

# 11-day Kimberley Explorer

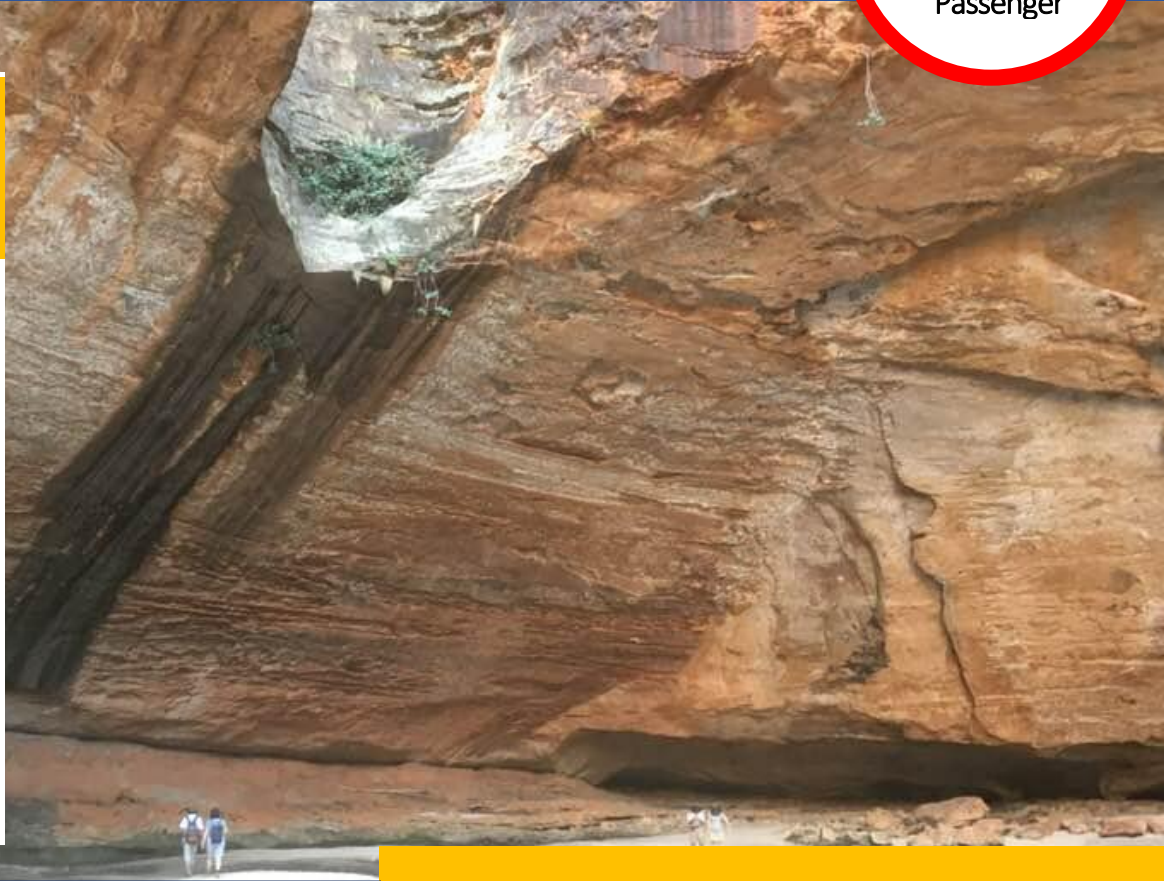
## 27<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 23

Max.  
**14**  
Passenger

### Highlights /

### Inclusion

- ✓ Depart Toowoomba / Brisbane
- ✓ Guided Tour by a Member of Premier Qld
- ✓ Return Flights Brisbane – Broome
- ✓ 10 nights' Accommodation
- ✓ All meals, entry fees, guides, Touring as per itinerary
- ✓ Fitzroy Crossing
- ✓ Geikie Gorge Cruise
- ✓ Tunnel Creek
- ✓ Windjana Gorge



### Tour Cost:

Twin share or DB from TMW \$10960 pp

Twin share or DB from BNE \$10860 pp

Single Supplement + \$1300.00

Non-Refundable Deposit \$300 per person required within 14 days of booking.

Balance of your final payment is due 10 weeks prior to tour commencement.

For more information or bookings call us

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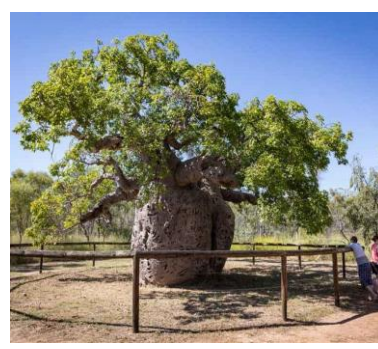
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### WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

- **GROUP ADVENTURES**  
Enjoy the peace of mind traveling as a group while you share sights and experiences with others
- **LIKE MINDED TRAVELLERS**  
Group tours bring together like minded people who enjoy travel and adventures and similar things you do
- **RELAXED PACED**  
On a guided tour you don't have to worry about driving or how you are going to get from place to place.  
Everything is taken care of and you can just sit back and relax and enjoy the journey



### Day 1. Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Qld – WA

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After our departure in the morning, we make our way to Brisbane Airport. Where our team assist you with check in for our Flight to Broome. On arrival into Broome shuttle bus will meet us to transfer to our hotel. Where we will be staying for one night. This evening, our welcome Dinner is at the Hotel.

### Day 2. Friday 28 July Broome to Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge

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This morning we commence our adventure early. After collecting everyone from their **Broome** accommodations we travel along the Great Northern Highway across the Dampier Peninsula on our way to **Derby**. On the way we will catch our first views of boab trees and the red termite mounds in the Kimberley savannah lands so characteristic of the Kimberley. We cross the mighty Fitzroy River for the first time at Willare Bridge, not far from the river's entrance into King Sound. After making a brief stop at the 1500-year-old **Derby Prison Boab Tree**, and the historic Myall's Bore we will enjoy a stroll to view the amazing tides and a picnic lunch at the Derby Jetty. Derby with its twice daily 10 metres tides have the largest tidal variance in Australia. From here we commence our journey along the iconic **Gibb River Road** on a scenic drive through ancient outback landscapes of the Kimberley. Heading deep into the heart of the Kimberley, we view a startling rock formation resembling a profile view of Queen Victoria's head as we pass through a gap in the jagged and stunning 350-million-year-old Devonian limestone cliffs of the **Napier Range**. Shortly after we enter the ancient, rugged King Leopold Ranges with its many creek and gorges on our way to **Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge**. The Lodge is nestled in a tropical oasis on the banks of the Barker River and the area abounds with abundant bird and wildlife populations. Located in the heart of the **King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park**, Mt Hart's proximity to many of the Kimberley's major attractions make it an ideal base to explore the region over the next two days. Originally a working cattle station, this unique property offers a rich pastoral history, that offers a rustic ambiance and exceptional hospitality. After a delicious meal in the restaurant prepared by a top chef, you will settle in for the evening in a comfortable en-suite safari tent under a star filled Kimberley sky. *Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge —Ensuited Safari Tent. (LD)*

### Day 3. Saturday 29 July – Explore Bell Gorge

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Today's adventure is a return 4WD journey to **Bell Gorge**, a stunning permanent waterfall with torrents of water flowing northwest over the millennia from the King Leopold Range have cut down through the ancient sandstone rocks to form a spectacular gorge. At 300 metres above sea level, it is the beginning of a series of waterfalls and rapids some 80 kilometres long descending through the King Leopold and Isdell Ranges to Walcott Inlet before entering the **Timor Sea** at Yule Entrance. Making our way further into the King Leopold Ranges that rise to some 950 metres above sea level and passing the old Silent Grove homestead we will enjoy a day of swimming and exploring. After a relatively moderate one-kilometre downhill walk, you will be rewarded with the irresistible opportunity to take your first swim in a magical Kimberley waterhole at the top of the falls. The more adventurous may choose to venture further and climb down to the bottom of the waterfall and enjoy a thunderous refreshing shower in the crystal-clear waters of the plunge pool. Enjoy a picnic lunch, after which we make our way back to Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge where you can enjoy a drink in the fully licensed bar and perhaps have a close encounter with the friendly wild dingoes that are abundant in the area and relax for the rest of the afternoon. Mt Hart Wilderness Lodge, en-suite safari tents.

### Day 4. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July – Gibb River Road

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There is a lot of exploring ahead of us today. Returning to the **Gibb River Road** we once again traverse the King Leopold Ranges where our first stop will be at **Galvans Gorge**, a delightful spot in the Philips Ranges where we break our journey, and you will have the opportunity to take another refreshing dip below the waterfall under the shade of the palm and gum trees that overhang the plunge pool. We continue our journey along the Gibb River Road to **Home Valley Station** through the savannah grasslands of the central Kimberley plateau, crossing numerous rivers, including the Gibb and Durack before late in the day descending off the plateau to spectacular sunset views of the **Cockburn Ranges** in the East. Home Valley Station is an outback adventure playground of natures with a breath-taking combination of towering gorges, sparkling waterfalls, billabongs, and stunning ancient landforms and ranges. Located close to the mighty **Pentecost River**, at the foot of the Cockburn Range it is a training base for indigenous people to learn hospitality and pastoral skills it is sure to impress with its modern comfortable accommodation and unique rustic outback decor. Home Valley or El Questro

### Day 5. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July – Zebedee Springs – Kununurra

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Our adventure continues crossing the iconic **Pentecost River** Crossing with its amazing backdrop of the ramparts of the **Cockburn Ranges** making our way towards **Zebedee springs** on El Questro Station. It is a natural oasis with a short easy walk along a shady trail leading to a series of rocky thermal pools under a canopy of tall lush green Livistona Palms and surrounding towering red cliffs, we soak in the natural spas providing the perfect place to relax and unwind.....

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...Continuing further we make the journey toward **Wyndham**, arriving at the Five Rivers Lookout which sits on the summit of Wyndham's Bastion Range at 330 metres high, the views over the **Cambridge Gulf** not to be missed! After lunch we arrive in Kununurra, a town originally established to service the Ord River Irrigation Scheme where we spend the next two nights staying at Ivanhoe Village Resort. It features comfortable cabins with Ensuite bedroom and a swimming pool. Ivanhoe Village Caravan Resort.

## **Day 6. Monday 31. July Kununurra & the Ord River**

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In the morning everyone can enjoy some free time, after which we will enjoy a guided tour to **Lake Argyle**, Western Australia's largest and Australia's second largest freshwater man made reserve by volume. This afternoon, we enjoy a spectacular cruise down the Ord River with commentary about the Ord Irrigation Scheme and wetland. Arriving back at Kununurra whilst soaking in the glorious sunset we make our way to another local restaurant before heading back to Ivanhoe for an overnight stay. Ivanhoe Village Caravan Resort, Ensuite cabins

## **Day 7. Tuesday 1. August – Kununurra to Purnululu**

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We again cross the picturesque Diversion Dam that forms Lake Argyle and once again are travelling the Great Northern Highway as we head towards the magnificent World Heritage Listed **Purnululu National Park**, the home of the **Bungle Bungle Range**. We follow the spectacular **Carr Boyd Ranges** that formed the eastern boundary of the ancient Kimberley continent that in ancient times slammed into Australia creating mountains higher than the current day Himalayas. On the way will pass through Warmun, a quiet and tiny Aboriginal settlement. Known as Turkey Creek for most of its life, in recent times it has reverted to the "*Kitja*" name for the area, "**Warmun.**" The local "*Kitja*" people have constructed an impressive indigenous art gallery and promote the town as the principal access point to the Purnululu National Park and the famous Bungle Bungle Ranges. A short drive later we commence the slow but interesting 53-kilometre 4WD trek from Great Northern Highway into the national park that will take up to two hours. We will pass through the **Osmand Range** and cross the **Halls Creek Darwin Fault**, the longest continuous fault line in the World. The trek will involve several water crossings, and at times can be quite rough going. Arriving at the Park Entrance and Visitor Centre there will be time for a comfort stop and the opportunity to pick up a souvenir of your visit to this iconic location. We will spend the rest of the day exploring the southern section of the park with our bus parking right next to the amazing, banded sandstone beehive domes at **Piccaninny Creek** carpark, where there is easy access into the gorges of the main Bungle Bungle Range massif. You will have time take an easy walk on the **Beehive Domes Loop Walk Trail** as we make our way into the incredible **Cathedral Gorge**, with the reward of the incredible Amphitheatre with its amazing acoustics and waterfall at its end. The more observant may spot indigenous art on the walls of the gorge. Time permitting, you may further explore **Picanniny Creek Lookout** and **The Window** where you will be rewarded with astounding views over the Bungle Bungle Range outliers as Piccaninny Creek winds its way to the Ord River. Carry plenty of water today, as all the walks will be completed before returning to the bus. Tonight, we stay in comfortable, environmentally friendly safari style accommodation at the Savannah Lodge located within the **Purnululu National Park** on the banks of Belburn Creek. *EKT/Savannah Lodge or Ensuted Safari Tent*

## **Day 8. Wednesday 2. August Explore the Bungles**

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After breakfast we trek toward the northern end of the park with great views of the western walls of the Bungles Massif with the startling, rounded domes rising sheer above the plain. Beginning the walk through the very special **Echidna Chasm**, a spectacular narrow, long chasm deep into the **Bungle Bungle Range**. At times you can touch both sides rearing 200 metres straight up above you with Livistona palms waving from the ridges high above. With luck our visit will co-inside with the few minutes each day when the sun penetrates to the bottom of the chasm in a spectacular display of colour and light. The amazing, rounded conglomerate boulders strewn along the path provide a clue to the violent geological past and sedimentary origins of the Bungle Bungle Range. This afternoon our journey continues back out to the Great Northern Highway towards **Halls Creek**, after unforgettable day you will be able to relax and enjoy a delicious meal. Halls Creek Motel.

## **Day 9. Thursday 3. August – Hall Creek to Fitzroy**

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After breakfast we skirt the southern edge of the Kimberley plateau heading towards **Fitzroy Crossing** for a cruise on the Fitzroy River (**Geikie Gorge**) as it has carved its way through an ancient limestone barrier reef and learning about the indigenous culture, bush tucker and history of the "Banuba" people in the area. After the cruise we settle into your accommodation on the banks of the Fitzroy River at Fitzroy River Lodge, Ensuite rooms, or Ensuite tents

## **Day 10. Friday 4. August – Tunnel Creek & Windjana**

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We start our final day early as explore more of the **Napier Range** making the first stop at **Tunnel Creek** for an underground river walk. Then it is onto colourful and rugged **Windjana Gorge** with its vertical limestone cliffs, fossil fish and deep green pools inhabited by dozens of freshwater crocodiles making for some impress photos. After a picnic lunch at the Gorge, we say goodbye to the Gibb River Road for the final time before heading towards **Broome** to our overnight Accommodation.

## **Day 11. Friday 5. August – Broome – Brisbane**

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After we have a relaxed Breakfast, we make our way to the Airport. Sadly, we say goodbye. Lots of memories to talk about. We will arrive in the evening back to Brisbane / Toowoomba.