

13 Day Jewels of the Kimberley: Outback Spirit Adventure | 2024

Broome - Kununurra - Berkeley River - Bungle Bungles - El Questro
Wilderness Park - Darwin - Horizontal Falls

From **\$13,650** pp Twin Share



Experience the incredible Kimberley region in five-star style & comfort

Cruise Geikie Gorge on the mighty Fitzroy River

Spend 2 nights at El Questro and discover Zebedee Thermal Springs

Discover the Mitchell Plateau, spend 2 nights at a luxury safari camp and
much more!

Description



On sale for a limited time - must book by 1st December!

Immerse yourself in nature on this ultimate Kimberley exploration: from Broome to Darwin, you will experience the spectacular King George Falls, Horizontal Falls by seaplane, the mighty Fitzroy River, the infamous Gibb River Road, scenic helicopter flights, the iconic Bungle Bungles, Windjana Gorge, El Questro and more. Paired with stunning and unique stays across the region, guests can expect the highest level of service and comfort combined with some of Australia's most amazing sights.

Enjoy unsurpassed access to the incredible Kimberley region, thanks to a network of unique wilderness lodges and local partnerships. Explore the furthest corners of Kimberley that many travellers simply can't get to.

Travel in 5-star comfort aboard 4WD Mercedes Benz coaches, with reclining coach seats, ample legroom, air-conditioning, restroom & television, and enjoy a small group size of like-minded adventurers, with guides and drivers chosen for their experience and passion.



Itinerary

Day 1

Broome - Your adventure begins!

Today you'll be met upon your arrival at Broome airport by your Outback Spirit tour driver. From here, we'll head to the iconic Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa and check in to our luxurious garden view rooms, our home for the next two nights. Enjoy a free afternoon to settle in before a welcome dinner overlooking the beautiful sunset.

Accommodation: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa

Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Broome

Our day starts on a high with a sensational half day adventure to the Horizontal Falls. Described by Sir David Attenborough as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world', the falls are created when the 2nd largest tides in the world hurtle through two narrow coastal gorges.

First up, join us for a town tour of Broome or relax at the resort until you are collected for your Horizontal Falls adventure.

Enjoy a 60-minute seaplane flight and land on the calm waters of Talbot Bay in the Buccaneer Archipelago. Then, board one of their power boats for an exciting ride through the wider gap of the Horizontal Falls. You'll hear from their expert skipper on the unique geological structures that have formed to create the Horizontal Falls while admiring the amazing azure waters that wash around you. We'll also cruise some of the surrounding bays and creeks and have a bite to eat on their floating pontoon. Learn from their experienced Pontoon crew about rich local marine life and have a refreshing swim in Talbot Bay waters in a safety of their partly-submerged marine viewing platform before returning to Broome. Tonight, we gather for dinner at the Sunset Bar & Grill.

Accommodation: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Note: Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures seaplanes are governed by individual guests' weight and therefore all guests must declare their accurate weights (with clothes on) at the time of booking. All guests are weighed upon boarding for weight verification and safe loading of the aircraft. In addition to the individual weights, they also have an upper weight limit of no more than 120kg.

Day 3

Broome to Fitzroy River Lodge

Today we depart Broome and head for Derby. Enjoy a look around town and visit the Boab Prison Tree before joining the start of the Gibb River Road. From here we travel east before turning off the Gibb and heading into Windjana Gorge, one of the most spectacular gorges in the Kimberley. In places, the water-streaked walls rise majestically to stand 100 metres above the floodplain. Your guide will take you on a walk through the Gorge and give you an insight into the history and geology of the area. This afternoon we visit Tunnel Creek National Park, where you can take a fascinating underground river walk.

We then continue to Fitzroy Crossing, arriving late-afternoon where we check in to the Fitzroy River Lodge.

Accommodation: Fitzroy River Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**We recommend packing water/reef shoes to take part in the Tunnel Creek walk*

Day 4

Fitzroy River to the Bungle Bungles.

Nature and geology lovers will delight as we head into Geikie Gorge National Park for a 1-hour cruise on the Fitzroy River, winding through ancient limestone where fossils are embedded in the walls of the gorge. Then, return to Fitzroy Crossing before heading further east to Halls Creek. After lunch we continue along the Great Northern Highway to the turnoff in to the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungles). Enjoy two nights at the Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge, owned by Outback Spirit in partnership with Aviair/HeliSpirit. The lodge features comfortable cabins with ensuite bathrooms.

Accommodation: Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 5

Exploring Purnululu

Today we explore the wonders of Purnululu, including its unique orange and black beehive shaped domes. First up, enjoy a breathtaking 18-minute scenic helicopter flight over the park with a bird's eye view of its astounding natural features. This flight is valued at \$299 and is now included in the tour fare for 2019! Afterwards, enjoy a walk along Piccaninny Creek to the mind boggling natural amphitheatre of Cathedral Gorge. Then, follow the 'dome trail' for a closer inspection of the Park's unique geological formations.

This afternoon we'll head to the northern region of the Bungle Bungles to visit Echidna Chasm before returning to the lodge.

Accommodation: Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 6

Kununurra

Today we farewell the Bungle Bungles and travel north to Wyndham. Enjoy a visit to the spectacular Five Rivers Lookout, with dramatic views over Cambridge Gulf. After a picnic lunch we make our way to Kununurra and check in to the centrally located Kununurra Country Club for our overnight stay. The rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure.

Accommodation: Kununurra Country Club Resort

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 7

Ord River to El Questro

This morning we head to the banks of Lake Kununurra to board our sensational three-hour cruise up the Ord River. Enjoy the mesmerising scenery and diverse wildlife as your skipper takes you upstream to Lake Argyle, with expert commentary along the way. Once we reach the dam wall we board our coach and return to Kununurra by road, stopping off at the Argyle Homestead Museum along the way. Located at the base of the Cockburn Range, our home for the next two nights is Emma Gorge Resort, where we stay in unique tented cabins.

Accommodation: Emma Gorge Resort

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 8

El Questro

This morning we head deeper into this iconic Kimberley wilderness park to Chamberlain Gorge, a beautiful three-kilometre-long fresh waterhole bound by towering escarpment. Enjoy a 90-minute gorge cruise and feed some of the cheeky Archerfish before returning to Emma Gorge Resort via the Station township.

After lunch, enjoy a guided walk up to the stunning Emma Gorge waterfall (2.5 hours return – a good level of fitness required, but well worth it.). Enjoy a swim in the large rock pool at the base of the falls and marvel at the beauty of the gorge, one of the best in the Kimberley. Upon returning to the resort, the rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure before re-grouping for dinner.

Accommodation: Emma Gorge Resort

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 9

Zebedee Springs to Drysdale via the Gibb River Road

You'd be hard pressed to find a better way to start the day than a swim in the warm, crystal clear waters of Zebedee Thermal Springs. We'll spend a relaxing morning here before resuming our journey west along the Gibb River Road.

Cross the mighty Pentecost River and continue past Ellenbrae Station to the 'Y' junction. From here we follow the Kalumburu Road to Drysdale River Station, which runs 9,000 head of cattle across more than 1 million acres. We spend the night here in comfortable station cabins with private ensuite bathrooms.

Accommodation: Drysdale River Station

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 10

Gibb River Road – Drysdale – Mitchell Plateau

This morning we continue north along the Kalumburu Road before turning onto the Mitchell Plateau track. After fording the King Edward River we'll visit a series of spectacular Wanjinna rock art galleries, known as some of the best in the Kimberley.

After a picnic lunch we drive through an ancient Livistona Palm forest before arriving on the Mitchell Plateau mid-afternoon.

Featuring deluxe Safari Suites with ensuite bathrooms, quality furnishings and large balconies, Outback Spirit's Ngauwudu Safari Camp is the most luxurious and spacious accommodation on the Mitchell Plateau. Built exclusively for Outback Spirit guests, it's truly a magical spot to spend the next two nights of our adventure and the ideal base from which to discover the Mitchell Plateau and Mitchell Falls.

This afternoon, take a dip in the camp's private palm fringed waterhole or simply relax in your safari suite. Enjoy a drink around the campfire at sunset before retreating to the restaurant for dinner.

Accommodation: Ngauwudu Safari Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 11

Mitchell Falls

A big walk today, but also a big highlight! After a short drive to the ranger station we'll set off on a guided 4km walking tour to the incredible Mitchell Falls (good level of fitness and mobility required). Along the way we'll discover rarely seen Gwion and Wanjinna rock art galleries, accompanied by a local expert guide from Kandiwal Community. The walk also takes us past Mertens Falls before arriving at the top of the Mitchell Falls, one of the most awe-inspiring wonders of the Kimberley.

After a picnic lunch and enough time to admire the falls we'll take to the skies for a spectacular helicopter flight (included) back to where the walk started. Viewing the falls and surrounding landscape from the air is an absolute highlight, and a great way to finish off the experience. Once we're on the ground at the ranger station, we return to the camp for a well-earned rest and perhaps a swim in the palm fringed creek.

Accommodation: Ngauwudu Safari Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Note: For passengers not wishing to do the Mitchell Falls walk there is an option to fly down by helicopter. An Outback Spirit guide will still escort you. The flight cost is \$179.00 per person (own expense). Please note: Weight limits apply to all scenic flights

Day 12

Darwin

This morning we head to the Mitchell Plateau airstrip for our scenic flight to Darwin. Our aircraft for the morning is Outback Spirit's state-of-the-art Cessna Grand Caravan, featuring a high wing for excellent visibility, air-conditioning and turbine reliability. Head east to Joseph Bonaparte Gulf before hugging the coastline to Darwin, arriving early in the afternoon. We then check in to the Hilton Garden Inn on the Esplanade, where the rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure.

Tonight, enjoy our final dinner together and celebrate a wonderful Kimberley adventure.

Accommodation: Hilton Garden Inn

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 13

Darwin

Today your tour concludes. You may wish to join us for a city tour, including a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory or alternatively, you can spend the morning at your leisure. You will then be transferred to the airport or accommodation if staying on.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

Kimberley Tour

- Small Group Size - max. 20
- All meals including all breakfasts, lunches and dinners while on tour
- All attraction, entry and cruise fees
- 2 nights at the luxurious and exclusive Ngauwudu Safari Camp
- 12 nights of exceptional hotel, resort, safari camp and lodge accommodation all with en-suite facilities while on tour
- Two spectacular scenic helicopter flights at the Mitchell Falls and Bungle Bungles
- Travel aboard a state-of-the-art 5 star 4WD Mercedes Benz vehicle
- Escorted by an experienced and professional Tour Driver / Guide

Accommodation

- Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa
- Fitzroy River Lodge
- Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge
- Kununurra Country Club Resort
- Emma Gorge Resort
- Ngauwudu Safari Camp
- Drysdale River Station
- Hilton Garden Inn Darwin

Child Policy: Guests on this package must be 18 years and over.

Single Supplement: Contact us for an accurate price if you wish to travel solo.

Arrive Early or Stay Late: Looking to arrive early, stay late or add on some extras? Call on 1300 893 404 or email us at info@traveldream.com.au to inquire.

Exclusions

- Flights at the beginning and end of your trip
- Travel insurance
- Some meals not mentioned
- Personal expenses
- Tipping/gratuities

Important information:

Smoking policy: Our vessels and vehicles are all entirely smoke free in accordance with relevant state and territory government regulations. Passengers are not to smoke (including e-cigarettes) while on board.

Seat Allocations: Seat allocations on board the vehicles operate with a daily seat rotation system to ensure passengers enjoy different seating positions whilst on tour.



Safety: Passengers accept that tours include participation in Recreational Services and Recreational Activities which may involve certain risks and dangers beyond our control. Such activities containing risks include but are not limited to: bush walking, swimming, and travelling in remote undeveloped locations. The passenger acknowledges that all Recreational Services and Recreational Activities in connection with the journey are undertaken of the passenger's own free will and at the passenger's own risk.

Passengers will not be permitted to continue on tours when in the opinion of the Tour Leader, the passenger's conduct or condition is placing their own or the safety of other passengers at risk, or is adversely affecting the enjoyment of other passengers; for whatever cause.

Health & mobility: there may be some activities such as walks, entering and exiting boats and aircraft and the heat that require a moderate level of fitness. Due to space restrictions aboard our coaches, we are unable to accommodate passengers who require the use of wheelchairs or walkers. Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair ramps or lifters. Passengers requiring physical or mental assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is willing and capable of providing such assistance.