



TRIP NOTES 2010

1DWT

1 Day Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek

Highlights

Gibb River Road, Derby Prison Tree, Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek

Itinerary

Departing Broome at 7:00am, we head east towards the Kimberley gorges. As we travel through the remote and beautiful landscape, our guide shares stories of local history, people and the environment. Enjoy a morning tea break at Willare Roadhouse on the mighty Fitzroy River and visit the notorious Derby 'Boab Prison Tree', a significant historical site of the West Kimberley. This tree, believed to be over 1500 years old and measuring almost 15 metres in girth, is a relic of some cultural sensitivity due to its use as a prison for local Aboriginals during the era of Kimberley pioneers. Before long we hit the Gibb River Road, and travel towards the picturesque 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, a 750-metre cave system carved through the Napier Range, in which we discover secret caves and subterranean wildlife. It is here we also learn the legend of Jandamarra, an Aboriginal freedom fighter who used the tunnel as a hide-out in the late 1800's. A refreshing swim in an idyllic waterhole is a highlight of the day.

As sunset approaches, we visit the

historical ruins of Lillimooloora Station to appreciate what life would have been like during early white settlement in the area. There is time for an optional dinner (own expense) en route back to Broome. Then after dark, relax and enjoy a movie or spot natural savannah fires, before arriving back at your hotel at approximately 10.30pm.



Itinerary Updates

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

Departure

This trip departs on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays and is subject to a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 20 travellers.

Vehicles

This is a 4WD adventure and is operated with a comfortable 21 seat 4WD vehicle. All vehicles have airconditioning, reclining 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.

- This tour involves some clambouring over rocks and walking in water so a reasonable level of mobility is required to fully participate in the itinerary.



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 don't 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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