



**8 NIGHT/9 DAY
TASTE OF THE KIMBERLEY
TOUR
BROOME TO BROOME**

*Join us on this amazing tour of the Kimberley.
Make new friends and explore the rugged Outback in style.*

Highlights of

THE TASTE OF THE KIMBERLEY TOUR - ITINERARY

8 Night/9 Day | From \$4,950pp*



Day One - Broome to Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge

This morning's adventures starts early with collecting of guests from their Broome accommodation than travelling along the Great Northern Highway across the Dampier Peninsula on our way to Derby.

On the way we catch our first views of boab trees and the red termite mounds in the Kimberley savannah lands so characteristic of the Kimberley. We cross the mighty Fitzroy River for the first time at Willare Bridge, not far from the river's entrance into King Sound. Making a brief stop at the 1500 year-old Derby Prison Boab Tree and historic Myall's Bore. Visit the Derby Jetty (with its twice daily 10 metres tides has the largest tidal variance in Australia).

From here we commence our journey along the iconic Gibb River Road through ancient outback landscapes of the Kimberley, heading deep into the heart of the Kimberley, viewing a rock formation resembling a profile view of Queen Victoria's head as we pass through the stunning 250 million year-old Devonian limestone cliffs of the Napier Range before arriving at Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge for a two night stay.

The Lodge is nestled in a tropical oasis on the banks of the Barker River and the area abounds with abundant bird and wildlife populations. Located in the heart of the King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park, Mt Hart's proximity to many of the Kimberley's major attractions make it an ideal base to explore the region over the next two days.

Originally a working cattle station, this unique property offers a rich pastoral history, rustic ambiance and exceptional hospitality. After a delicious meal in the restaurant prepared by a top chef, you will settle in for the evening in a comfortable en-suite safari tent under a star filled Kimberley sky.

Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge. en-suite safari tents (LD)

Day Two - Explore Bell Gorge

Today's adventure is a return 4WD journey to Bell Gorge, a stunning permanent waterfall with torrents of water flowing north west over the millennia from the King Leopold Range have cut down through the ancient sandstone rocks to form a spectacular gorge. At 300 metres above sea level it is the beginning of a series of waterfalls and rapids some 80 kilometres long descending through the King Leopold and Isdell Ranges to Walcott Inlet before entering the Timor sea at Yule Entrance.

Making our way further into the King Leopold Ranges that rise to some 950 metres above sea level and passing the old Silent Grove homestead we will enjoy a day of swimming and exploring. After a relatively moderate one kilometre downhill walk, you will be rewarded with the irresistible opportunity to take your first swim in a magical Kimberley waterhole at the top of the falls. The more adventurous may choose to venture further and climb down to the bottom of the waterfall and enjoy a thunderous refreshing shower in the crystal clear waters of the plunge pool. Enjoy a picnic lunch, after which we make our way back to Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge where you can enjoy a drink in the fully licensed bar and perhaps have a close encounter with the friendly wild dingoes that are abundant in the area and relax for the rest of the afternoon. Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge, en-suite safari tents (BLD)

Day Three - Gibb River Road

After an early breakfast we start to make our way east along the Gibb River Road towards Galvans Gorge in the Philip Ranges where you will be able to take a refreshing dip below the waterfall amongst the palm and gum trees that overhang the plunge pool. Continuing east, through the savannah grasslands of the central Kimberley plateau, crossing numerous rivers before descending off the plateau to spectacular sunset views of the Cockburn Ranges in the east. Enjoy the outback playground with its breathtaking combination of towering gorges, sparkling

Tour Dates for 2021

3 June, 30 June, 5 July, 4 Aug

waterfalls, billabongs, and stunning ancient landforms and ranges. Located close to the mighty Pentecost River, at the foot of the Cockburn Range our modern comfortable accommodation and unique rustic outback décor will be enjoyed after a long day. Home Valley or El Questro (BLD)

Day Four - Zebedee Springs - Kununurra

Our adventure continues crossing the iconic Pentecost River Crossing with it's amazing backdrop of the ramparts of the Cockburn Ranges making our way towards Zebedee springs on El Questro Station. It is a natural oasis with a short easy walk along a shady trail leading to a series of rocky thermal pools under a canopy of tall lush green Livistona Palms and surrounding towering red cliffs, we soak in the natural spas providing the perfect place to relax and unwind. Continuing further we make the journey toward Wyndham, arriving at the Five Rivers Lookout which sits on the summit of Wyndham's Bastion Range at 330 metres high, the views over the Cambridge Gulf not to be missed! After lunch we arrive in Kununurra, a town originally established to service the Ord River Irrigation Scheme where we spend the next two nights staying at Ivanhoe Village Resort. It features comfortable cabins with en-suite bedroom and a swimming pool. Ivanhoe Village Caravan Resort (BLD)

Day Five - Kununurra & the Ord River

In the morning everyone can enjoy some free time, after which we will enjoy a guided tour to Lake Argyle, Western Australia's largest and Australia's second largest freshwater man made reserve by volume. This afternoon, we enjoy a spectacular cruise down the Ord River with commentary about the Ord Irrigation Scheme and wetland. Arriving back into Kununurra whilst soaking in the glorious sunset we make our way to another local restaurant before heading back to Ivanhoe for an overnight stay. Ivanhoe Village Caravan Resort, en-suite cabins (BLD)

Day Six - Kununurra to Purnululu National Park

Crossing the picturesque Diversion Dam that forms Lake Argyle and once again travelling the Great Northern Highway as we trek towards the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park, the home of the Bungle Bungle Range.

Passing through Warmun, a quiet and tiny Aboriginal settlement also known as Turkey Creek for most of its life, in recent times it has reverted to the "Kitja" name for the area, "Warmun." The local "Kitja" people have constructed an impressive indigenous art gallery and promote the town as the principal access point to the Purnululu National Park. Turning into the Bungle Bungle Range we commence the slow but interesting 53 kilometre 4WD trek into the heart of the Bungle Bungle Range. The trek will involve several water crossings, and at times can be quite rough going. We will stop at the Visitors Centre before exploring the southern end of the Range. Starting with an easy walk exploring the Bee Hive Domes Loop Walk Trail for a closer look at the geological formations leading into the naturally breathtaking amphitheater of Cathedral Gorge. Time permitting, we explore Picanniny Creek Lookout and The Window being rewarded with astounding views over the Bungle Bungle Range. Tonight's accommodation in an environmentally friendly safari style tent/cabin located on the banks of the Belburn Creek. Savannah Lodge, en-suite cabins (BLD)



Day Seven -Explore the Bungles

After breakfast we trek toward the northern end of the Park with great views of the western walls of the Bungles Massif with the startling rounded domes rising sheer above the plain. Beginning the walk through the very special Echidna Chasm, a spectacular narrow, long chasm deep into the Bungle Bungle Range. At times you can touch both sides rearing 200 metres straight up above you with Livistona palms waving from the ridges high above. With luck our visit will co-inside with the few minutes each day when the sun penetrates to the bottom of the chasm in a spectacular display of colour and light. The amazing rounded conglomerate boulders strewn along the path provide a clue to the violent geological past and sedimentary origins of the Bungle Bungle Range. This afternoon our journey continues back out to the Great Northern Highway towards Halls Creek, after unforgettable day you will be able to relax and enjoy a delicious meal. Halls Creek Motel, en-suite room (BLD)

Day Eight - Halls Creek to Fitzroy

After breakfast we skirt the southern edge of the Kimberley plateau heading towards Fitzroy Crossing for an cruise on the Fitzroy River (Geikie Gorge) as it has carved its way through an ancient limestone barrier reef and learning about the indigenous culture, bush tucker and history of the "Banuba" people in the area. After the cruise we settle into your accommodation on the banks of the Fitzroy River at Fitzroy River Lodge, en-suit rooms or en-suite tents (BLD)

Day Nine -Tunnel Creek & Wyndjana Gorge

We start our final day early as explore more of the Napier Range making the first stop at Tunnel Creek for an underground river walk. Then it is onto colourful and rugged Windjana Gorge with its vertical limestone cliffs, fossil fish and deep green pools inhabited by dozens of freshwater crocodiles making for some impress photos. After a picnic lunch at the Gorge we say goodbye to the Gibb River Road for the final time before heading towards Broome dropping off our guests at their designated drop off spots. (BL)

**PRICE FOR 9 DAY
BROOME TO BROOME TOUR:
A\$4,950 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE
SINGLES SUPPLEMENT OF \$745 APPLIES**

MAP & HIGHLIGHTS



- * Gibb River Road
- * Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge
- * Bell Gorge
- * Galvans Gorge
- * Zebedee Springs - El-Questro Station
- * Lake Argyle & the Ord River
- * Purnululu National Park
- * Fitzroy Crossing
- * Geikie Gorge Cruise
- * Tunnel Creek
- * Windjana Gorge



We tour in a comfortable 22 or 30 Seater bus. All meals and park entry fees are included.

The cruise on the Ord River and at Geikie Gorge are also included. Helicopter flights over the Bungles are not included and should be pre-booked.

Clothing and what to bring: Casual clothing, comfortable walking shoes, a warm jacket for cooler nights, hat to protect for the sun, sunscreen, bathers and a little torch.

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