



TOP END

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WHO ARE WILD EXPEDITIONS?

Wild Expeditions is an outback adventure tour specialist, offering both Kimberley Wild Expeditions and Adventure Tours Australia tours exploring remote outback Australia.



Our traditional specialised Kimberley Expeditions are 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. Our experienced, informative guides share their secrets and insight into the region's history, culture, flora and fauna. Similarly, our new West Coast Overland Expeditions are for those seeking adventure yet appreciate a little comfort here and there. Designed for active travellers with a desire to explore the rugged, remote West Australian coast and Pilbara region, these trips include all the regional highlights and a few of the secrets our experienced guides love to share.



Adventure Tours is the leading small group tour operator in Australia. We're a bunch of Aussies that have been leading travellers through this big ol' continent over the past 24 years. We take one comfy, air-con equipped 4WD or minibus, load it up with a knowledgeable guide, a bunch of fellow adventurers, tents, swags and some packed picnics, then head out into the wilds!



WHY CHOOSE WILD EXPEDITIONS?

Wild Expeditions offer the best value tours in Australia's Top End. Exploring Kakadu, Litchfield and Katherine with small groups in clean, comfortable vehicles, travellers appreciate our guides' local expertise and real passion for this beautiful region of Australia.

Tourism Accreditation

We are accredited with the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program. This assures you that we are committed to providing top quality tour service – reliable, professional and responsible. For more details on this accreditation, visit trustthetick.com.au.



Departure Guarantee

Most of our Extended Tours are Guaranteed with a minimum of 2 travellers only so look out for the Departure Guaranteed tick! Note that there are some exceptions to the rule – such as seasonality – so check the Trip Facts for clarification.



Our Travellers

Our travellers share a sense of adventure and a desire to experience the scenery and culture of the Australian outback without leaving a footprint. They come from all over the world and include single travellers, families, honeymooners and empty nesters.

Our Vehicles

Wild Expeditions are operated in our fleet of well serviced custom-built high clearance 4WD vehicles to enable access to all areas of Kakadu. They have comfortable, forward-facing seats, large viewing windows and air conditioning.

Our Guides

With extensive experience in the Australian outback, our guides are experts in local culture, history and environment. They are Kakadu Accredited, hold First Aid Certificates and are endorsed by the Australian government, so you have a safe, enjoyable adventure.

Our Accommodation

Our travellers enjoy the exclusive use of our own private permanent camps perfectly positioned throughout the Top End, all with shared ablution facilities nearby. Our 3 day (PNTY3C) and 4 day (PNTY4C) itineraries use Safari Tents which feature comfortable permanent tents with proper beds (spring mattresses!), lighting, fans and power points. The Trip Notes will advise whether a sleeping bag is required or linen is included with your chosen trip. The 5 day (PNTK5) itinerary uses Explorer Tents, which include simple bed blocks and sleeping mats. Sleeping bags are required – you may bring your own or pre purchase through our office for \$35.

Fitness

Wild Expeditions are for reasonably fit and mobile travellers. We are exploring a remote wilderness environment and a reasonable level of fitness and being sure on your feet is necessary to participate. Please check the Fitness level for each itinerary and discuss any concerns with our office prior to booking.





4 DAY KAKADU, KATHERINE & LITCHFIELD



Day 1 Litchfield National Park Discover paradise as we stroll through steamy rainforests and cool off in Florence Falls, Wangi Falls and the Buley Rockholes. After a picnic lunch we cruise the spectacular Mary River Wetlands, home to exotic birds and lurking crocodiles. Enjoy an outback Aussie pub meal before climbing into your bed for a well-earned rest at our private Mary River Safari Camp. (LD)

Day 2 Mary River to Kakadu Today we head to Kakadu National Park where we discover Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr on an interpretative cultural walk. Climb to the top of a rocky lookout for views over the Nardab floodplain and enjoy a reviving swim in the clear plunge pools of Maguk (Barramundi Gorge). Tonight, enjoy a group dinner at the Bistro at our Kakadu campground. (BLD)

Day 3 Kakadu to Katherine This morning you have the option of a scenic flight over the stunning Arnhem Land escarpment and the vast flood plains and billabongs of the Kakadu ecosystem (priced from \$150 pp). Explore Nourlangie where your guide will give you a snapshot of how the local Aboriginal people have lived in an area with 20,000 years of documented occupation, reflected in some of the rock art. Via Pine Creek and Edith Falls we continue on to Katherine, settling in for the night at our private campsite on the doorstep of Nitmuluk National Park. (BLD)

Day 4 Katherine Gorge to Darwin The Katherine River now flows along hemmed in on both sides by cliffs 70 metres high. It's the highlight attraction of Nitmiluk National Park and you'll have the opportunity to cruise through it by canoe or boat. Following lunch, we visit a private property next to an indigenous art gallery for some coaching in the ancient arts of boomerang throwing, fire making and traditional painting. Then it's back to Darwin where the adventure winds up. (BL)

For a more detailed itinerary, visit www.wildexpeditions.com.au

THE FACTS

Tour Code: PNTY4C **Departs:** Tue & Sat (APR-JUN & OCT); Tue, Thu & Sat (JUL-SEP)
Includes: 3B-4L-3D, Park Entry Fees, Wildlife Cruise, Top Didj Cultural Experience **Accommodation:** Safari Tent: shared facilities (3nts) **Fitness:** Moderate

PNTY4C Adult \$1265



3 DAY KAKADU & LITCHFIELD



Day 1 Litchfield National Park Encapsulating all that is wonderful about the Top End, Litchfield National Park is home to Florence Falls, Wangi Falls and the Buley Rockholes. In the afternoon, we travel to the Mary River National Park where we spot saltwater crocodiles on an afternoon wetland cruise. (LD)

Day 2 Kakadu In Kakadu National Park we discover the ancient rock paintings of Ubirr on an interpretative cultural walk that finishes on a rocky escarpment overlooking the Nardab floodplain. In the afternoon we head to either Maguk (Barramundi Gorge) or Gunlom Falls (seasonal choice). Swimming spots don't get a whole lot more inviting than either of these spectacular sites. (BLD)

Day 3 Kakadu to Darwin This morning you'll have the option of taking a scenic flight over the billabongs, bushlands and floodplains that make up this ruggedly beautiful region. After a stop in at the Bowali visitors centre to learn more about the park before we break for lunch before starting our journey back to Darwin. (BL)

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THE FACTS

Tour Code: PNTY3C **Departs:** Tue & Sat (APR-JUN & OCT); Tue, Thu & Sat (JUL-SEP) **Includes:** 2B-3L-2D, Park Entry Fees, Wildlife Cruise **Accommodation:** Safari Tent: shared facilities (2nts) **Fitness:** Moderate

PNTY3C Adult \$995





5 DAY TOP END EXPLORER



Day 1 Mary River Wetlands Receive a Cul or unique 'Welcome to Country' by the traditional owners of the land, the Limilngan-Wulna people. Enjoy a cruise on the Mary River wetlands system, home to the highest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the southern hemisphere. Discover Aboriginal rock art that dates back over 20,000 years at Ubirr. Overnight camp in Kakadu. (LD)

Day 2 Kakadu National Park Take a National Park operated boat cruise at spectacular Twin Falls and a walk along the boardwalk. Unwind on the sandy banks before we head to Jim Jim Falls. Enjoy the views of this 200m natural wonder before a challenging walk to the base where you can choose to swim or relax on the beach. (BLD)

Day 3 Kakadu National Park Today we either head to Maguk and cool off with a dip in the plunge pools, or hike to the top of Gunlom Falls for a swim and a breathtaking view of the escarpment country. After lunch we visit the historic gold-mining centre of Pine Creek before heading further south and settling in for the night at our private campsite on the doorstep of Nitmiluk National Park. (BLD)

Day 4 Katherine Gorge & Edith Falls Spend the morning at the majestic Katherine Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park. Relax and enjoy the serenity. Optional activities (own expense) include a cruise along the gorge or a canoe to paddle yourself downstream. In Edith Falls we cool down with another refreshing swim. (BLD)

Day 5 Litchfield National Park Exploring Litchfield is the perfect way to complete this tour, visiting Florence Falls, Wangi Falls and the Buley Rockholes. Enjoy a picnic lunch, stroll through steamy rainforests and cool off with a dip in one of Litchfield's picture perfect swimming holes. Return to Darwin in the late afternoon. (BL)

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THE FACTS

Tour Code: PNTK5 **Departs:** Wed & Sun (APR-JUN & SEP-OCT); Wed, Fri & Sun (JUL-AUG)
Includes: 4B-5L-4D, Park Entry Fees, Wildlife Cruise, Pudukul Cultural Experience
Accommodation: Explorer Tent: shared facilities (3nts), Permanent Camp (1nt) **Fitness:** Advanced

PNTK5 CAMPING Adult \$1295



HEADING FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA?

Wild Expeditions also offers both Kimberley Wild Expeditions and Adventure Tours Australia tours exploring Western Australia.



Our traditional specialised Expeditions are perfect for active travellers with a desire to experience outback Western Australia in depth - either with comfortable Camping or making the most of basic upgrades where available on the Camping Plus option.

14 DAY DARWIN TO BROOME

Cruise up spectacular Nitmiluk Gorge. Explore the Lake Argyle and Ord River region. Venture into remote Purnululu National Park to see the World Heritage-listed Bungle Bungle then journey the Gibb River Road and discover the Mitchell Plateau and El Questro Wilderness Park. Immerse yourself in the West Kimberley Gorges before arriving into Broome, home to Cable Beach and local producers of exquisite south sea pearls.

29 DAY DARWIN TO PERTH OVERLANDER

This epic 29 day overland adventure combines the popular Kimberley trail from Darwin to Broome with our new West Coast Expedition, the 12 Day Broome to Perth, with a four night break from the road in the pearling capital of Australia and home to Cable Beach, Broome. En route, we explore the highlights of Katherine, Broome & the Kimberley, the Pilbara and the wild west coast of Australia until we reach the world's most remote capital city, Perth.



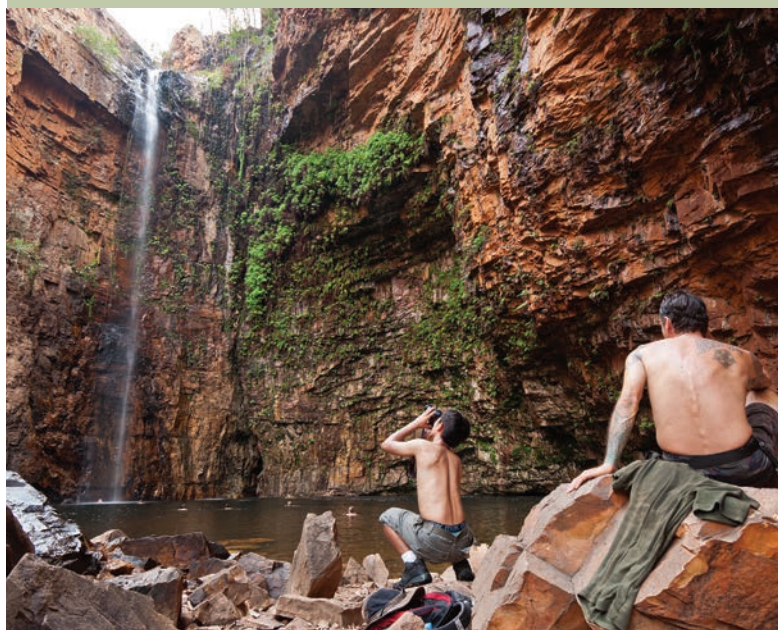
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10 DAY DARWIN TO BROOME

From Australia's tropical north, travel south via Katherine Gorge to explore the highlights of the Kimberley on this overland adventure - including the iconic Gibb River Road, the vast wilderness of El Questro, Purnululu National Park and the Bungle Bungle and the West Kimberley Gorges. The adventure ends on Day 10, by Cable Beach in the outback pearling town of Broome.

22 DAY DARWIN TO PERTH

Explore Australia's North West, through the Kimberley and Karijini National Park and down the remote West Coast. Enroute we will have you swimming in pristine waterholes, discovering the World Heritage-listed Bungle Bungle, exploring rugged desert gorges, kicking back on endless white sandy beaches, snorkelling over colourful coral reefs, telling tall stories round a campfire under a sparkling night sky... and much more! Take the road less travelled and enjoy this quintessential Aussie outback experience with us.





BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read and understand the conditions of booking set out below prior to booking a trip with Kimberley Wild. We strongly recommend that you also read the more detailed online version of your itinerary prior to booking to ensure that you understand the itinerary and style of the trip you are undertaking.

OUR CONTRACT All bookings are made with Kimberley Wild Expeditions Pty Ltd (trading as Kakadu Wild Expeditions, Western Wild Expeditions and Wild Expeditions). By booking a trip with us you are deemed to have agreed to these Booking Conditions (which constitutes the entire agreement between you and us) and your booking will be accepted by us on this basis.

VALIDITY This brochure is valid from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

PRICES All prices are inclusive of 10% GST and are valid from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. Kimberley Wild reserves the right to alter these prices in the event of any unforeseen circumstances. Where applicable, child prices apply to children 4 to 12 years old. On Day Tours concession rates apply to YHA Members and those holding valid Australian Pension, Seniors and Student Cards.

DIESEL LEVY Kimberley Wild Expeditions reserves the right to charge a Fuel Levy in the event of increasing diesel fuel prices.

DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS You are required to pay a deposit of 25% of the total booking value for your booking to be confirmed. If your booking is made within 30 days of the departure date then the full amount is payable at the time of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS Payment of the balance of the trip price is due 30 days before the departure date. If this balance is not paid on or before the due date we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY Kimberley Wild Expeditions Pty Ltd contracts with a network of companies, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of our trips as agent for these third parties. We are not responsible for the acts and omissions of these third parties. To the fullest extent permitted by law: any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a trip, or any breach of the Booking Conditions, is excluded; you release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a trip; and any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these Booking Conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. To the extent an Implied Warranty cannot be excluded, our liability in respect of the Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) the provision of a similar trip to an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking. Any claim by you is excluded to the extent that it is for indirect or consequential loss, loss of profits or economic loss, however it arises, or for indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages.

TRAVEL INSURANCE It is essential that all Kimberley Wild travellers take out travel insurance at the time of booking. At a minimum your travel insurance must provide cover against personal accident, death, medical expenses, emergency repatriation and personal liability, with a minimum coverage of US\$200,000. We also strongly recommend it covers cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

ITINERARIES Itineraries are subject to alteration without notice and intended as a guide only. Alterations may come about due to road, weather or tidal conditions, strikes, public holidays, local festivals or other reasons. Due to the nature of the terrain and remote areas, weather fluctuations can adversely affect road conditions which may necessitate alterations to itinerary with little or no notice. Any additional expense incurred by the passenger is not the responsibility of Kimberley Wild Expeditions. Kimberley Wild Expeditions can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used in the tour and Kimberley Wild Expeditions will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control. As is normally the case with group tours, a minimum number of bookings is required in order for a tour to be financially viable and to have a pleasant group atmosphere. In the event that adequate numbers cannot be achieved, it may be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and to offer the nearest possible alternative date, an alternative itinerary, or a full refund of monies paid for Kimberley Wild Expeditions' ground content touring. The date on which the decision is made whether a tour will operate is usually 2-4 weeks before the departure date.

FLEXIBILITY You appreciate and acknowledge that the nature of this type of travel requires considerable flexibility and you should allow for alternatives. The itinerary provided for each trip is representative of the types of activities contemplated, but it is understood that the route, schedules, inclusions, amenities and mode of transport may be subject to alteration without prior notice due to local circumstances or events.

INCLUSIONS The land price of your trip includes: all accommodation and transport as listed in the Trip Notes, sightseeing and meals as listed in the Trip Notes and the services of a group leader, as described in the Trip Notes.

EXCLUSIONS The land price of your trip does not include: international or internal

flights, airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges unless specified, meals other than those specified in the Trip Notes, Visa and passport fees, travel insurance, optional activities and sightseeing and all personal expenses.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK You acknowledge that the nature of the trip is adventurous and participation involves a degree of personal risk. You will be visiting places where the geographical attributes present dangers and physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives. We use information from local authorities and reports from our own contacts in assessing whether the itinerary should operate. However it is also your own responsibility to acquaint yourself with all possible relevant travel information and the nature of your itinerary. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made in light of consideration of this information and you accept that you assume the personal risks attendant upon such travel.

AUTHORITY ON TOUR Our tours are run by a Kimberley Wild Guide, whose decision is final on all matters likely to affect the safety or well-being of any person participating in the trip. If you fail to comply with a decision made by a group leader, or interfere with the well-being of the group, the Guide may order you to leave the trip immediately, with no right of refund. You must at all times comply with the laws, customs and drug/alcohol regulations of all areas visited, and you also agree to travel in accordance with our responsible travel guidelines.

GROUP SIZE A minimum number of 6 passengers is required to operate tours, unless otherwise stated as a Guaranteed Departure, in which case 2 passengers only are required to depart.

BOOKING AMENDMENTS Booking amendments are permitted on Day Tours up to 48 hours prior to departure. If you wish to change tours or departure dates you must immediately inform Kimberley Wild Expeditions in writing. All amendments are subject to approval, availability and confirmation by Kimberley Wild Expeditions. Booking amendments are permitted on some longer tours up to 15 days prior to departure. If you wish to change tours or departure dates you must immediately inform Kimberley Wild Expeditions in writing. All amendments are subject to approval, availability and confirmation by Kimberley Wild.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation by the traveller: If you wish to cancel your tour you must immediately inform Kimberley Wild in writing. Once we have received your notice, cancellation will take effect. Please note the following charges will apply on cancellation:

- If Cancellation takes place within 30 days of departure 25% of your tour price will be forfeited.
- If Cancellation takes place within 21 days of departure 50% of your tour price will be forfeited.
- If Cancellation takes place within 14 days of departure 100% of your tour price will be forfeited.

You are advised to take out cancellation insurance at the time of booking which will cover cancellation penalties in certain circumstances. If you leave a trip for any reason after it has commenced we are not obliged to make any refunds for unused services.

Cancellation by Kimberley Wild Expeditions Pty Ltd: Kimberley Wild Expeditions reserves the right to cancel or postpone any tour at any time prior to departure if, due to weather conditions, road conditions, natural disasters, mechanical defect, cultural considerations or other external events it is not possible for us to operate the planned itinerary. If we cancel a trip you may choose between us applying the amounts paid toward an alternative trip or receiving a full refund. We are not responsible for any incidental expenses that you may have incurred as a result of your booking such as visas, vaccinations or nonrefundable flights.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES Optional activities not included in the trip price do not form part of the trip or this contract. You accept that any assistance given by our staff in arranging optional activities does not render us liable for them.

ERRORS & OMISSIONS Although we have made a concerted attempt to verify the accuracy of statements made in our trip documentation, including brochure, website and Trip Notes we cannot be held responsible for any error, omission or unintentional misrepresentation that may occur.

CLAIMS & COMPLAINTS If you have a complaint about your trip please inform our local representative at the time in order that they can attempt to rectify the matter. If satisfaction is not reached through these means then any further complaint should be put to us in writing within 30 days of the end of the tour.

SEVERABILITY In the event that any term or condition contained in these Booking Conditions is unenforceable or void by operation of law or as being against public policy or for any other reason then such term or condition shall be deemed to be severed from this contract or amended accordingly only to such extent necessary to allow all remaining terms and conditions to continue as binding.

PHOTOS & MARKETING If you send us photos from your trip, you consent to us using these images of you for advertising and promotional purposes in any medium we choose. You grant us a perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide, irrevocable licence to use such images for promotional purposes.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Itineraries

The itineraries in this brochure are valid for peak season. However they are subject to change according to local environmental conditions. Itineraries may vary and/or attractions be substituted for any cause including seasonal conditions (including the opening and closing of Twin and Jim Jim Falls and other natural attractions in Kakadu National Park), weather extremes, traditional owner and national park requirements. Note that the opening dates of waterfalls and other attractions vary each year and can change on a daily basis during the wet and shoulder seasons. For an up to date access report for the Top End please contact our office or visit kakaduroadreport.wordpress.com. Remember, Australia is big and long drives are part of the adventure.

Prices

Tour prices in this brochure are per person and in Australian Dollars. Prices for tours with accommodation, are quoted on a twinshare basis. Single supplements will apply to upgrades.

Departure

Most of our Extended Tours are Guaranteed with only 2 travellers so look out for the Departure Guaranteed tick! Other tours depart subject to a minimum 6 travellers.

Medical Form

Due to the remote location and challenging nature of our Extended Tours it is essential for our travellers who are 70 years and beyond, to review and sign a Medical Form to ensure you can participate fully in the itinerary and will enjoy your adventure.

Participation

On those nights where we are not staying in one of our private permanent camp sites, it is important that travellers participate in setting up camp and preparing/clearing meals, though the Tour Guide and (where applicable on selected Kimberley Expeditions) the Tour Assistant, will also be on hand to help – it is a team effort! It is essential that all our groups leave the camps they stay in as they found them for the next travellers – Kakadu is a pristine wilderness and it is our responsibility to ensure it stays this way.

Climate

Australia's north has a Wet Season (Nov to Mar) and a Dry Season (Apr to Oct). During 'the Wet' many 4WD roads and National Parks are closed, which limits where you are able to go in the north. Kakadu tours only operate during 'the Dry', when it can get surprisingly cold overnight – in Darwin it can cool down to 12°C, while in the Katherine, it can fall as low as 5°C!

Protect the Environment

The outback is pristine and we are dedicated to preserving its fragile environment. We ask travellers to bring a long sleeve shirt and broad-brimmed hat to reduce the need for sunscreen and insect repellent, which leak into waterways when showering and swimming.

Pick Up Locations

We offer FREE pick up from select hotels throughout the Darwin City Centre. Alternatively the main meeting point is the Melaleuca On Mitchell at 52 Mitchell Street, Darwin at 6.50am.

Frequently Asked Questions

Detailed answers to our key FAQ's can be downloaded easily from our website. If you have any additional questions, give us a call.

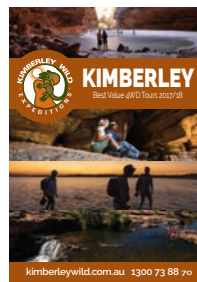
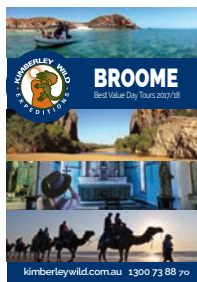
WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

For specific suggestions, we recommend you download the Trip Notes for your trip from our website. In general:

- ☐ A broad-brimmed sun hat & sunscreen
- ☐ Walking boots or sturdy shoes
- ☐ Swimmers & towel (bath and swimming)
- ☐ Personal water bottle (1.5L recommended)
- ☐ Long-sleeved cotton shirt (sun protection) and loose-fitting pants (warmth and insect protection for evenings)
- ☐ Personal toiletries, insect repellent, medication & torch
- ☐ Sleeping bag (Bring your own or we can provide for \$35 – request prior to tour. Can be kept after travel or donated to charity.) *Not necessary for PNTY3C OR PNTY4C tours.

While our vehicles are custom-built and equipped with adequate storage, it is important to keep your luggage to a minimum; a STRICT luggage limit of 10kg applies for all tours into Kakadu National Park.

WILD EXPEDITIONS ALSO OPERATES:



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