



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

#### **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)**

This morning, we take a walk into Manning Gorge, where we have a swim.

Heading north, we turn onto the Kalumburu road and after a lunch stop at Drysdale River Station, we continue to King Edward River to set up camp.

There's time for a swim before sunset and the riverbank is home to an array of birdlife.

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

#### **Day 4 (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 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 5 (B,L,D)**

We have a later start this morning and after breakfast, we'll view 2 unique art sites, of Gwion (Bradshaw) and Wandjana figures. Your guide will interpret these art sites for you and explain their significance.

Then we make our way back down the Kalumburu road to 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.

This evening, we'll have a traditional camp oven roast, cooked in the hot coals.

Overnight camp - Miners Pool campground

### **Day 6 (B,L,D)**

This morning we continue south, stopping on the banks of the Gibb River before turning onto the Gibb River road.

Our destination this afternoon is El Questro Wilderness Park, which is a million acres in size.

Just before the turn off, we stop to view an Aboriginal art site, which consists of East Kimberley peg figures, cuples and contemporary styles.

After setting up camp, there's the opportunity for a swim in the rockpools (part of the Pentecost River) before dinner.

Overnight camp - El Questro campground

### **Day 7 (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.

We'll return to camp for breakfast and to pack up, before visiting the Durack Tree and Branco's lookout.

We leave El Questro to head south and 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!

Overnight camp - Bungle Bungles campground (2 night stay)

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

We start today with a helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles Range. Depart the Purnululu airstrip for the south west tip of the massif where you will view Y Gorge before flying across the top of the massif to the mouth of spectacular Picaninny Gorge. Fly along the southern

face following Picaninny Creek where you can view the mouth of Cathedral Gorge and the famous orange and black striped beehive shaped domes.

Then we'll walk into Cathedral Gorge and on our way back, we walk up to the Piccaniny lookout for a spectacular view over the domes and the surrounding desert country. We take the "Domes trail walk" and head back to camp for lunch.

This afternoon we head out to Echidna Chasm, which is a narrow gorge of conglomerate rock. The walk in is beautiful, passing endemic livistonia palms. On the way back we take a detour to the lookout over the Osmond Ranges.

There's also time this afternoon to take the Mini Palms Walk, to complete your experience in the Bungle Bungles. This walk is optional as it's a longer and harder walk than the others (approx 2 hours) though the scenery is stunning.

Overnight camp - Bungle Bungles campground

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

After breakfast, we leave the Bungle Bungles and head towards Kununurra and then onto Lake Argyle.

Lake Argyle is Australia's largest man- made lake, covering 1000sq km and built as part of the Ord River scheme. It offers a great expanse of water from which steep red rocky slopes reach up approximately 150m, in awe-inspiring grandeur.

After setting up camp and lunch, take the sunset cruise on the lake, where you will cruise through some of the 90 islands and inlets and take in the magnificent scenery of the Carr Boyd Ranges. As the sun sets over the rugged red cliffs and azure blue water, experience the suns last golden rays.

Overnight camp - Lake Argyle campground

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

This morning we'll pass through the border into the Northern Territory and travel through Timber Creek and Gregory National Park.

We continue east to Katherine with lunch en-route, stopping to view the mighty Victoria River, one of the largest tidal influenced rivers in the Territory with an abundance of saltwater crocodiles.

After a short break in Katherine, we head north towards Darwin, arriving at approximately 6.30pm and you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

### **END ITINERARY**

In 2010, tour departs Broome on the following dates, subject to availability :

3<sup>rd</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> May  
7<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> June  
12<sup>th</sup> July  
2<sup>nd</sup> August, 16<sup>th</sup> August  
6<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> September  
11<sup>th</sup> October

**B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner**

AUD \$3995 per adult, \$3795 per child (aged 6- 15 years)

Minimum 4, maximum 7 passengers

Price valid until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

**Inclusions:**

- Seat in luxury 4WD: GXL Landcruiser (max 6 passengers) Holden Suburban (max 7 passengers), or similar, with professional driver guide & purpose built heavy duty trailer
- Meals, as stated
- Camping equipment hire and camping fees
- Mitchell Falls helicopter flight
- Lake Argyle cruise
- 18 minute Bungle Bungles helicopter flight (upgrade to 30 minutes available- please advise your guide during the tour).

**Exclusions:**

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

Itinerary is exclusive to Sacred Earth Safaris and is subject to availability, road, weather and cultural conditions