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15 Day Kimberley Camping Tour Broome to Darwin

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Day 1 Broome

You can arrive in Broome at any time today. An airport transfer is included if you advise us of your flight arrival. Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure: Broome is one of the most interesting outback towns in Australia. From the age of the dinosaurs and the ancient stories of local indigenous people to the region's role in early global exploration and the flourishing south sea pearl industry, this cultural melting pot has many a tale to tell. In the evening, perhaps get to know some of your fellow travellers with dinner and a Welcome Drink, while we prepare for the adventure that lies ahead. (D)

Day 2 Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek

Departing Broome at 7:00am, travel through the remote and beautiful landscape, as the guide shares stories of local history, people and the environment. Enjoy a morning tea break by the Fitzroy River and visit the Derby 'Boab Prison Tree'. Before long we hit the Gibb River Road, and travel towards the Napier Range. Once a Devonian reef, these mountains are over 350 million years old and home to a diverse array of animals and plants. The perfect place to experience the stunning natural beauty of an outback oasis is the 3.5km geological wonder of Windjana Gorge. Beneath gorge walls rising 90m, we search for freshwater crocodiles, local birdlife and Indigenous bush tucker. After a picnic lunch, the afternoon is spent exploring Tunnel Creek with our local indigenous Bunuba guide, who will share ancient rock art and reveal the legend of his ancestor, Jandamarra, an Aboriginal freedom fighter who used the tunnel as a hide-out in the late 1800's. In this 750-metre cave system carved through the Napier Range, we also discover stalactites, secret caves and a large variety of wildlife. A refreshing swim in an idyllic waterhole is a highlight of the day. Return to Windjana Gorge that evening to camp. (BLD)

Day 3 Silent Grove/Bell Gorge

The day is devoted to exploring Bell Gorge, a hidden highlight of the West Kimberley. This idyllic retreat, considered amongst the most beautiful in the area, boasts cascading waterfalls and crystal clear pools formed over millions of years – an easy place to while away a few hours! (BLD)

Day 4 Galvans Gorge & Mt Elizabeth Station

En route to the Mt Elizabeth Station Homestead, discover lily-laden Galvans Gorge, and the tranquil retreat of Adcock Gorge, pausing for a refreshing swim. Once arriving at Mt Elizabeth homestead you will be able to take in the natural beauty and isolation of the property. With creeks, gorges and diverse vegetation, you will be sure to enjoy the view and spend the day well relaxed. (BLD)

Days 5-6 The Mitchell Plateau

Our two day diversion to the majestic Mitchell Plateau is a highlight of the trip. Take on real 4WD country as we travel the rugged Kalumburu Road then turn off onto the Mitchell Plateau Track. After crossing rivers and passing through ancient Livistonia palm forests, we emerge from the savannah and onto the Mitchell Plateau. With two nights camping in the National Park, we trek to Little and Big Merten Falls, take a dip in pristine plunge pools and view Bradshaw rock art. A return scenic helicopter flight offers a bird's eye view of this extraordinary landscape. (BLD/BLD)



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Day 7 Drysdale Station

Drysdale River Station is an oasis in the outback. This million acre, family owned and operated cattle station, runs approximately 10,000 head of cattle and lies in the North Kimberley on the Gibb River Road. Hanging out in the true blue Australian outback means you have all the magical scenery and feeling of isolation you could ask for. On arrival you may wish to explore the nearby surroundings or sit back and enjoy a cold drink in the beer garden, warm yourself around the log fire in the cool night air. (BL)

Days 8-9 El Questro Wilderness Park

We continue our journey up the Gibb River Road to the iconic El Questro Wilderness Park. Two nights here allows time to join one or more of the many activities on offer. This could include a refreshing dip in the Zebedee Springs, a trek into El Questro Gorge, Emma Gorge or a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge (approx. \$ 65.00 p/p own expense). Or simply explore this beautiful wilderness park at your own leisure. (BLD/BL)

Days 10-11 Purnululu National Park: Bungle Bungles

Head south down the Great Northern Highway to Purnululu National Park, home of the magnificent Bungle Bungles. Two nights here allows a full day to explore the highlights of this extraordinary National Park, the most famous of which, are the Bungle Bungle domes. Rivers created this landscape of unique orange and black striped 'beehive' geological formations over a period of 20 million years. Unbelievably, only the locals knew it existed until the early 1980's; once discovered by others, the area was made a national park in 1987. We explore Echidna Chasm (2km), known for its towering Livistonia Palm trees, and take a short walk (2-3km) into stunning Cathedral Gorge, where towering rocks create a natural amphitheatre. There is time in the afternoon to take an optional scenic flight and enjoy a birds-eye view of the beehive domes (approx \$400pp, own expense) to put it all into perspective. (BLD/BLD)

Day 12 Lake Argyle

Returning north we pause in Kununurra en route to the shores of the expansive Lake Argyle, the heart of the Ord River Irrigation System which has transformed this dry region into a lush agricultural oasis. Visit the historic Durack Homestead Museum or take on one of the many bush trails to explore the area. A sunset cruise on the lake is a stunning way to end the day. (BL)

Day 13 Katherine

Continue east along the Victoria Highway and cross the border into the Northern Territory as we travel to the outback town of Katherine, home to the spectacular Nitmiluk Gorge. (BLD)

Day 14 Nitmiluk Gorge & Edith Falls

A morning cruise through Katherine (Nitmiluk) Gorge is a great start to our last day. Nitmiluk Gorge is an inspiring natural wonder comprising 13 different gorges, carved over a millennia by the Katherine River. On the Nitnit Dreaming Cultural Cruise, we explore two of these gorges, and discover the customs of the traditional land owners, the Jawoyn people. After the cruise, enjoy a dip in Edith Falls then travel into Darwin, arriving at approximately 6.00pm. (BL)



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Day 15 Darwin

You are free to depart Darwin at any time today. If you have more time we recommend you join another adventure into Litchfield National Park or Kakadu National Park – or both!

Tour Details:

Fitness: Advanced

Duration: 15 Days / 14 Nights

Tour Style: Kimberley Expedition

Maximum Passengers: 20 (Minimum 2)

Meals: 13x breakfasts, 13 lunches, 10x dinners

Luggage: Max 15kgs in soft bag/backpack & day bag (no suitcases)

Please make sure to bring a pair of shoes that can get wet for the Tunnel Creek experience.

This tour is operated by Kimberley Wild Expeditions.