



## **10 Day 4WD Kimberley safari Darwin to Broome**

### **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 south, along the Stuart Highway to the township of Katherine and, after a short break, continue west along the Victoria Highway.

We have lunch on the banks of the Victoria River and then travel through Gregory National Park and Timber Creek towards the Western Australian border.

Overnight camp at Lake Argyle

### **Day 2 (B,L,D)**

After breakfast, we take a look around Lake Argyle, which is Australia's largest man-made lake, covering 1000sq km and built as part of the Ord River scheme.

We pop into Kununurra to collect fresh supplies ( due to border restrictions) , take a look around at the Warringari Art Centre and Kelly's Knob Lookout, which gives great views over Kununurra.

Mid- morning, we head down to Turkey Creek and then into the Bungle Bungles. Purnululu National park is famous for the ancient range of unusual beehive-shaped domes, gorges and chasms over 350 million years old. The section of road into the Bungles from the highway is quite challenging and will give you a real sense of off-road adventure!

The afternoon is spent in Echidna Chasm and at various lookouts. Echidna Chasm is a narrow gorge of conglomerate rock, passing endemic livistonia palms.

Overnight Bungle Bungles campground.

### **Day 3 (B,L,D)**

There's time this morning for optional helicopter flights over the Bungle Bungles Range ( own expense) and then we'll walk into Cathedral Gorge. On our way back we take the 'Domes trail walk'.

This afternoon, we make our way north onto the Gibb River Road and El Questro Wilderness Park, which is a million acres in size.

Overnight El Questro campground

#### **Day 4 (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 to enjoy a cooked breakfast, before exploring the park, including several lookouts.

There is time after lunch for a refreshing swim before the afternoon cruise through Chamberlain Gorge, viewing the scenery and rock art sites.

Overnight El Questro Campground

#### **Day 5 (B,L,D)**

Leaving El Questro, we head back onto the Gibb River Road where we'll stop to view the mighty Pentecost River and Cockburn Ranges.

Then we'll make our way to an art site to view the rock art as well as 'cuples', which are man made rock indentations.

Once we reach the Kalumburu Road, we'll take a walk around an aboriginal rock art and burial site.

Your guide will interpret these art sites for you and explain their significance.

After a lunch stop at Drysdale River Station, we continue north to the King Edward River and onto our camp in time for a swim.

Overnight camp on the banks of the King Edward River.

#### **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 Falls, 2 rock art sites 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. There is also an opportunity to take a hike along the banks of the Mitchell River to explore an Aboriginal occupational site.

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

### **Day 7 (B,L,D)**

After leaving camp this morning, we'll view 2 unique galleries of Bradshaw and Wandjana figures.

Then onto Mt. Barnett Station and Manning Gorge, arriving in time for a walk into the gorge for sunset and a refreshing swim.

Overnight camp at Manning Gorge

### **Day 8 (B,L,D)**

Our first stop this morning is 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.

Then we'll head to Adcock Gorge for a swim. The three walls of Adcock Gorge exceed thirty metres in some places and a small waterfall cascades down over rock benches into a small pool beside what is believed to be an Aboriginal burial ground.

Bell Gorge is our final destination for the day, which is said to be the most picturesque gorge in the Kimberley.

Overnight camp at Silent Grove

### **Day 9 (B,L,D)**

Leaving our Silent Grove camp, we continue west through the King Leopold ranges and to Lennard Gorge.

This is a spectacular narrow gorge featuring, after a good wet season, a spectacular cascade waterfall. It tumbles off red rocks and plunges into the narrow gorge below.

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

Back to camp in time for sunset over the Napier Range.

Overnight camp at Windjana Gorge

### **Day 10 (B,L)**

This morning is spent at Windjana Gorge, part of an ancient Devonian reef system, set in the Napier Range. Freshwater crocodiles laze around, basking in the sun, on the banks of the Lennard River, which runs through the gorge.

The last leg of our journey along the Gibb river road takes us into Derby, where we spend time exploring the town and the wharf area. As

we leave, we'll stop at the prison boab tree and have lunch on the banks of the Fitzroy river.

Then we make our way into Broome, arriving late afternoon and you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

END ITINERARY

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

AUD \$2995 per adult, \$2395 per child (aged 6- 12 years)

Price valid until October 21st 2008

Minimum 2, maximum 6 passengers

Itinerary is subject to road, weather and cultural conditions

Departs Darwin on Tuesdays from 01 May 2008, until end of October 2008

**Inclusions:**

- Gxl landcruiser with professional driver guide
- Meals, as stated
- Camping equipment and fees
- Permits
- Mitchell Falls helicopter flight
- Chamberlain gorge cruise

**Exclusions:**

- Arrival/departure flights
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Bungle Bungles helicopter flight ( approx \$265)