Kakadu National Park is a cultural landscape shaped by the spiritual ancestors of the Bininj/Mungguy people during the Creation era.

As creation ancestors journeyed across the country they created landforms, plants, animals and people. They also taught Bininj/Mungguy how to live and how to look after country.

Today Kakadu is managed jointly by Bininj/Mungguy and Parks Australia to protect its outstanding World Heritage cultural and natural values. Experience the world's oldest living culture, stunning rock art, plants and animals found only in this part of Australia, also home to wetlands of international significance.

WHEN TO VISIT

The Bininj/Mungguy calendar recognises up to six seasons. Visit www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/people/seasons.html and plan your trip through Aboriginal eyes.

The most popular time to visit is from May to September. At this time the weather is comfortable and roads are generally open.

Kakadu is a feast for the senses in the quieter seasons too. From October it becomes hotter and more humid and the first rains turn the parched landscape green. Flooding between December and April closes unsealed roads but the many places remaining open are lush and vibrant.

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From Anbangbang Billabong you can see the colour of Nourlangie (Burrunggui) change as the sun sets.

Magela Creek crossing floods enough for boat cruises occur during wet season months.
Some of the great experiences in Kakadu are:

- Aboriginal rock art sites and shelters at Ubirr, Nourlangie (Burrunguy) and Nanguluwur (Barron Island).
- Displays and helpful staff at Bowali Visitor Centre and Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre.
- Bird watching at internationally significant Ramsar wetland sites at Jim Jim Falls, Gunlom, Mardugal, Jim Jim Billabong, Two Mile Hole, Jim Jim Creek, Nanguluwur and Nourlangie (Burrunguy).
- Walks of varying difficulty take you to accessible information bay and lookout points (see regional maps and Park notes for details).
- From May to October, allow time to join free art site talks, guided walks, slide shows and cultural activities provided by park rangers and traditional owners.

Note: Drinking water and toilet facilities vary at each site. See Visitor Guide for more information.

THINGS TO DO IN KAKADU

Gardangarl
Arnhem Land
Northern Land Council
Tel 08 8938 3000

EAST ALLIGATOR RIVER

You can buy most supplies in Jabiru. Fuel and limited supplies are available at other places shown on the main map.

WEST ALLIGATOR RIVER

SOUTH ALLIGATOR RIVER

Kakadu Lodge & Caravan Park

SOU T H    ALLI GATO R    R I V E R

EXPERIENCING KAKADU

Many short and long day walks are described in Park Notes. For overnight walks you will need permits and maps. Contact the Bowali Visitor Centre - allow at least 14 days for processing permit applications.

The main park campgrounds have showers while smaller campgrounds have only pit toilets and wood barbecues. Camping fees apply.

Commercial campgrounds in Kakadu have powered sites, showers and other facilities including shops.

Make tour, car hire and hotel bookings well in advance.

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

It is hot during the day and there are biting insects at night. Wear a hat and drink lots of water. Long-sleeved shirts and long loose trousers can protect you against sunburn and insect bites.

CROCODILE SAFETY

Estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles inhabit Kakadu waters. Deaths and severe injuries have occurred in the park. Obey crocodile warning signs and keep away from the water’s edge.

PROTECTING THE PARK

Kakadu National Park is a Commonwealth Reserve to which certain rules and regulations apply. For example, you may not bring pets, firearms, nets or traps into the park. See our website for more details.

KAKADU PARK PASS

Visitors are required to purchase a park pass to enter Kakadu National Park. Your park pass includes entry to the park, ranger guided activities and information. Park passes can be purchased online before arriving in the park, or at Bowali Visitor Centre and other locations. Visit www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/plan-your-trip/ for details. NT Residents with proof of residency do not require a pass. Park pass checks take place throughout the park and penalties apply for non-compliance.

ALCOHOL IN KAKADU

The Australian Government has prohibited alcohol in most of Kakadu National Park. However you can drink alcohol if you are in a commercial tour group camp site or in Jabiru, Cooinda and some campgrounds. These are listed on http://www.environment.gov.au/parks/kakadu/explore/camping.html

Take away alcohol cannot be purchased in Kakadu.

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