



2020 TRIP NOTES

5 DAY KIMBERLEY FAMILY SAFARI



Itinerary

DAY 1 TUNNEL CREEK

Departing Broome, we journey to the renowned 'Boab Prison Tree' and the start of the iconic Gibb River Road. Set up camp in Windjana Gorge National Park and enjoy lunch before we head for the adventure of Tunnel Creek, a cave system carved through the Napier Range, discover stalactites and a large variety of wildlife. Also learn the legend of Jandamarra, an Aboriginal freedom fighter who used the tunnel as a hideout in the late 1800's. Towards sunset, we arrive at our campsite for a delicious campfire dinner under the famous Kimberley night sky. (LD)

DAY 2 WINDJANA GORGE & GALVANS GORGE

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. An afternoon swim at Galvans Gorge, amongst water lilies and boab trees, offers the chance to freshen up. That night, we camp on Mt Barnett Cattle Station at a billabong oasis in the heart of gorge country. (BLD)

DAY 3 MANNING FALLS

Today we explore the remote and spectacular Manning Gorge surrounded by high cliffs. Cross the meandering Manning River – either swimming or by pulley boat! – and take on a bushwalk to the impressive Manning Falls. The kids will love swimming in deep clear pools surrounded by a rugged natural landscape. In the afternoon, relax, swim and play games by the Manning River before we get the camp fire going for dinner and marshmallow toasting! (BLD)

DAY 4 ADCOCK GORGE & BELL GORGE

Enjoy a morning swim in Adcock Gorge, surrounded by rainforest and sandstone ranges. Travel to Silent Grove to set up camp and enjoy lunch before we explore the spectacular Bell Gorge in the ancient King Leopold Range. This idyllic retreat boasts majestic cascading waterfalls and crystal clear pools formed over millions of years. (BLD)

DAY 5 DERBY & BROOME

Returning to the Gibb River Road we head for the Norval Art Gallery in Derby. Here we discover some of the great works produced by local Aboriginal artists. There is even an opportunity for the kids to have a go at producing their own! Arrive back in Broome around 5pm. (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 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

DAY 2 TUNNEL CREEK TO MT BARNETT

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

DAY 3 EXPLORING GORGES

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

DAY 4 MT BARNETT TO SILENT GROVE

Day Highlights:
Adcock Gorge & Bell Gorge
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 250km / 3 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stay Overnight:
Silent Grove Campground

DAY 5 DERBY & BROOME

Day Highlights:
Norval Art Gallery, Derby
Distance Travelled:
Approximately 500km / 6 Hours Driving
Meals Included:
Breakfast & Lunch
Stay Overnight:
Not included. We drop you off at your chosen Broome accommodation.

Accommodation

Camping really is the best way to experience the Kimberley - connect with nature and leave less of a footprint.

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 3 & 4 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.



NIGHT 4 SILENT GROVE

Camping in the Department of Parks & Wildlife operated 'Silent Grove' Campground involves dome tents (single/twinshare), swags with fitted sheets & pillows with pillow cases. On site ablutions have hot showers and flush toilets.





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Important Information

Itinerary Updates

There are no recent itinerary updates to this trip.

Meals

This tour includes: 4 x Breakfasts, 5 x Lunches, 4 x Dinners

Our healthy meals feature fresh ingredients and local Kimberley flavours. - bearing children in mind of course! We cater for necessary dietary requirements where possible, so please discuss with us when booking.

Inclusions

- Tour Hosts – including an Experienced Kimberley Tour Guide and Tour Assistant (on all tours with 8+ travellers)
- Meals as specified
- Camping Accommodation
- National Park Entry Fees
- Lots of fun!

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: Moderate

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 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. The trip is designed for FAMILIES ONLY.

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

Sorry kids - no WIFI! 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 (parents only of course) 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.

