



9 Day Broome to Broome 4WD Kimberley Safari

Day 1 (L,D)

You will be collected from your hotel at 6.30am this morning to begin your private 9 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 and can 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.

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.

Overnight accommodation –Mt. Hart Wilderness Lodge- in fixed safari tents with proper beds and en-suites, on a DBB basis

Day 2 (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we 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 can swim and relax at the stunning waterfall and plungepool.

Then we travel to Galvans gorge, where a short walk leads to a pretty gorge and plungepool, surrounded by boab trees. It also has some interesting rock art.

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

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

**note- no rooms at Mt Elizabeth have en-suites- they only have the shared bathrooms option **

Day 3 (B,L,D)

This morning we travel the Kalumburu Road to Drysdale River Station.

This afternoon 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.

Overnight accommodation – Drysdale River Station, in station rooms with shared bathroom facilities between every 2 rooms, on a DBB basis

Day 4 (B,L)

Our destination today is Emma Gorge, part of the El Questro Wilderness Park, which is a million acres in size.

En-route we'll 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'll also stop at a lookout, for fantastic views of the Pentecost River and the mighty Cockburn Range, before driving through the river.

We reach Emma Gorge, check in and then you are free to take the walk to the gorge itself, 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, permanent tented cabins with en-suites

Day 5 (B,L)

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

Departing El Questro, we make our way to the beautiful Parrys 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.

We also head to Wyndham and drive up the bastion to take in the sensational views of the 5 rivers lookout and the Cambridge Gulf.

Our destination this afternoon is 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 150m, in awe-inspiring grandeur.

Overnight accommodation- standard rooms with en-suites at Lake Argyle Resort

Day 6 (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 for a couple of hours free time, before heading south to the Bungle Bungles. We can take a look at the Zebra Rock Gallery, Hidden Valley NP and the Kellys Knob Lookout or your choice of sights.

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.

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

Day 7 (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 Piccininny 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 safari tents with proper beds and en-suites

Day 8 (B,L,D)

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

We head west along the Great Northern Highway towards Fitzroy Crossing. This drive will take the best part of the day.

Overnight accommodation- Fitzroy River Lodge, safari lodges with en-suites, on a DBB basis

Day 9 (B,L)

This morning you'll take the 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 Geikie 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.

The last leg of our journey takes us back into Broome and you will be dropped off at your accommodation in the late afternoon.

END ITINERARY

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

AUD \$4745 per person, twin share

Itinerary is exclusive to Sacred Earth Safaris, subject to availability road, weather and cultural conditions. Price is based on 12 adults travelling **and only 2 seats remain**. One-off departure only on 25th July 2015

Inclusions:

- Sole use of OKA 4WD Tour bus, with professional driver guide & purpose built heavy duty trailer
- Most meals, as stated.
- Accommodation, as listed
- Entry fees and El Questro Wilderness pass
- Lake Argyle cruise
- Geike Gorge cruise

Exclusions:

- Arrival/departure flights into Broome
- Travel insurance
- Alcohol
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Extra optional activities, such as Bungle Bungles helicopter flight (please request the flights upon booking to avoid disappointment). 2014 prices were : 30 mins- 2 pax= \$435pp, 3 pax=\$290pp. 40 mins- 2 pax= \$600pp, 3 pax=\$390pp
- Mitchell Falls and Kimberley Coast scenic flight- \$399pp for 4 or 5 passengers, \$549pp for 3 passengers and \$789pp for 2 passengers. They try to get other people to fill the plane up and make the flights cheaper for everyone but there are no guarantees.