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Mike Grenby takes a luxury private safari to visit Arnhem Land’s wildlife.
AMURRU PLAINS, AUSTRALIA - It’s 6 a.m. and the buffalo are silently walking by our safari bungalow, one following another in a long, slow line. A couple of wallabies are hoping a wild horse is rubbing up against one of the bungalow’s poles. Each day we feel like we are an integral part of their animal kingdom, not just next to them waking up with them, going to bed when they are ready for the night’s rest. No ringing phones, no blasting music, no loud TVs; we are totally connected with nature.

Brekkie awaits in the lodge, then an airboat trip out over the wetlands and the Barunga River to get up close and personal with more than 50 different birds, 28 mammals, eight frogs, 27 reptiles, 19 snakes and 26 common trees, shrubs and wildflowers here in Australia’s Top End.

My research had turned up several options for a Top End trip, including Lord’s Kakadu & Amhideland Safaris with a six-night Luxury Safari Lodge tour for $1,726.50. I checked around as well for an all-inclusive $4,000 a day with the following:

**DAY ONE:** Sab on first day in Kakadu says, “It’s fabulous!” The rewards are highly favourable. Sab took over the business from his dad and has maintained the contacts with local indigenous people that give a trip that extra depth.

**DAY TWO:** At a picnic lunch at Jabiru, the response was highly favourable. Sab took over the business from his dad and has maintained the contacts with local indigenous people that give a trip that extra depth.

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