



2019 TRIP NOTES

2 DAY CAPE LEVEQUE & KIMBERLEY COAST



Itinerary

DAY 1 BEAGLE BAY, ONE ARM POINT & THE BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO

The Dampier Peninsula is an extraordinary blend of pristine beaches and dramatic coastlines, rich in traditional Aboriginal culture. Travelling up the red 4WD track, learn about the region's fascinating history from our guided commentary. Our first stop is the Beagle Bay Community, home of the Beagle Bay Church with its glimmering pearl shell altar, for morning tea. Soon we arrive at the One Arm Point Community, perched on the tip of the Dampier Peninsula, to visit the Community's aquaculture hatchery, complete with barramundi, pearl and trochus shell. After a hatchery tour join Kevin, our local guide from the Ejai family, traditional owners of Jackson Island, at the family's beach 'bali'. Enjoy fresh damper cooked over the fire while Kevin shares the traditions, lifestyle and culture of his family. After lunch we head for the Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm. In 1946 Dean Brown skippered a rickety wooden lugger into an unknown frontier to discover this hidden paradise: his descendants continue to operate what is now the oldest Pearl Farm in Australia. Embark an extraordinary cruise through the Islands of the Giant Tides to experience the remarkable tidal flows of King Sound. In the evening we relax round a fire in our own private camp. (LD)

DAY 2 CYGNET BAY PEARL FARM, KOOLJAMAN & CAPE LEVEQUE

This morning a knowledgeable local guide will demonstrate a pearl harvest, providing a glimpse into this fully operational pearl farm. Discover how they cultivate some of the most sort after and beautiful pearls in the world and enjoy an in-depth pearl grading and appreciation session that will leave you feeling like a pearl expert! Mid morning we depart for beautiful Kooljaman at Cape Leveque. You may like to head off for a swim, or take one of the lovely walks in the area to explore the rugged red coastline for which Cape Leveque is famous. Driving back through the dusk, keep an eye out for wildlife before arriving in Broome at approximately 6.30pm. (BL)



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.

DAY 1 BROOME TO CYGNET BAY

Day Highlights:

Beagle Bay, One Arm Point, Bardi Indigenous Experience & the Giant Tides Cruise (or Kimberley Island Explorer, depending on the tides)

Distance Travelled:

Approximately 250km / 3 Hours Driving

Meals Included:

Lunch & Dinner

Stay Overnight:

Kimberley Wild Private Camp, Cygnet Bay (All Travellers)

DAY 2 CYGNET BAY TO BROOME

Day Highlights:

Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm Tour, Kooljaman & Cape Leveque

Distance Travelled:

Approximately 250km / 3 Hours Driving

Meals Included:

Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation

All travellers will enjoy a night in our own Cygnet Bay Safari Camp, exclusive to Kimberley Wild travellers. Shared on site ablutions have hot showers and toilets.



Important Notes!

- There is no Single Supplement on this trip. Due to capacity constraints single travellers may have to twinshare with another traveller of the same gender – a rare occurrence.
- The road to Cape Leveque can be rough and is therefore not suitable for pregnant women or travellers with back problems.





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Itinerary Updates

There are no recent itinerary updates to this trip.

Meals

This tour includes: 1 x Breakfast, 2 x Lunches, 1 x Dinner

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.

Inclusions

- Two Tour Hosts – including an Experienced Kimberley Tour Guide and Tour Assistant (on all tours with 8+ travellers)
- Meals as specified
- Private Camp Accommodation
- Community Entry Permits
- Islands of the Giant Tides Cruise (or Kimberley Island Explorer), valued at \$190pp
- Bardi-Jawi Cultural Experience
- Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm Tour
- Guided tour of One Arm Point Aquaculture Hatchery

What to Bring: Checklist

- A torch (ideally a head torch)
- A broad-brimmed hat with sun visor for all round protection
- Swimming costume and towel
- Bath towel
- 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 evening)
- Warm jumper (particularly in May-Aug)

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

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Fitness Level: Easy

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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.

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 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. 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.

