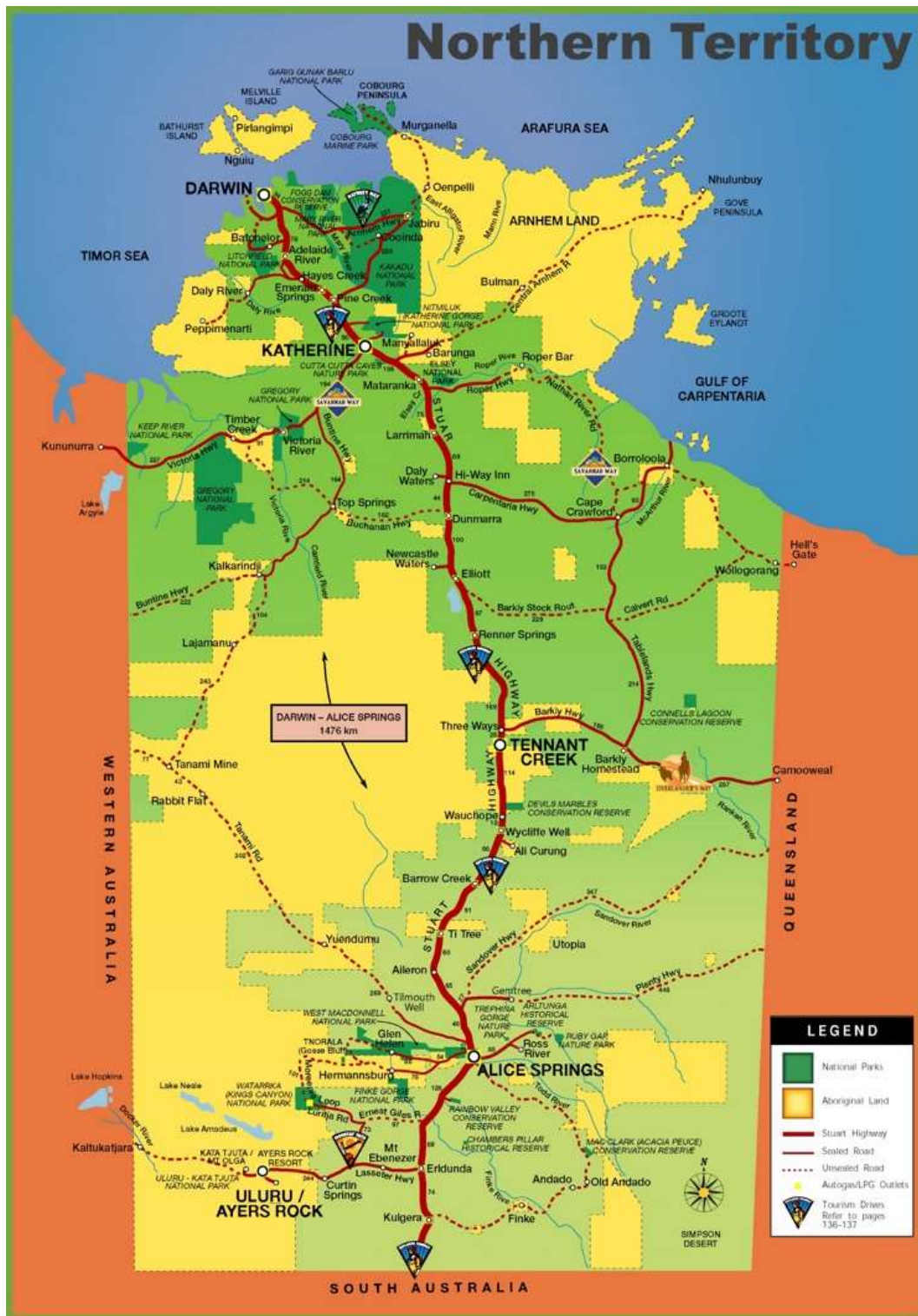


**THE ABSOLUTE BEST DAY WALKS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY (Red Centre and Top End)**

**July–August 2023**



***HIGHLIGHTS:*** Alice Springs, Larapinta Trail (sections), King's Canyon, Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (The Olgas), East MacDonnell Ranges, Darwin, Litchfield NP, Katherine Gorge NP, Kakadu NP.

***Part 1: THE RED CENTRE***

*Sunday 16 July to Wednesday 26 July  
11 days ex-Alice Springs \$3500  
(including 5-day outback safari)*

***Part 2: THE TOP END***

*Wednesday 26 July to Saturday 5 August  
11 days ex-Darwin \$3250*



**YOU MAY DO ONE PART OR BOTH**

(If you do both parts, you will be eligible for a \$250 discount)

*Leader:* Phillip Donnell

Prices based on a minimum of 15 participants and subject to currency fluctuations.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation – mostly twin rooms with ensuite in hotels/motels.
- Transport in a hired minibus or 4WD bus.
- All breakfasts.
- 4 lunches and 1 dinner on outback safari.
- Subsidised farewell celebration dinner.
- Experienced Kiwi trip leader throughout.
- National Park entry fees.

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Flights to / from Alice Springs or Darwin.
- Flight Alice Springs to Darwin (for those doing both parts).
- Airport transfer fees.
- Lunches and dinners unless otherwise stated.
- Travel insurance.
- Personal incidentals, excursions, and entry to attractions.



Simpsons Gap



Katherine Gorge

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### PART 1: THE RED CENTRE

DATE	POSSIBLE WALK(S)	OVERNIGHT
Day 1 Sunday 16 July B	<p><b>Arrival Day in Alice Springs.</b> Arrive and transfer to the hotel. If you arrive early and have time to spare, use <i>Desert Park Transfers</i> to pick you up and take you to Alice Springs Desert Park (entry fee – own expense), which will easily occupy 2-3 hours. You can also walk there from town along several well-formed paths. <b>6.00 p.m. Initial briefing, followed by dinner together.</b></p>	Alice Springs
<b>A TOWN LIKE ALICE</b>		
Day 2 Monday 17 July B	<p><b>Walks in and near Alice Springs</b> Riverside Walk to Telegraph Station Historic Reserve (4km,1h) Trig Hill (1h) Annie Myers Hill/Olive Pink Botanic Gardens Royal Flying Doctor Service/School of the Air Anzac Hill, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Flynn’s Grave Alice Springs Kangaroo Sanctuary, Alice Springs Reptile Centre (we may visit Simpsons Gap – see below)</p>	Alice Springs
<p><b>WEST MACDONNELL NATIONAL PARK</b> <b>Highlights of the Larapinta Trail (along Namatjira Drive)</b> See <a href="https://traveloutbackaustralia.com/red-centre-way.html">https://traveloutbackaustralia.com/red-centre-way.html</a></p>		
Day 3 Tuesday 18 July B	<p><i>Walks selected from:</i> <i>*Serpentine Gorge</i> (1.3km,30m), Lookout Walk (20m), Western Ridge (1h30m). <i>*Ormiston Gorge and Pound:</i> Ghost Gum Lookout (15m), Pound Walk (8.5km,3-4h), Ormiston to Glen Helen Resort (10km,4-5h)</p>	Glen Helen
Day 4 Wednesday 19 July B	<p><i>Walks selected from:</i> <i>*Redbank Gorge:</i> Gorge Walk (2km,1h), Mount Sonder (or part thereof, 15.8km, 4-5h). Travel back to Alice Springs via Namatjira Drive (155km,1h45m)</p>	Alice Springs
Day 5 Thursday 20 July	<p><i>Walks selected from:</i> <i>*Simpsons Gap:</i> The Gap (30m), Ghost Gum Walk (15m), Woodland Trail (17km,3-5h), Cassia Hill (1h).</p>	Alice Springs

B	<p><i>*Standley Chasm (entry fee, own expense): Loop Track (30m) Chasm to Angkale Junction (3km,1h30m).</i></p> <p><i>*Ellery Gap and Big Hole: Waterhole (5m), Dolomite Walk(3km,1h30m)</i></p> <p><i>*Arrernte Track: Ochre Pits to Inarlanga Pass (10km return,5h)</i></p>	
<b>OUTBACK SAFARI (with Emu Run Experience)</b>		
<b>FINKE GORGE NATIONAL PARK</b>		
Day 6 Friday 21 July B,L,D	<p>Early pick-up from accommodation in Alice Springs. Hermansburg Historic Precinct (1h). Stop at the Amphitheatre as we enter Palm Valley. <i>Walks selected from:</i> Kalarranga Walk (2.5 km, 45 minute return), Mpaara Walk (5 km, 2 hours return), Arankaia Walk (2 km, 1 hour), Mpulungkinya Walk (5 km, 2 hrs return) <i>*Continue on to Kings Canyon via Mereenie Loop.</i></p>	King's Canyon Station
<b>WATAARKA (KING'S CANYON) NATIONAL PARK</b>		
Day 7 Saturday 22 July B,L	<p><i>Walks selected from:</i> Rim Walk (6km,3h), King's Creek Walk (2.6km,1h15m), Giles Track: Rim Track to Tjinjit Spur (14km,5-6h) or Tjinjit Spur to Kathleen Springs (8km, 2-3h) or entire walk (22km, 7-9h)</p>	King's Canyon Station
<b>ULURU - KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK</b> <b>Park entry fee is included in the trip cost</b>		
Day 8 Sunday 23 July B,L	<p><b>Travel from King's Canyon to Uluru (Ayers Rock).</b> Stop at Curtin Springs Station to enjoy lunch. <i>Walks selected from:</i> Base Walk (9.4km,3-4h), Liru Walk (2km,45m),Mala Walk (2km,1h), Mutitjulu Walk (1km,45m). <i>Note:</i> It is no longer possible to climb to the summit of Uluru. Talinguru Nyakunytjaku Viewpoint. Uluru Sunset viewing with drinks and nibbles.</p>	Yulara (Ayers Rock)
Day 9 Monday 24 July B	<p><b>Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)</b> <i>Walks selected from:</i> Morning: Valley of the Winds (7.4km,3-4h), Walpa Gorge (2.6km,1h), Karingata Lookout (2.5km,1h). Travel via Stuart Highway to Erldunda, with stop at Mount Connor Lookout.</p>	Erldunda
Day 10 Tuesday 25 July B,L	<p><b>Return to Alice Springs via East MacDonnell Ranges</b> <i>Possible pauses at:</i> <i>*Stuart's Well (short camel rides available)</i> <i>*Napworte Conservation Reserve: Ewaninga Rock Carvings (Petroglyphs Walk 700m,1h).</i> <i>*Trepfira Gorge Nature Park and Panorama Walk (5.7km, 2.5h)</i> <i>* Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Part 1 farewell celebration dinner (subsidised).</b></p>	Alice Springs

HEAD FOR HOME OR UP THE TRACK		
Day 11 Wednesday 26 July	<p><b>Departure Day.</b>  <b>Part 1 concludes.</b>  <i>For those <b>red</b> doing Part 1, this is your departure day.</i>  <b>The trip concludes after breakfast, and you head for home.</b>  <b>Part 2 commences.</b>  <i>For those <b>red</b> continuing to Part 2, it is time to make your way from Alice Springs to Darwin (own bookings and own expense). It is a 2-hour flight. Others doing <u>only</u> Part 2 will join us in Darwin.</i></p>	Darwin or New Zealand
PART 2: THE TOP END		
DATE	POSSIBLE WALK(S)	OVERNIGHT
Day 1 Wednesday 26 July B	<p><b>Arrival Day in Darwin.</b>  Arrive and transfer to the hotel.  If you arrive early, some possible diversions are: Wharf Precinct, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Aquascene Fish Park, George Brown Botanic Gardens, Darwin Heritage Walk (2-3h), Australian Aviation Heritage Centre, Crocodylus Park, Fannie Bay Gaol Museum, Charles Darwin National Park.  <b>6.00 p.m. Initial briefing, followed by dinner together.</b></p>	Darwin
DARWIN AND ENVIRONS		
Day 2 Thursday 27 July B	<p><i>Walks selected from those above plus:</i>  East Point Reserve Mangrove Boardwalk (1.5km, 30m)  Territory Wildlife Park (4km perimeter road and shuttle trains)  Berry Springs Nature Park  This evening we visit the famous Mindil Beach Sunset Market.</p>	Darwin
LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK		
Day 3 Friday 28 July B	<p>Travel from Darwin to Batchelor (100k,1h)  <i>Walks selected from:</i>  Magnetic Termite Mounds (500m,10m), Buley Rockhole and (3.2km,1h30m), Florence Falls (500m,15m or 1.8km,1h), Tabletop Swamp (500m,15m), Tolmer Falls (1.6km, 45m)  Greenant Creek and Tjaetaba Falls (2.7km,1h), Wangi Falls (1.6km,1h), Walker Creek (3.5km,1h), Bamboo Creek Tin Mines (600m,20m).</p>	Litchfield
Day 4 Saturday 29 July B	Further walks in Litchfield NP (see above)	Litchfield
NITMILUK (KATHERINE GORGE) NATIONAL PARK		
Day 5 Sunday 30 July	<p>Travel from Litchfield to Katherine (235 km, 2h20m)  This park has 120km of walking tracks, varying in length and difficulty. It is also possible to do a 2-hour cruise up the river.</p>	Katherine

B	<i>Walks selected from:</i> Barrawei Lookout Loop (3.7km,1h), Windolf Track (8km, 3h30m), Lily Ponds (20km,6h30m), Leilyn Trail (2.6km,1h30m), Sweetwater Pool (8.6km, 3-5h).	
Day 6 Monday 31 July B	Further walks in Nitmiluk NP (see above). CuttaCutta Caves Nature Park.	Katherine
<b>KAKADU NATIONAL PARK</b>		
Day 7 Tuesday 1 August B	Travel from Katherine to Cooinda (255km, 2h45m) <b>Yellow Water:</b> Yellow Water Wetland Cruise (own expense) – usually the highlight of most people’s visit to Kakadu. 2h duration. <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mardugal Billabong (1km,30m), Yellow Water (1.5km,1h), Gungardun Walk (2km,40m)	Jabiru
Day 8 Wednesday 2 August B	<b>Nourlangie:</b> <i>Walks selected from:</i> Mawurlandja Lookout (600m,30m), Nourlangie Art Site (1.5km,1h), Abangbanng Billabong (2.5km,1h), Nanguluwur Gallery (3.5km,2h), Gubara Pools (6km,2h), Baark Sandstone Bushwalk (12km loop, 8h). <i>A commercial tour to Jim Jim Falls is available from Jabiru.</i>	Jabiru
Day 9 Thursday 3 August B	<b>Ubirr:</b> <i>Walks selected from:</i> Aboriginal Rock-Art Site (1km,1h), Mangarre Monsoon Rainforest Walk (1.5km,30m), Bardedjilidji Sandstone Walk (2.5km,1h30m), Sandstone and River Bushwalk (6.5km,3h). Cahills Crossing alligators.	Jabiru
Day 10 Friday 4 August B	<b>Arnhem Highway and Mary River:</b> Travel from Jabiru to Darwin (250km, 2h45m). <i>Walks selected from:</i> Marmukala Wetlands (3km,1h30m), Gungarre Monsoon Rainforest (3.6km,1h30m), Bird Billabong (1.4km,1h30m), Adelaide River Crossing (jumping crocs) and Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre. <i>Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve:</i> Pandanus Lookout (2km,45m), Monsoon Forest Walk (3.6km,1h30m), Woodlands to Waterlilies Walk (2.2km, 45m). <b>Part 2 farewell celebration dinner (subsidised)</b>	Darwin
Day 11 Saturday 5 August	<b>Departure Day. Trip concludes after breakfast.</b>	

***Below you will find: Booking Conditions, Registration Form, Waiver Form***

**FOOTSTEPS WALKING & TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**  
**NORTHERN TERRITORY 2023**

**Booking Conditions**

1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. Phillip Donnell and *Footsteps Walking and Travel Club* are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, pandemic, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip. Everyone participates entirely at their own risk. The separate waiver form must be completed.
3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be refunded. The minimum number for this trip is ten.
4. *Footsteps* reserves the right to make any modifications to the trip that may be necessary. The walks undertaken each day are determined by group consensus, but as far as possible we endeavour to meet your personal preferences.
5. The trip fee includes subsidisation of the leader/driver administrative and travel expenses, as well as a gift of appreciation/gratuity.
6. Registrations close on **25 April**, or earlier if all the spaces are filled.
7. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration Form and passport scan. A deposit of \$500 per person is paid at the time of registration. The balance of the trip fee is due to be paid by **31 May 2023**.
8. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Footsteps, Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03. Please write your surname and the name of the trip ("Northern Territory") in the reference box.
9. Cancellations: If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise Phillip in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. Full refunds are given up to 90 days prior. Following that, refunds are by negotiation, with the aim of refunding the maximum amount possible. Travel insurance can cover you for unexpected changes of plan that have a valid reason. If you find a suitable replacement person, cancellation fees MAY be waived.
10. Personal travel insurance is compulsory. It is recommended that this includes cover for travel plans being disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

***Registration and Waiver forms are below...***

## ***Footsteps Walking & Travel Club of Aotearoa New Zealand Northern Territory 2023: Trip Registration Form***

Complete and send this (along with a passport scan and the waiver form) to our postal address (see base of page) or scan and email. The deposit required is \$500 per person. Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank 38-9002-0435674-03 (with covering email please, or your surname/name of trip in reference column).

Your full name(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s):

Postal Address:

Day/Night phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Date(s) of birth:

(Please circle): I wish to register for:     **Part 1** (Red Centre)                     **Part 2** (Top End)

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the trip information and booking conditions. I / We enclose the deposit of \$500pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due date.

(signed and dated by each person registering)

**Send (with passport scan and waiver form) to :**

**Footsteps, 3/B Te Arawa Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga 3112.**

**Email: [footstepsanz@gmail.com](mailto:footstepsanz@gmail.com)**



**FOOTSTEPS WALKING & TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND**  
**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM**

**PROVIDER:** Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)("Footsteps")

**PARTICIPANT:**

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("the Participant")

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_