

12 DAY KIMBERLEY WALKING

WERE YOUR FEET MADE FOR WALKING? THIS 12 DAY 4WD AND WALKING ADVENTURE PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE MORE OF THE KIMBERLEY ON FOOT. WITH THREE NIGHTS EACH IN EL QUESTRO AND PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK, AND AN EXCURSION TO THE FAMOUS WOLFE CREEK CRATER, WE HAVE MORE TIME TO TREK THROUGH CAVE TUNNELS, INTO REMOTE GORGES, UNDER WATERFALLS, ACROSS SAVANNAH PLAINS, ALONG ESCARPMENTS, UP ROCKY RIVER BEDS AND OF COURSE, AROUND AN ANCIENT DESERT METEORITE CRATER. FRESH AIR, EXERCISE AND THE OUTBACK – YOU CAN'T GO WRONG!

HIGHLIGHTS

GIBB RIVER ROAD, WINDJANA GORGE, TUNNEL CREEK, DALMANYI (BELL GORGE), GALVANS GORGE, EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK, ZEBEDEE SPRINGS, EMMA GORGE, AMALIA GORGE, CHAMPAGNE SPRINGS, BUNGLE BUNGLES, ECHIDNA CHASM, CATHEDRAL GORGE, KUNUNURRA, LAKE ARGYLE, WOLFE CREEK CRATER, MIMBI CAVES

Day 1 Tunnel Creek

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 and visit the Derby 'Boab Prison Tree' before we hit the Gibb River Road. The afternoon is devoted to exploring Tunnel Creek. In this 750-metre cave system carved through the Napier Range, 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. That night we settle into our first night under the Kimberley night sky. (LD)

Days 2-3 West Kimberley Gorges

This morning's adventure is a trek into Windjana Gorge before we travel to Dalmanyi (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. (BLD/BLD)

Days 4-6 El Questro Wilderness Park

El Questro Station is an icon of the Kimberley: three nights in our private campsite allows free time to immerse all this iconic Wilderness Park has to offer. We include a refreshing dip in the Zebedee Springs, a walk into Emma Gorge and the more challenging treks into El Questro Gorge and Champagne Springs. There are optional activities as well so you can choose to simply explore this beautiful wilderness park at your own leisure. (BLD/BLD/BL)

Day 7 Lake Argyle

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 on to the shores of the expansive Lake Argyle, the heart of the Ord River Irrigation System which has transformed this dry region into a lush agricultural oasis. Enjoy a refreshing afternoon swim in the Infinity Pool, with a magnificent view across the lake. If there is time, a sunset boat cruise on the lake is highly recommended (approx AU\$100pp, own expense), or alternatively take a late afternoon walk along one of the many trails in the area. (BL)

Days 8-9 Purnululu National Park: Bungle Bungles

Journey south down the Great Northern Highway to Purnululu National Park, home of the magnificent Bungle Bungles. Walk up the creek bed into Echidna Chasm and trek through 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, and trek through part of Whipsnake Gorge. There also is time in the to take an optional scenic helicopter flight and enjoy a birds-eye view of the beehive domes (approx \$500pp, own expense) to put it all into perspective. (BLD/BLD)

Day 10 Wolfe Creek Crater

This morning we walk into Mini Palms before we 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 11 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 set up camp nearby. (BLD)

Day 12 Fitzroy Crossing & Broome

This morning we join a guide from the local Darlgunya community for a walk from the old river crossing (watch out for crocs!) through the ruins of Old Fitzroy Crossing and the old

Pioneer's cemetery to gain an insight into history from a local perspective. 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)

Inclusions

- Two Tour Hosts – including an Experienced Kimberley Tour Guide and Tour Assistant (on all tours with 8+ travellers)
- Meals as specified
- Camping & KWE Private Camp Accommodation
- National Park Entry Fees
- Zebedee Springs Permit
- Mimbi Caves Adventure

Options

- 30 minute Scenic Helicopter Flight over the Bungle Bungles – allow approx \$500 per person
- El Questro's Chamberlain Gorge Cruise – allow approx \$70 per person
- Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise – allow approx \$100 per person