



## **9 Day Broome to Darwin 4WD Kimberley Safari**

### **Day 1 (L,D)**

You will be collected from your hotel at 6am this morning to begin your 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 – en-suite safari tents at Mt. Hart Wilderness Lodge, 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.

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

### **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, on a DBB basis

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

### **Day 4 (B,L)**

Our destination today 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.

Overnight permanent safari camp – El Questro station campground, in fixed safari tents with proper beds, power and shared bathroom facilities (2 night stay).

*\*\*upgrade to en-suited Garden View station rooms may be available for an extra charge*

### **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 beautiful Emma Gorge. 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.

After lunch, we drive back to the station and the remainder of the afternoon is free for you to take an optional extra walk, bird watch, swim in the station rockpools or simply relax.

Overnight permanent safari camp – El Questro station campground, in fixed safari tents with proper beds, power and shared bathroom facilities

### **Day 6 (B,L,D)**

This morning we depart El Questro for 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.

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. 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 7 (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 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.

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

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

### **Day 8 (B,L)**

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.

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

## Day 9 (B,L)

After breakfast, 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 2017, this tour departs Broome to Darwin on the following dates, subject to availability :

1<sup>st</sup> June

22<sup>nd</sup> August

There are currently no dates for Darwin to Broome in 2017

AUD \$5495 per adult twin share

\$5195 per child (age 10 - 15 years) twin share

\$6595 per person single

**\*\*solo travellers must have single safari tent / room unless twin share of the same sex can be found\*\***

*New for 2017- en-suite cabins for 2 nights in the Bungle Bungles and en-suite safari tents at Mt Hart*

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

### 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).

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