



TRIP NOTES 2017

14 Day DARWIN TO BROOME including the Mitchell Plateau

Itinerary Updates

There are no recent itinerary updates to this trip.

Accommodation

14DB Camping Camping (10nts), Safari Camp: shared facilities (1nt), Cabin: with ensuite (2nts)

14DB1 Camping Plus Camping (4nts), Safari Tent: shared facilities (3nts), Private Room: shared facilities (2nts), Cabin: with ensuite (2nts), Superior Cabin: with ensuite (2nts)

Note: See Overnight Accommodation (right) for details.

Meals

This tour includes: 13 Breakfasts, 14 Lunches & 10 Dinners

Our healthy meals feature fresh ingredients, gourmet salads and local Kimberley flavours. We cater for necessary dietary requirements where possible, so please discuss with us when booking. Meals NOT included are: dinner at Drysdale Station* (1nt) dinner in El Questro (1nt), dinner in Kununurra (1nt). Allow approximately \$200pp.

*Drysdale Station are famous for their burgers!

Inclusions

- Experienced Guide
- Meals as specified
- National Park Entry Fees
- Indigenous Guided Walk in Tunnel Creek
- Zebedee Springs
- Nit Nit Dreaming Cruise (Katherine Gorge)
- Half Day Triple J Tours Lake Argyle & Ord River Cruise
- 2 night stay in the private East Kimberley Bungle Bungles Camp

Optional Activities

- Chamberlain Gorge Cruise - approx \$60
- Bungle Bungles Scenic Helicopter Flight - approx \$400
- Mitchell Falls Scenic Helicopter Transfer - approx \$150

What to Bring: Checklist

- A pair of shoes/sandals that you don't mind getting wet - and we mean fully immersed in water. Ideally, wet shoes or sandals.
- A torch (ideally a head torch)
- A broad-brimmed hat with sun visor for all round protection
- Swimming costume and towel
- Bath towel
- Walking/trekking shoes
- Personal water bottle (ideally 1.5L capacity)
- Small day pack
- Personal toiletries
- Insect repellent & Sunscreen
- Long-sleeved cotton shirt (sun protection) and loose-fitting pants (warmth and insect protection for evenings)
- Warm jumper (particularly in May-Aug)
- Sleeping Bag *Note: 10°C sleeping bags are available for sale at \$35pp - must be requested prior to travel and can be kept following your trip or donated to indigenous communities.

Note: Maximum bag weight limit is 15kg - no suitcases

Itinerary Notes

Fitness Level: Advanced

This itinerary involves some clambouring over rocks, wading in water by torchlight, walking on rocky creek beds that are unstable underfoot and ascending/descending into gorges. The ability to swim and a reasonable level of fitness and being sure on your feet is required to participate.

Western Australia is a big state, so travelling significant distances is necessary to fully experience the highlights: you will soon discover that they are well worth the journey.

FREE Hotel Pick Up

Kimberley Wild offers free pick up from selected hotels in Broome and Darwin, 6.30am - 7.30am. Please advise where you are staying and let us know if there are any changes. We appreciate your patience if we are running a little late. You being there on time will help make sure we are! Have your mobile phone turned on in the morning in case we need to reach you. Call 1300 73 88 70 if you are concerned you have missed pickup.

Tour Style

This is a Kimberley Expedition: perfect for those seeking to experience the real Kimberley in depth - either with comfortable Camping or making the most of basic upgrades where available on the Camping Plus option.

Overnight Accommodation

Kimberley Expedition accommodation options are chosen on booking:

Camping involves dome tents (single/twinshare), swags with fitted sheets & pillows with pillow cases. Sleeping bags are not included but can be bought at cost for \$35 - must be requested prior to travel and can be kept following your trip or donated to indigenous communities. Camp sites are in National Parks with ablution facilities including flush toilets and hot showers. There is NO Single Supplement.

Camping Plus involves limited camping (as above) but we arrange comfortable yet affordable upgrades where possible en route. These can vary between properties but are usually permanent safari tents with standing room, twin beds and shared facilities. Single Supplements apply on Camping Plus. *Note:* Due to the fixed number of tents in Purnululu National Park and Cygnet Bay, single travellers MAY have to share with another of the same gender though this is rare.

Important Notes!

1. It is essential that you call the Kimberley Wild office on 9193 7778, the day prior to departure to confirm pick up, and provide a mobile number for any late notifications.
2. Departures are all subject to regional weather conditions and road closures - usually only a concern in Apr & Oct / Nov.
3. Space in a 4WD is limited so please keep luggage light - bring only essentials in a small soft bag, MAXIMUM 15kg. Suitcases are NOT suitable. Excess luggage must be left in Broome or sent to a forward destination.
4. Due to distances covered, this trip involves early departures on some morning and frequent stops between destinations.
5. Kimberley Wild reserves the right to assess the fitness capability of passengers prior to tour departure.
6. It is your responsibility to advise Kimberley Wild if you have any dietary requirements or medical conditions (including allergies) well ahead of departure.
7. It is important that travellers participate in setting up camp each night, though the guide can assist where necessary. Kimberley Wild guides also appreciate the assistance or one or two group members in preparing/clearing meals. It is essential that all our groups leave the camps they stay in as they found them for the next travellers - the Kimberley is a pristine wilderness and it is our responsibility to ensure it stays this way.

Vehicles

4WD tours are operated in custom-built, 21 seat 4WD trucks with a PA system and built-in storage (no risky trailers!). These comfortable, strong remote area vehicles allow our small groups extra space (including standing room), are fully air-conditioned and fitted with adjustable air-vents, reclining seats, map pockets and footrests. It is important that when booking a 4WD outback adventure in the Kimberley, you understand that the roads we travel on can be heavily corrugated. Rest assured, these are the conditions for which our 4WD trucks are designed.

Power & Phone Reception

Telstra users will get phone reception in most towns and the occasional remote hot spot. There will be long stretches where we are out of phone range. Power points will be accessible on most nights for recharging cameras and other electronic equipment.

Travel Insurance

It is essential that you have travel insurance that covers medical expenses, including emergency repatriation. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Alcohol

Alcohol is not provided. Travellers may bring a personal supply from Broome if desired - preferably no glass bottles as wine cannot be purchased in Broome. Enroute, alcohol can be purchased in some locations. *Note:* alcohol restrictions are in place throughout the Kimberley.

Climate

The Kimberley has a Wet Season (DEC to MAR) and a Dry Season (APR to NOV). During 'the Wet' most 4WD roads and National Parks are closed. Our tours operate during 'the Dry', when it can get surprisingly cold overnight, depending on where you are - in Broome it can get down to 12°C, while in Purnululu, it can fall as low as 5°C! During the day, we usually enjoy 28 to 30°C.