

Kimberley Magic including El Questro

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30 June
28 July
11 Aug
2011
14 Days



Fly to Darwin and home from Broome or travel to Darwin on the Ghan (All Prices Quoted are Land Only)

Scenic Bungle Bungle Flight overnight stay 5 Cruises: Chamberlain Gorge (El Questro), Geikie Gorge, Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge), Ord River & Lake Argyle; 3 Nights in Broome & Darwin

Open air shuttle trains allow you to enjoy the park's attractions. After lunch we have time for a dip in **Berry Springs** before returning 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. Late afternoon we will visit **Cullen Bay** where we will join an **afternoon sunset cruise** on beautiful Darwin Harbour. We will enjoy our **dinner on the shore** as the sun sets over Fannie Bay.

Day 4: Darwin—Katherine (BLD)

Today we head towards **Adelaide River War Cemetery** for our first stop. Our lunch stop will be the old gold mining town of Pine Creek. We will then head to **Katherine Gorge (Nitmiluk) for a cruise**. Sheer walls of ochre sandstone, crystal waters, aboriginal art and possibly fresh water crocodiles may be glimpsed on this leisurely cruise. Our accommodation will be a resort at Katherine.

Knotts Crossing Resort 08 8972 2511

Day 5: Lake Argyle Cruise, Kununurra (BLD)

We will head west towards the **Victoria River** and the small settlement of Timber Creek. We will cross into Western Australia and make our way to **Lake Argyle**, Australia's largest man made lake. After lunch we will join **Triple J for their exhilarating boat cruise from Lake Argyle along the Ord River to Lake Kununurra**, watching for birdlife, flying foxes and crocodiles. We will watch a **magnificent sunset over Lake Kununurra** as we cruise to our motel's jetty to begin our Kimberley Experience.

Lakeside Kununurra Resort 08 9169 1092 (2 nights)

Day 6: Kununurra—Wyndham (BLD)

Today we will tour the local area, our first visit being to **Wyndham**, an early port used by the pioneers (particularly the Duracks), to export 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 we return to Kununurra. We will have lunch at **Zebra Rock Gallery**, only small deposits of this unusual rock remain due to the flooding of Lake Argyle. For those who want to explore (or perhaps buy some local diamonds!) we will give you shopping or free time for the remainder of the day.

Day 7: El Questro, Chamberlain Gorge Cruise (BLD)

We will head west towards Emma Gorge and El Questro for a relaxing **cruise to Chamberlain Gorge**. After lunch in the picnic area, we will have the remainder of the day to enjoy all this magnificent resort has to offer.

Day 1: Home—Darwin (meals on flight)

We will make our way to Sydney Airport via the Hunter, Tuggerah and Hornsby for our flight to Darwin. Airline meals will be included on our Qantas flights. We will meet those catching the Ghan at our **newly refurbished resort** near Darwin's Town Centre. Transfers to Central to meet the Ghan can be organised and paid for with your tour booking.

Mirambeena Tourist Resort 08 8946 0111 (3 nights)

Day 2: Darwin Sightseeing (BLD)

We will have an easy day exploring the North's largest city. Firstly we take a self-guided tour of Darwin's **impressive Parliament House**. Next a visit to **Crocodylus Park**, a world class research and education centre devoted to the world's crocodilians where we will be able to photograph the crocodiles feeding and to hold a baby crocodile. We visit **Darwin's Museum of the Northern Territory** before some free time in the city. To complete our day this evening we will dine at a local **seafood restaurant as we watch the sunset over Fannie Bay**.



Day 3: Wildlife Park & Berry Springs (BD)

We will travel to **Territory Wildlife Park**, 400 hectares of natural bushland. This is not a traditional zoo: you can 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.



There are **many optional activities** to choose from including: 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. **We can book your optional tours prior to your departure, so call us to organise bookings for you.**

El Questro Emma Gorge 08 9169 177



Day 8: Scenic Flight & 4WD tour of Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle Ranges) (BLD)

We will take a scenic flight to Purnululu (Bungle Bungle Ranges), 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. Its remote location has ensured it remains pristine and untouched. We transfer into **4WDs to experience the Bungle Bungles up close.** Enjoy this pristine Wilderness Park, honoured by the World Heritage Committee for its "outstanding universal geological value" and "exceptional natural beauty". Starting with Cathedral Gorge, we will have the opportunity to photograph the beehives up close and walk into the Gorge.

Bellburn Camp Bungle Bungles



Day 9: Purnululu (Bungle Bungle Ranges—Halls Creek) (BLD)

This morning we will enjoy a 4WD tour to Echidna Chasm. After lunch we will leave this unique park and return to our coach and travel through to Halls Creek, the site of WA's first gold rush.

Comfort Inn Kimberley Hotel Halls Creek 08 9168 6101

Day 10: Halls Creek—Fitzroy Crossing (BLD)

We will visit the unusual formation known as the **China Wall**, an exposed quartz reef which runs for several kilometres. We will travel through the flood plains of the **Fitzroy River** to enjoy a cruise on **Geikie Gorge**.

The cruise is one of the highlights of the tour as we cruise in awe of the white limestone cliff walls, bleached by regular flooding. Water birds and fresh water crocodiles will be glimpsed along the edge of the river.

Fitzroy Crossing Lodge 08 9191 5141

Day 11: Fitzroy Crossing—Broome (BLD)

We will depart Fitzroy Crossing and head west towards **Derby** located on **King Sound**. We will tour the wharf area where Australia's largest ebb and flow of tides is evident. We will then look at the **Prison Boab Tree**, with a girth of 14.7 metres which is believed to be 1500 years old. After lunch we rejoin the highway and travel towards Broome for our resort accommodation

Roebuck Bay and the town centre.
Oaks Broome 08 9192 9500 (3 nights)



Day 12: Broome (BD) lunch at own expense

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A visit to the **Pearl Luggers Museum** will tell us of the wild days in this remote pearling town. We will be reminded of the dangers involved in the early industry. Then we will visit **Chinatown** for a stroll through the original bustling hub of Broome where you will have time to purchase lunch. You will also have time to soak up the history or even purchase one of the local pearls. Our next stop will be **Gantheaume Point**, where during low tide, dinosaur footprints can be seen as well as **Anastasia's Pool**. We will head towards Cable Beach, famous for its 22km of glistening white sand and turquoise tropical water. There will be time for a swim before enjoying refreshments as the sun sets over Cable Beach, the more adventurous may take a camel ride (own expense).

Day 12: Free Day in Broome (B)

Today you can enjoy the facilities of our resort, pampering yourself in the tropical pool or go for a swim at Cable Beach. **Optional activities** could include a camel ride, visit to Willie Creek Pearl Farm, Sailing Boat Adventure or a Scenic Flight to Cape Leveque (attractions at own expense, but can be booked before you depart on your tour - call our office for details). Tonight should be an ideal time to observe the Stairway to the Moon as the tide should be right but will depend on the weather.

Day 14: Broome—Home (B)

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 a farewell morning tea at the **Town Beach**, we will make our way to the airport for our flight back to Sydney where our coach will meet you and drop off passengers en route from Hornsby to Thornton.