

Willis's Walkabouts 2018-19 Trip List

Major Update: 10 April 2018

Note 1. All of the 2018 prices have now been updated. None of the 2019 prices have. 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. A record number of special charters forced us to make big changes to the 2018 program. There may be 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.**

See our Availability and Specials page for special offers on some trips. www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/avail.shtml

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.

Jun 10-20 Kakadu Art Special \$2095 CN3

Jun 10-21 Koolpin to Twin via Jim Jim \$2275 3

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 3-9 Kakadu Family Charter \$1695 2

This special charter is not open to the general public.

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 CGNY1

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

Jul 7-13 Kakadu Family Walk No. 2 \$1695 2

Special children's discounts apply to this trip. See trip notes for details

Jul 7-20 Twin to Jim Jim Circle \$2195 3

Jul 7-21 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.

Red Centre

All trips begin and end in Alice Springs.

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

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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

Jun 23 - Jul 6 * Watarrka National Park \$3095 3

Jul 7-16 * Finke Gorge National Park \$1450 3

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.

More on the next page.

Kimberley & Pilbara

All trips begin and end in Kununurra unless otherwise stated.

May 13 - Jun 9	Kimberley Highlights No. 1	\$5395	BHN3
May 13-19	1) Bungle Bungles	\$1495	3
May 20-26	2) El Questro Gorges	\$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.

Jun 3-16	Pilbara: Karijini NP	\$2995	3
Jun 3-9	1) Dales & Dignam	\$1595	3
Jun 9-16	2) Kalamina to Weano	\$1795	3

This trip begins and ends in Tom Price. This is a special price. None of our normal discounts apply.

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

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 cannot take additional bookings.

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.

Jul 16-29	Prince Regent Charter	\$5000	AHX#3
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This is a special charter. We are unlikely to be able to take other bookings.

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.

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)El Questro Gorges	\$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.

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.

Apr 7-20	Pilbara: Karijini NP	\$3695	3
Apr 7-13	1) Dales & Dignam	\$2095	3
Apr 13-20	2) Kalamina to Weano	\$2295	3

This trip begins and ends in Tom Price.

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

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

May 5-18	King George	\$4595	AF3
May 5-12	1) Faraway Bay to Twin	\$3295	AF3
May 12-18	2) Twin to Faraway Bay	\$3195	AF3

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.

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

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

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.

Sep-Oct	Southwest South Africa	\$1795
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Oct-Nov	Northeast South Africa	\$1795
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Dec-Jan	Patagonia	\$1895
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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
- 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.
- 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 Discount page.,

www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/prices.shtml

Bookings. To make a booking, go to our booking page, www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/booking.shtml

Major Changes for 2018-19 – More of the issues

Getting six charter groups meant that we had to cancel some of our other trips.

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

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

Changed access rules in other areas mean we may or may not be able to visit some areas we have used in the past.