



BAMURRU PLAINS

Wild Bush Luxury

Bamurru Plains Fact Sheet

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Location

Bamurru Plains is located on Swim Creek Station, a 303 sq km coastal buffalo pastoral property near Point Stuart in the Mary River Region. The property encompasses a variety of habitat including vast river frontage, coastal floodplains, savannah woodland, and paperbark swamps. The station is 10 kms from Kakadu National Park's western boundary (100kms from Jabiru in Kakadu) and just over 100 kms east of Darwin.

Access to the property

By Air: There are regular scheduled flights to Darwin from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Cairns, Alice Springs, Adelaide & Perth. There are international flights from Singapore, Jakarta, Bali & Mumbai.

Charter flights to Bamurru Plains leave from the General Aviation area of Darwin Airport. This is approx. 750 yards from the domestic and international terminals.

It is the responsibility of the client to make their own way to the General Aviation area for their flight to Bamurru Plains. We can arrange private airport transfers for you at a cost of \$95 each way for up to 3 people from your Darwin hotel or the Darwin airport. Alternatively taxis are readily available from the city or airport.

You should ask your taxi driver to take you to:

Air Frontier

4 Murphy Court
Darwin International Airport, NT
Phone: 08 8945 0777



The 25 minute charter flight from Darwin covers some of the most spectacular wetlands in the world and lands at Swim Creek Station Airstrip. One of our staff will be there to greet you on arrival to our airstrip and transfer you to the lodge - a journey time of approximately 25 minutes.

Please note that luggage is restricted to 15kg per person in ‘soft bags’. Excess luggage can be stored at the Air Frontier terminal if required.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure you are at Air Frontier office 30 minutes prior to your departure flight time for check-in procedures. If you are arriving from a commercial flight please allow a 60 minute connecting time, if you are transferring to a commercial flight please allow a 120 minute connecting time. Bamurru Plains will not be responsible for any missed departures should the above connecting times not be adhered to.

By Road: Bamurru Plains is a 3 hour drive from Darwin (the first hour and three quarters is on sealed tarmac road, the last hour and a quarter are on unsealed public and station roads). The drive from Jabiru in Kakadu National Park will take 2½ hours, again part unsealed roads. Please note that if you are self-driving to the property you are required to wait for one of our staff at the main entrance to the property. A staff member will escort your vehicle on to the property where it will remain parked at a suitable location and you will then transfer into a Bamurru Plains 4WD for the remainder of the journey into camp. There is no public vehicle access through to the lodge of Bamurru Plains.

We ask that all guests who are self driving arrive to our main gate for 2pm.

When to go/Climate

The Top End is dominated by a tropical monsoonal weather pattern that results in a number of distinct seasons.

April to July – the early part of the ‘Dry’

Nights can be cool and early morning fogs common. The days are warm, dry and generally cloudless with some spectacular sunsets. From April the water begins to slowly recede from the floodplains.

This is a time of increasing humidity and heat, with the build up of massive cumulus clouds and exciting thunder and lightning shows. Early rains start to turn the country green.

August to September – late part of the ‘Dry’

Days and nights start to warm up. The retreating waters concentrate in billabongs together with the birdlife which congregates

in extraordinary numbers. Many tropical woodland plants flower at this time of year.

January to March – the main part of the ‘Wet’

The arrival of the full monsoon brings heavy rains and high tides. The rivers break their banks and spread out across the floodplains, water lilies flower and life returns to the country in all its majesty. The ‘run off’ is the best time of year for Barramundi fishing.

October to December – build up to the ‘Wet’

Opening and closing

Bamurru Plains is closed 1st November until 13th February each year during the early months of the wet season when weather conditions are particularly humid. Between 14th February until 30th April, Bamurru Plains is an exclusive fishing lodge. Our leisure travel season operates 1st May until 31st October.

Accommodation - ‘Wild Bush Luxury’

A style of accommodation more akin to some of the safari camps in Africa, Bamurru Plains’ attraction lies in the birdlife and wildlife of the surrounding floodplains and savannah woodland. As with the African camps we believe that a stylish wilderness experience does not need to be 5 star in the traditional sense; however there are key elements that are crucial to an exclusive stay in the bush: a supremely comfortable bed and quality linen (100% cotton, a choice of 3 pillows), great bathrooms, good food & wine and excellent guiding. Bamurru does not purport to be a 5 star room in the bush but the style of experience is utterly exclusive, rustically chic and totally in tune with the surrounding country.

Rooms

The camp has nine safari bungalows built amongst the pandanus vegetation on the edge of the wetlands. Each of them has been built with privacy uppermost in mind and to take advantage of the spectacular views across the wetlands. Each bedroom has views towards the floodplains. Rooms are available in twin and king double configurations and extra bedding is available in the form of a deluxe swag.

En suite bathrooms wrap around one side and/or the rear of each safari bungalow with high pressure showers and hot water. All rooms have ceiling fans for the dry months of winter (April to October) and air conditioning can be provided in 3 rooms during the wet season months. As

most of the power is solar generated, air-conditioning requires additional generator capacity and a surcharge applies.

Please note that Bamurru Plains is a 'camp' and as such exposes guests to the sights and sounds of the bush around them. In keeping with this, the safari bungalows do not have televisions, CD players, mini-bars, telephones, internet access. Hair dryers are available on request.

Check In/Out

- Check in to your bungalow is available from 2pm
- Check out from you bungalow is required by 11am

Lodge Building

The focal point for dining and gathering with other guests, the lodge building has a quieter library area with reference books and some privacy from the more communal areas in the rest of the building, which includes the dining area. The front deck features a BBQ firepit area, a wet edge swimming pool with views across the floodplains and a covered lounge area for sitting out the heat in the middle of the day.

Dining

As we have an early start in the mornings to observe the wildlife we offer a light breakfast to start the day. There is a selection of cereals, fruit, juices and freshly baked bread. The first major meal is lunch served at approx. 12:30pm. Snacks and drinks are provided when out on activities. A three course dinner (first course is often canapés on the front deck) is served at approximately 7:30 every evening and dinner is hosted by the camp manager or one of the guides. Meals are shared with other guests around the dining room table. Food is based on contemporary Australian cuisine with a hint of native produce. A select open bar (wines, beers and soft drinks) is included in the tariff and this is generally accessed on a self-service basis. There will be a range of premium wines and spirits available for purchase.

Children

The camp is not suitable for children under 8 years of age. This is partly acknowledging the small size of the camp; additionally there are several safety considerations. If the camp is booked exclusively and suitable supervision is arranged then children of any age will be permitted.

Please note there are no child minding facilities available at Bamurru Plains. All guests dine together.

Laundry

Please note there is no laundry service or facilities available at Bamurru Plains.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted in the Main Lodge or bungalows. Ashtrays are provided for the deck area and guests may take these back to the bungalow to use on their outside verandahs only. Please note three of the Bungalows have two verandahs, one enclosed with screen and the entrance verandah, smoking is only allowed on the entrance verandah. No smoking on any tour activities is permitted.

Communication

Please note that there is no mobile coverage or Wi-Fi access available at Bamurru Plains. In case of an emergency family or friends will be able to contact you on the Bamurru Plains camp telephone number +61 (0) 8 8978 8977. Please note that this phone is not attended 24 hours.

Dress Code

The dress code is smart casual.

What to bring

- Light clothing is more suitable in the tropical climate. Long sleeves will offer better protection against the sun and mosquitoes, which appear at sunset.
- A wide brimmed hat
- Sunglasses
- Binoculars
- Insect repellent
- Light walking boots or trainers for bush walks

Hotel Facilities

- Swimming pool
- Well-stocked library
- Gallery shop

Power

The majority of power in the camp is solar generated and usage of it is carefully managed. Australia operates on 240V and uses a 2 or 3-pin plug.



Guided Activities at Bamurru Plains

Our activities focus on early morning and late afternoon when the wildlife and the light are at their best. Guests can participate in a number of activities such as: a river cruise spotting birds and crocodiles on the Sampan River (tidal conditions permitting), four wheel drives in open top safari vehicles, an airboat trip on the floodplains (subject to water levels) and a bush walk in the savannah woodlands that fringe the floodplains.

The activities mentioned above are included on our *Ultimate Wilderness Experience* rate. If you have booked our *Floodplain Chill Out* rate you can book and pay for any of the activities directly with the lodge on arrival however activities will be subject to availability. Adults and children pay the same price for activities arranged locally.

Other Activities

Optional activities that can be arranged include: fishing (barramundi), scenic flights, or taking a privately guided day trip to Kakadu National Park or Arnhem Land. These activities are an additional cost, please enquire for prices.

Scenic Flights

It is possible to arrange scenic flights over Kakadu by single-engine aircraft. This excursion can be arranged prior to your stay or whilst at the lodge, subject to availability.

Fishing

The best time is during the 'run off' in February-April. Bamurru is an excellent location for the dedicated fisherman seeking some comfort. Fishing is predominantly tidal salt-water fishing and requires a specialist fishing guide to be arranged. The main species to be fished here is Barramundi. It is recommended that this is booked in advance.

Kakadu National Park & Arnhem Land

Private day tours can be arranged from Bamurru Plains to either Kakadu National Park or Arnhem Land. A short flight makes the escarpment country of Kakadu an easy day trip from the camp and opens up a range of Aboriginal cultural sites. Jabiru is a 20 minute flight away and a private guide will be arranged for the day.

Average length of stay

The minimum night stay is 2 nights. A 3 night stay will allow time for a day trip to Arnhem Land or Kakadu and 4 nights will allow time to sit back and relax in and around the camp.

Luxury Lodges of Australia

Bamurru Plains, along with other Wild Bush Luxury properties are proud to be founding members of Luxury Lodges of Australia – a collection of independent luxury lodges and camps offering unforgettable experiences in Australia's most inspiring and extraordinary locations.

Deposits and Payments

Full payment must be made 30 days prior to guests' arrival. For bookings made within 30 days, payment must be made within 48 hours of booking.

Cancellation Policy

As a small property, our business depends on maximising occupancy and cancellations often result in empty rooms due to booking lead times. For cancellations the following penalties apply;

- More than 45 days prior to arrival; \$50 handling fee + any charges incurred by us from credit card fees
- Within 45 days of arrival the deposit will be forfeited
- Within 30 days of arrival all monies will be forfeited
- Cancellations must be advised in writing and will take effect from the date they are received by our Sydney Reservations office (info@bamurruplains.com)