



# 2020 TRIP NOTES

## 6 DAY WEST KIMBERLEY ADVENTURE



### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 GEIKIE GORGE

We ease into our adventure as we travel east towards Fitzroy Crossing. Visit the Old Fitzroy Crossing before joining a local guided cruise through majestic Geikie Gorge that nature carved between the Geikie and Oscar Ranges. Learn of the fascinating geology of this natural wonder and discover the huge array of wildlife, including freshwater crocodiles, birds and fish. Camp by the Fitzroy River (LD)

#### DAY 2 WINDJANA GORGE & TUNNEL CREEK

Travel into the King Leopold Ranges and take on 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. Spend the afternoon exploring this majestic oasis in the outback where we search for freshwater crocodiles, bird life and bush tucker. In the evening, enjoy a delicious campfire dinner under the Kimberley night sky. (BLD)

#### DAY 3 ADCOCK & GALVANS GORGE

Hit the Gibb River Road and discover Adcock Gorge, surrounded by rainforest and sandstone ranges. An afternoon swim at Galvans Gorge, amongst water lilies and boab trees, offers the chance to freshen up again before we settle into our camp on Mt Barnett Cattle Station at a billabong oasis in the heart of gorge country. (BLD)

#### DAY 4 MANNING FALLS

Today we explore 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 Manning Falls. There is nothing quite like swimming in deep clear pools surrounded by a rugged natural landscape. In the afternoon, relax and swim in the Manning River before we get the camp fire going for dinner. (BLD)

#### DAY 5 SILENT GROVE & BELL GORGE

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 cascading waterfalls and crystal clear pools formed over millions of years. (BLD)

#### DAY 6 DERBY & BROOME

Returning to the Gibb River Road we visit Norval Art Gallery in Derby and the renowned 'Boab Prison Tree' then begin our journey back into Broome, hopefully arriving in time for sunset on Cable Beach before you return to your hotels. (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 GEIKIE GORGE

**Day Highlights:**

Geikie Gorge Cruise

**Distance Travelled:**

Approximately 400km / 5 Hours Driving

**Meals Included:**

Lunch & Dinner

**Stay Overnight:**

Fitzroy River Lodge Campground

#### DAY 2 WINDJANA GORGE & TUNNEL CREEK

**Day Highlights:**

Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek

**Distance Travelled:**

Approximately 150km / 2 Hours Driving

**Meals Included:**

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Stay Overnight:**

Windjana Gorge National Park Campground

#### DAY 3 ADCOCK & GALVANS GORGE

**Day Highlights:**

Adcock Gorge & Galvans Gorge

**Distance Travelled:**

Approximately 250km / 3 Hours Driving

**Meals Included:**

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Stay Overnight:**

Kimberley Wild Private Camp, Mt Barnett

#### DAY 4 MANNING FALLS

**Day Highlights:**

Manning Gorge & Falls

**Distance Travelled:**

0km / No Driving

**Meals Included:**

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Stay Overnight:**

Kimberley Wild Private Camp, Mt Barnett

#### DAY 4 MT BARNETT TO SILENT GROVE

**Day Highlights:**

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 FITZROY CROSSING

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



#### NIGHT 2 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: 5 x Breakfasts, 6 x Lunches, 5 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.

### Inclusions

- Two 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
- 1 Hour Geikie Gorge Boat Cruise

### 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-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 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 of 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.