

# 9-DAY KIMBERLEY TOUR

# **DARWIN - BROOME ITINERARY**

### Day 1

Your Kimberley off-road tour begins when we pick you up from your Darwin accommodation at 6am and make our first stop at the remarkable Magnetic termite mounds. We then continue on to Edith Falls for a refreshing swim beneath the waterfall. Afterwards, we will move on to the Victoria River region for our first night's camp.

Estimated hiking distance: 5km+ Opportunity to swim? Yes Meals provided: L, D

#### Day 2

We start today with a hike into the Victoria River escarpments to see some of the unique rock paintings and breathtaking scenery in Jubarra National Park. We then cross the border into Western Australia and arrive at Lake Argyle, Australia's largest man-made lake. Here, we will embark on a unique experience exploring the lake and we'll spend the night on one of its secluded islands.

Our Lake Argyle Island adventure\* will begin when we board the cruise vessel with our camping gear and head out on to the lake. We'll explore the islands and bays in search of wildlife including the Short-eared rock-wallaby, wallaroo, Freshwater crocodile, and numerous fish species and bird-life. We'll also have the opportunity to plunge into the cool waters and take a refreshing swim before we head to the island to set-up camp.

We will enjoy the welcomed solitude and sunset with a campfire meal, before resting for the night ready to be woken by the sound of water, wildlife and an unmissable sunrise. When we are ready, we'll pack up and head back to the mainland for breakfast.

Estimated hiking distance: 5km+ Opportunity to swim? Yes Meals provided: B, L, D

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# DAY 3

Today the Kimberley off road tour heads through the Durack and Carr Boyd Ranges before embarking on a challenging off-road adventure into the Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungles) where we will hike into Echidna Chasm. Tonight, we will camp in the Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungles) in the Kimberley.

Estimated hiking distance: 5km+ Meals provided: B, L, D

#### Day 4

Our day starts with a hike through the magnificent Bungle Bungles as we make our way to Cathedral Gorge, the Window and Piccaninny Creek Lookout. There will also be the option of a scenic helicopter flight starting from \$299 for an 18-minute scenic tour. We will then continue on to our campsite.

**Estimated hiking distance:** 8km+ **Meals provided:** B, L, D

### Day 5

Today we will start the Gibb River Road and head into the Cockburn Ranges to Emma Gorge, a pristine swimming hole. We then continue onto the famous El Questro station where we will camp for the night. You will be able to quench your thirst at the Swinging Arm Bar and catch up with the locals and fellow travellers. Tonight, you will dine at the bar/restaurant at your own cost.

Estimated hiking distance: 5km+ Opportunity to swim? Yes Meals provided: B, L, Dinner at El Questro at your own cost

#### Day 6

Our first stop today is a series of crystal-clear hot springs known as Zebedee Springs before embarking on an adventurous hike up the palm-filled gorge known as El Questro Gorge. At the top you will be rewarded with a swim in the spring-fed waterfall before we trek back to the truck and drive on to our bush camp, which will include crossing the well-known Pentacost River.

Estimated hiking distance: 7km+ Opportunity to swim? Yes Meals provided: B, L, D

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# Day 7

Today we continue our off-road tour on the Gibb River Road making stops at lookouts and rock art sites along route. We will hike into Manning Gorge where you will see ancient Bradshaw rock paintings and have the opportunity to spot the Northern Red-Faced turtle that's found in the area. We will enjoy another night bush camping under the stars.

Estimated hiking distance: 6km+ Opportunity to swim? Yes Meals provided: B, L, D

### Day 8

We start the morning by taking a swim at either Galvans or Adcock Gorge depending on the seasonal conditions. We then continue on to the remarkable teared waterfall known as Bell Gorge in the King Leopold Conservation Park before heading to our camp.

Estimated hiking distance: 6km+ Opportunity to swim? Yes Meals provided: B, L, D

### Day 9

We start the day exploring Windjana Gorge and spotting Freshwater crocodiles, which are abundant in the area. As you wonder into the gorge your guide will tell you stories of Jandamarra and the Bunuba resistance. Afterwards we will grab our torches and sink into Tunnel Creek, an amazing limestone cave system where bats and Freshwater crocodiles hang out. We will finish our Kimberley off-road tour in Broome in the afternoon but not before a visit to the Derby Boab Prison Tree.

Estimated hiking distance: 5km+ Opportunity to swim? Yes Meals provided: B, L

Notes:

- There will be more stops along the way to see secluded rock art sites, swimming holes, etc.
- There will be opportunities to shower e.g. El Questro, Victoria River and a makeshift shower at the Bungles Bungles
- All meals & drinking water is provided once on the tour (except dinner at El Questro)
- All prices correct at the time of writing November 2022

For further details about how our tours are run & what to bring, see our TRIP NOTES on the website

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