

JEWELS OF THE KIMBERLEY

DARWIN - BROOME

SAMPLE ITINERARY

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DAY 1 – Darwin

Upon arrival in Darwin today you will be met and greeted by our friendly and professional Tour Director. This afternoon take part in a city sights tour including a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. Later in the afternoon we check in to the Hilton Garden Inn Darwin, enjoying harbour view rooms along the Darwin Esplanade. Tonight, enjoy our first dinner together as we get ready to embark on our Kimberley adventure. **D**

Stay: 1 night at Hilton Garden Inn Darwin

DAY 2 – Darwin – Ngauwudu (Mitchell Plateau)

This morning we depart Darwin on our scenic flight to the Mitchell Plateau. Flying over this rugged land will be your first introduction to the vastness of the Kimberley. On arrival, we make our way to our exclusive Ngauwudu Safari Camp, the most luxurious tented camp in the Kimberley. Featuring deluxe safari suites with ensuite bathrooms, quality furnishings and large balconies, the camp is a magical spot for the next two nights of our adventure and the ideal base from which to discover the Mitchell Plateau and Mitchell Falls. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Ngauwudu Safari Camp

Please note: Please note: Weight limits apply to all scenic flights with 120kgs being the maximum upper limit per person.

DAY 3 – Exploring Punamii-Uunpuu (Mitchell Falls)

A big walk today, but also a big highlight! After a short drive to the ranger station, we'll set off on a guided 4 km walking tour to the incredible Mitchell Falls (good level of fitness and mobility required). Along the way, discover

unique Gwion and Wandjina rock art galleries, with interpretation provided by a local expert guide from the Kandiwal Community. The walk also takes us past Mertens Falls before arriving at the top of the magnificent Mitchell Falls, one of the most awe-inspiring wonders of the Kimberley. Find the perfect spot for a picnic lunch while admiring the falls before taking to the skies for a spectacular helicopter flight (included) back to where the walk began. Viewing the falls and surrounding landscape from the air is an absolute highlight and a great way to finish this unforgettable day. After today's activities, you've earned a well-deserved rest and perhaps a swim in the palm-fringed creek. **B.L.D**

*Note: For guests not wishing to do the Mitchell Falls walk, an optional helicopter transfer is available to the top of the falls with local operators (at an additional cost). You'll still be accompanied by an Outback Spirit guide for a relaxed exploration of this remarkable site. * Passenger weight restrictions apply.*

DAY 4 – King Edward River - Drysdale Station

Leaving the Mitchell Plateau behind, we head back to the Kalumburu Road, visiting several exceptional Wandjina rock art galleries near the King Edward River along the way. This afternoon we arrive at Drysdale River Station, a pastoral lease which runs over 9000 head of cattle across more than a million acres. We spend the night in comfortable station cabins with private ensuite bathrooms. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night Drysdale River Station

DAY 5 – Drysdale - Gibb River Road - El Questro Wilderness Park

Farewell Drysdale Station and re-join the Gibb to continue east and cross the Durack River before arriving at the mighty Pentecost River at the foot of the Cockburn Range. We stop to admire the view of the stunning escarpment before continuing to the world renowned El Questro Wilderness Park where we'll spend the next two nights at Emma Gorge Resort in unique tented cabins. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at El Questro Emma Gorge Resort

DAY 6 – Exploring El Questro

Delve deeper into El Questro Wilderness Park with a tranquil 90-minute cruise through Chamberlain Gorge, a

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striking freshwater haven framed by towering cliffs. After feeding the cheeky archerfish, we head to Zebedee Thermal Springs, where warm, crystal-clear waters invite a relaxing soak beneath swaying palms.

Choose your own adventure in the afternoon selecting to either unwind at the resort or take on a guided hike to Emma Gorge's breathtaking waterfall (2.5 hours return) A good level of fitness is required for this walk however a swim in its cool, emerald pool is just reward for effort.

B.L.D

DAY 7 – El Questro - Kununurra

Making tracks, return to the Gibb travelling to Wyndham and the spectacular Five Rivers Lookout, boasting dramatic views over the Cambridge Gulf.

Continue along the Gibb River Road to Wyndham and ascend to the Five Rivers Lookout, offering breathtaking views over Cambridge Gulf. We then visit the Argyle Homestead Museum and cruise the stunning Ord River, learning about its unique ecology and irrigation system from your expert skipper. Arrive at Kununurra at sunset.

B.L.D

Stay: 1 night at Kununurra Country Club

DAY 8 – Kununurra - Bungle Bungles

Travel south to World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park, home to the extraordinary Bungle Bungles. Settle into the Bungle Bungles Savannah Lodge, where comfortable cabins with ensuite bathrooms await. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge

DAY 9 – Exploring the Purnululu (Bungle Bungles)

Set out to explore the wonders of Purnululu, including its unique orange and black beehive shaped domes. First up, a breathtaking 18-minute scenic helicopter flight over the park with a bird's eye view of its astounding natural features. A walk along Piccaninny Creek to the mind-boggling natural amphitheatre of Cathedral Gorge and then follow the 'dome trail' for a closer inspection of the park's unique geological formations.

This afternoon we'll head to the northern region of the Bungle Bungles to visit Echidna Chasm before returning to the lodge. **B.L.D**

DAY 10 – Bungle Bungles – Halls Creek - Fitzroy Crossing

We farewell the Bungle Bungles this morning and make our way along the famous Bungles Track before rejoining the Great Northern Highway. From here, we travel to Halls Creek, the largest township in this remote part of the Kimberley, then on to Mimbi Caves.

Led by a local Gooniyandi guide, step inside this extraordinary cave system, part of the 350-million-year-old Devonian Reef. Marvel at the vivid colours and striking limestone formations as you explore one of the most significant fossil sites of its kind in the world. Along the way, hear rich Dreamtime stories that connect land, culture and history. The experience concludes with traditional damper and freshly brewed tea, made using native seeds. Later today, we arrive in Fitzroy Crossing, a region deeply impacted by the unprecedented floods of 2023. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night at the Fitzroy River Lodge

The walk into the Mimbi Caves is uneven and you will need to be reasonably confident on your feet. In the caves the light can be poor and, in some places, non-existent. Those suffering a fear of close spaces should be mindful of this.

DAY 11 – Tunnel Creek & Windjana - Broome

Explore the subterranean wonder of Tunnel Creek, followed by a visit to the spectacular Windjana Gorge, where towering limestone walls rise dramatically above the floodplain. After a guided walk through the gorge, we continue to Broome and check in to the iconic Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa

We recommend packing water/reef shoes to take part in the Tunnel Creek Walk.

DAY 12 – Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures

Rise with the sun and start your day early as we set off on an unforgettable full-day adventure to Horizontal Falls and the Dampier Peninsula. Your day includes a breathtaking seaplane flight, offering panoramic views of the stunning Buccaneer Archipelago, before landing in the calm waters of Talbot Bay. Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast, and a locally sourced barramundi lunch prepared by your expert hosts at the Horizontal Falls houseboat.

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The adventures continue with an exciting cruise through the Horizontal Falls, followed by a refreshing swim in the marine viewing enclosure, where you can get up close to the local marine life. You'll also visit the renowned, third generation Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm, learning about the rich history and culture of this family-owned business, and explore the Beagle Bay Aboriginal Community, home to the iconic Mother of Pearl Church.

After a day full of adventure and discovery, we make our way back to Broome, where the Horizontal Falls team will transfer you back to our accommodation. Later today, join us for dinner at the Sunset Bar & Grill. **B.L.D**

Note: Today's tour may be done as drive first/fly second or fly first/drive second depending on the itinerary offered on that day. The same inclusions and activities are provided in both directions. As with all scenic seaplane adventures, safe aircraft loading is paramount. Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures seaplanes are governed by individual guests' weight and therefore all guests must declare their accurate weights (with clothes on) at the time of booking.

All guests are weighed upon boarding for weight verification and safe loading of the aircraft. In addition to the individual weights, they also have an upper weight limit of no more than 120kg.

DAY 13 – Broome

Following breakfast, your unforgettable Kimberley adventure concludes with a transfer to your onward travel arrangements **B**

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