



## Australian Wilderness Tours 2017/18

**DKBB12**

### **The Darwin to Broome via The Kimberley's and Bungle Bungles Tour**

**Duration: 12 Days, 11 Nights**

#### **Day 1**

You guide will pick you up at 3.00 to 4.00pm from your Darwin accommodation to take you on an afternoon tour of the sights of Darwin visiting local landmarks and places of interest before taking you to view sunset on the Darwin Harbour and have dinner on the wharf before returning you to your accommodation.

**Overnight: DARWIN (your accommodation)**

#### **Day 2**

Departing Darwin, capital of the Top End, we head south along the famous Stuart Highway, turning off to beautiful Berry Springs Nature Park for our first stop. We then continue into the unique tropical oasis of Litchfield Park, enjoying the first of our picnic lunches. We visit Wangi Falls with the chance to swim in the crystal clear waters below the falls and then view the Tolmer Falls and Buley Rockholes. We have another chance to swim when we reach Florence Falls, then we travel on to spend a relaxing evening at Batchelor Resort.

**Overnight: Batchelor Resort, BATCHELOR (DBB)**

#### **Day 3**

Today we travel north for a short time and venture along the Arnhem Highway to Kakadu National Park where we visit Jabiru and travel on to Ubir Rock. From the top of the rock we can view magnificent plains and an area steeped in Aboriginal history and traditions. We travel to Nourlangie Rock where we can view some more aboriginal rock paintings and on to our overnight stay at Coinda within the Kakadu National Park.

**Overnight: Gagudju Lodge, COINDA (DBB)**

#### **Day 4**

An early start to enjoy a Yellow Waters cruise to view the abundant wildlife including crocodiles and jabirus, returning to Coinda resort for breakfast. We then take the 4WD trails to some enjoyable waterfalls in Kakadu National Park before heading to Edith falls for relaxation and a another chance to swim. Later in the afternoon we head to Katherine for our overnight stay.

**Overnight: Pine Tree Motel, KATHERINE (DBB)**

#### **Day 5**

This morning we take a morning drive to Nitmiluk National Park, arriving at the beautiful Katherine Gorge for a river cruise along the Katherine Gorge and River. We return to the visitor's center by lunch time and during the afternoon we have time to enjoy the sights of Katherine or just relax by the motel pool.

**Overnight: Pine Tree Motel, KATHERINE (DBB)**

#### **Day 6**

Today we travel West through vast station properties, via Timber Creek and Gregory National Park, on the mighty Victoria River. We then cross the border into Western Australia and into the shores of the magnificent Lake Argyle. This lake was created by damming the Ord River and holds nine times the water content of Sydney Harbour. It supplies water to the vast irrigation areas of Kununurra. We have time to explore this interesting area before enjoying a relaxing sunset cruise on the Ord River, enjoying the bird life and the tranquility of the area.

**Overnight: Hotel Kununurra, KUNUNURRA (DBB)**

### **Day 7**

We depart Kununurra, traveling amongst the boab trees and heading for the infamous Gibb River Road, visiting Emma Gorge to settle in and then travel to Zebeddi Springs for some relaxation in the heated rock pool before lunch. We then explore the cattle station of El Questro on the Pentecost River before returning to Emma Gorge Resort for our overnight stay.

**Overnight: El Questro Station, EL QUESTRO (DBB)**

### **Day 8**

Leaving El Questro we head for Turkey Creek for a short break before adventuring into the Hidden south eastern corner of the Kimberleys Region and seen only by a few locals until discovered by a television crew in 1982, is the Bungle Bungle Range. This range has magnificent sandstone domes and has become a National Park. We enjoy a real 4WD adventure to discover this special area, spending the next night at a fully equipped camp on the edge of the Bungle Bungle Range. We visit Echidna Chasm, which reveals a hidden valley of beautiful ferns and palms and we also explore the depths of the cathedral and Piccaninny Ranges.

**Overnight: Permanent camp, Bellburn, BUNGLE BUNGLES (DBB)**

### **Day 9**

After enjoying a night in the real outback of Australia we take a short drive to the Helicopter pad where you may wish to take an optional flight over the Bungle Bungle Range then we head out to Cathedral Gorge for a walk for closer sightseeing of the honeycomb formations. After a picnic lunch we head out through the rugged ranges to Halls Creek.

**Overnight: Kimberley Comfort Inn, HALLS CREEK (DBBL)**

### **Day 10**

We leave Halls Creek - Western Australia's first mining town- on to the Fitzroy River, enjoying a late afternoon visit and cruise to beautiful Geikie Gorge. This is an area noted for its magnificent reflections. We then travel on to our overnight stop at Fitzroy River Lodge.

**Overnight: Fitzroy River Lodge, FITZROY CROSSING (DBB)**

### **Day 11**

Leaving the Highway, we follow a back track through the rugged Kimberleys to visit Tunnel Creek Gorge, where nature has carved a 750 meter tunnel through the mountain. Using torches, we discover the remarkable geological feature following the creek through the mountain. After a picnic lunch, we go exploring Winjana Gorge and travel through the Napier Range, once an ancient fossil reef, and join the Gibb River Road to wind our way through the ranges to spend a night at Derby on the Coast.

**Overnight: King Sound Resort, DERBY (DBB)**

### **Day 12**

Derby is situated on King Sound, famous for its Barramundi fishing where a massive rise and fall of tide of up to 11.8 meters can be seen. Today we visit the old Boab Tree, once used as a prison, and the world's longest cattle trough near the start of the Gibb River Road. We then travel into the heart of the wild Kimberley cattle country. We shall take you to your selected accommodation in Broome, once the pearling capital of the world and now a thriving meat industry town. This afternoon, you can visit many highlights and see some spectacular coastline including the wide sandy Cable Beach for a swim. You should also enjoy sunset at Cable Beach as the camel's silhouette our picture over the Indian Ocean.



**Departs Darwin every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday April to October**

**INCLUSIONS**

- 4WD air-conditioned deluxe transport
- All dinners & continental breakfasts, 1 lunch and all morning & afternoon teas
- All accommodation twin share private facilities (except shared facilities night 4 at Bungle Bungles)
- All entries to National Parks
- All cruises charges
- Experienced driver guide

**TOUR COST: AUD**

\$6,950.00 Adult (twin share)

\$1,550.00 Single Supplement

\$5,300.00 Child (5-12 years – share with adult)

**Minimum 4**

**TOUR CODE: DKBB12**

**Note: Accommodations are subject to availability and may be changed without notice.**