



2021 TRIP NOTES

5 DAY BROOME TO THE BUNGLES



Itinerary

DAY 1 GEIKIE GORGE & FITZROY CROSSING

We ease into our adventure as we travel east towards Fitzroy Crossing. Join a local Park Ranger on a guided cruise through Geikie Gorge. Learn of the geology of this natural wonder and discover the huge array of wildlife, including freshwater crocodiles, birds and fish. (LD)

DAYS 2-3 PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK: BUNGLE BUNGLES

Visit Halls Creek and see the China Wall enroute to Purnululu National Park, home of the Bungle Bungles. From our Safari Camp we spend the next day exploring the highlights of this National Park, the most famous of which are the Bungle Bungle domes, 'formed over a period of 20 million years. We explore the 2km long Echidna Chasm, known for its towering Livistonia Palm trees, and take a short walk (2-3km) into 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 \$450pp, own expense). (BLD/BLD)

DAY 4 MIMBI CAVES

Travel to the ancient realm of Mimbi Caves, in the heart of Gooniyandi Country. Spiritually significant, these limestone caves are one of the oldest identified sites of human occupation in Australia. Delve into Dreamtime with our Gooniyandi guide who shares traditional stories and the secrets of Mimbi Caves, a sanctuary of clear pools, fossils and rock art. Share fresh damper and billy tea with the Gooniyandi traditional owners. (BL)

DAY 5 WINDJANA GORGE & TUNNEL CREEK

Following another night by the Fitzroy River, we head for Bunuba country - once a Devonian reef, this terrain is over 350 million years old and home to a diverse array of animals and plants. Tunnel Creek is a 750-metre cave system in which we discover 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. Freshen up with a swim at the end of the tunnel before we travel to Windjana Gorge, a delightful oasis in the outback. Enjoy a picnic lunch and search for freshwater crocodiles, local birdlife and Indigenous bush tucker. The Gibb River Road then leads us from the picturesque Napier Ranges as we begin the return to Broome via the Derby 'Boab Prison Tree'. (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 FITZROY CROSSING

Day Highlights:
Geikie Gorge Cruise
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 400km / 5 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Fitzroy River Lodge Campground (Camping Travellers) OR Fitzroy River Lodge Safari Cabins (Camping Plus Travellers)

DAY 2 FITZROY CROSSING TO THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

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

DAY 3 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 4 THE BUNGLE BUNGLES TO FITZROY CROSSING

Day Highlights:
Mimbi Caves
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 400km / 6 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Lunch
Stay Overnight:
Fitzroy River Lodge Campground (Camping Travellers) OR Fitzroy River Lodge Safari Cabins (Camping Plus Travellers)

DAY 5 FITZROY CROSSING TO BROOME

Day Highlights:
Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 550km / 6 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Lunch
Stay Overnight:
Not included. We drop you off at your chosen Broome accommodation.

Accommodation

On the 5 Day Broome to the Bungle Bungles, 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 2 & 3 (look for the  symbol) as follows:

NIGHTS 1 & 4 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 Safari Cabins at the Fitzroy River Lodge. This traditional Kimberley-style accommodation is a great upgrade option for travellers looking for a little extra comfort. Similar to a regular motel room, they feature beds with pillows and linen, fans, power and private ensuite. Relax on the porch and enjoy the ambiance.



NIGHTS 2 & 3 BUNGLE 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.



Important Notes!

- There is no Single Supplement on the Camping option, while an optional Single Supplement may apply on Camping Plus.
- Due to limited capacity in Purnululu National Park, single travellers MAY still have to share with another of the same gender.
- If you are on the Camping option you will need a Sleeping Bag - bring your own or we can provide for \$45pp 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: 4 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 3 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 in Fitzroy Crossing — allow approximately AU\$40pp.

Inclusions

- Experienced Guide
- Meals as specified
- National Park Entry Fees
- Geikie Gorge Cruise
- Mimbi Caves Adventure

Optional Activities

- Bungle Bungles Scenic Helicopter Flight - approx \$450

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 \$45pp - 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: Medium

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. A reasonable level of fitness and being sure on your feet is required to participate.

Travel Tip

Combine this trip with an adventure to Cape Leveque to experience the Kimberley coast as well. Check out the 2 Day Cape Leveque & Kimberley Coast (Trip Code 2DIL).

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, 21-25 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.

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.