



**Award-winning 4WD tour company offer the best value Kimberley tours in Western Australia. Family-owned and operated, and based in Broome WA, we explore the Kimberley and the West Coast with small groups in comfortable custom-built vehicles. From Broome Day Tours to our overland Kimberley Expeditions, traveller's appreciate our guides' local expertise and real passion for the beautiful region of Australia that we call home. We are the only company to offer accommodation choices on our extended itineraries so that traveller's can opt for a comfort level that suits you personally, yet still enjoy the grass roots experience that our Kimberley Tours can provide.**

### *15 Day Darwin to Broome, including Mitchell Plateau*

*This 15- day 4WD adventure takes on the popular Kimberley trail from Darwin to Broome exploring the highlights of the Kimberley and Katherine en route. Start the adventure with a cruise up spectacular Nitmiluk Gorge before arriving in Western Australia. Explore the Lake Argyle and Ord River region. Venture into remote Purnululu National Park to explore the World Heritage-listed Bungle Bungles then journey the Gibb River Road and discover the Mitchell Plateau and El Questro Wilderness Park. Immerse yourself in the West Kimberley Gorges before arriving into Broome, home to Cable Beach and local producers of exquisite south sea pearls.*

### *Highlights*

*Gibb River Road, Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek, Bell Gorge, Galvans Gorge, Mitchell Falls, Mitchell Falls Scenic Transfer Flight, Bradshaw Rock Art, Drysdale River Station, El Questro Wilderness Park, Zebedee Springs, Emma Gorge, Bungle Bungles, Echidna Chasm, Cathedral Gorge,*

*Kununurra, Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise, Katherine, Nitmilik Gorge, Edith Falls*

# Tour Details

## Tour Route

Darwin to Broome

## Fitness **Advanced**

### Accommodation:

15-Day **CAMPING PLUS**: Camping (6nts), Safari Tent - shared facilities (3nts), Private Room - shared facilities (4nts), Private Room - ensuite (1nt)

## Duration **15-day**

## Tour Style **Camping and lodges**

## Maximum Passengers **20**

**Price** 15-day **CAMPING PLUS** with Broome Stay Upgrade: Adult \$4660, \*Optional Single Supplement On Request \$315

**Departs** MAY-SEP: Selected Wednesdays -

## PROPOSED ITINERARY

### Day 1 Darwin

You can arrive in Darwin at any time today. In the evening, perhaps get to know some of your fellow travellers at a nearby restaurant, while we prepare for the adventure that lies ahead. (No meals)

### Day 2 Nitmiluk Gorge & Katherine

Departing Darwin at approximately 7am we travel south to the natural spring of Edith Falls. After a break and a refreshing dip, we head for the remote outback town of Katherine, home to the spectacular Nitmiluk Gorge. This inspiring natural wonder comprises 13 different gorges, carved over a millennia by the Katherine River. On an afternoon NitNit Dreaming Cultural

Cruise, we explore two of these gorges and discover the customs of the traditional land owners, the Jawoyn people. (LD)

### **Day 3 Lake Argyle**

We continue west along the Victoria Highway and cross the border into Western Australia as we travel to expansive Lake Argyle, the heart of the Ord River Irrigation System which has transformed this dry region into a lush agricultural oasis. Visit the historic Durack Homestead Museum or take on one of the many bush trails to explore the area. The sunset cruise on the lake is a stunning way to end the day. (BL)

### **Days 4-5 Purnululu National Park: Bungle Bungles**

Head south down the Great Northern Highway to Purnululu National Park, home of the magnificent Bungle Bungles. Two nights here allows a full day to explore the highlights of this extraordinary National Park, the most famous of which, are 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. We explore Echidna Chasm (2km), known for its towering Livistonia Palm trees, and take a short walk (2-3km) into stunning 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) to put it all into perspective. (BLD/BLD)

### **Days 6-7 El Questro Wilderness Park**

Two nights here allows free time join one or more of the many activities on offer. This could include a refreshing dip in the Zebedee Springs, a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge, a bush tucker walk or a bird watching tour. Or simply explore this beautiful wilderness park at your own leisure. (BLD/BL)

### **Day 8 Drysdale Station**

Drysdale River Station is an oasis in the outback. This million acre, family owned and operated cattle station, runs approximately 10,000 head of cattle and lies in the North Kimberley on the Gibb River Road. Hanging out in the true blue Australian outback means you have all the magical scenery and feeling of isolation you could ask for. On arrival you may wish to explore the nearby surroundings or sit back and enjoy a cold drink in the beer garden, warm yourself around the log fire in the cool night air. (BL)

### **Days 9-10 Mitchell Plateau**

Our two day diversion to the majestic Mitchell Plateau is a highlight of the trip. Enter real 4WD country as we travel the rugged Kalumburu Road then turn off onto the Mitchell Plateau Track. After crossing rivers and passing through ancient Livistonia palm forests, we emerge from the savannah and onto the Mitchell Plateau. With two nights camping in the National Park, we trek to Little and Big Merten Falls, take a dip in pristine plunge pools and view Bradshaw rock art. A return scenic helicopter flight offers a bird's eye view of this extraordinary landscape. (BLD/BLD)

### **Day 11 Mt Elizabeth Station**

Descending from the plateau we travel to the Mt Elizabeth Station Homestead, where you will be able to enjoy the scenery and see what Kimberley cattle station life is really like.

Surrounded by water spots, rocky rises and grasslands, you will be sure to take a great photo, enjoy bush walks and settle in for a lovely evening in the Kimberley outback. (BLD)

### **Day 12 Silent Grove**

Discover lily-laden Galvans Gorge, and the tranquil retreat of Adcock Gorge, pausing for a refreshing swim on our way to Silent Grove. The afternoon is devoted to exploring 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! (BLD)

### **Day 13 Windjana Gorge**

Once a Devonian reef, these mountains are over 350 million years old and home to a diverse array of animals and plants. The perfect place to experience the stunning natural beauty of an outback oasis is the 3.5km geological wonder of Windjana Gorge. Beneath gorge walls rising 90m, we search for freshwater crocodiles, local birdlife and Indigenous bush tucker before setting up camp. (BLD)

### **Day 14 Tunnel Creek**

The morning is spent exploring Tunnel Creek, a 750-metre cave system carved through the Napier Range, 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. A refreshing swim in an idyllic waterhole is a highlight of the day. After lunch, we return to the Gibb River Road and visit the Derby 'Boab Prison Tree' before completing our journey to Broome. (BLD)

### **Day 15 Broome**

You are free to depart Broome at any time today. If you have more time we recommend you consider a Broome Sights town tour to discover the secrets of this fabulous outback town, or take a trip up to Cape Leveque for a day. (B)

### **Inclusions**

- Experienced Tour Guides
- Meals 13 X Breakfast, 13 x Lunches, 10 x Dinners

- Camping/Lodges/Stations Accommodation
- National Park Entry Fees
- Indigenous guided Tunnel Creek experience
- Zebedee Springs Permit
- Mitchell Falls Scenic Helicopter Transfer
- Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise
- NitNit Dreaming Cultural Cruise

### **Options**

- 30 minute Scenic Helicopter Flight over the Bungle Bungles - allow approx \$450 per person
- El Questro's Chamberlain Gorge Cruise - allow approx \$60 per person

*Your Tour Guide will assist with arranging these optional activities while on tour.*

## HY CHOOSE THIS TOUR?

- Accommodation Options, Camping or Camping Plus: choose a style that suits you
  - Overland route: finish in Broome
  - Includes 2 nights on the Mitchell Plateau
  - Frequent Guaranteed Departure Dates
    - Two Experienced Guides\*
  - Big Comfortable 4WD Trucks: you can stand up in them
- Award-winning Local Tour Operator - GOLD MEDAL WINNER of the Major Tour & Transport Operator Award 2019
  - Best Value Tours in the Kimberley - go on, compare inclusions!