



# 2024 TRIP NOTES

## 10 DAY KIMBERLEY WALKING



### Itinerary

#### DAYS 1-3 WEST KIMBERLEY GORGES

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, the biggest waterway in the Kimberley which floods annually, but recently swelled to record levels in a once in a 100 year weather event! Soon enough we hit the Gibb River Road and journey to our campsite in Silent Grove, where we set up camp for our first night under the Kimberley stars. In the morning we discover 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! Further up the Gibb River Road, we discover the cool waters of water lily-laden Galvans Gorge and stunning Adcock Gorge. Swim across the Manning River to start our trek into Manning Gorge. Amid the rugged beauty of Manning Falls we swim in deep clear pools, relax, explore wandering streams, uncover local wildlife and take a dip in the waterfall pools. Overnight we camp by a billabong on Mt Barnett Cattle Station. (LD/BLD/BLD)

#### DAYS 4-5 EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

El Questro Station is an icon of the Kimberley. We include a refreshing dip in the Zebedee Springs, a walk into Emma Gorge and the more challenging trek into El Questro Gorge. A trek up to Sandleback Ridge Lookout for sunset is a great way to end the day! There are optional activities as well so you can choose to simply explore this beautiful wilderness park at your own leisure. (BLD/BL)

#### DAYS 6-7 KUNUNURRA & PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK: BUNGLE BUNGLES

Emerge from the Gibb River Road and travel to Kununurra. Explore the Savannah Woodland in Mirima National Park, often known as the 'mini Bungle Bungles', on the Gerliwany-gerring Banan Trail. After lunch, travel south to Violet Valley. (Helispirit flights this afternoon – mentioned below – if possible\*) It's an early start on to make our way into Purnululu National Park, home of the magnificent Bungle Bungles. Walk up the creek bed into Echidna Chasm and walk into Mini Palms Gorge. Then kick back at our own private camp overlooking the Bungles Massif. (BLD/BLD)

#### DAY 8 WOLFE CREEK CRATER

Witness the sun rise over 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. Discover Cathedral Gorge, where towering rocks create a natural amphitheatre. Bid farewell to Purnululu National Park and travel through Halls Creek to the rugged Tanami Track. Turning south we make our way out to the famous Wolfe Creek Crater, known locally as Kandimalal. This distinctive hole in the earth's crust is believed to have been left by a meteorite that collided over 120,000 years old, during the Pleistocene period. An afternoon hike to the crater rim and a magical sunset sets the scene for another night camping around the fire in this remote, isolated destination. (BLD)

#### DAY 9 MIMBI CAVES

Sunrise over the crater is worth rising for then we pack up camp and return north up the Tanami Track – keep an eye out for wildlife! After lunch we visit the ancient realm of Mimbi Caves, one of Western Australia's largest cave systems, 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 local Gooniyandi guide who shares traditional stories and reveals the secrets of Mimbi Caves, a sanctuary of crystal clear pools, rare fossils and ancient rock art. Share fresh damper and billy tea with the Gooniyandi traditional owners before we journey on to Fitzroy Crossing. (BLD)

#### DAY 12 FITZROY CROSSING & BROOME

The Napier Range is over 350 million years old and home to Tunnel Creek, a 750-metre cave system in which 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. In the afternoon we visit the geological wonder of Windjana Gorge, searching for freshwater crocodiles, local birdlife and indigenous bush tucker beneath the gorge walls that rise 90m. Then it is time to give your legs a hard-earned rest as we journey back into Broome. Relax and watch the savannah go by, reflecting on the adventure behind us and the ocean that awaits us. (BL)



### Accommodation

The 10 Day Kimberley Walking tour is an adventurous camping tour with a mix of private seasonal Kimberley Wild Safari Camps and National Park 'pitch your own tent' style camping with very basic ablution facilities. You may even try sleeping in a swag under the stars - highly recommended!



#### 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.
- There is No Single Supplement on this tour. On nights when you are pitching your own tent, single travellers will be provided with their own tent. However, due to capacity constraints, when staying in our own private camps, 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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### 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 BELL GORGE

**Day Highlights:**  
Willare, Fitzroy River, Silent Grove  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 600km / 6.5 Hours  
**Meals Included:**  
Lunch & Dinner  
**Stay Overnight:**  
National Park Campground

#### DAY 2 SILENT GROVE TO MT BARNETT

**Day Highlights:**  
Bell Gorge & Adcock Gorge  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 200km / 2.5 Hours Driving  
**Meals Included:**  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
**Stay Overnight:**  
Kimberley Wild Private Camp, Mt Barnett

#### DAY 3 EXPLORING GORGES

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

#### DAY 4 MOUNT BARNETT TO EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

**Day Highlights:**  
The Pentecost River Crossing, Ellenbrae  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 250km / 5 Hours Driving  
**Meals Included:**  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
**Stay Overnight:**  
Kimberley Wild Private Camp, El Questro

#### DAY 5 EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

**Day Highlights:**  
El Questro Gorge & Emma Gorge  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 40km / 1 Hour Driving  
**Meals Included:**  
Breakfast & Lunch  
**Stay Overnight:**  
Kimberley Wild Private Camp, El Questro

#### DAY 6 EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK TO THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

**Day Highlights:**  
Mirima National Park & Durack Ranges  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 550km / 7 Hours Driving  
**Meals Included:**  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
**Stay Overnight:**  
Violet Valley Campground

#### DAY 7 THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

**Day Highlights:**  
Echidna Chasm & Mini Palms  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 100km / 3 Hours Driving  
**Meals Included:**  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
**Stay Overnight:**  
Bungle Bungles Safari Camp

#### DAY 8 THE BUNGLE BUNGLES TO WOLFE CREEK CRATER

**Day Highlights:**  
Cathedral Gorge  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 450km / 6 Hours Driving  
**Meals Included:**  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
**Stay Overnight:**  
National Park Campground

#### DAY 9 WOLFE CREEK CRATER TO FITZROY CROSSING

**Day Highlights:**  
Wolfe Creek Sunrise, Mimbi Caves  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 450km / 6 Hours Driving  
**Meals Included:**  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
**Stay Overnight:**  
Kimberley Wild Private Camp, Fitzroy Crossing

#### DAY 10 FITZROY CROSSING TO BROOME

**Day Highlights:**  
Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek  
**Distance Travelled:**  
Approximately 600km / 7 Hours Driving  
**Meals Included:**  
Breakfast & Lunch  
**Stay Overnight:**  
Not Included.





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## Important Information

### Itinerary Updates

There are no recent itinerary updates to this trip.

### Meals

This tour includes: 9x Breakfasts, 10 x Lunches, 7 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 in El Questro (1nt) and dinner at Fitzroy Crossing (1nt). Allow approximately \$150pp.

### Inclusions

- Experienced Guide
- Meals as specified
- National Park Entry Fees
- Zebedee Springs Permit
- Mimbi Caves Adventure

### Optional Activities

- Chamberlain Gorge 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: 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 an adventurous camping Kimberley Expedition: perfect for those seeking to reconnect with nature and experience the real Kimberley in depth.

### 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, 21-25 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.

