

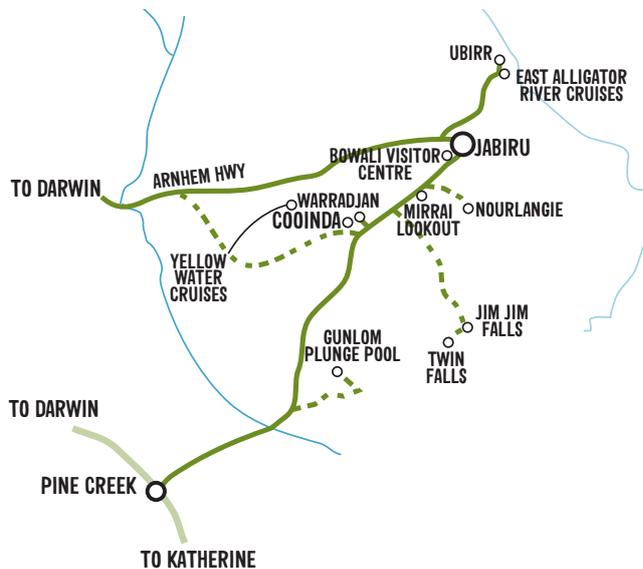
KAKADU & SURROUNDS

THREE DAY ITINERARY



Make the most of your three days to experience the diversity and beauty of Kakadu National Park.

Follow expert guides to discover ancient local Aboriginal art. Get up close and personal to the largest reptile on the planet and learn about native wildlife on a river cruise. Take to the skies to get a bird's eye view of the park's incredible floodplains and escarpment country. Learn the stories and traditions of Australia's oldest living culture and finish off your days taking in Kakadu's iconic sunsets.



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TOP 10 MUST DO'S

1. Visit the Bowali Centre and discover all the things you can do in the National Park
2. Hop on an exclusive cruise through East Alligator River with an Aboriginal guide
3. Join one of over 40 free Ranger guided cultural tours around Kakadu
4. Don't miss the unforgettable sunset from the top of Ubirr
5. Take to the skies for a scenic flight over the magnificent Kakadu National Park
6. Look through the window of a rich spiritual tradition at the Nourlangie rock art site
7. Discover Aboriginal culture at the Warradjan Cultural Centre
8. See the land-locked billabong full of flora, fauna and picturesque sunsets in a Yellow Water Cruise
9. Try your luck at catching a fish for dinner on a Yellow Water Fishing tour
10. Take a dip in Gunlom's natural infinity pool and enjoy the soaring views of Kakadu

For more must-do's around Kakadu, visit northernterritory.com



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DAY 1

Rise early and depart Darwin along the Stuart and Arnhem highways for your 2 hour drive to the northern entry of Kakadu National Park. A 4WD vehicle is highly recommended for this trip as some locations are only accessible via an unsealed track.

As you'll be visiting Aboriginal owned land, a park pass is required. Your pass includes entry to the park, ranger guided walks and talks, and interpretive materials. You can buy your pass online or at several convenient locations in the Top End. For details visit <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/plan-your-trip/passes-and-permits.html>

Your first stop will be the Bowali Visitor Centre. This is a great place to stop for refreshments at the cafe before you wander through interpretive displays and gallery. Remember to check in with the staff at the Visitor Centre regarding any possible road closures or conditions you should be aware of for your trip through Kakadu National Park. Armed with new knowledge, it is time to see some of the park's sights. See Kakadu from the water and join a cultural cruise on the East Alligator River. Keep an eye out for crocodiles while your local guide talks about culture, shares stories about creation time, bush foods and survival skills.

Prior to your trip, apply for a permit to enter Arnhem Land so you can travel across the border at Cahill's Crossing to visit the Injalak Art Centre. The centre is a source for high calibre Aboriginal art, all made locally. You may also be able to see the artists at work, and watch local women weaving pandanus baskets. You can apply for the tourism permit to visit Arnhem Land online through the Northern Land Council (<http://www.nlc.org.au/>), allow processing time prior to your trip. Alternatively you can apply for permits on site at the NLC office in Jabiru, however, again please make sure you have some time up your sleeve, as the permit can still take a couple of days to be approved. Cahill's Crossing is a tidal river and during some seasons a 4WD may be required to cross. If you don't have a 4WD there are many tour operators who travel into Arnhem Land daily and can also arrange your permits for you.

If you are travelling during the dry season, make the most of the seasonal ranger program and get involved with over 40 free activities per week to choose from, such as cultural demonstrations, guided walks, night time slideshows and rock art presentations. The late afternoon guided walk at Ubirr, one of Kakadu's most visited sites is a must do - the local guide will explain the meanings of the ancient Aboriginal rock art and you will finish the tour on top of Ubirr in time for a stunning sunset and memorable views across the floodplains.

DAY 2

Today, see the varied landscapes and impressive landforms of Kakadu National Park from the air. Scenic flights depart regularly from Jabiru airport, and if you visit between December and May you will circle the Jim Jim and Twin falls when they're at their best.

Pack up your 4WD and head south from Jabiru to visit the Nourlangie rock art site, which was used by local Aboriginal people as a shelter from storms for thousands of years. The art on the walls serves as an insight into their rich spiritual tradition. In the dry season, free activities are also conducted daily at this site.



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Just up the road is Mirrai Lookout. If you are feeling active, challenge yourself to the 3.6 km return trail to the top of Mount Cahill which takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete. You will not be disappointed with the stunning panoramic views of the escarpment and floodplains of central Kakadu.

Continue on to Cooina Lodge. Make a visit to the Warradjan Cultural Centre. Here, you can learn about the culture and beliefs of the local Aboriginal people and see traditional weaving and cooking techniques.

Get acquainted with Kakadu's most famous wetland on a Yellow Water Billabong sunset cruise. It is the best way to see the wetland wildlife in their pristine natural environment; the billabong is home to crocodiles and a vast range of resident birdlife. As the sun sets, watch the majestic Brolgas dance as your experienced guide gives you a fascinating insight into how the Bininj people used the flora and fauna to support their way of life.

If you want to get amongst the action, then perhaps a Yellow Water Fishing Tour is more up your alley? Led by experienced fishing guides, you will have the opportunity to catch the famous barramundi on Kakadu's most iconic billabong. If you manage to catch a large one, you can have one of the chefs cook it up exactly to your liking. It's a fishing adventure you will remember forever.

Head back to your accommodation at Cooina Lodge and make the most of your final evening in Kakadu National Park. Raise a glass to a great day full of adventure and unique experiences before you turn in for the night.

DAY 3

Today is your last day in Kakadu National Park, so rise early, pack up your 4WD and refresh your cooler box with enough food and water to last you the rest of the trip and get on the road again - this time further along Kakadu Highway to Gunlom Plunge Pool. At approximately two hours travelling time from Cooina, the drive itself is beautiful. Break the trip up with a stopover at Maguk. There is a short walk to the base of the Maguk waterfall that is well worth your effort where you'll be greeted with a crystal clear pool and tranquil waterfall, a perfect place to relax in the mid-morning sun.

Once you are ready to hit the road again, not much further up the Kakadu Highway is Gunlom - a glorious location with a cascading waterfall feeding into the plunge pool below. Challenge yourself to the 15 minute climb to the top of the falls, and you will be rewarded with fantastic views over southern Kakadu with more crystal clear pools to relax in, including the famous natural infinity pool. Kick back, relax and enjoy the midday sun in the picnic areas shaded by tall gums to take in the serenity.

Hit the road again and make your way back to Darwin today via the Kakadu Highway. Break up the trip with a stopover at Pine Creek, a town you'll find near the intersection of the Kakadu and Stuart Highways. There are several places to relax with a cool drink and a chat with the locals. Continue on your way back to Darwin, reliving memories of your Kakadu adventures.

