



2024 TRIP NOTES

11 DAY WILD KIMBERLEY LOOP



Itinerary

DAY 1 TUNNEL CREEK

As we travel through the remote and beautiful Kimberley landscape, our guide shares stories of local history, people and the environment. Enjoy a morning tea break by the Fitzroy River and visit the Derby 'Boab Prison Tree' before we hit the Gibb River Road. The afternoon is devoted to exploring Tunnel Creek. In this 750-metre cave system carved through the Napier Range, we discover stalactites, secret caves and a large variety of wildlife. It is here we also learn the legend of Jandamarra, an Aboriginal freedom fighter who used the tunnel as a hide-out in the late 1800's. Don't miss a refreshing swim in an idyllic waterhole. That night we settle into our first night under the Kimberley night sky. (LD)

DAYS 2-3 WEST KIMBERLEY GORGES

The Napier Range is over 350 million years old and home to the geological wonder of Windjana Gorge. Beneath gorge walls rising 90m, we spend the morning searching for freshwater crocodiles, local birdlife and indigenous bush tucker. In the afternoon we head off to Bell Gorge, a hidden highlight of the West Kimberley. This idyllic retreat, considered amongst the most beautiful in the area, boasts cascading waterfalls and crystal clear pools formed over millions of years – an easy place to while away a few hours! Spend the next day swimming in paradise: further up the Gibb River Road, we discover the cool waters of water lily-laden Galvans Gorge and stunning Adcock Gorge. Amid the rugged beauty of Manning Falls we swim in deep clear waters, relax, explore wandering streams, encounter local wildlife and take a dip in the waterfall pools. Overnight we camp by a billabong on Mt Barnett Cattle Station. (BLD/BLD)



DAYS 4-5 EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

Our journey up the Gibb River Road continues to the iconic El Questro Wilderness Park. Two nights in our private campsite here allows free time to join one or more of the many activities on offer. We include a refreshing dip in the Zebedee Springs and walk into Emma Gorge while a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge, bush tucker walk or bird watching tour are amongst the many optional activities. You may choose to simply explore this beautiful wilderness park at your own leisure. (BLD/BL)

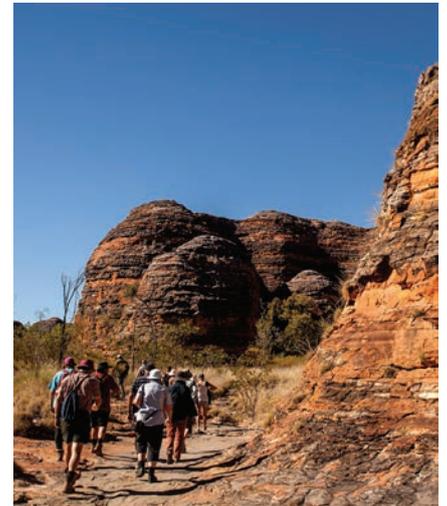
DAYS 6-7 KUNUNURRA & LAKE ARGYLE

Emerge from the Gibb River Road for a few hours free time in Kununurra: sample locally-made rum at the Hoochery and pick up some local sandalwood inspired beauty, health and lifestyle products at the Sandalwood Factory. After lunch, travel on to the shores of the expansive Lake Argyle, the heart of the Ord River Irrigation System which has transformed this dry region into a lush agricultural oasis. Two nights allows time to enjoy a refreshing afternoon swim in the Infinity Pool, with a magnificent view across the lake, and take up one of the many optional activities on offer such as scenic flights and kayak hire. You may like to join our guide to visit the historic Durack Homestead Museum or take on one of the many bush trails to explore the area. A sunset boat cruise on the lake is highly recommended (approx AU\$100pp, own expense).(BD/BL)

DAYS 8-9 PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK: BUNGLE BUNGLES

After a leisurely morning, head south down the Great Northern Highway to

Purnululu National Park, home of the magnificent Bungle Bungles. Two nights here, staying in our private Bungle Bungles Safari Camp in the heart of the Park, allows a full day to explore the highlights of this extraordinary National Park, the most famous of which, are the Bungle Bungle domes. Rivers created this landscape of unique orange and black striped 'beehive' geological formations over a period of 20 million years. Unbelievably, only the locals knew it existed until the early 1980's; once discovered by others, the area was made a national park in 1987. We explore Echidna Chasm (2km), known for its towering Livistonia Palm trees, and take a short walk (2-3km) into stunning Cathedral Gorge, where towering rocks create a natural amphitheatre. There



is time in the afternoon to take an optional scenic helicopter flight and enjoy a birds-eye view of the beehive domes (approx \$500pp, own expense) to put it all into perspective. (BLD/BLD)

DAY 10 FITZROY CROSSING

Enroute to Fitzroy Crossing, we break the long journey with a visit to the gold rush town of Halls Creek to see the remarkable China Wall. We also enjoy lunch at Marys Pool and visit a remote Aboriginal Art Gallery, before an evening by the Fitzroy River at Fitzroy Crossing. (BLD)

DAY 11 DALGUNYA CULTURAL WALK

This morning we join a Dalgunya Cultural Walk where our local Indigenous guide leads a stroll through the remnants of the old postal settlement. Learn about the wild Fitzroy River: its plants, wildlife and significance to local culture. We return to Broome in the afternoon. (BL)





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Itinerary Facts

Please note that this is an indication only. All details are subject to change according to local conditions, itinerary updates and other circumstances beyond our control. It is important to remember that this is a remote area wilderness, and we need to expect the unexpected!

DAY 1 BROOME TO TUNNEL CREEK

Day Highlights:
Boab Prison Tree & Tunnel Creek
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 400km / 4.5 Hours
Meals Included:
Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Windjana Gorge National Park (All Travellers)

DAY 2 TUNNEL CREEK TO MT BARNETT

Day Highlights:
Windjana Gorge & Bell Gorge
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 250km / 3 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Kimberley Wild Private Camp, Mt Barnett (All Travellers)

DAY 3 EXPLORING GORGES

Day Highlights:
Manning Gorge, Adcock Gorge & Galvans Gorge
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 40km / 1 Hour Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Kimberley Wild Private Camp, Mt Barnett (All Travellers)



DAY 4 MT BARNETT TO EL QUESTRO

Day Highlights:
Gibb River Road & the Pentecost River Crossing
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 400km / 5 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Kimberley Wild Private Camp, El Questro (Camping Travellers) OR El Questro Station Tents (Camping Plus Travellers)

DAY 5 EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

Day Highlights:
Zebedee Springs & Emma Gorge
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 40km / 1 Hour Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Lunch
Stay Overnight:
Kimberley Wild Private Camp, El Questro (Camping Travellers), El Questro Station Tents (Camping Plus Travellers)

DAY 6 EL QUESTRO TO LAKE ARGYLE

Day Highlights:
Kununurra & Lake Argyle
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 110km / 2.5 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Kimberley Wild Private Camp OR Lake Argyle Resort Cabins (Camping Plus Travellers)

DAY 7 LAKE ARGYLE

Day Highlights:
Lake Argyle
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 10km / 0.5 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Lunch
Stay Overnight:
Kimberley Wild Private Camp OR Lake Argyle Resort Cabins (Camping Plus Travellers)

DAY 8 LAKE ARGYLE TO THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

Day Highlights:
Durack Ranges & Bungle Bungles Sunset
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 400km / 6 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Bungle Bungles Safari Camp (All Travellers)

DAY 9 THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

Day Highlights:
Echidna Chasm, Cathedral Gorge & Bungles Domes

Distance Travelled:

Approximately 60km / 2 Hours Driving

Meals Included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Stay Overnight:

Bungle Bungles Safari Camp (All Travellers)

DAY 10 THE BUNGLE BUNGLES TO FITZROY CROSSING

Day Highlights:

China Wall

Distance Travelled:

Approximately 450km / 6 Hours Driving

Meals Included:

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Stay Overnight:

Fitzroy River Lodge Campground (Camping Travellers) OR Fitzroy River Lodge Safari Tents (Camping Plus Travellers)

DAY 11 FITZROY CROSSING TO BROOME

Day Highlights:

Darlungya Cultural Walk

Distance Travelled:

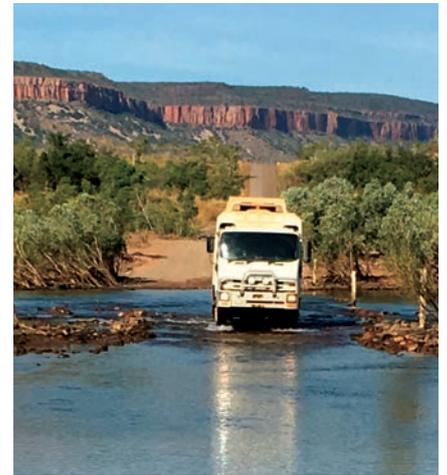
Approximately 400km / 5 Hours Driving

Meals Included:

Breakfast & Lunch

Stay Overnight:

Not Included.





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Accommodation

On the 11 Day Wild Kimberley Loop, we offer the choice of comfortable Camping or Camping Plus, on which we assist you to make the most of basic upgrades where available: on nights 4, 5, 6, 7 & 10 (look for the symbol) as follows:

NIGHT 1 WINDJANA GORGE

Camping in the Windjana Gorge National Park involves dome tents (single/twinshare), swags with fitted sheets & pillows with pillow cases. On site ablutions have hot showers and flush toilets.



NIGHTS 2 & 3 MOUNT BARNETT

Enjoy two nights in the comfort of our own private camp at Manning Gorge. The camp features tourer-style tents on raised platforms with twin stretcher beds, and our own sheltered kitchen area. Nearby shared ablutions have hot showers and flush toilets.



NIGHTS 4 & 5 EL QUESTRO STATION

Travellers on our Camping option will enjoy our private camp on the grounds of El Questro, which also features large tourer-style tents on raised platforms with stretcher beds. On site ablutions have hot showers and flush toilets.



Those who have chosen **Camping Plus** will retreat to the permanent Safari Tents (below), which offer an affordable upgrade option nearby. With twin beds, lighting and a quality ablutions block nearby, these tents ensure you have a comfortable nights sleep while still enjoying the outback essence of Kimberley camping.



NIGHTS 6 & 7 LAKE ARGYLE

Enjoy two nights in the comfort of our own private camp, which features tourer-style tents on raised platforms with twin stretcher beds. On site ablutions have hot showers and flush toilets. There is also a fabulous infinity pool overlooking the lake!



Those who have chosen **Camping Plus** will enjoy the comfort of the Standard Rooms (below) at Lake Argyle Resort each have a queen & single bed, private ensuite bathroom, a small fridge, tea/coffee making facilities, airconditioning and a private verandah to enjoy the beautiful surrounds.



NIGHTS 8 & 9 BUNGLES BUNGLES

In the heart of Purnululu National Park, our travellers will love our eco safari tents at the Bungle Bungles Safari Camp, which boasts views of the Bungles Massif from your door. The camp features modern facilities, a covered dining deck with panoramic views and an open air campfire around which you can relax beneath a sparkling Kimberley night sky: chatting, star-gazing and sharing the adventure with like-minded travellers.



NIGHT 10 FITZROY CROSSING

Our Campers will set up the dome tents & swags in the grassy grounds of the Fitzroy River Lodge. On site ablutions have hot showers and flush toilets.



Those on **Camping Plus** will settle into the new Safari Tents at the Fitzroy River Lodge. These offer a basic accommodation upgrade option for travellers looking for a little extra comfort. They feature beds with pillows and linen and shared facilities.

Important Notes!

- You will need to arrange your own pre- and post- tour accommodation in Broome, and advise our office where to pick you up from on the morning of Day 1. We can assist with recommendations.
- * The optional Single Supplement does not include nights in our own private camps: due to capacity constraints single travellers may have to twinshare with another traveller of the same gender - this is a rare occurrence.
- You will need a Sleeping Bag - bring your own or we can provide for \$50pp if requested prior to travel.



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Important Information

Itinerary Updates

There are no recent itinerary updates to this trip.

Meals

This tour includes: 10 x Breakfasts, 10 x Lunches, 8 x 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 El Questro (1nt), lunch in Kununurra & dinner at Lake Argyle (1nt) – allow approximately AU\$250pp.

Inclusions

- Two Tour Hosts – including an Experienced Kimberley Tour Guide and Tour Assistant (on all tours with 8+ travellers)
- Meals as specified
- Camping Accommodation (Upgrade Options available)
- Community Entry Permits & National Park Entry Fees
- Dargunya Cultural Walk
- Zebedee Springs Permit
- Bungle Bungles Safari Camp Stay (2nts)

Optional Activities

- Chamberlain Gorge Cruise - approx \$100
- Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise - approx \$100
- Bungle Bungles Scenic Helicopter Flight - approx \$500

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 \$50pp - 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: Moderate-Advanced

This itinerary involves some clambering 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 & Cable Beach between 6.30am and 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.

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).
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, 21-25 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. We also recommend you bring a personal power bank.

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 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. Note: in September and October, as 'the Wet' approaches, temperatures increase accordingly and it can be very hot during the day. It is essential that you are prepared for this – ask our office for advice prior to booking.

