



11 Day Broome to Darwin 4WD Kimberley Safari

Day 1 (L,D)

You will be collected from your hotel at 7.30am this morning to begin your 11 day 4WD safari through the Kimberley region.

We head north towards Derby and stop to look at the boab prison tree, before heading onto the Gibb River Road. Our destination today is Windjana Gorge, where we'll have a picnic lunch.

The afternoon is spent exploring Tunnel Creek, a 750m long limestone tunnel in the Napier Range, carved into the rock over thousands of years. View stalactites and stalacmites and hear the story of Jandamarra, who used the tunnel as a hideout in the late 1800's.

Back to Windjana Gorge for sunset and dinner.

Overnight mobile camp- Windjana Gorge campground, with toilets and showers

Day 2 (B,L,D)

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

Then we'll make our way through the Napier and King Leopold Ranges to Bell Gorge, believed to be the most picturesque in the Kimberley. En-route we stop to look at the King Leopold Range lookout, which offers great photo opportunities.

We have lunch at Bell Gorge and spend the rest of the afternoon swimming and relaxing at the waterfall.

Overnight mobile camp – Silent Grove campground at Bell Gorge, with toilets and showers

Day 3 (B,L,D)

This morning we travel to Galvans gorge, a small picturesque gorge, surrounded by boab trees. It has some interesting rock art and is a great place for a relaxing swim.

We continue to Manning Gorge, where we can have another swim and relax at the gorge.

Turning north onto the Kalumburu road, our destination this afternoon is Drysdale and en-route we stop on the banks of the Gibb River.

Overnight mobile camp – Drysdale Station campground, with toilets and showers

****upgrade to rooms with en-suites and air con may be available for an extra charge- please enquire when booking to avoid disappointment****

Day 4 (B,L,D)

We head north today., we continue north to King Edward River, where we view 2 unique art sites and a burial site. Your guide will interpret these art sites, of Gwion (Bradshaw), Wanjana figures, Thylacine and other contemporary styles and will explain their significance.

We set up camp and there's plenty of time for a swim before dinner.

Overnight remote mobile camp - on the banks of the King Edward River, with toilets only. Swimming is available (2 night stay).

Day 5 (B,L,D)

Today is spent swimming and exploring in the Mitchell Falls area. On our 3km walk into the falls, we'll visit Little and Big Mertens Falls, 2 rock art sites and delve into some bushtuckers and medicines.

The rest of the day is spent swimming and relaxing at Mitchell Falls, a three-tiered waterfall cascading over the plateau's edge and into the Mitchell River.

We'll take a short helicopter ride back to the car park enjoying the amazing views on the way and then make our way back to camp.

Overnight remote mobile camp - on the banks of the King Edward River, with toilets only. Swimming is available.

Day 6 (B,L,D)

We drive back down the Kalumburu Road today and our destination is Home Valley Station. En-route, we'll stop at a lookout, for fantastic views of the Pentecost River and the mighty Cockburn Range.

Home Valley is a working cattle station and there are a range of optional activities available (own expense) including fishing, birdwatching, horseriding and canoeing.

Or you can choose to explore the station on your own or with your Sacred Earth Safaris guide.

Dustys Bar and Grill is a great spot for a drink after dinner and guests can settle around the campfire for storytelling and stargazing.

Overnight camp – Home Valley Station- on the banks of the Pentecost River

****upgrades to Grass Castles, Eco Tents or Guesthouse rooms may be available for an extra charge- please enquire when booking to avoid disappointment****

Day 7 (B,L,D)

Today we drive through the Pentecost River, to El Questro Wilderness Park, which is a million acres in size.

En-route, we take a walk into the beautiful Emma Gorge. A cool reward awaits you at the end of the walk, 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.

We arrive at El Questro and after setting up camp, there's the opportunity for a swim in the rockpools close to camp.

Overnight mobile camp - El Questro campground, with toilets and showers (2 night stay)

****upgrade to station bungalows may be available for an extra charge- please enquire when booking to avoid disappointment****

Day 8 (B,L,D)

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

We then leave El Questro and visit an Aboriginal art site, which consists of East Kimberley peg figures, Wandjina figures and contemporary styles.

The beautiful Parrys Lagoon is our next stop and it's a haven for birds and wildlife.

And then we head 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.

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

Overnight permanent camp - Bungle Bungles campground, in fixed tents with proper beds and shared facilities (2 night stay).

****upgrade to fixed tents with en-suites may be available for an extra charge- please enquire when booking to avoid disappointment****

Day 9 (B,L,D)

We spend today in the Bungle Bungles. The section of road into the park is quite challenging and will give you a real sense of off-road adventure !

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 in is beautiful, passing endemic livistonia palms.

Overnight permanent camp - Bungle Bungles campground, in fixed tents with proper beds and shared facilities

Day 10 (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we leave the Bungle Bungles and head towards Kununurra and onto Lake Argyle.

Lake Argyle is 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 150m, in awe-inspiring grandeur.

This afternoon we take the sunset cruise on the lake, where you will cruise through some of the 90 islands and inlets and take in the magnificent scenery of the Carr Boyd Ranges. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and nibbles as the sun sets over the rugged red cliffs and azure blue water.

For our final evening together as a group, we have dinner in the restaurant at Lake Argyle.

Overnight permanent camp - Lake Argyle Resort, in fixed tents with proper beds and shared facilities

Day 11 (B,L)

This morning we have a cooked breakfast.

Then we start our journey towards Darwin, passing through the border into the Northern Territory and travelling through Timber Creek and Gregory National Park.

We stop to view the Victoria River, one of the largest tidal influenced rivers in the Territory with an abundance of saltwater crocodiles.

After a short break in Katherine, we head north towards Darwin, arriving at approximately 5.30pm and you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

END ITINERARY

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

In **2014**, this tour also departs Broome to Darwin on the following fridays, subject to availability :

16th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 5th September

In **2014**, this tour departs Darwin to Broome, on the following Saturdays subject to availability :

3rd May, 31st May, 28th June, 26th July, 23rd August

AUD \$5495 per adult twin share

\$5245 per child (age 10- 15 years) twin share

\$5750 per person single room / tent

Early Bird Discount for this tour : Book a 2014 tour with us before 31st Dec 2013 and receive a **\$300 per person discount**. Price - **WAS \$5495pp** twin share and \$5750pp single room / tent.

With discount= **NOW \$5195pp** twin share and \$5450 single room / tent

No further discounts apply

solo travellers must have single room / tent

IN 2014 SCHEDULED KIMBERLEY TOURS INCLUDE A CAMP HOST !

Maximum 10 passengers

Prices valid until March 31st 2015

Inclusions:

- Seat in OKA 4WD vehicle, with professional driver guide, camp host & purpose built heavy duty trailer
- Meals, as stated, including 1 restaurant dinner and 1 restaurant breakfast.
- Camping equipment hire - Oztent 30 second tent, stretcher bed and swag with mattress and linen.
- Camping fees
- Entry fees and El Questro Wilderness pass
- Helicopter flight over Mitchell Falls
- Lake Argyle cruise
- 3 nights in permanent safari tents (fixed tents)

please note that for 3rd May departure from Darwin, Lake Argyle Resort is unavailable so accommodation will be provided in Kununurra instead

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 (please request the helicopter flight upon booking to avoid disappointment). 30 mins is approx. \$300pp

Itinerary is exclusive to Sacred Earth Safaris and is subject to availability, road, weather and cultural conditions