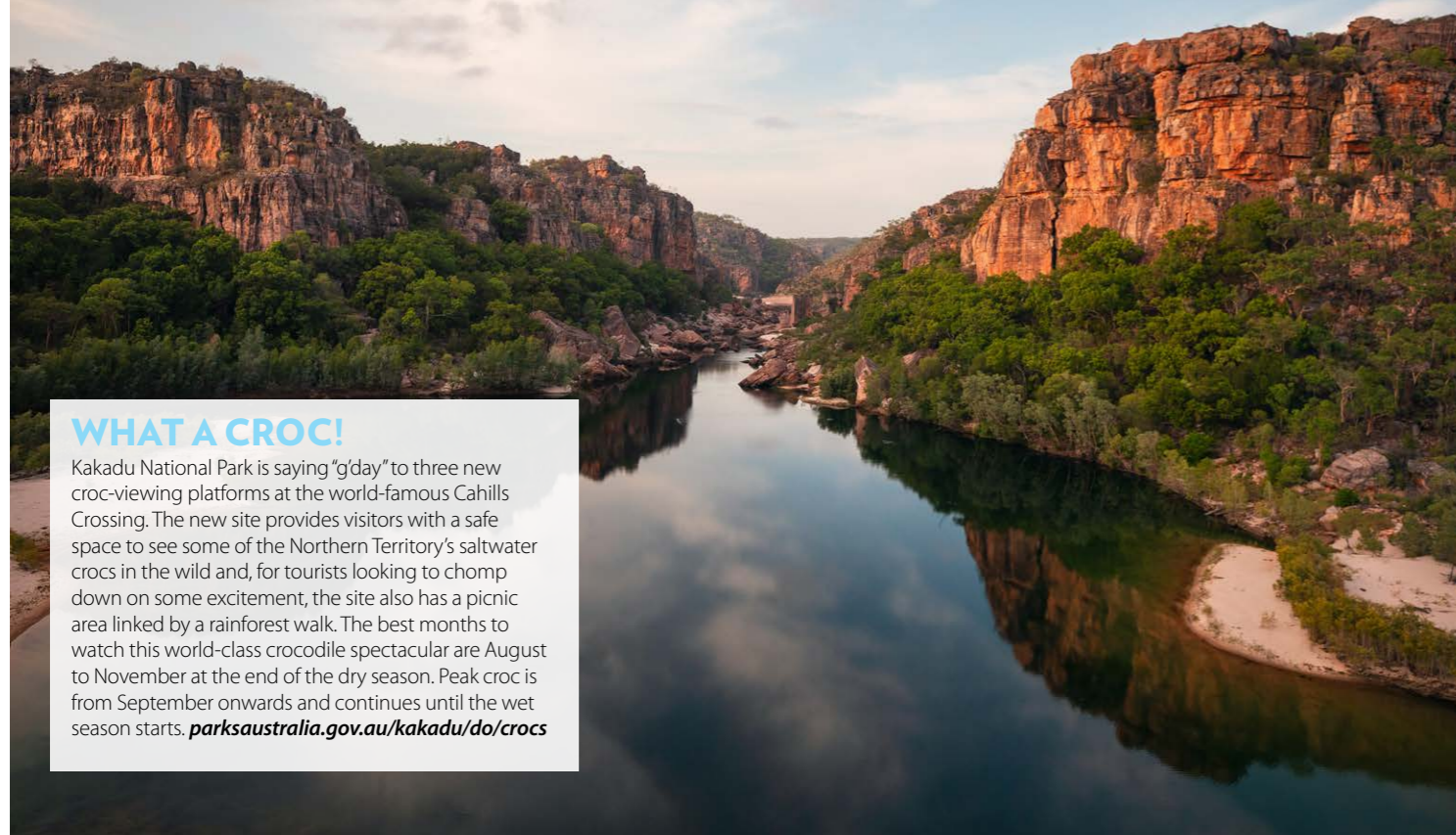


TRAVEL NEWS

The latest in destinations and experiences



WHAT A CROC!

Kakadu National Park is saying "g'day" to three new croc-viewing platforms at the world-famous Cahills Crossing. The new site provides visitors with a safe space to see some of the Northern Territory's saltwater crocs in the wild and, for tourists looking to chomp down on some excitement, the site also has a picnic area linked by a rainforest walk. The best months to watch this world-class crocodile spectacular are August to November at the end of the dry season. Peak croc is from September onwards and continues until the wet season starts. parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/crocs

GET YOUR GLAMP ON

With the perfect blend of nature, wildlife and comfort, what's not to love about glamping?! For campers looking to get back to nature in style, head to Lennox Head to experience Reflections Holiday Parks' newest offering, featuring four glamping tents and two bell tents. The site's four-person glamping tents each feature an ensuite and a private balcony, bathtub and a kitchenette. The two bell tents feature a queen bed. Four-person glamping tents at Lennox Head are available from \$165 per night and two-person glamping bell tents are available from \$150 per night (subject to seasonal rate changes).

reflectionsolidayparks.com.au/park/lennox-head



PACKING ESSENTIALS

Even though what we love about travel hasn't changed, the essentials we're packing have! According to research by Contiki, pre-2000s, more than one in three Aussies (37 per cent) wouldn't leave home without a guidebook. Today, they're nowhere to be seen in our luggage, as travel must-haves now include smartphones (96 per cent), power banks (33 per cent) and noise-cancelling headphones (16 per cent). contiki.com



PUB PICK: THE TUDOR

Whether you're down for Wednesday Night Trivia or Thursday's All You Can Eat Taco Night, this Redfern-based pub is one to add to your hit list. In addition to specialty nights, this pub also serves up some A-grade vibes for your after-work drinks or a Sunday lunch with friends – dogs welcome of course! We highly recommend indulging in a serving of salt and pepper squid (or duck fettuccine if you want to level up your pub grub). tudorhotel.com.au

BEAUTIFUL BALI

Karma Kandara has quickly risen to become one of Bali's most lavish and popular resorts – and we can see why! Nestled on the picturesque clifftops of Uluwatu lies this hidden gem with 78 varying villas (each with a private infinity pool), where travellers can lap up the best of culture and luxury. Karma also features a long list of amazing facilities perfect for just about anyone, including a kids' club, rooftop bar, private beach club, two stunning (not to mention award-winning) restaurants, a wellness day spa and lots more.

karmagroup.com



MEMPHIS IN MELBOURNE

For those of us who don't want to endure a 15,000km plane trip to America, we can now get our hit of '80s Memphis nostalgia at Melbourne's Laneways by Ovolo. As the evolution of Little Bourke Street's Ovolo Laneways, the refurbished hotel – which opened last month – features 42 Memphis-inspired rooms designed by Luchetti Krelle, with some boasting city views and others have rooftop terraces. The updated accommodation also features Amphlett House, a 120-seat taphouse serving elevated pub classics.

ovolohotels.com



A CINDERELLA EXPERIENCE

Lap up a spectacular getaway by booking the *Cinderella* package at Sydney's Novotel Darling Square. Available until January 2023 in celebration of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Tony Award-winning Broadway hit *Cinderella The Musical* coming to Sydney's Lyric Theatre, the package includes overnight accommodation with buffet breakfast for two, *Cinderella* merch, VIP amenities and parking from just \$339 per night.

novotelsydneydarlingsquare.com.au



NYE PLANS SORTED

Still not sure what to do for December 31? The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney has you sorted with a bouquet of events. Seven New Year's Eve Celebrations will be on the grounds with each event bringing something to the table. All are offering unlimited views of Sydney Harbour's iconic annual fireworks. Attendees can choose tailored New Year's Eve adventures, with everything on offer from luxurious three-course dinners and upbeat garden parties to relaxed harbourside picnics. Prices start from \$40 for the Mrs Macquarie's Point seated event to \$385 for the Bridgeview NYE picnic. rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au

