

Kimberley Highlights

~ Incl El Questro

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14 Days

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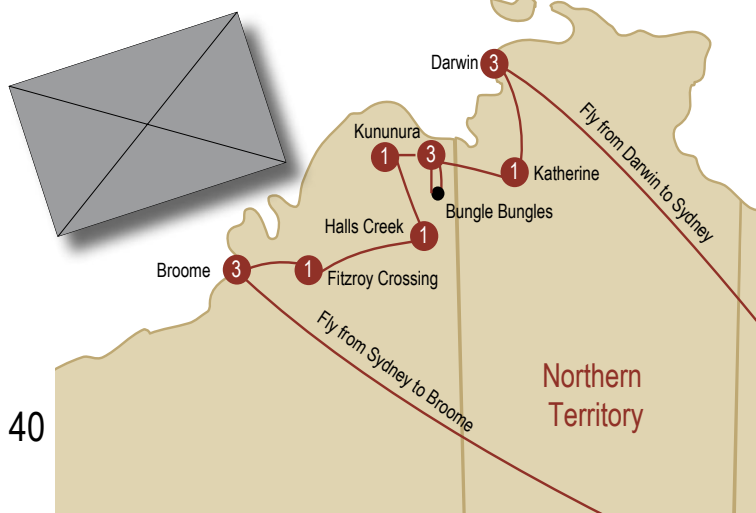
Highlights

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Exclusive Scenic Flight & 4WD Tour Cathedral Gorge

5 Cruises: Geikie Gorge, Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge), Chamberlain Gorge, Ord River & Lake Argyle;

3 Nights in Broome & Darwin



Day 1: Home—Broome (D)

Our coach will pick up between Newcastle and Hornsby as we make our way to the airport for our flight to Broome. Once in Broome our coach will meet us at the airport and take us to our resort accommodation near Town Beach.

[Oaks Broome 08 9192 9500](tel:0891929500) (3 nights)



Day 2: Broome (BD) lunch at own expense

We will be able to soak up the tropical atmosphere of this pearl lugging town with a visit to the **Pearl Luggers**, to be entertained with pearl diving stories, tragic and romantic. We will visit **Chinatown** for a stroll through the original bustling hub of Broome. Soak up the history or even purchase one of the local pearls. We will visit Broome's famous Cemetery where the large number of **Japanese Graves** remind us of the perils faced by the early divers. After lunch we will visit Broome's new wharf area which gives breathtaking views over **Roebuck Bay**. At **Gantheaume Point**, at low tide dinosaurs footprints can be seen as well as **Anastasia's Pool**. We return to our motel for dinner.

Day 3: Free Day In Broome (B)

Today you can enjoy the facilities of our resort, pampering yourself by the tropical pool or a swim at Cable Beach. Optional activities could include a camel ride, visit to Willie Creek Pearl Farm, or a Scenic Flight to Cape Leveque (attractions at own expense but can be pre-booked - call our office for details).

Day 4: Broome—Derby—Fitzroy Crossing (BLD)

We will have a final look at Broome, before heading north towards **Derby**, located on **King Sound**, with the highest ebb and flow tides in Australia. We will visit the **Prison Boab Tree**, with a girth of 14.7 metres and believed to be 1500 years old, before we have lunch. In the afternoon we will rejoin the highway and head towards Fitzroy Crossing, an ideal base to explore Geikie Gorge and the Fitzroy River System.

[Fitzroy Crossing Lodge 08 9191 5141](tel:0891915141)

Day 5: Fitzroy Crossing—Halls Creek (BLD)

We will head out through the flood plains of the Fitzroy River, towards **Geikie Gorge**, to enjoy a cruise. White limestone cliffs eroded and bleached by regular flooding, home to crocodiles and birdlife will be a highlight of this cruise. We will rejoin the Northern Highway and head towards **Halls Creek**. We will visit the unusual formation known as the **China Wall** an exposed quartz reef which runs for several kilometres.

[Comfort Inn Kimberley Hotel Halls Creek 08 9168 610](tel:089168610)

Day 6: Halls Creek—Emma Gorge El Questro

This morning we will travel east with a stop at Turkey Creek. After morning tea we will travel to **Chamberlain Gorge** for lunch and an afternoon cruise. This unique area of Australia has so much to offer and you will be dazzled by the landscape. After the cruise we check into our ensuited permanent tents for a stay in nature.

[El Questro Emma Gorge 08 9169 1777](tel:0891691777)



Day 7: Emma Gorge, El Questro—Kununurra (BD)

This morning is free for you to enjoy some time experiencing one of the many optional activities available at the resort, from guided Barramundi 4WD and helicopter fishing tours, to Zebedee Thermal Springs, and many ranger guided explorations of places such as the



Lost City at the top of the Gorge, Explosion Gorge, Hidden Falls and Branco's Lookout. The list of possibilities is inspirational! We will provide you with full pricing and information about these activities well before your tour to enable you to book an amazing experience well in advance of your arrival to ensure you are able to do what you wish to do. This afternoon we travel to Kununurra.

[Lakeside Kununurra Resort 08 9169 1092 \(3 nights\)](#)

Day 8: Bungle Bungles (Purnululu National Park) Exclusive Scenic Flight & 4WD Tour worth over \$1000 (BLD)

We will take a scenic flight to Purnululu (The Bungle Bungles), showcasing the vastness of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme and the Argyle Diamond Mine and the grandeur of the Purnululu beehive formations from the air. We will land in the jewel of this magnificent landscape whose remote location, has ensured it remains pristine and untouched. We will transfer into 4WDs to experience the Bungle Bungles. This is your opportunity to enjoy this pristine Wilderness Park, honoured by the World Heritage Committee for its "outstanding universal geological value" and "exceptional natural beauty". Our tour will take us within Cathedral Gorge, we will have the opportunity to photograph the beehives up close as well as walk into the Gorge. After lunch we will enjoy some time in the Bellburn camp before returning to Kununurra by air.



Day 5: Kununurra—Wyndham (BLD)

Today we will tour the local area, our first visit being to Wyndham, an early port used by pioneers, particularly the Duracks to export their cattle. From 5 Rivers Lookout we will have magnificent views over Cambridge Gulf. We will visit the Wharf Area and the local Sculpture Park before making our way to Lake Argyle. Here we will board our cruise to observe this vast waterway.

Day 10: Kununurra—Katherine (BLD)

Today we will leave WA and enjoy spectacular Kimberley Scenery. We will stop at the majestic Victoria River near Timber Creek and then make our way to Katherine.

[Knotts Crossing Resort 08 8972 2628](#)

Day 11: Katherine—Darwin (BLD)

Our visit will be to the beautiful Katherine Gorge (Nitmiluk), where we will join a cruise. Sheer walls of Ochre sandstone, crystal waters, aboriginal art and possibly a crocodile will be seen. We will head through to Pine Creek the old gold town for lunch.

An afternoon stop at Adelaide River War Cemetery tells the courage under adversity of World War II in the north. We will then head north into Darwin to our newly refurbished resort.

[Mirambeena Tourist Resort 08 8946 0111 \(3 nights\)](#)

Day 12: Darwin Sightseeing (BLD)

We will have an easy day exploring the North's largest city, our first visit being a visit to Darwin's impressive new Parliament House. We will visit Crocodylus Park, a world class research and education centre devoted to the world's crocodilians. We will be able to photograph the crocodiles feeding and to hold a baby crocodile. We will explore the city, visiting Darwin's Museum of the Northern Territory. We will have some free time before late afternoon, when we will visit Cullen Bay for a sunset cruise on Darwin Harbour. We will watch the sunset over Fannie Bay.

Day 13: Darwin—Wildlife Park & Berry Springs (BD) lunch at own expense 41

We will travel to Territory Wildlife Park, 400 hectares of natural bushland. This is not a traditional zoo. You will have an opportunity to explore a top end river system in the aquarium, walk through one of the largest bird aviaries in the southern hemisphere, discover the animals of the night in the nocturnal house, watch birdlife on the lagoon and enjoy the native trails.



Open air shuttle trains with commentaries allow you to enjoy the park attractions. After lunch we will have time for a dip in Berry Springs before we return to Darwin. On our return we will visit the Aviation Heritage Centre to learn about the Bombing of Darwin in WWII and our modern air force. This evening we will dine at a local seafood restaurant as we watch the sunset over Cullen Bay.

Day 14: Darwin—Home (B)

We will travel to Darwin Airport for our flight home to Sydney. Once at Sydney Airport, our coach will meet you, then drop off at Hornsby, and continue through to the Hunter.