

Jabiru Safari Lodge



Mareeba Wetlands

Deluxe Tented Safari Cabin Bed & Breakfast 2011 Detailed Information

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The Jabiru Safari Lodge is a comfortable nature experience and has been designed to ensure you can experience the wildlife to its best advantage. Your Lodge Host and Reserve Guide will make you welcome and be happy to assist to make your stay memorable and rewarding. The three African-style, deluxe tented safari cabins blend into the open savannah woodland providing comfortable overnight accommodation.

Bed and Breakfast tariff

The bed and breakfast tariff covers twin share accommodation (single rate available), continental breakfast, complementary membership of the Wildlife Conservancy of Tropical Queensland and a conservation pass with access to 12km of self-guided walking trails. Optional extras (at own expense) are available and include beverages, wildlife safaris, private guiding, canoeing, BBQ packs for self catering, BBQ utensils box, 3 course dinner as well as Cairns Transfers and eco cruise.

Deluxe Tented Safari Cabins

The three Deluxe Tented Safari cabins are spacious and light with a comfortable queen and a single bed, and all linen and towels and en-suite bathrooms with flushing toilets. A fold away bed is available for an extra child. There is 240V power, fridge, kettle, toaster, fans and bedside lights. There are no telephones or televisions in the deluxe cabins. All cabins have a private timber deck with shade umbrella, tables and chairs and a gas BBQ.

Meals

Lunch and dinner are available to purchase from the cafe on the delightful Lagoon Deck overlooking Clancy's Lagoon. Complimentary continental breakfast on the lagoon deck is available from 7am – 9am and includes fruit juice, cereal, yogurt, fruit, local plunger coffee, and tea selection and toast with butter and a variety of condiments.

Dinner is available on the Lagoon Deck at \$ 38 pp if required, (pre booking essential) Catered by local indigenous catering firm, Murri's Delights, and feature indigenous bush flavours. For catering purposes, it is necessary to choose the first evening's meal in advance from the menu provided. You are welcome to bring your own food or purchase a BBQ pack (\$25 pp) and cook on the BBQ provided on your safari cabin deck. A BBQ box with utensils and plates can be hired for \$15.

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Wildlife Safaris and Activities

Daily wildlife safaris and other activities are available as optional extras. For guests who are only able to stay 1 night, the Sunset Wildlife Safari is recommended so guests should arrive by 2.30. Our custom-designed, open safari vehicle allows excellent wildlife and birdlife viewing as we tour the Reserve at a leisurely pace. Kangaroos, wallabies, wallaroos, lizards, emus and wild pigs are regularly sighted, along with many of the 222 bird species sighted on the Reserve.

The highlight of any wildlife safari is Pandanus Lagoon and its prolific birdlife viewed from our Bird-hides. The evening roost of several hundred Brolgas and Sarus Cranes, the prolific birdlife of Pandanus Lagoon includes Jabirus, Jacanas, Black Swans, Pelicans, Magpie Geese, Egrets, Ibis, Cormorants and Darters.

Sunset Wildlife Safari: Enjoy the afternoon eco-cruise at 3.30pm by quiet battery-powered boat on Clancy's Lagoon then travel in our custom-designed, open safari vehicle into the heart of the 2000 hectare Reserve for wildlife viewing, bird watching and some billy tea at Pandanus Lagoon. Enjoy wine and cheese while the sun sets over the lagoon. Adult: \$68 per person, Child \$34.

'Early Birders' Morning Wildlife Safari: Enjoy the early morning delights of the Mareeba Wetlands with a morning guided tour departing at 7:00am. Travel in our custom-designed, open safari vehicle through the Reserve to Pandanus Lagoon, returning to the lodge at 10am after spotting up to 70 bird species. Cost: \$68 adult, \$34 child.

Outback Wildlife Safari: Starting at 11.30am, travel in our custom-designed, open safari vehicle through the 2000 hectare Reserve for wildlife viewing and bird watching. We stop to cool off at Douglas Cascades waterhole before arriving back at the Lodge at 1.30pm. Cost: Adult \$68, Child \$34

Activities

Canoeing: Take a leisurely paddle around Clancy's Lagoon at your own pace by canoe. \$20 per hour.

Nature Eco Cruise: A relaxed 45 minute nature-focused guided eco-cruise in a battery powered boat explores the birdlife and wildlife of Clancy's Lagoon. \$15 adult, \$7.50 child.

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Private Guiding: The services of our expert guide are available to assist you in fully appreciating the delights of the Reserve. A private guiding experience will allow the enthusiast to spot that elusive bird and animal species and learn about the savanna and wetland environments under the watchful eye of our professional guide. \$95.00 per hour.

Conservation Pass - Self Guided Walks: Explore the savanna and wetlands environment at your leisure with over 12km of marked walking trails. Interpretive information is available at the Interpretive Centre on 4 separate easy-graded walks of one and two hour duration.

Lodge Interpretive Centre: In the midst of the dry savanna country of the Australian Outback lies Clancy's Lagoon with its spectacular Interpretive Centre. The Interpretive Centre is a blend of modern and vernacular North Queensland architecture using the traditional materials of tin and timber with sweeping views to the west and north across Clancy's Lagoon to the Hann Tableland National Park. The centre is staffed by the Lodge host and guide ready with advice and assistance on activities and natural history.

The Centre is the hub for all tours and activities and houses the Gouldian Finch aviary, reference library, interpretive information on conservation projects and the birdlife of the Lagoon and a spotting scope for birdlife and wildlife viewing from the deck.

Lodge Information 2011

Check in: Guest check in is available from 2pm. On arrival in the main car park, follow signs to the car park at the information centre /reception. After registering, you will be shown to your safari cabin. The reserve gate is locked at 4.30pm. Please arrive before 4.30pm or ring the Lodge for instructions to access the gate key box.

Check out: Check out is at 10am but guests are welcome to remain and enjoy the reserves walking tracks and optional activities (own cost) until 4.30pm.

Car Parking: Car parking is available adjacent to your safari cabin.

Telephone: There are no telephones or television in any of the tented safari lodges. Next G and Digital mobile phone reception is available from most areas of the Reserve. The Lodge phone can be used for emergency purposes.

Spa Jacuzzi: A spa tub is located adjacent to the deluxe safari cabins and may be used from 7am until 9pm.

Laundry facilities: There are no laundry facilities available at the Lodge.

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Gates: For security and privacy, the Reserve gates are locked overnight from 4.30pm until 9.00am. For late arrivals and early departures arrangements will be made, please contact the Visitor Centre on 1800 788 755 to get instructions to access the gate key box.

Beverages: Bottled water, soft drinks and juices are available at the cafe. Tea & coffee making facilities is available in each safari tented cabin. You are welcome to bring your own alcohol.

Cafe: Lunches and morning and afternoon teas are available on the delightful deck overlooking Clancy's Lagoon.

Gift shop: The lodge has a small gift shop that features a nature-focussed product range.

Campfire: A campfire with firewood is located adjacent to the safari cabins and available in the evenings (fire weather permitting).

Climate: The Mareeba district boasts of over 300 sunny days a year. The days are usually fine and mild to warm with temperatures in the high twenties from May until September with cool to cold nights. Early in the season and from October, the days are warm to hot with temperatures in the low to mid thirties. The nights are warmer. Thunderstorms may be expected early and late in the season.

What to bring

- Shirts (preferably long-sleeved for sun protection)
- Shorts and long pants
- Comfortable walking shoes and comfortable shoes for evening
- Hat, sunscreen & personal toiletries
- Warm clothes for the evening (June to September)
- A day pack for carrying camera, water bottle, binoculars
- Towel and swim wear for spa
- Rain jacket (seldom needed)
- Own alcohol.

What's included

- 1 nights accommodation in Deluxe Safari Cabin
- Continental Breakfast
- Complimentary Wildlife Conservancy of Tropical Queensland membership
- Conservation Pass: a selection of four self guided walks of 1 and 2 hours duration