

# PODCAST Kakadu National Park



Kakadu National Park is 257 kilometres east of Darwin along the Arnhem Highway. It is Australia's largest national park, spanning 20,000 square kilometres.

Kakadu changes dramatically with the seasons and each unlocks a different travel experience. The land's traditional owners recognise 6 seasons that take the land through a cycle of birth, life, death and renewal.

The Arnhem Highway is fully sealed and suitable for a two-wheel drive vehicle. However, some of Kakadu's natural attractions can only be accessed by four-wheel drive tracks off the highway.

For more information, visit [www.australiasoutback.com](http://www.australiasoutback.com)

### **Anbangbang Billabong**

Anbangbang Billabong is situated at the base of Nourlangie Rock, 30 kilometres north east of Cooina. It is a haven for birdlife with Magpie Geese, Jabirus and Brolgas commonly spotted. There are several picnic areas for travellers.

### **Nourlangie Rock**

Nourlangie Rock is a major Aboriginal rock art site in Kakadu. It is located 30 kilometres north east of Cooina and features a 1.5 kilometre walk that links the 3 major art sites. From April to October, park rangers give informative talks about the works and Aboriginal culture. Nourlangie is accessible by two-wheel drive.



Anbangbang Billabong

### **Ubirr**

Ubirr is located 45 kilometres north east of Jabiru and is a major Aboriginal rock art site. It has three main galleries, which can be reached on an easy 1 kilometre circular walking track. From April to October, park rangers conduct informative talks about the works and Aboriginal culture. Ubirr can be accessed by two-wheel drive vehicle.



Ubirr

## Jim Jim Falls

Jim Jim Falls is a 55 kilometre drive from Cooinda. A tough 900 metre walk through monsoon forest and over boulders finishes at a deep plunge pool, which is open for swimming during the dry season. Jim Jim Falls is only accessible by road during April and October. A scenic helicopter flight over the Park is a great alternative during this time. A four-wheel drive vehicle is essential to visit Jim Jim Falls, as the road is largely formed gravel with challenging sections of deep sand.



Jim Jim Falls

## Twin Falls

Twin Falls is 12 kilometres south of Jim Jim Falls, along a challenging four-wheel drive track, including a river crossing. The Twin Falls escarpment rises 150 metres from sandy beaches and crystal clear waters.

The 6 kilometre return Twin Falls Plateau Walk is moderately difficult and steep in sections. A permit is required to take this walk and is available from the Bowali Visitor Centre.

Twin Falls is only accessible by road during April and October and a four-wheel drive vehicle is essential. A scenic helicopter flight over the Park is a great alternative during these months.



Twin Falls

## Yellow Waters billabong cruise

Yellow Water billabong cruise is located 2 kilometres north of Cooinda. It operates 3 times daily all year round and gives visitors the opportunity to spot crocodiles and more than 60 bird species in their natural environment. Experienced guides provide detailed information about the wildlife and the traditional owner's connection with the land.



Yellow Water billabong cruise  
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[www.yellowwatercruises.com](http://www.yellowwatercruises.com)

## Gagadju Lodge Cooinda

Gagadju Lodge Cooinda has hotel, budget and camping options available. All rooms are air conditioned, while campers can choose from powered and unpowered sites. There are two amenity blocks, barbeque facilities and a communal dining area.

Cooinda has two dining options for guests. Mimi Restaurant is open for breakfast and dinner and serves modern Australian cuisine, while the Barra Bar is more casual and open from 12pm to 9pm. During the dry season (May to October), guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Barra Bar.

There is a general store, fuel station and internet kiosk at the hotel. All tours in and around Kakadu can be booked from the hotel, including Yellow Water Cruises.



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## Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn

The Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn is located in the township of Jabiru. As the name implies, it is shaped like a crocodile, with more than 110 air-conditioned guest rooms in the crocodile's belly.

The Escarpment Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with buffet and a la carte options. It has an adjoining cocktail bar and picnic lunches can be made upon request.

Guests can cool off in the swimming pool or admire art by internationally acclaimed Aboriginal artists in the reception area. Tours in and around Kakadu can be booked at the hotel reception, including Yellow Water Cruises.



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## Road Report

The Northern Territory Government has a 24-hour recorded message service with up to date information on the condition of all Government controlled roads in the NT. Road closures, restrictions and impassable river crossings are also detailed.

Northern Territory Government  
Road Report  
Tel: 1800 246 199 (within Australia)  
[www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport](http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport)



**Bowali Visitor Centre**  
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