

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

SEVEN DAY KAKADU & LITCHFIELD ADVENTURE



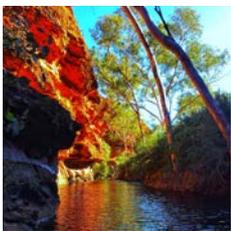
KAKADU & LITCHFIELD



ROUTE: Darwin to Litchfield via Kakadu and Nitmiluk National Parks

NUMBER OF DAYS: 7 days

HIGHLIGHTS: Sunset at Ubirr Rock / Jim Jim Falls / Katherine Gorge



HINTS

Best place to view the sunset:

At the top of Ubirr Rock

Best swimming spot:

Edith Falls upper pool

Best mango icecream:

Crazy Acres Mango Farm

DAY ONE

Our friendly team at the Darwin depot will introduce you to the vehicle, equipment and explain the features and 4WD system.

Our suggested itinerary takes you first to Fogg Dam, just outside the small township of Humpty Doo on the Adelaide River floodplain. Fogg Dam boasts the world's largest biomass and arguably the highest concentration of lightning strikes anywhere in the world. All of this is nestled amongst thousands of water birds and sacred lotus lilies. There's a high chance you may even spot a crocodile or snake.

After Fogg Dam turn left and continue East. You will pass Window on the Wetlands and Corroboree Tavern. At the tavern you can purchase takeaway alcohol after 11am, this will be your last chance until you leave Kakadu. While you're at the tavern check out Brutus, their pet 4.2m saltwater crocodile who lives out the back.

Another 40 minutes further down the Arnhem Highway turn left to the Point Stuart Wilderness Lodge. This road is half dirt and half sealed ending at an amazing campsite surrounded by tropical monsoon forest. At Point Stuart we highly recommend doing the two hour floodplains tour in their 4WD bull catcher wagon – an experience not to be forgotten!

DAY TWO

The next morning make sure you get up early for the 45 minute drive to the Rockhole Billabong, part of the largest permanent wetland area of the Mary River system. Boat cruise bookings can be made ahead at the Port Stuart lodge. Cruise the unspoilt wilderness that has the highest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the world, as well as over 250 species of birds. Your experienced guides will share their passion and knowledge of this beautiful ecosystem.

Back on the highway you will reach the South Alligator in around 90 minutes. There is fuel, food and a range of amenities making it a great place to stay the night. Shortly after the roadhouse you will drive through the South Alligator Floodplain and over the river itself. This is really special as the whole river system is within the boundaries of the Kakadu World Heritage area. This makes Kakadu the only national park in the world with it's own river system. A 10 minutes detour brings you to Mamukala Wetlands for a short walk to an observation platform nestled amongst the paperbark trees – a bird lovers paradise.



A further 25 minute drive will take you to Kakadu's main township of [Jabiru](#). [Ambinik Kakadu Resort](#) is on the left as you approach the township. Here you can get a great campsite for under \$50 with private toilet and shower included. There is also a popular restaurant attached to the grounds. Take some time to look around Jabiru and prepare for your next adventure, the Ubirr Rock Art site. [Ranger talks](#) start in June from around 5pm, which is a perfect time to absorb this world-class ancient classroom and take in a 360 degree view over Kakadu and Arnhem land with the sun setting over the East Alligator Floodplain. Please be mindful to drive slowly back to camp as most Australian wildlife is nocturnal. Never swerve your vehicle from wildlife as a tree will hurt you so much more.

DAY THREE

This morning is a great opportunity to experience a scenic flight with [Kakadu Air](#). This is the only way to see the Park's true expanse and enormity, and if you mention our name you will receive a five percent discount.

Nourlangie, Nuwurlandja and Yellow waters are some of the places to visit on your way to [Garnamarr Campgrounds](#) where you can enjoy a late lunch. Garnamarr is your camp for the night and the gateway to Jim Jim Falls (Dry Season only), the Wet Season camp is at [Cooinda](#). After lunch enjoy the luxury and 4WD mode of your modern day Pajero. When you reach the Jim Jim car park make sure you pack a good 1.5 litres of water, a pair of swimmers, and definitely your hiking shoes. It's about an hour to hike over boulders and through monsoon forest until you reach the dramatic escarpment walls and deep waterfall plunge pool of [Jim Jim](#).

On your return drive, don't worry about the water crossings; our vehicles are well prepared. Just be careful, take your time and enjoy doing things slowly (if a vehicle comes up behind you, just pull over when you can and let them past with a friendly wave and a smile).

DAY FOUR

Leave camp at a reasonable hour and head back to the Kakadu Highway. Turn left and continue down past Cooinda. Another 25 minutes past the Cooinda turn-off, turn left and follow the track to the stunning Barramundi Falls (or MAGUK as it's signposted on the maps) and enjoy a leisurely 20 minute walk to this beautiful waterhole.

After lunch our destination will be [Gunlom](#) to camp for the night. Climb to the top of the [waterfall](#) to bath in the magic of Kakadu's famous infinity pool that offers breathtaking views of southern Kakadu. Later enjoy the comforts of a hearty campfire.

DAY FIVE

This morning we will leave Kakadu through the southern gates and continue south on the Stuart Highway. Enjoy an ice cream at the Mary River Road House or picnic on the way.

Next stop will be Edith Falls, which has a pleasant café and facilities. Be sure to take the 20 minute walk to the upper pool as it's one of the most spectacular places in the Territory.

From Edith Falls it's only a short drive to the township of [Katherine](#) and [Nitmiluk \(Katherine\) Gorge](#). Restock your food and supplies and book your Katherine Gorge Boat Cruise at the Visitor's Centre, which is in the centre of town or call ahead 1300 146 743. It is always a good idea to book a few days in advance, especially in peak seasons. Cruises depart at 7am and 9am to take advantage of the cooler parts of the day. Travel out to the [Gorge](#) for tonight's campsite.

DAY SIX

After your cruise and taking in the sights of the Gorge and Katherine township, make your way North towards [Litchfield National Park](#).

Don't miss a stop at Adelaide River along the way. Visit the well maintained war cemetery and share a beer with Charlie the buffalo from Crocodile Dundee who now presides at one end of the bar at the local Inn.

There are a number of places to camp at Litchfield, including [Banyan Tree Café](#), [Litchfield Tourist Park](#), or one of the many bush camps provided within the Park.

DAY SEVEN

The attractions at Litchfield National Park include Florence Falls, Buley Rock holes, and the massive Cathedral Termite mounds. Your 4WD Pajero makes it accessible to visit Tjanera Falls (Sandy Creek) – well worth the look. Then a little further to Wangi Falls where the facilities are great to enjoy your last swim and coffee of the journey. Don't forget to pop in to the [Crazy Acres Mango Farm](#) for a tasty homemade mango icecream or smoothie on the two hour drive back to Darwin.

GREAT WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT BEFORE YOU GO

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/>

<https://nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/find-a-park-to-visit/litchfield-national-park>

<https://nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/list-of-nt-campgrounds>

