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 **MILLION DOLLAR MAKEOVER FOR DARWIN FAVOURITE**

NORTHERN TERRITORY: Darwin’s Travelodge Resort has unveiled a multi-million- dollar makeover as the famous Darwin festival of events gets into full swing.

Designed around lush resort-style pools and a waterfall, the Travelodge is an urban oasis in the heart of Darwin’s CBD, offering a great short or long stay alternative accommodation offering for both leisure and corporate travellers alike.

As part of the $3.7M Wet Season refurbishment program, each of the hotel’s 168 accommodation rooms and 32 self-contained townhouses was stripped to the bones, and new TFE Dreamcatcher beds and bedding, smart TVs introduced alongside upgraded guest Wi-Fi and a fresh new design scheme throughout.

In addition, the resort’s popular self-contained townhouses boast new kitchen suites and the introduction of washing machines and dryers provides an additional level of convenience and comfort for guests.

Whilst the five versatile conference rooms (can seat up to 200 attendees) and restaurant area were modernised, and the fitness area upgraded.  The hotel also has onsite car parking, is close to public transport and the team can arrange airport shuttles as needed.

TFE Hotels’ Cluster General Manager for Darwin, Sid Bhatia, said the refurbishment came just as Trip Advisor announced their Top 25 emerging destinations for 2020 – with Darwin the only Australian city to make the cut.

“Our tropical capital really comes into its own in The Dry,” he said. “The weather is fantastic with clear blue skies and balmy nights, and the city’s colourful events calendar means there’s always something to entertain and amuse.”

Bhatia says, Travelodge’s new-look rooms capture the essence of the Top End, whilst delivering a scheme that balances modernity with the relaxed tropical resort experience that Travelodge Darwin is renowned for.

“This refurbishment program provided the opportunity to support the local business community locally sourcing goods and equipment, and by using local trades and labour,” Mr Bhatia said. “Importantly, we also donated furnishings, fixtures, whitegoods and TVs to help benefit local community groups, and recycled where possible.”

Travelodge Darwin Resort’s prime CBD location means the hotel is a great choice for leisure and business travellers looking to enjoy the absolute best of the tropical north.

**What’s in a name?** Travelodge Resort Darwin
(can be shortened to Travelodge Darwin)
**Darwin Staycation (via Bookeasy for the NT Tourism Voucher scheme):** Stay 2 nights in a guest room for $200.00 including wi-fi, parking and a $50.00 resort credit. <https://www.tourismtopend.com.au/accommodation/darwin-cbd/travelodge-resort-darwin#/accom/20031>

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