

# Reisebine

## Great Kimberly Overland



### Joining point instructions

Tour departs from Kimberley Travellers Lodge at 07:00am sharp.

The Kimberley Travellers Lodge (2 Bagot Street, Broome) is a ten minute walk from the airport, or you can arrange a taxi or transfer bus upon arrival at the airport.

We can arrange pick you up at your selected Broome accommodation.

Please advise your booking agent of your accommodation if it differs from the above and we can advise pick up time.

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Beagle Bay, Cygnet Bay Pearl farm & Buccaneer archipelago

The Dampier Peninsula is an extraordinary blend of stunning coastline and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Travelling up the red 4WD track, learn about the region's fascinating history by guided commentary. Your first stop is for morning tea at the Beagle Bay Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community, home of the Beagle Bay Church and its glimmering pearl shell altar. By mid-morning, arrive at One Arm Point (also known as Ardyaloon) home of the Bardi-Jawi people, a local community perched on the tip of the Dampier Peninsula, and visit the Community's aquaculture hatchery for barramundi, pearl and trochus shell. We'll also visit Kevin and Donna, traditional owners from One Arm Point who will tell us about their history and life on the peninsula. After lunch arrive at Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm to enjoy a pearl appreciation tour and then embark on an extraordinary cruise through the Islands of the Giant Tides.

Accommodation: Basix permanent tents with proper beds. Sheets provided, sleeping bag required. Hot showers and flushing toilets. (1 night)

Included Activities: Beagle Bay Pearl Shell Church Visit, Islands of the Giant Tides Cruise, Beagle Bay Aboriginal Community, One Arm Point Aquaculture Hatchery Visit

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

## Day 2: Kooljaman, Cape Leveque & Broome

Undertake a tour of Australia's oldest pearl farm. Learn about this fascinating history from local guides descended from the very first pearlers. From here, you'll soon reach Kooljaman at Cape Leveque, where you may like to swim on the Eastern beach, take one of the lovely walks over the Cape itself or alternatively you might choose to go for a wander along the Western beach where famous red sandstone cliffs tower above the white sand providing some of the most famous images of this area. Driving back to Broome through the afternoon, keep an eye out for wildlife before arriving back in town at approximately 6.00 pm. Your trip ends upon arrival.

Included Activities: Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 3: Tunnel Creek

It's an early start this morning, as you leave Broome when the sun begins to rise. While travelling through the remote Kimberley landscape, your guide shares stories of local history, people and the environment. Enjoy a morning tea break by the Fitzroy River and visit the Derby 'Boab Prison Tree' and Mowanjum Aboriginal Art and Cultural Centre, before hitting the Gibb River Road.

The afternoon is devoted to exploring Tunnel Creek with your local Bunuba guide. In this 750-metre cave system carved through the Napier Range, discover stalactites, secret caves and a large variety of wildlife. It's here where you'll also learn the legend of Jandamarra, an Aboriginal freedom fighter who used the tunnel as a hide-out in the late 1800s. From here you'll travel to Windjana Gorge in time to set up camp and go for a walk down to the gorge itself where you'll be able to spot a number of freshwater crocodiles and enjoy the sunset over the Napier Range. Tonight, settle into your first night under the Kimberley night sky.

Included Activities: Tunnel Creek National Park, Tunnel Creek exploration walk, Mowanjum Aboriginal Art & Cultural Centre, Boab Prison Tree

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 4: Coober Pedy / Yulara**

We'll be honest, there's a fair bit of driving today. From Coober Pedy we travel across the Moon Plains, past the Dingo Fence, past Breakaways Reserve, and into Yulara. Make sure you have your Ipad fully charged and your neck cushion handy.

Today driving time will be about 8.5 hours.

Accommodation: Permanent tented camp (with shared facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities: Dingo Fence

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 5: Mt Barnett Station**

Spend today swimming in paradise. Cross the Manning River and hike through the rugged wilderness of the King Leopold Ranges to arrive at the stunning Manning Falls. Amid the rugged beauty of Manning Falls swim in the deep clear pool, discover Aboriginal rock art and look out for wildlife on the edges of the water. Overnight we camp on Mt Barnett Cattle Station.

Included Activities: Manning Falls

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 6: El Questro Wilderness Park**

This morning we drive the back end of the Gibb River Road. An absolutely magical drive out of the King Leopold Ranges and into the Pentecost Range. We'll stop at a stunning lookout over the high flat mesas of the Cockburn Range with the Pentecost River snaking its way past the mountains out to the sea. We'll drive down to the Pentecost River for an iconic photograph before driving across the river. Shortly after our river crossing we'll arrive in the scenic El Questro Wilderness Park where we'll set up in our permanent camp for two nights.

Optional Activities: Chamberlain Gorge Cruise - AUD68

Meals Included: Breakfast

#### **Day 7: El Questro Wilderness Park**

Enjoy a full free day at El Questro today. Take the time for a refreshing dip in the Zebedee Springs and walk into Emma Gorge or join an optional cruise on Chamberlain Gorge. Maybe sample a local bush tucker walk or a bird watching tour. There are plenty of optional activities. Otherwise kick back and choose to simply explore this beautiful wilderness park at your own leisure.

Included Activities: Zebedee Springs

Optional Activities: Bird Watching Tour, El Questro Station - AUD80, Bush Tucker Tour, El Questro Station - AUD99, Horse Riding, El Questro - AUD70

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

#### **Day 8: Purnululu National Park (The Bungle Bungles)**

After a leisurely morning, head south down the Great Northern Highway to Purnululu National Park, home of the magnificent Bungle Bungle Range. Two nights here, staying

overnight in the new private Bungle Bungle Safari Camp in the heart of the Park, the only camp in the national park to overlook the Bungle Bungle Range. This allows a full day to explore the highlights of this extraordinary National Park, the most famous of which, are the 'beehive domes'.

Optional Activities: Durack Homestead Museum - Free

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 9: Lake Argyle**

Emerge from the Gibb River Road for a few hours free time in Kununurra. In the afternoon, travel onto the shores of the expansive Lake Argyle, the heart of the Ord River Irrigation System which has transformed this dry region into a lush agricultural oasis. Visit the historic Durack Homestead Museum or take on one of the many bush trails to explore the area.

Included Activities: Cathedral Gorge Walk (Bungle Bungle), Echidna Chasm Walk

Optional Activities: Bungle Bungle Scenic Flight - AUD375

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

### **Day 10: Purnululu National Park (The Bungle Bungles)**

Unbelievably, nobody but the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people knew of the Bungle Bungles until the early 1980s; once discovered by outsiders, the area was made a national park in 1987. Explore Echidna Chasm (2 km), known for its towering Livistonia Palm trees, and take a short walk (2-3 km) into Cathedral Gorge, where towering rocks create a natural amphitheatre. There's time in the afternoon to take an optional scenic flight and enjoy an optional birds-eye view of the beehive domes (approximately AUD 379 per person) to put it all into perspective.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 11: Fitzroy Crossing**

En route to Fitzroy Crossing, break the long journey with a visit to the gold rush town of Halls Creek to see the remarkable China Wall. You'll also enjoy lunch at Mary Pool and visit the remote Laarri Aboriginal Art Gallery, before an evening by the Fitzroy River at Fitzroy Crossing.

Included Activities: Laarri Aboriginal Art Gallery, Fitzroy Crossing

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 12: Broome**

A morning cruise through the majestic Geikie Gorge is a great start to your last day. Nature carved this wonder through the Napier Range during the Devonian geological period. Learn of the fascinating geology and discover the huge array of wildlife, including freshwater crocodiles, birds and fish. Explore Old Fitzroy Crossing and enjoy lunch by the river before returning to Broome.

Included Activities: Geikie Gorge Experience

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 13: Broome**

As the adventure draws to an end, it is time to bid farewell to the Kimberley. If you are departing on a flight today, an airport transfer is included. Alternatively, you may have

booked into one of Broome's many resorts for a little luxury following your intrepid experience in the Kimberley wilderness – there is plenty more of Broome to explore and experience!

Meals Included: Breakfast

### Itinerary disclaimer

#### ITINERARY CHANGES:

Our itineraries are updated regularly throughout the year based on customer feedback and to reflect the current situation in each destination. The information included in this Essential Trip Information may therefore differ from when you first booked your trip. It is important that you print and review a final copy prior to travel so that you have the latest updates. Due to weather, local conditions, transport schedules, public holidays or other factors, further changes may be necessary to your itinerary once in country. The order and timing of included activities in each location may also vary seasonally to ensure our travellers have the best experience. Your tour leader will keep you up to date with any changes once on tour.

#### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURAL EXPERIENCES & COMMUNITIES:

Please note due to cultural sensitivities, entry to particular parts of local First Nations communities may be unavailable. Where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander guides are unavailable in the Red Centre an Intrepid guide will lead the interpretive cultural walk. Top End cultural experiences are only available during the dry season (May-Oct) as site is subject to flooding (contact our customer service team for availability). Participants may be absent due to cultural commitments with minimal prior notification and Intrepid reserves the right to amend the itinerary in these circumstances with no obligation to refund.

**Teilnehmer:** min 2 bis max. 20 Personen (Mindestalter 8 Jahre)

**Transport:** Geländefahrzeug

#### Option 1:

**Includierte Mahlzeiten:** 12x Frühstück, 11x Mittagessen, 9x Abendessen

**Übernachtung:** 11 Übernachtung im Pop Up-Zelt mit Swag bzw. im halb-permanenten Zelt mit Feldbetten + 1 Nacht im Twin in der Lodge

#### Option 2:

**Includierte Mahlzeiten:** 12x Frühstück, 11x Mittagessen, 10x Abendessen

**Übernachtung:** 11 Übernachtungen im Pop Up-Zelt mit Swag bzw. feste Zelte mit Betten oder Cabins + 1 Nacht im Twin in der Lodge

**Gepäck Limit:** keine Angabe

**geeignet für Menschen mit eingeschränkter Mobilität:** ja (genauere Information auf Anfrage)

**Rollstuhl geeignet:** nein

**Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch**