

THE GAGUDJU CROCODILE - A REMARKABLE PLACE IN THE KAKADU NATIONAL PARK



The Kakadu National Park represents one of the most culturally and naturally fascinating places in the world; there are not many accommodation facilities available in the midst of the park – in fact only one. But the Crocodile Hotel is certainly a great place to stay.

The Kakadu National Park is one of Australia's highlights. Not only it features an incredible number of animal species, many of which belong to the most endangered ones, but it also hides crucial cultural heritage sites which provide incredible insight into the history of the Aborigines. The area has been continuously inhabited for nearly 40,000 years and there are many cultural sites which feature precious illustrations and art of the Aboriginal people. Local wildlife is equally overwhelming. Especially birdwatchers enjoy visiting Kakadu, or Gagudju, which is the correct pronunciation, as there are over 280 recorded bird species.

Tourists usually head here from Darwin, which is approximately a 2,5-hour drive away. **Those who wish to properly explore the area should spend their holiday in the famous Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn, the only full service hotel located in the park.** The hotel was designed by a local architect who developed the idea while working with local Aboriginal people. **The result is a fantastic 250-metre building which carries the shape of a crocodile and features a relaxing pool which represents the animal's heart.** It is surrounded by a shaded courtyard which seems like the ultimate place to relax after a long day of explorations.

However, those who still feel like a bit of exercise are welcome to use the nearby tennis and golf facilities. Scary crocodile jaws are a bizarre entrance decoration hard to be missed, however the marble foyer will undoubtedly impress. There are 110 rooms available in the Gagudju Hotel, and a restaurant which features live music from March to December every night. There is pleasant outdoor BBQ and billabong area as well. The hotel is also perfectly suited to host conferences.

Gagudju Crocodile presents an ideal base for all who wish to discover what Kakadu National Park is all about.

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