

10 Day Darwin to Broome 4WD Kimberley safari

Day 1 (L)

You will be collected from your hotel at 7am this morning to begin your 10 day 4WD safari through the Kimberley region.

We head south, along the Stuart Highway to Katherine and after some free time in the town, we continue west. En-route, we can stop to view the Victoria River, one of the largest tidal influenced rivers in the Territory with an abundance of saltwater crocodiles.

We cross through the border into Western Australia and onto Lake Argyle, Australia's largest man-made lake, covering 1000sq km and built as part of the Ord River scheme. It offers a great expanse of water from which steep red rocky slopes reach up approximately a 150m, in awe-inspiring grandeur.

Overnight accommodation - Lake Argyle Resort, in en-suite rooms

Day 2 (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we head out to Lake Argyle for a 2 hour morning cruise. Take in the untamed landscape of the magnificent Carr Boyd Ranges along the inaccessible North Western shoreline as you cruise through some of Lake Argyle's 90 islands and inlets.

Then we pop into Kununurra to collect fresh supplies (due to border restrictions) and for a look around before heading south to the Bungle Bungles.

Purnululu National park (the Bungle Bungles) is famous for the ancient range of unusual beehive-shaped domes, gorges and chasms over 350 million years old. The section of road into the park is quite challenging and will give you a real sense of off-road adventure !

Overnight accommodation – Cabin with en-suite in the Bungle Bungles (2 night stay).

Day 3 (B,L,D)

We spend today in the Bungle Bungles. Our first stop in the park is Cathedral Gorge, a huge natural amphitheatre, with fantastic acoustics. We then take the walk to the Piccininy Lookout, followed by the "Domes trail walk".

This afternoon we take a walk into Echidna Chasm, which is a narrow gorge of conglomerate rock. The walk is beautiful, passing endemic Livistonia palms.

There's time today for optional helicopter flights (additional cost).

Overnight accommodation – Cabin with en-suite in the Bungle Bungles

Day 4 (B,L)

After breakfast, we leave the Bungle Bungles and head north again, to Emma Gorge, part of El Questro Wilderness Park, which is a million acres in size.

En-route, we visit the beautiful Parys Lagoon, which offers excellent bird watching in the comfort of the purpose built bird hide or from one of the walkways. We also stop to enjoy the breathtaking views from Telegraph Hill, over the billabong and wetlands.

Overnight accommodation – Emma Gorge Resort, in tented cabins with en-suites (2 night stay).

Day 5 (B,L)

We start today with a dip at the Zebedee Springs thermal pools, set amongst palm trees.

Then we drive to the station and you have some time to take an optional extra walk, bird watch, swim in the station rockpools or simply relax.

We head back to Emma Gorge for lunch and this afternoon you can take the walk to the beautiful Emma Gorge and waterfall, at your leisure. A cool reward awaits you at the end of the walk in, where you can swim at Emma Gorge pool and the 200ft waterfall that is fed from a series of natural springs high above the plateau of the Cockburn Range.

Overnight accommodation – Emma Gorge Resort, in tented cabins with en-suites

Day 6 (B,L,D)

Leaving Emma Gorge, we head onto the Gibb River Road and we'll drive through the Pentecost River to a lookout, for fantastic views of the river and the mighty Cockburn Range.

We'll also view an art site of cuples, Wanjana figures and Petroglyphs (rock carvings). This is also where the local Aboriginal people used to shelter and sharpen their spears.

We turn onto the Kalumburu Road and make our way to Drysdale River Station.

Overnight accommodation – Drysdale River Station, in station rooms with shared bathroom facilities, on a DBB basis

***upgrade to en-suites rooms may be available for an extra charge*

Day 7 (B,L,D)

This morning you have the option (additional cost) of taking a spectacular 2 hour flight over Mitchell Falls and the Kimberley coast.

Your flight takes you past Mt Hann, Deep Gorge and the Rift, then over the magnificent Prince Regent Nature Reserve. Follow the Prince Regent River, fly over unnamed waterfalls, King Cascades, St George Basin, Mt Trafalgar, Prince Frederick Harbour, the Hunter River, Donkins Hill Falls and the spectacular Mitchell Falls. The vast beautiful unspoilt coastline of the wilderness nature reserve is always a heart winner. You may even be lucky enough see crocodiles, dugong and whales.

Those not taking the scenic flight can enjoy a swim at nearby Miners Pool.

Our destination today is Mt Elizabeth Station, a working cattle station, established in 1945 by the pioneering Lacey Family. En-route we visit an art site in the Gibb River area.

Once we've checked into our Mt Elizabeth accommodation, you should have a couple of hours to take the station nature walk or relax and enjoy your surrounds, before dinner.

Overnight accommodation – station rooms with shared bathroom facilities at Mt. Elizabeth Station, on a DBB basis

*** en-suite rooms are also available for an extra charge. Please note that en-suite rooms are available with double beds only (no twin bedded en-suite rooms).*

Day 8 (B,L)

Our first stop this morning is Galvans Gorge, where a short walk leads to a pretty gorge and plungepool, surrounded by boab trees. It also has some interesting rock art.

We continue west to Bell Gorge, which is said to be the most picturesque gorge in the Kimberley. We have lunch here and spend the rest of the afternoon swimming and relaxing at the waterfall and plungepool.

Then we'll make our way through the Napier and King Leopold Ranges to our accommodation

Overnight accommodation – Motel room with en-suite in Derby

While this seems to be a bit of a backtrack, it's the same time frame to Derby as it would be to Mt Hart, our previous accommodation, due to road conditions. In Derby, we get mobile reception and en-suites

Day 9 (B,L)

Today we pass through the King Leopold and Napier Ranges to Windjana Gorge, part of an ancient Devonian reef system where the Lennard River has cut through the Napier range. We take a walk into Windjana gorge to view the fossilised reef system and freshwater crocodiles can often be seen lazing around on the river banks.

Then onto Tunnel Creek, a 750m long limestone tunnel in the Napier Range, carved into the rock over thousands of years. As you walk through the tunnel, view stalactites and stalactites and hear the story of Jandamarra, who used the tunnel as a hideout in the late 1800's.

Overnight accommodation – air- conditioned safari lodges with en-suites at Fitzroy River Lodge

Day 10 (B,L)

Start today with a ranger lead boat cruise through Geike Gorge, where flood waters of the Fitzroy River have carved the 30-metre-deep Gorge through the limestone at the junction of the Oscar and Geike Ranges.

In the dry season, the river transforms itself into a quiet stream strung out beneath the towering cliffs of the Devonian reef. Here, layers of fossils and the limestone strata of an ancient reef are exposed in cross section, showing glimpses of life in the Devonian period before reptiles or mammals evolved.

After the cruise we continue our journey to Broome, with a stop en-route at Willaire.

We arrive into Broome in the early evening and you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

END ITINERARY

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

In 2019, this tour departs Darwin to Broome on 14 May and Broome to Darwin on 27th May, subject to availability

AUD \$6195 per adult twin share

\$5895 per child (age 10 - 15 years) twin share

\$7395 per person single

****solo travellers must have single accommodation unless twin share of the same sex can be found. Solo travellers can also request single room and pay single supplement****

Maximum 15 passengers

Inclusions:

- Seat in 26 seater 4WD tour coach, with professional driver guide
- Most meals, as stated.
- Accommodation, as listed
- Entry fees and El Questro Wilderness pass
- Lake Argyle cruise
- Geike Gorge cruise

Exclusions:

- Arrival/departure flights
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Upgrades to alternative accommodation while on tour- extra charge is involved and they're subject to availability
- Extra optional activities, such as Bungle Bungles helicopter flight and the Mitchell Falls scenic flight (please request the flights upon booking to avoid disappointment).
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Itinerary is exclusive to Sacred Earth Safaris and is subject to availability, road, weather and cultural conditions