

Willis's Walkabouts 2018-19 Trip List

Latest Update: 15 February 2018

Note 1. The 2018 prices which have been updated are shown in blue. The rest of the 2018 prices have not been updated. Anyone booking before a price change goes onto our website will lock in the old price on a trip where we provide the transport and a price halfway between the old and new where we charter it.

Note 2. We have made major changes to the 2018 program and expect more. We will, however, try and run any trip which has bookings before we make the changes.

All itineraries may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. **Please check our website for updates.**

Prices. In order to keep our prices reasonable, many trips now need a minimum of five to run at the list price.

There have been many changes to our original 2018 trips list. **There will be more.** If a particular trip interests you, the sooner you book, the more likely it is

Kakadu and the Top End

All trips begin and end in Darwin.

Details of Kakadu trips may need to be changed to fit park management needs that arise from time to time.

Feb 25 - Mar 4 Kakadu Light Special \$ 600 2
Special conditions apply to this trip, see trip notes for details.

Jun 10-21 Koolpin to Twin via Jim Jim \$2275 3
This special charter is not open to the general public.

Jun 10-20 Kakadu Art Special \$2095 CN3

Jul 1-14 Kakadu Circle No. 2 \$2650 3
Jul 1-7 1) Koolpin to Twin \$1695 3
Jul 7-14 2) Twin to Barramundi \$1795 4

Jul 2-8 Kakadu Family Charter \$1695 2
This special charter is not open to the general public.

Jul 8-14 Kakadu Family Walk No. 2 \$1695 2
Special children's discounts apply to this trip. See trip notes for details

Jul 8-21 Twin to Jim Jim Circle \$2195 3

Jul 8-22 Twin to Jim Jim Circle \$2395 C3#
Extend the trip by a day and spend a final night on a houseboat on the Mary River.

Jul 16-31 Kakadu Circle No. 3 \$2895 3
Jul 16-22 1) Koolpin to Twin \$1695 3
Jul 22-31 2) Twin to Gunlom \$1995 4

Jul 22 - Aug 5 Kakadu Highlights No. 6 \$2895 CN#3
Jul 22-28 1) Graveside \$1695 3
Jul 28 - Aug 5 2) Twin to Jim Jim \$1795 CN#3

Aug 5-11 Kakadu Day Walks \$1895 CN1

Aug 12-25 Kakadu Highlights No. 7 \$2695 NY3
Aug 12-22 1) Graveside-Surprise \$1995 NY3
Aug 21-25 2) Dinner Creek \$1395 NY3

Aug 25 - Sep 1 Kakadu Retreat \$1795 2

Aug 26 - Sep 1 Kakadu Short O'night No. 1 \$1695 CN2

Sep 2-8 Kakadu Short O'night No. 2 \$1895 CN2

On the two short overnight trips, you carry packs for limited distances & have more than one night at each camp. On No. 2, you finish with a night on a houseboat.

Aug 26 - Sep 8 Kakadu Short O'night Dbl \$2795 CN2

Do both short overnight trips together and save big. This includes a night's accommodation in Jabiru between the two walks.

Sep 9-22 Kakadu Highlights No. 8 \$3095 CNY3

Sep 9-11 1) Twin Falls Creek \$ 895 2
Sep 11-16 2) Jim Jim & Rainforest \$1595 NY3
Sep 15-20 3) Baramundi \$1495 NY3
Sep 20-22 4) Ubirr & Mary River \$1195 CN0

Sections 1 & 2 cost \$1695; sections 2 & 3 cost \$1895; sections 3 & 4 cost \$2195. Sections 1-3 cost \$2395; sections 2-4 cost \$2795.

Sep 23 - Oct 6 Kakadu Highlights No. 9 \$2695 NY3
Sep 23-26 1) Barramundi \$ 895 2
Sep 26-30 2) Koolpin/Freezing \$1395 NY3
Sep 29 - Oct 6 3) Graveside \$1795 NY2
Sections 1 & 2 cost \$1795. Sections 2 & 3 cost \$2295.

Sep 30 - Oct 6 Kakadu Family Walk No. 3 \$1695 2
Special children's discounts apply to this trip. See trip notes for details

Oct 7-13 Kakadu Birdwatching Spec'l \$2895 CNY3

Oct 14-27 Kakadu Highlights No. 10 \$2995 CNY3
Oct 14-19 1) Barramundi \$1495 NY3
Oct 18-25 2) Graveside \$1695 NY3
Oct 25-27 3) Ubirr & Mary River \$ 995 CN0

Sections 1 & 2 cost \$2095. Sections 2 & 3 cost \$2395.

Dec 27 - Jan 5 New Year in Kakadu \$1695 3

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Jan 6-26 * Kakadu Super Circle No. 1 \$4195 NSY5

Jan 6 - Feb 2 * Kakadu Super Circle No. 1 \$5495 NSY5

We hope to run either a three week trip with one helicopter food drop or a four week trip with two helicopter drops. See the trip notes for details.

Jan 6-19 Kakadu Highlights No. 1 \$2495 NY3
Jan 6-13 1) Waterfall-Barramundi \$1795 NY3
Jan 12-19 2) Baroalba \$1595 NY3

Feb 10-23 Kakadu Light \$3995 C G N Y 1
Feb 10-18 1) Kakadu \$2295 CGNY1
Feb 17-23 2) Nitmiluk & Litchfield \$1995 CN1

Feb 17 - Mar 2 Kakadu Highlights No. 2 \$2995 CNY3
Feb 17-22 1) Warming Up \$1895 CNY2
Feb 21 - Mar 2 2) Waterfall-Barramundi \$1995 NY4

Mar 3-16 Baroalba - Hill 420 Circle \$2495 CNY3

Apr 7-20 Kakadu Highlights No. 3 \$2495 CNX3
Apr 7-14 1) Baroalba-Radon \$1495 N3
Apr 13-20 2) Nitmiluk \$1495 CNX3

Apr 13-19 Kakadu Family Walk No. 1 \$1595 2
Special children's discounts apply to this trip. See trip notes for details.

Apr 21 - May 4 Kakadu Short Circle \$2695 NY3

May 5-26 Kakadu Circle No. 1 \$4195 CN#3

May 19 - Jun 1 **Gregory Explorer \$2450 JX4

Jun 2-15 Litchf'ld-Gregory Explorer \$2395 NX3
Jun 2-8 1) Litchfield N P \$1125 X3
Jun 9-15 2) NE Gregory N P \$1375 3

May 20 - Jun 2 Kakadu Highlights No. 4 \$2695 NY3
May 20-27 1) Baroalba/Radon \$1795 NY3
May 27 - Jun 2 2) Koolpin/Waterfall \$1895 NY3

Jun 23 - Jul 6 Kakadu Highlights No. 5 \$2795 NY4
Jun 23-30 1) Waterfall-Barramundi \$1795 NY3
Jun 29 - Jul 6 2) Twin to Jim Jim \$1795 NY4

Red Centre

All trips begin and end in Alice Springs.

Jun 10-23 West Macdonnell Ranges \$2495 3
Jun 10-16 1) Larapinta East & more \$1350 3
Jun 16-23 2) Larapinta West & more \$1495 3

Jul 8-17 * Finke Gorge National Park \$1450 3

Sep 2-22 * Finke-Watarrka \$3695 N3
Sep 2-12 1) Finke Gorge N.P. \$2095 N3
Sep 12-22 2) Watarrka N.P. \$2095 N3

Major Changes for 2018 – Some of the issues

WA Parks no longer permits bushwalking between 1 March and 10 June in many of the parks where we operate.

Negotiations with the Aboriginal traditional owners took two years, but the Mitchell Plateau is again open to bushwalkers on payment of a fee.

Kimberley & Pilbara

All trips begin and end in Kununurra unless otherwise stated.

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| Apr 1-14 | Pilbara: Karijini NP | \$3695 | 3 |
| Apr 1-7 | 1) Dales & Dignam | \$2095 | 3 |
| Apr 7-14 | 2) Kalamina to Weano | \$2295 | 3 |

This trip begins and ends in Tom Price.

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| May 6-19 | King George | \$4595 | AF3 |
| May 6-13 | 1) Faraway Bay to Twin | \$3295 | AF3 |
| May 13-19 | 2) Twin to Faraway Bay | \$3195 | AF3 |

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| May 13 - Jun 9 | Kimberley Highlights No. 1 | \$5395 | BHN3 |
| May 13-19 | 1) Bungle Bungles | \$1495 | 3 |
| May 20-26 | 2) Cockburn Range | \$1795 | H3 |
| May 27-31 | 3) Carr Boyd Range | \$ 995 | B3 |
| Jun 1-5 | 4) Keep River N.P. | \$ 995 | 3 |
| Jun 6-9 | 5) Ord River Canoe | \$ 995 | 0 |

Sections 2-5 cost \$ 4395. Sections 3-5 cost \$2695. Includes accommodation between sections for anyone doing two or more sections.

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| Jun 3-16 | Pilbara: Karijini NP | \$3695 | 3 |
| Jun 3-9 | 1) Dales & Dignam | \$2095 | 3 |
| Jun 9-16 | 2) Kalamina to Weano | \$2295 | 3 |

This trip begins and ends in Tom Price.

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| Jun 10-24 * | Gibb River Rd Gorges | \$3995 | AX#2 |
| Jun 10-17 | 1) Kununurra-Mornington | \$2250 | A2 |
| Jun 17-24 | 2) Mornington to Mt Eliz | \$2495 | AX2 |

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| Jun 24 - Jul 15 | Charnley Explorer | \$3995 | AX#3 |
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| Jul 1-8 | Pilbara: Karijini NP | \$2895 | 3 |
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This is a special charter. We do not expect to be able to take additional bookings.

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| Jul 1-9 | Bungle Bungles | \$2695 | 3 |
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We made major changes to the original itinerary and dropped the price by \$800. See the trip notes for details.

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| Jul 16-29 | Prince Regent Charter | \$5000 | AHX#3 |
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This is a special charter. If the group doesn't fill the spots, we may be able to take other bookings. Our normal discounts do not apply but if the connecting trips run, we will drop the price.

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| Jul 29 - Aug 13 | Mitchell Plateau No. 3 | \$3295 | A3 |
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Depending on final numbers on the charter trip finishing on 29 July, we expect to be able to drop the list price by between \$200 and \$500.

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| Aug 16 - Sep 1 | Kimberley Highlights # 2 | \$3695 | BHN3 |
| Aug 16-19 | 1) Ord River Canoe | \$ 995 | 0 |
| Aug 19-25 | 2) Carr Boyd Range | \$1195 | B3 |
| Aug 26 - Sep 1 | 3) Cockburn Range | \$1795 | H3 |

Sections 1 & 2 cost \$1995. Sections 2 & 3 cost \$2795.

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| Jan 8-26 | Green Kimberley | \$4295 | BN4 |
| Jan 8-12 | 1) Intro to the Wet | \$1695 | N2 |
| Jan 13-16 | 2) Ord River Canoe | \$ 995 | N2 |
| Jan 17-26 | 3) Carr Boyd Range | \$1895 | BN4 |

Sections 1&2 cost \$2495; 2&3 cost \$2495.

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| Feb 4-17 | Bungles in the Wet | \$5495 | A5 |
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| Mar 3 - Apr 13 | Kimberley Coast Explorer | \$7995 | ABFNX5 |
| Mar 3-17 | 1) Berkeley - King George | \$3995 | ABX5 |
| Mar 17-27 | 2) King George - Far Bay | \$3895 | ABN4 |
| Mar 27 - Apr 6 | 3) Far Bay - Drysdale | \$2995 | AFX4 |
| Apr 6-13 | 4) Drysdale - Kalumburu | \$2675 | AFX4 |

Sections 1&2 cost \$5695; 2&3 cost \$5495; 3&4 cost \$3595. Sections 1-3 cost \$7295; 2-4 cost \$6995.

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| Apr 7-27 | Bungles & Osmond | \$4495 | H3 |
| Apr 7-17 | 1) Osmond Range | \$3395 | AH3 |
| Apr 17-27 | 2) Piccaninny Gorge | \$2295 | A3 |

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| Apr 22 - May 5 | Carr Boyd Explorer | \$2650 | BH3 |
| Apr 22-28 | 1) Southern Carr Boyds | \$1950 | BH3 |
| Apr 28 - May 5 | 2) Northern Carr Boyds | \$1995 | H3 |

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| Jun 16-30 | Drysdale River N.P. No. 1 | \$4795 | F3 |
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| Jun 16-29 | Durack Explorer | \$2995 | BX3 |
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| Jun 23 - Jul 14 | Prince Regent Reserve | \$7495 | AHX#3 |
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There will be a food drop but it will not be possible to do single depending on numbers.

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| Jun 30 - Jul 13 | Drysdale River N.P. No. 2 | \$5295 | FH3 |
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Both Drysdale River National Park trips together cost \$7295

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| Jul 14 - Aug 4 | Middle Isdell River | \$TBA | A#3 |
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Will include a food drop in the middle.

Overseas 2018-19

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| September | Madagascar - 4 weeks | \$2195 |
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| September | New Caledonia - 2 or 3 wks | \$1695 or \$2195 |
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Due to the lack of French speaking guides, we may be able to run only one of the above. Whichever gets the needed bookings first, will run.

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| Sep-Oct | South Africa | \$1795 |
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See the trip notes for what is and is not included in each trip. See our Availability and Specials page for the latest updates. Overseas trips are toward the middle, www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/avail.shtml

Details of our other overseas trips have yet to be finalised. We hope to include some or all of the following.

- Vanuatu – first time in several years
- Southern Africa – we may offer a second trip.
- Patagonia
- Japan
- Scandinavian winter

Codes

The following codes provide information about transport, accommodation, level of difficulty and other factors which affect certain trips. Items are listed both for the full trip and for the sections to which they apply.

- A** Aircraft. A light aircraft is used to transport passengers to and/or from the walk.
- B** Boat. A boat is used to transport passengers to and/or from the walk.
- C** Cruise. A price includes a boat cruise other than Yellow Waters.
- F** Float plane. The aircraft transporting passengers will land on the water. These cost more than conventional aircraft.
- G** Guide, Aboriginal. You will be accompanied by one or more Aboriginal people for a day or more. (Overseas = local guide)
- H** Helicopter. Helicopter transport is provided.
- J** On Jawoyn or other Aboriginal Land.
- L** Limited numbers. Generally 9 including the guide. Prices reflect the smaller maximum group size.
- N** Night's budget accommodation included. On trips where one section ends the day before the next section begins, accommodation between sections is included for those doing both sections.
- S** Swimming. Major swims are involved. All those taking part must be able to swim at least 200 metres unaided.
- T** Tucker, bush. Aboriginal bush tucker & culture walk included
- X** Exploratory. A part of this trip will be to places none of our guides have been before.
- Y** Yellow Waters Cruise is included in the indicated section(s).
- #** You can catch many flights the day the trip finishes. Check the trip notes for details.
- *** Trips marked with a **red asterisk** have itineraries that are subject to change.
- **** Trips marked with a **double red asterisk** may no longer be able to run at all. Contact us for more information.

Note. See the Availability and Specials page on our website for special offers on some of these trips.

www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/avail.shtml

Discounts. We offer advance purchase discounts of **up to 20%** on all Australian trips. Details of all our discounts are on our General Info page. www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/pdf/GenInfo-Level.pdf

Major Changes for 2018 – More of the issues

In Kakadu, one of our most important wet-season bushwalking areas has been closed because of concerns expressed by the traditional owners.

Access issues in Central Australia mean that we can't yet be sure of any trips other than the Centralian Highlights. The others can run but may need to be modified.