

20 Day Darwin to Perth 4WD Adventure

Small Groups - Max 13 Private Bush Camps - Under the stars camping at private beach and bush locations 4WD Vehicle - To access beaches and bush camps Adventure Activities - Hiking & Swimming, Option Canyoning at Karijini

Itinerary

Day 1: Darwin to Victoria River

The sun rises early in the Kimberley so there's no point in sleeping in, we'll pick you up from your Darwin accommodation at 6am and head for the wilderness. Leaving the comfort of the city behind we head for what many consider to be one of the last great expanses of rugged wilderness areas remaining in the world, the mighty Kimberley Region of Northern Western Australia. Our first stop is about 2 hours South of Darwin, Edith Falls in Katherine Gorge National Park, a short 3 km walk to the upper pools brings us to the first of many beautiful waterfalls which we will see over the next 9 day. After lunch, we push west towards the Western Australia Northern Territory state border and our first bush camp. Bush camping is a great experience whether you are an experienced outback drover or first time city slicker, we have been in the Kimberley for such a long time that we have established relationships with the local land holders, both Cattle Stations and Custodians of Aboriginal Land, and we have permission to camp in wild places that are off limits to the public. These camping spots are normally in pristine wilderness and remote areas, setting up a campfire, cooking up a feast on the fire and then rolling out the swags in these places is a special experience, and our first camp is a cracker! Tents are provided for those a little nervous about the under the stars experience.

Highlights: Edith Falls Katherine Victoria River

Camp: Private Wilderness Camp - 4WD required to access

Meal(s) included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Victoria River to Lake Argyle

With no roof over our heads, the breaking dawn is our new alarm clock and we rise early. The mobile phones get packed up with the camping gear as they become useless and we head off nice and early for our day's activities, exploring Keep River National Park and Lake Argyle. Keep River is a great destination and there are a number of hikes we can choose from. From Keep River, we head to Lake Argyle for what is regularly voted as the highlight of the tour. Lake Argyle is a huge freshwater lake teeming with wildlife, from wallabies in the rocky shores, to freshwater crocodiles to birdlife. We board a boat where a local guide shows us the lake, there is time to swim before we watch sunset from the water and then camp on one of the remote islands. This is a great experience, knowing you are the only people on a single island in the middle of one of the most remote lakes in the world is unforgettable. We have a campfire, the sky is full of stars and the cool water is inviting to those brave souls who want a midnight swim.

Highlights: Victoria River Hike Lake Argyle

Camp: Private Island Camp – Boat required to access

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Lake Argyle to Purnululu National park

The sunrise from our island camp is unforgettable. We pack up camp, re-board the boat and head back to our vehicle. From Lake Argyle we head into Kununurra to replenish supplies, as we approach town the mobile phones start beeping and we take the opportunity to catch up on the world with some free time in this classic outback town while your guide replenishes supplies. From Kununurra, we head to one of the highlights of this Kimberley trip, Purnululu National Park, more commonly known as the Bungle Bungles. Our time in this region is spent hiking and exploring the Gorges and amazing landscapes the area contains. The long and dusty track into the Bungles is spectacular; it winds its way through valleys, over ranges and through creeks before arriving at what must be one of the world's most unique landscapes. The day ends with a spectacular sunset from a vantage point at camp.

Highlights: Purnululu National Park Kununurra

Camp: National Park Bush Camp – 4WD required to access

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Purnululu National Park to Bush Camp

With an early rise we are able to take advantage of a spectacular Bungle Bungles sunrise, from our vantage point we watch the show with a cup of tea or coffee and breakfast from a remote location. A short drive from the sunrise area is the trailhead for the Cathedral Gorge hike, a spectacular hike through the beehive formations to Cathedral Gorge. The gorge itself is one of the most impressive geological formations you are likely to see anywhere. From here there is the opportunity to take a scenic flight over the Bungles, helicopter rides from 18 minutes are available. From the air, the bungles take on a completely new perspective and the open chopper is sensational. Scenic flights are at your own expense and organised on the day. We then head off for Echidna Chasm for a hike into the domes, following a creek to its source at a narrow passage buried within the Bungles. After lunch we depart Purnululu and locate our bush camp, this time on a lovely creek with a sandy beach. After locating our campsite.

Highlights: Purnululu National Park

Camp: Private Wilderness Camp - 4WD required to access

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Bush Camp to Pentecost River

Today we get onto a dirt track, the famous Gibb River Road, a 700km long outback road which runs between Derby and Kununurra, it's not the easiest route, the track is often rough, there are a number of deep water crossings and a 4WD vehicle is essential. However it's an amazing travel route as along the length of the Gibb River Road are vast tracts of wilderness and numerous rivers, gorges and waterfalls to explore. After a short distance we reach El Questro Station, home of many beautiful landscapes, one of which is Emma Falls. A hike through a spectacular gorge takes us to a very high and narrow falls with a deep cool plunge pool where we can swim. From here it's back on the "The Gibb" where we continue on our westerly trek. Arriving at the Pentecost River we are presented with an incredible landscape of a wide river surrounded by rugged Cockburn Ranges, a

classic Kimberley scene. Another bush camp and classic Kimberley Sunset awaits at the foot of the Rugged Cockburn Ranges.

Highlights: El Questro Station Emma Gorge Cockburn Range Pentacost River

Camp: Private Wilderness Camp - 4WD required to access

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Pentacost River to Manning Gorge

From camp our first task is to drive the 4WD through the Pentacost River, driving a vehicle across a 60 metre wide outback river which is occupied by Salt Water Crocodiles is not something you do every day, but it's only way through so across we go. Today we push west, there is a variety of great spots to stop and check out, including secluded waterholes and Ellenbrae Cattle Station before arriving at Manning Gorge. Camp tonight is either at Manning Gorge, where toilets and showers are available or back into the bush depending on the preference of your guide.

Highlights: Ellenbrae Station Manning Gorge

Camp: Manning Gorge - 4WD required to access

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Manning Gorge to Bush Camp

Another day of adventure awaits. From camp, our daily hike, white sandy beaches with a Pandanus tree-lined waterway opening into a wide clear waterhole greet us only minutes after starting the walk. We must swim across the river before following a trail leading to the top of the gorge. The gorge has a waterfall plus a deep wide swimming hole surrounded by granite cliffs & rock outcrops. It is a spectacular setting with hidden examples of Bradshaw Aboriginal Rock Art. The return route from Manning Gorge is a little less conventional as we swim and rock hop along the creek before reaching the main waterhole where it started. Depending on the time available, Galvans and/or Adcock Gorge's are also visited. Depending on the time available, Galvans and/or Adcock Gorge's are also visited. On departing Manning we locate our bush camp and set up for another night under the stars.

Highlights: Manning Gorge Galvan's Gorge

Camp: Private Wilderness Camp - 4WD required to access

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Bush Camp to Tunnel Creek

The first stop for the day is Bell Gorge, another day, another amazing waterfall to explore! Such is life in the Kimberley. After a 15-minute walk we come to a beautiful Creek, which flows through the centre of this impressive gorge and cascades over numerous falls. A deep swimming hole at the base of the main waterfall, surrounded by shady ledges and high cliffs, is an ideal lunch spot. Next we head to Windjana Gorge, a huge gorge cut into the ranges over millennium to reveal beautiful scenery of high vertical cliffs, sandy beaches and meandering creek. We head off on a hike at Windjana of about 4km and often see freshwater crocodiles swimming in the clear waterholes. Our last wilderness bush camp for the tour is another cracker offering a classic Kimberley sunset and camping among the boab trees.

Highlights: Bell Gorge Adcock Gorge

Camp: Private Wilderness Camp - 4WD required to access

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Tunnel Creek to Broome

By now we are experts to getting up early and on our way, our final watering spot for the tour is Tunnel Creek. Tunnel Creek is an amazing natural phenomenon and holds great significance to the local Aboriginal people, and getting there early normally guarantees we have the place for ourselves. It is a 750 metre long stretch of creek, which runs underground through one of the oldest cave systems in Western Australia. Many aboriginal rock paintings are present in the cave and it was a hideout of the aboriginal warrior, Jandamarra in 1897. Next, we head to Windjana Gorge, a huge gorge cut into the ranges over millennium to reveal beautiful scenery of high vertical cliffs, sandy beaches and meandering creek. We head off on a hike at Windjana of about 4km and often see freshwater crocodiles swimming in the clear waterholes. From Windjana Gorge we check out the Boab Prison Tree near Derby and then make our way into Broome. We normally arrive into Broome at around 6pm and head for Cable beach to soak up the last amazing sunset of the tour, your guide will then drop you at your accommodation.

Highlights: Windjana Gorge Derby Cable Beach Sunset

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 + 11: Broome

Free time in Broome. Relax at your accommodation (dorm accommodation included) around the pool or head to Cable Beach to work on the tan.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12: Broome to Karijini

Drive from Broome to Karijini Highlights. 80 Mile Beach Cable Beach Sunset Off-Road vehicle is required today to access 80 Mile Beach Drop off at Broome at accommodation

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13: Karijini National Park

We have 2 full days to explore what many people rate as their favourite Australian destination, Karijini National Park. Slot canyons, deep gorges and waterfalls abound in this outback oasis. Tour participants also have the opportunity to join a canyoning tour (at own expense) for 1 of these days, enabling them to explore some of the areas restricted to rope access only.

Highlights: Karijini National Park Off-Road vehicle is required today to access our Private Wilderness Camp

Camp: Private Wilderness Camp on both nights, Off-Road vehicle required to access camp

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14: Karijini National Park

Following on from day 13, stay and play in Karijini!

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15: Karijini to Exmouth

Today we say goodbye to the inland gorges of Karijini National Park and head for the Coast, specifically Exmouth. Arriving on the coast we head straight for our private bush camp located right on the water

Highlights: Karijini Off-Road vehicle is required today to access our Private Wilderness Camp

Camp: Private Wilderness Camp, Off-Road vehicle required to access camp

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16: Exmouth to Bush Camp near Yardie Creek

We spend the morning in the Exmouth Township with free time, you may choose to do a whale shark cruise if in season or simply go snorkelling from the beach. In the afternoon we will make our way around the peninsula to snorkel on the Reef at Turquoise Bay and then explore Yardie Creek. From this point most people turn around, not us, we cross the deep waters at the mouth of the Yardie Creek to access the unique Off-Road coastal track heading south. Our bush camp is not far away

Highlights: Exmouth

Camp: Bush Camp.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 17: Camp to Coral Bay

Afternoon free at Coral Bay, drive to beach camp

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 18: Coral Bay to Shark Bay

Today we head for Coral Bay along the Off-Road coastal track, few people do this route and it's a spectacular stretch of coastline. Arriving in Coral Bay in time for lunch, we have another free day of chillaxing or cruising with a boat operator on snorkelling trip. Note that this section of track can at times be closed for long periods if high water blocks Yardie Creek

Highlights: Coral Bay

Camp: Bush Camp.

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19: Shark Bay to Kalbarri

Dolphins in the morning – drive to Kalbarri Highlights. Kalbarri National Park Optional Abseiling (at own expense) Murchison Gorge & Z-Bend Off-Road vehicle is required today to drive on the beach and access our Campsite

Camp: National Park Campground - Off-Road vehicle required to access

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 20: Kalbarri to Perth

Kalbarri in the morning – drive to Perth

Highlights: Nambung National Park Pinnacles Desert Sandboarding

Meal(s) included: Breakfast, Lunch

What's included

9 Day Darwin the Broome Adventure.
3 nights dorm accommodation in Broome.
9 Day Broome to Perth Adventure.
All food on each tour.
All National Park entry fees.
All Camping fees.
4WD vehicle for bush and beach access.
Dedicated wildlife hiking guide.
Pick up and drop off at your accommodation.
All camping gear except sleeping bags.
Breakfast : Some
Lunch : All
Dinner : Some

What to bring

Sleeping Bag suitable for the conditions
Sturdy Shoes (hiking boots or runners)
Shoes you can wear in the water
Torch / Head Lamp
Refillable Water bottle
Swimmers & Towel
Hat & Sunglasses
Light, cotton long-sleeved shirt to cover up from the sun
Sun Screen / Insect repellent
Toiletries
iPod
Camera
Jumper / Pullover for night-time
Pillow

Teilnehmer: min 2 bis max. 13 Personen (Mindestalter 16 Jahre)

Transport: Geländewagen

Includierte Mahlzeiten: Frühstück, Mittagessen, Abendessen

Übernachtung: in freier Natur, Schlafsaalübernachtung im Hostel in Broome

Gepäck Limit: 15 kg, please bring a soft sided bag only

Rollstuhlgeeignet: nein

Geeignet für Menschen mit eingeschränkter Mobilität: nein (genauere Informationen auf Anfrage)

Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch