



TRIP NOTES 2010

9DKL

9 Day Wild Kimberley Loop

Highlights

Gibb River Road, Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek, Bell Gorge, Manning Falls, El Questro, Zebedee Springs, Kununurra, Lake Argyle, Bungle Bungles, Echidna Chasm, Cathedral Gorge, China Wall, Geikie Gorge

Itinerary

This all-encompassing 9 day 4WD adventure explores those Kimberley highlights you have always wanted to experience – encountering wildlife in Windjana Gorge, the adventure of Tunnel Creek, a journey along the famous Gibb River Road, magnificent El Questro Wilderness Park, Lake Argyle, the World-Heritage protected Bungle Bungles and dramatic Geikie Gorge.

Day to Day...

Day 1 Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek

Day 2 Bell Gorge & Mt Barnett Station

Days 3-4 El Questro Wilderness Park

Days 5 Kununurra & Lake Argyle

Days 6-7 Bungle Bungles

Day 8 China Wall, Laari Gallery & Fitzroy Crossing

Day 9 Geikie Gorge & Broome

Itinerary Updates

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

Departure

This trip departs on selected dates 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.

Accommodation

- Camping (8 nights)

Please note...

- Camping involves tents (single/twinshare), swags with sheets & pillows with pillow cases.
- Sleeping bags are NOT included. 10°C sleeping bags are available

for hire at AU\$20pp – these must be requested with our office prior to travel; we recommend that you bring an inner sheet.

- At El Questro Wilderness Park and Lake Argyle (nights 2, 3 & 4), optional upgraded accommodation may be available on request.

Meals

This tour includes:

- Morning and Afternoon Tea
- 8 Breakfasts
- 8 Lunches
- 5 Dinners

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.

Meals NOT included are: dinner at El Questro (Day 4), lunch in Kununurra (Day 5), dinner at Lake Argyle (Day 5) and dinner in Fitzroy Crossing (Day 8) – these optional meals are at your own expense. Allow approximately AU\$160pp.

FREE Hotel Pick Up

Kimberley Wild offers free pick up from your hotel, guesthouse or B&B in Broome, between 7.00am and 7.30am. Please advise us of where you are staying and 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.
- This is a wilderness camping adventure. There is a medium level of activity – walks and swimming – so you must be reasonably fit in order to participate in the itinerary.
- Departures are all subject to weather conditions and road closures – this is usually only a concern for April & October / November departures.
- The optional scenic helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles is highly recommended – allow approximately AU\$300.
- Space in the vehicle is limited so please keep your luggage light – bring only essentials in a small soft bag, max 10kg.
- To participate in this trip you must be prepared to assist with preparing meals, cleaning dishes, collecting firewood, setting up and packing up camp.

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.

Alcohol

Kimberley Wild Expeditions does not provide alcohol with meals. Travellers are welcome to bring a personal supply from Broome if desired – preferably no glass bottles. En route, alcohol can be purchased with meals only at El Questro, Lake Argyle and Fitzroy Crossing. Please note that alcohol restrictions are in place throughout the Kimberley.

What to Bring

Travellers on this trip must bring a pair of shoes/sandals that you don't mind getting wet and a torch.

Other recommendations include:

- A broad-brimmed hat with sun visor for all round protection
- Swimming costume and towel
- Walking shoes
- Long-sleeved cotton shirt (sun protection) and loose-fitting pants (warmth and insect protection for evenings)
- Warm jumper (particularly if travelling May-Aug)
- Personal water bottle
- Personal toiletries
- First aid (with any personal medication required)
- A sleeping bag (note that 10°C sleeping bags are available for hire at AU\$20pp – must be requested with our office prior to travel; an inner sheet is recommended).

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.

Travel Tip

This trip explores the highlights of the Kimberley, but does not reach the spectacular coastline of the Dampier Peninsula, home of the Bardi saltwater people. Consider adding Cape Leveque to your itinerary – either a **3 Day Cape Leveque Experience** (departs Saturdays, Trip Code 3DIL) or a **1 Day Cape Leveque Adventure** (departs Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sundays, Trip Code 1DCL).



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