

Three Day 4WD Green Season Itinerary

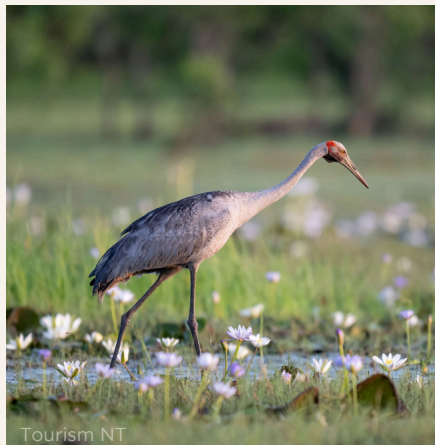


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From November to April, the days are humid yet the rains each afternoon bring a sense of comfort to Kakadu. We call it the green season, because this is when the park comes to life - lush green plants, thriving animals and incredible skies, a truly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

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.



Tourism NT

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.

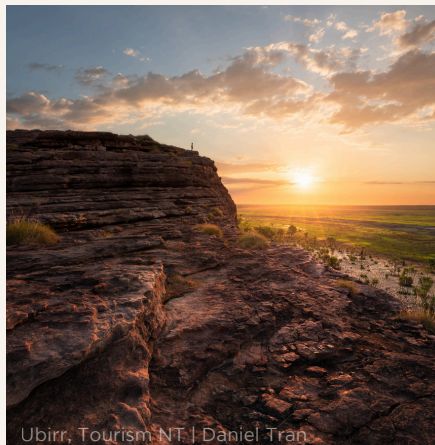
Check into the world-famous Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel in Jabiru, unpack your bags and have a cooling dip in the resort pool.

Book Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel

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.



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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.

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](#)



Day One — Evening

Return to Mercure Crocodile Hotel for an air-conditioned, indoor dining experience at Manjmukmuk 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.

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 [Bowali Visitor Information Centre](#), 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/Munggyu (Aboriginal) people and their traditional practices that are still very present in local communities.



Day Two – Day

Visit [Burrungkuy \(Nourlangie\)](#) 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 Cooida Lodge, the resort-style oasis in Kakadu's southern area.

Explore the Ngurrungurudjba, [Yellow Water Billabong](#) 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 Cooida](#) [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! [Learn more](#)



Day Two – Evening

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.

Signature dish

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

Enjoy a morning buffet breakfast, barista-made coffees and fresh juices at Cooinda before check-out at 10am.

Visit [Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre](#) on upon departing Cooinda for an insight into culture in Kakadu with an interactive museum, art exhibit and meeting place to sit on country and weave with Bininj artists and Murumburr Traditional Owners.

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](#)



Day Three — Day

Begin the 1 hour drive south of Cooinda toward Yurmikmik walks to two of the park's most formidable swimming spots.

First, take a refreshing dip at [Boulder Creek](#), just a short stroll from the Yurmikmik Trails car park. Immerse yourself in the lush monsoon forest and relax by the shaded plunge pool. You might fall in love with this spot and decide to spend the entire day here.

Before you go

The nearest services including food, water, fuel and wifi are available at Cooinda Lodge, about 1.5 hours drive from the carpark, so please ensure you are prepared before your adventure! Remember to pack: sunscreen, hat, walking shoes, insect repellent and plenty of food and water!



Day Three — Afternoon

For those seeking more of an adventure, your next stop is [Motor Car Falls](#), a true Kakadu gem! The trail meanders through the monsoon forest for about 4km before you reach the waterfall. Relax and enjoy the beautiful freshwater pool at the base of the falls and shaded boulders to escape the heat.

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

Important note

The insects are especially uncomfortable during the green season, so it's important to make sure you have a heavy duty insect repellent! You can purchase some 'Good Riddance' repellent from the Cooinda Lodge retail store prior to departure.

Other Recommendations



Guluyambi Ubirr Wet Season

If you are travelling to Kakadu during the monsoon time and this Kakadu Cultural 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 at 8.30am, returning you by 2pm to your Jabiru accommodation.

[Book now](#)