



TRIP NOTES 2010

1DGG

1 Day Geikie Gorge Experience

Highlights

Kimberley Savannah, Fitzroy River, Geikie Gorge Darnku Aboriginal Heritage Cruise OR DEC Ranger Guided Cruise

Itinerary

Departing Broome at 7:00am, we travel through iconic pindan country, past boab trees, towering termite mounds, Kimberley cattle and local wildlife. Along the way, our guide shares stories of local history, people and the environment. Our first stop is Willare Roadhouse on the mighty Fitzroy River, where we enjoy morning tea. We then continue east, pausing at a magnificent boab that is well over a thousand years old, where we learn some of the secrets of this unusual tree. Further on, we journey through the Erskine Ranges to the historic town of Fitzroy Crossing before entering the ancient Napier Range, a limestone Devonian reef 350 million years old. Here we arrive at Geikie Gorge one of the most famous gorges in the Kimberley. Nature carved this spectacular deep gorge between the Geikie and Oscar Ranges during the Devonian geological period. Geikie Gorge floods during the wet season, with the swirling water leaving its bleached mark on the colourful gorge walls. Though the water retreats during the dry season, the flow remains to sustain the wide variety of Kimberley wildlife.

After a delicious picnic lunch, travellers either depart on a 2 hour Darnku Aboriginal Heritage Cruise or join a DEC National Parks Ranger on a 1 hour Geikie Gorge Cruise.

*This choice is made at the time of booking.



Departing Fitzroy Crossing we travel back to Broome stopping en route for an optional dinner (own expense). After dark, relax and enjoy a movie before arriving back in Broome at approximately 10:30pm.

CHOOSE YOUR CRUISE:

Darnku Aboriginal Heritage Cruise (2 hour, 1DGG1)

Hosted by local Bunuba Aboriginal guides, this is a fascinating insight into the Bunuba way of life. Our Indigenous guide demonstrates traditional techniques for fire lighting, animal tracking, bush foods and bush medicines, while revealing Dreamtime stories of the area.

DEC National Parks Ranger Cruise (1 hour, 1DGG2)

Learn of the fascinating geology of the ancient Devonian reef and the huge array of wildlife including freshwater crocodiles, birds and fish. Travellers wishing to take this option will have a 1 hour wait, which is ideal for a leisurely bush-walk along the gorge walk trail.

Itinerary Updates

There are no itinerary updates to this trip since the brochure was printed.

Departure

This trip departs on Tuesdays and is subject to a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 20 travellers.

Vehicles

This tour is operated with one of our comfortable 21 seat vehicles. All vehicles have airconditioning, reclinable seats, PA systems and DVD players.

Meals

This tour includes:

- Morning and Afternoon Tea
- 1 Lunch

Our healthy meals feature fresh ingredients, gourmet salads and local Kimberley flavours. We cater for special dietary requirements where possible, so please advise us when booking.

Please Note: Dinner is not included but can be purchased enroute back to Broome. Allow approx. \$20pp

FREE Hotel Pick Up

Kimberley Wild offers free pick up from your hotel, guesthouse or B&B in Broome, between 6.30am and 7.00am. Please advise us of where you are staying and remember to let us know if there are any changes.

We appreciate your patience if we are running a little late in the morning. You being there on time will help make sure we are! Call us on 9193 7778 if you are concerned that you have missed your pickup.

Important Notes

- Please ensure you provide Kimberley Wild with a mobile phone number in case there are any last minute notifications.
- Departures are all subject to weather conditions and road closures – this is usually only a concern for April & October / November departures.
- Those travellers who choose the 1hr Ranger Guided Cruise will have a 1 hour wait at the National Park.



Travel Insurance

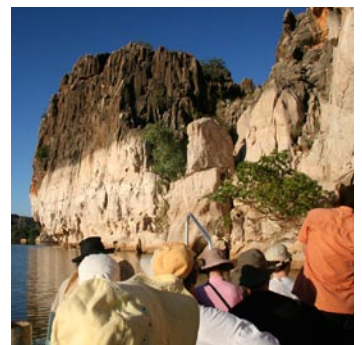
Travel insurance is highly recommended for all our trips. As we are travelling in a very remote area, you should ensure you are covered for medical expenses including emergency repatriation at a minimum. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

What else in Broome?

There is plenty to see and do in Broome but these are some of our favourite activities:

- A Taste of Broome town tour (½ day) – **approx AU\$139**
- Sunset Cable Beach Camel Ride (1 hour) – **approx AU\$55**
- Astro Tours Night Sky (2 hours) – **approx AU\$75**
- Sea Kayaking Adventure (3 hours) – **approx AU\$75**
- Willie Creek Pearl Farm (2 hours) – **approx AU\$80**

If any of these options inspire you, ask Kimberley Wild for more details.



What to Bring

It is important you bring shoes you dont mind getting wet for walking in water.

Other recommendations include:

- a broad-brimmed hat with sun visor (broad brimmed is better for all round protection),
- swimming costume and towel
- personal water bottle
- sunscreen
- camera & film



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