Three Day 2WD Green Season Itinerary



From November to April, the days are humid yet the rains each afternoon bring a sense of comfort to Kakadu. We call it the green season, because this is when the park comes to life - lush green plants, thriving animals and incredible skies, a truly tropical summer. The park is generally quieter during this time of year, yet there's still so much to see and do!

Day One — Welcome

Embark on your three hour drive from Darwin towards Kakadu National Park. Upon entering the park, call into Mamukala Wetlands, where you will be introduced to Kakadu's floodplain landscape teeming with wildlife.

Check into the world-famous Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel in Jabiru, unpack your bags and have a cooling dip in the resort pool.

Book Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel

Day One — Afternoon

Take a scenic drive to Ubirr, a sacred site that is significant for its Aboriginal Rock Art. Experience a spectacular sunset, with 360° views of the Arnhem Land escarpment amalgamating into the floodplains.

As you traverse the ancient stone country landscape, you'll become privy to the artistry and cultural heritage that defines this extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Listed National Park.

Day One — Evening

Return to Mercure Crocodile Hotel for an airconditioned, indoor dining experience at Manimukmuk Restaurant and Bar.

The menu promotes the unique flavours of Kakadu, with native ingredients such as kangaroo, barramundi and buffalo. Enjoy the extensive wine and bar menu featuring local NT distillers and native ingredient inspired cocktails.

Kakadu seasons

There are three different Kakadu seasons during the green time. Visit Kakadu Parks Access Report for updates on what is open during your time of travel.

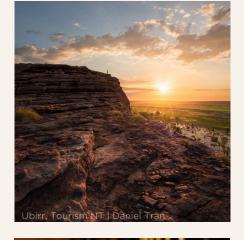
Prior to arrival

You'll need to collect a Kakadu National Parks pass to enter the park. You can either purchase the pass online before heading into the park, or from Bowali Visitor Centre upon arrival.

Check-in at the hotel is from 2pm daily.

Guided tour

Most rental cars do not allow driving at night in Kakadu. Never Never Safari Tours is an option if this is the case for your visit, offering a pick-up and drop-off from the Crocodile Hotel. Book Never Never Safari Tour to Ubirr





Signature menu

Indulge in the native flavours of Kakadu with Manjmukmuk's new menu featuring local Gunbalanya Eye Fillet, Pan-seared NT Barramundi and Kangaroo. Download menu







Day Two — Morning

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the Croc Hotel before walking across the road to visit Marrawuddi Arts & Culture; a vibrant working space for local artists with a beautiful exhibition area and delicious coffee.

Next, head toward <u>Bowali Visitor Information</u> <u>Centre</u>, which is designed and inspired by an Aboriginal Rock Shelter, with a wealth of information and background to the Park's heritage and evolution.

Cultural learning

The town of Jabiru is
Traditionally Owned and
situated on Mirarr Clan
Country. Marrawuddi Arts &
Culture and Bowali Visitor
Centre both provide insight
into the deep history of
these lands, Bininj/Mungguy
(Aboriginal) people and
their traditional practices
that are still very present in
local communities.



Day Two — Day

Visit <u>Burrungkuy (Nourlangie)</u> for a visual odyssey through time — an open-air cultural museum. The paintings, shelters and artefacts vividly showcase traditional ways of life from various epochs, offering a captivating glimpse into the rich heritage of the area. A 1.5 km circular walk leads to the base, with wheelchair-accessible sections.

For something extra, explore the moderate 6 km return Kubara pools walk.

Guided tour

Join local Bininj (Aboriginal) tour guides on a 2 hr tour of Burrungkuy/Nourlangie rock art, where you'll learn about the cultural, and family stories of the last great rock art painter in Kakadu. Book Yibekka



Day Two — Afternoon

Check-in to Cooinda Lodge, the resort-style oasis in Kakadu's southern area.

Explore the Ngurrungurudjba, <u>Yellow Water Billabong</u> by joining the afternoon Yellow Water Cruise. As the sun paints the water's surface with a warm golden glow, the billabong exhibits its basking crocodiles, vibrant birdlife, and the tranquil rhythm of nature.

Book Cooinda Book Yellow Water Cruise

What to see

For bird lovers and wildlife enthusiasts, download a guide on what to see on a Yellow Water Cruise in this UNESCO World Heritage Listed National Park. This is also very helpful for visitors with English as a secondary language!

<u>Learn more</u>



Take a refreshing dip in the lagoon swimming pool before heading inside the air-conditioned Mimi's restaurant for an à la carte dinner service.

The food menu promotes local ingredients and the native flavours of Kakadu. Meanwhile, the extensive wine and bar menu features local brewers, NT distillers, signature cocktails and non-alcoholic spritzes.



For quality meat and fresh flavours, try the Rum Jungle Buffalo Fillet. Enjoy tangy carrot and ginger, rosella jus, and a hint of sweetness from Davidson plum and native currant chutney. Download menu







Day Three — Morning

Indulge in a buffet breakfast, barista-made coffee and fresh juice before checking out of Cooinda Lodge.

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Kakadu from the sky with Kakadu Air's scenic flights. The wet season is the ultimate time to fly, with thundering waterfalls, lush green floodplains and ancient stone country.

Book Kakadu Air Scenic Flight

Skip the flight

Option to take a second Yellow Water Cruise to see the billabong in a different light! See crocodiles awakening to warm themselves in the morning sun, and the golden glow through the morning mist. You're sure to see something new with another cruise. **Book Yellow Water Cruise**

Day Three — Afternoon

Arrive back at Cooinda Lodge for a delicious lunch at Mimi's Restaurant before checking out Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre, just down the road, for an insight into culture in Kakadu with an interactive museum, art exhibit and meeting place to sit on country and weave with Binini artists and Murumburr Traditional Owners.

Boh boh (bye bye), head back to Darwin or onto Pine Creek.

Cultural learning

Warradjan's exhibit is curated by and central to the local Bininj/Mungguy (Aboriginal) community, and it tells the stories of their land, people and Dreamtime. Shop Warradjan Art

Other Recommendations



Guluyambi Ubirr Wet Season

If you are travelling in monsoon time and this tour is operating, it is a MUST! See Ubirr Rock Art via a boat cruise across the floodplains and learn about traditional Bininj ways of life. Pick up is from Jabiru accommodations.

Book now



Nawurlandia Lookout

Journey along the short 600m trail to a panorama of views across the Arnhem Land escarpment, this lookout is the ultimate spot for nature enthusiasts and photographers.

Find out more



Gungurul Lookout Walk

Home to the rare red goshawk, Gungurul boasts an abundance of wildlife along the easy 2km nature walk. The stroll leads to a spectacular lookout, featuring scenes of South Alligator valley.

Find out more

