is inaccessible then a suitable alternative will be offered.
2. Travel insurance is strongly recommended to cover any unforeseen circumstances – be they caused by road and weather conditions, mechanical failure, delays or other reasons.
3. Territory Expeditions accept no responsibility for the loss or damage to personal articles including luggage.
4. Territory Expeditions cannot be held responsible for any personal injury to clients due to action beyond their control.
5. Refunds will not apply for delays, curtailment or alteration of a tour resulting from any cause, including mechanical failure, cultural commitments from Traditional owners or severe weather conditions.
6. Territory Expeditions cannot guarantee our pick up and drop off times and are not responsible for costs resulting in passengers failing to connect with other services.
7. Smoking and drinking alcohol is prohibited inside a tourist vehicle under Australian Government regulation.
8. Drinking alcohol is permitted at the campsite; however the guide has the right to limit the amount consumed.
9. Under no circumstance will illegal drugs be allowed on the vehicle. The guide has the right to remove and terminate the tour for any persons found with illegal substances. This will result in no refunds and they will be responsible for their own travel costs at that point.
10. Territory Expeditions will endeavour to create an enjoyable environment for all our passengers. Therefore we will reserve the right to remove any persons who threaten the safety of the guide or fellow passengers either physically or verbally. This will result in no refunds and they will be responsible for their own travel costs at that point.
11. Territory Expeditions regular tours require a passenger participation including helping with food preparation, washing dishes and set up of the campsite.
12. Territory Expeditions reserves the right to cancel a safari or arrange an alternative operator if group numbers are insufficient.
13. All tours must be reconfirmed 24 hrs prior to travel.
14. Territory Expeditions Tours are for the fit & active. Accommodation is camping style with dorm accommodation available on some tours. Excluding the 3 Day Kakadu which is fully accommodated.