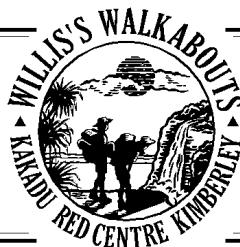

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The NT border remains closed to people from declared hot spots. As of 26 October, it included all of the ACT, NSW and Victoria. If you have not been in a hot spot, you are permitted to enter the NT without quarantine. For the current list of declared hot spots see

<https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/travel/quarantine/hotspots-covid-19/declared-hotspots>

For people travelling through an airport inside a hot spot, **the online rules are not 100% clear**. If you are travelling through an airport in a hot spot area, please contact us for more info.

As of 5 October, people from the NT, SA and Tasmania are the only ones who can enter WA without quarantine. They do, however, need a G2 pass. For the latest info, see

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/covid-communications/covid-19-coronavirus-controlled-border>

The vaccination rate in the NT is lagging behind most other states. The government has just announced a trial home quarantine regime. Until this changes, it still won't be practical for tourists from hotspots to come and do our trips. Here are the new rules.

Once the pilot program is complete, 1-day home quarantine will be available to anyone arriving from a red zone. To be eligible you must

- Be fully vaccinated
- Supply proof of a negative PCR test less than 8 hours before entering the Territory
- Undergo testing on day 1, 3, 5, 7, 12 and 17 – *not possible on our trips*
- Use the Good to Go App
- Stay in a house, unit or apartment, hotel or Airbnb – *not possible on our trips*
- And not have visitors during the quarantine stage – *not possible on our trips*

The residence used for quarantine must be located in a high vaccination zone, where the full vaccination rate exceeds 80 per cent, and the following other criteria is met

- Have 4G mobile phone coverage – *not possible on our trips*
- Have access to health services and COVID-19 testing clinics and police presence – *not possible on our trips*

We now have only one trip with space available this year.

Almost New Year 27-31 December– List Price: \$695

With only two places still open for off-track bushwalks, I completely changed the original New Year trip rather than repeat one of the walks on Kakadu Highlights No. 1: 2-15 January

See <https://www.bushwalkingholidays.org/pdf/NY21New.pdf>

For info about the Kakadu Highlights trip, see <https://www.bushwalkingholidays.com.au/kh01>

Our **covid blog page** has updates from around Australia and around the world. Sadly, we could still be having lockdowns at Christmas. Latest update 19 October.

<https://www.bushwalkingholidays.org/covid.shtml>