**Croc Diving**

My own experience with crocodiles in the water – *J Jacobs*

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While most people know about cage-diving with Great White sharks, South Africa is the only place where you can actually cage-dive with 6-metre long Nile crocodiles! It is located in the Oudtshoorn Wildlife Ranch in Oudtshoorn, South Africa. I first read about the Croc Cage Diving experience in a brochure at the airport in George. I immediately know that I wanted to do the cage-dive. After all, I loved crocodiles ever since I was little, and what could be more thrilling then joining them in the water!

When we arrived at the park , I first played with cheetahs, and then with tiger cubs.

At last we got to the Croc Cage Diving. I wasn’t even nervous, in fact, I was excited and couldn’t wait to do it!

I climbed into the cage, and the machine lowered me into the man-made pond. The water was clear, and at a moderate temperature. Then the cage got nearer to this crocodile, sleeping on the rocks. When I looked under the water, I could see those huge, white teeth up close, with just a few brown wires in between!

I am glad I was brave enough to do it, and I even thought that I would go in without a cage without being scared! But I know better than that…

It didn’t act aggressively, it was just lying there. Once In a while it would lazily open it’s eyes and look at me.

I hope I can do it again, and this time, I hope the crocodile can bite the cage or swim around me for extra fun!

