



10 Day Broome to Darwin 4WD Kimberley safari

Day 1 - Friday 9th July 2021 (B,L)

You will be collected from your hotel in Broome 5.30am this morning for a morning tour to the Horizontal Falls. You will board a seaplane at Broome Airport, so you can enjoy low level flying over the amazing islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago and Cape Leveque before your seaplane lands safely in the calm waters of Talbot Bay right near the Horizontal Falls.

Then enjoy a thrilling ride on the fastest boat in the Kimberley through the waterfalls, followed by a laid-back island cruise. Return to a luxury houseboat for a freshly prepared breakfast.

Return to Broome on the seaplane to complete your memorable Horizontal Falls seaplane adventure.

Your Sacred Earth Safaris guide will now collect you, to begin your 10 day 4WD safari through the Kimberley region.

This afternoon you'll travel to Derby, where you'll visit the prison boab tree, Mowanjumb Art Centre as well as taking a look around the wharf.

Overnight accommodation – Derby, motel room with en-suite

Day 2 - Saturday 10th July (L,D)

Our destination this morning is Windjana Gorge, where we can take a walk into the gorge, part of an ancient Devonian reef system where the Lennard River has cut through the Napier range. We view the fossilised reef system and freshwater crocodiles can often be seen lazing around on the river banks.

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 stalactites and hear the story of Jandamarra, who used the tunnel as a hideout in the late 1800's.

Overnight accommodation – air- conditioned safari lodges with en-suites at Fitzroy River Lodge

Day 3 - Sunday 11th July (B,L,D)

This morning you'll take a ranger lead boat cruise through Geike Gorge, where flood waters of the Fitzroy River have carved the 30-metre-deep Gorge through the limestone at the junction of the Oscar and Geike Ranges.

In the dry season, the river transforms itself into a quiet stream strung out beneath the towering cliffs of the Devonian reef. Here, layers of fossils and the limestone strata of an ancient reef are exposed in cross section, showing glimpses of life in the Devonian period before reptiles or mammals evolved.

We now continue east to Halls Creek and then turn off to the Bungle Bungles. Purnululu National park (the Bungle Bungles) 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 park is quite challenging and will give you a real sense of off-road adventure !

Overnight accommodation – Cabin with en-suite in the Bungle Bungles (2 night stay).

Day 4 - Monday 12th July (B,L,D)

We spend today in the Bungle Bungles. Our first stop in the park is Cathedral Gorge, a huge natural amphitheatre, with fantastic acoustics. We then take the walk to the Piccininy Lookout, followed by the "Domes trail walk".

This afternoon we take a walk into Echidna Chasm, which is a narrow gorge of conglomerate rock. The walk in is beautiful, passing endemic livistonia palms.

There's time today for optional helicopter flights (additional cost).

Overnight accommodation – Cabin with en-suite in the Bungle Bungles

Day 5 – Tuesday 13th July (B,L)

Our destination today is Emma Gorge, part of El Questro Wilderness Park, which is a million acres in size.

We arrive at Emma Gorge and late this afternoon, you can take the walk to the beautiful Emma Gorge and waterfall. A cool reward awaits you at the end of the walk in, where you can swim at Emma Gorge pool and the 200ft waterfall that is fed from a series of natural springs high above the plateau of the Cockburn Range.

Overnight accommodation – El Questro Station in Station Bungalows with en-suites

Day 6 – Wednesday 14th July (B,L)

We start today with a dip at the Zebedee Springs thermal pools, set amongst palm trees.

Leaving El Questro, we now visit the beautiful Parrys Lagoon, which offers excellent bird watching in the comfort of the purpose built bird hide or from one of the walkways. We also stop to enjoy the breathtaking views from Telegraph Hill, over the billabong and wetlands.

Our accommodation for the next 2 nights is in Kununurra and there should be some time for a look around the town after checking into our hotel.

Overnight accommodation – motel room with en-suite in Kununurra (2 night stay)

Day 7- Thursday 15th July (B,L)

Today you have a full day tour to Mitchell Falls, with a scenic flight, 4WD transfers, hiking, helicopter and then scenic flight back to Kununurra.

With an early morning departure from Kununurra we head west to the Cockburn Ranges and Pentecost River and then onwards over the heart of the north-central Kimberley to the Mitchell Plateau.

On arrival at the Mitchell Plateau airfield we board the 4WD coach for the 20km bush track to the Ranger Base and the start of the 4.5km Punamii-unpuu Hiking Trail to the Mitchell Falls. Along the way you can swim and explore Little Merton's and Big Merton's Falls and be amazed at the ancient rock art sites featuring the mythical Gwion Gwion spirit figures, and listen to some of the significant dreaming stories of the Wunambal people. You'll arrive at the spectacular Punamii-unpuu (Mitchell Falls) at around midday, for your picnic pack lunch, eat rest and swim. For the next 2 hours you can explore the escarpment and swim in the upstream (crocodile free) waterholes.

You then meet at the Helipad for an exhilarating chopper ride over the Falls back to Base and return in the 4wd back to the airfield for a cold beer, wine or a cup of tea, before boarding your homeward flight. The plane departs the airfield and will track to the Cambridge Gulf, and the pioneer town of Wyndham and come in low over the Lower Ord wetlands.

Please note: This tour requires a moderate level of fitness and agility. If in doubt then a 2-way heli transfer is also available, for an additional cost (approx.. \$160.00pp.)

Overnight accommodation – motel room with en-suite in Kununurra

Day 8 - Friday 16th July (B,L)

After breakfast, we leave Kununurra and head towards 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.

At 10am you'll take a 3 hour cruise on Lake Argyle, with great scenery and unique wildlife with a smorgasbord lunch included.

Enjoy an expert commentary from the experienced tour guides and skippers including information about the history of the area, the Ord Irrigation Scheme, pioneering Durack Family and unforgiving rugged landscape. This cruise meanders across the northern reaches of Lake Argyle exploring the many bays and inlets that make this immense body of water so unique. Wallabies, Wallaroos, Fish Feeding, Birdlife and Freshwater Crocodiles are just part of the Lake Argyle Family whom you may meet.

Stop at a remote island beach for a swim in the pristine waters while our crew prepare your buffet lunch including a taste of the fresh caught Lake Argyle Silver Cobbler, cold meats, salads, fruits and a couple of complimentary beers, glasses of wine, soft drinks and/or cold water.

On return to the boat ramp, Lake Argyle Tours will continue with a 20 minute bus tour of the Main Ord Dam site for a closer look at the dam wall, intake tower, hydro power station and irrigation outlet valves and down into the spectacular Ord River Gorge below the towering wall.
Lunch with beverages included plus tea, coffee, iced water available throughout the cruise.

The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax in your room, have a swim in the infinity pool or take a walk.

Overnight accommodation - Lake Argyle Resort, in en-suite rooms

Day 9 - Saturday 17th July (B,L)

After breakfast, we start our journey towards Darwin, passing through the border into the Northern Territory and travelling through Timber Creek and Gregory National Park.

We stop to view the Victoria River, one of the largest tidal influenced rivers in the Territory with an abundance of saltwater crocodiles.

Our destination this evening is Nitmiluk Gorge, home to 13 spectacular gorges, carved out of the rock by torrential summer rains, over millions of years.

Late this afternoon you'll cruise for 2 hours through the gorge, discovering the customs of the traditional land owners, the Jawoyn people. Discover the stories and ways of the Jawoyn people against the magnificent backdrop of the Nitmiluk Gorge, changing colour with the setting sun. The tour includes a three course candle light dinner, featuring fresh, local Australian produce cooked on board, a complimentary glass of sparkling wine, tea and coffee.

Overnight accommodation – motel room with en-suite in Katherine

Day 10 - Sunday 18th July (B,L)

This morning we take a hands on cultural experience at Top Dij Art Gallery. Activities on offer include sitting down with resident artist, Manuel who will tell you tales of tribal life, language, the hunting and gathering techniques, ceremony, weapons used and aboriginal contemporary life. Experience your own Rarrk painting with Manuel and you will also have an opportunity to participate in one of the traditional hunting activities (firelighting, spear throwing etc.).

After lunch we start heading north towards Darwin. En-route, we call into Leilyn (Edith Falls), part of Nitmiluk National Park and well known for it's picturesque waterfalls and pools. In particular, the large pool at the base of the escarpment is great for a swim.

We arrive into Darwin at approximately 6pm and you will be dropped off at your Darwin city hotel.

END ITINERARY

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

This tour departs on 9th July 2021 only

AUD \$8695 per person, twin share
\$9895 per person, single room

Minimum 10 guests, maximum 15 guests

Includes GST .

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

Inclusions:

- Sole use of 6WD tour coach, with professional driver guide
- Most meals, as stated.
- Accommodation, as listed
- Half day Horizontal Falls seaplane adventure
- Entry fees and El Questro Wilderness pass
- Lake Argyle cruise

- Full day tour to Mitchell Falls including scenic flight, 4WD transfers, hiking and helicopter flight.
- Geike Gorge cruise
- Nitmiluk Gorge dinner cruise
- Hands on cultural experience in Katherine

Exclusions:

- Arrival/departure flights
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol and soft drinks
- Pre and post tour accommodation in Darwin and Broome
- Upgrades to alternative accommodation while on tour- extra charge is involved and they're subject to availability
- Extra optional activities, such as Bungle Bungles helicopter flight (please request the flights upon booking to avoid disappointment).