

Sacred Earth Safari's



10 Day Broome to Kununurra 4WD Kimberley

This is a shorter version of our 13 day Kimberley safari, ending in Kununurra and without the Bungle Bungles or Lake Argyle.

Day 1 (L,D)

You will be collected from your hotel at 7.30am this morning to begin your 10 day 4WD safari through the Kimberley region.

We head north towards Derby and stop to look at the boab prison tree, before heading onto the Gibb River Road. Our destination today is Windjana Gorge, where we'll have a picnic lunch.

The afternoon is spent exploring Tunnel Creek, a 750m long limestone tunnel in the Napier Range, carved into the rock over thousands of years. View stalactites and stalacmites and hear the story of Jandamarra, who used the tunnel as a hideout in the late 1800's.

Back to Windjana Gorge for a walk into the gorge before sunset and dinner. Windjana Gorge is part of an ancient Devonian reef system where the Lennard River has cut through the Napier range. Freshwater crocodiles can often be seen lazing around on the river banks.

Overnight camp - Windjana Gorge campground

Day 2 (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we'll make our way through the Napier and King Leopold Ranges to Bell Gorge, believed to be the most picturesque in the Kimberley. Here we take a short hike which leads to the waterfall, where we have a swim.

The afternoon is spent swimming and exploring Galvans gorge, a small picturesque gorge, surrounded by boab trees. It has some interesting rock art and is a great place for a relaxing swim.

Finally we head to Mt. Barnett Station and Manning Gorge.

Overnight camp - Manning Gorge campground

Day 3 (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we'll take a walk to Upper Manning Gorge and Manning Falls, where you can sit under the waterfall and enjoy a swim in the large plungepool. There is some Bradshaw art here too.

We have a lunch stop at Drysdale River Station and then onto Miners Pool for a swim and some time to relax. Many species of birdlife can be seen here and for the early risers, kangaroo's often come out at sunrise.

Overnight camp - Miners Pool campground

Day 4 (B,L,D)

This morning starts with a cooked breakfast, before we drive up to Kalumburu aboriginal community, stopping on the banks of the Carson River.

Kalumburu is the most northern settlement in western Australia and is situated on the King Edward River. The area has been home for many thousands of years to aboriginal people and this corner of the continent was one of the main entry points into Australia of the first ancient inhabitants. A mission was established in the community in 1932, after the original settlement was moved from Pago, 30 km away and the mission today plays a vital role in the community.

Once we've set up camp, the rest of the afternoon is free to do some fishing, bushwalking or simply enjoy the scenery and solitude.

Overnight camp – Kalumburu campground

Day 5 (B,L,D)

Today we have a very interesting morning, spent exploring Kalumburu with a local aboriginal guide.

We visit the Old Pago ruins and some WWII wrecks, which are close by.

Our guide will take us to several rock art sites, teach us about the aboriginal way of life, culture, bush skills and bush tuckers.

We also visit the museum for an informative talk and you may have the opportunity to buy original aboriginal art direct from the community and artists.

This afternoon, we head down to King Edward.

Overnight camp - on the banks of the King Edward River (campground- 2 night stay).

Day 6 (B,L,D)

Today is spent swimming and exploring in the Mitchell Falls area. On our 3km walk into the falls, we'll visit Little and Big Mertens and delve into some bushtuckers and medicines.

The rest of the day is spent swimming and relaxing at Mitchell Falls, a three-tiered waterfall cascading over the plateau's edge and into the Mitchell River.

We'll take a short helicopter ride back to the car park enjoying the amazing views on the way and then make our way back to camp.

Overnight camp - on the banks of the King Edward River (campground)

Day 7 (B,L,D)

We'll have a later start this morning. After leaving camp, we'll view 2 unique art sites, of Bradshaw and Wandjina figures.

Then we head south down the Kalumburu road and to Miners Pool For a relaxing afternoon and a camp oven roast dinner.

Overnight camp - Miners Pool campground

Day 8 (B,L,D)

Leaving camp this morning, we'll stop on the banks of the Gibb River, before reaching the 'cuples', which are man made rock indentations.

We stop to view the mighty Pentecost River and Cockburn Ranges before continuing on to El Questro Wilderness Park, which is a million acres in size.

After lunch take the afternoon cruise through Chamberlain Gorge, viewing the beautiful scenery.

Overnight camp - El Questro campground (2 night stay)

Day 9 (B,L,D)

An early start this morning to beat the crowds to Zebedee Springs for a relaxing dip in the thermal pools, set amongst palm trees.

Then we'll return to camp for breakfast, before before visiting the Durack Tree and Branco's lookout.

This afternoon we take a walk into El Questro Gorge, which is a trail through a deep, narrow gorge, flanked by sheer cliffs. The walk features clear pools and lush tropical vegetation and the rainforest canopy has a diverse ecosystem, while keeping us shaded and cool through most of the walk. There are a couple of places to stop for a swim along the way.

Guests also have the option of taking one of the optional activities at El Questro, such as fishing or horseriding (own expense).

Overnight camp - El Questro campground

Day 10 (B,L,D)

This morning we leave El Questro and head to Wyndham. We drive up the bastion to have lunch while we take in the sensational views of the 5 rivers lookout and the Cambridge Gulf.

We stop at Parry's Lagoon, a haven for birdlife, before we head to Kununurra, where you will be dropped off at your accommodation at approximately 12 noon.

END ITINERARY

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

Departs Broome on Saturdays and Darwin on Mondays from May - October 2009, subject to availability. This tour will only depart when there are 13 day Kimberley safari passengers booked on the departure.

AUD \$3550 per adult, \$3200 per child (aged 6- 12 years)

Minimum 2, maximum 6 passengers

Price valid until 31st March 2010

Inclusions:

- GXL Landcruiser 4WD (or similar) with professional driver guide & purpose built heavy duty trailer
- Meals, as stated
- Camping equipment hire and camping fees
- Permits
- Mitchell Falls helicopter flight
- Chamberlain gorge cruise
- Kalumburu tour with local aboriginal guide

Exclusions:

- Arrival/departure flights
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol
- Pre and post tour accommodation

Itinerary is subject to road, weather and cultural conditions