

Top End Tours Australia

14 day Kimberley Tour

Broome To Broome via Mitchell plateau

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Tour highlights

- Complimentary pick up from Broome Hotels and town tour
- Visit the remote and stunning Cape Leveque, north of Broome. Relax and take a walk along the beach where the red cliffs glow!
- Enjoy a magnificent early morning walk at Windjana Gorge, the colours are spectacular.
- Visit Tunnel Creek.
- Enjoy a refreshing dip at Manning Gorge - yet another stunning Kimberley gorge.
- Travel the entire length of the remote Gibb River Road
- See Wandjina and Gweon Gweon art sites.

- Enjoy a dip at Galvan's Gorge, a natural stunning waterhole amid the Pandanus Trees.
- Enjoy a walk down to the Mitchell Falls, with many opportunities for swimming in natural water holes to cool off!
- Take an optional Helicopter Ride where you can see the stunning falls in their true magnificence.
- Two nights at El Questro
- Walk through Emma Gorge and cool off with a swim in the clear waterfall.
- Visit Zebedee Springs and take a dip in the hot thermal springs surrounded by Livistona Palms.
- Visit Parry's lagoon and travel along the Ord River to Kununurra
- Two nights in Kununurra on the lake with opportunities to experience this amazing area
- Travel through the King Leopold and Carr Boyd Ranges
- Spend two nights camping at World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park. (Bungle Bungles)
- Walk into Cathedral Gorge, Echidna Chasm and Piccaninny Creek (Bungles)
- Enjoy a one hour Geikie Gorge Cruise on the Fitzroy River.

Tour Overview

Starting in Broome, I hope you have taken the chance to explore the tour options available here or will take a few days after our tour to do so.

We will be traveling to Cape Leveque to explore the beautiful Dampier Peninsula. The striking colours of this area, from the bright blue of the ocean, white sands of the beaches and the red rusted earth, make it a must see.

Onto the “Gibb River road”, Via Darby, we will explore the magnificent gorges of this area including a visit to Windjina Gorge, Tunnel Creek, Manning Gorge and Galvans Gorge.

We will be driving in a remote part of Australia you will not believe is ours, the King Leopold Ranges are some of the oldest exposed rocks in the world, and truly make for spectacular viewing.

We will also visit Drysdale Station and visit a real working cattle property. Experience the spectacular Mitchell Falls and King Edward River. We will bush walk this area with opportunities for scenic helicopter flights.

Heading back to the Gibb River road, with a better understanding of this area. We cross the Pentecost River and on to El Questro with time to explore the scenic gorges and relax in the thermal hot springs.

Making our way to Kununurra, we will visit Emma Gorge and Wyndham. Continuing along the Ord river to Parry’s lagoon (great place for birding and a chance for a croc spotting) then into Kununurra to experience its attractions.

Leaving Kununurra, traveling between the King Leopold Range and the Carr Boyd Range with spectacular scenery, to World Heritage

listed Purnululu National Park where we will enjoy short walks while camping inside the National Park.

Some may choose to take an optional helicopter flight over this natural wonder.

Once we leave Purnululu, we visit Halls creek, on route for Fitzroy Crossing on the Fitzroy River, a complementary afternoon cruise of Geikie Gorge will keep you wanting more, we make camp for the night at Fitzroy River Lodge.

We will head to Broome for a well-earned rest and a couple of days in paradise. We will make you feel at home here and ensure you get to know your way around.

BOOKINGS: Can only be confirmed with the payment of 25% of tour price as a deposit. Final payment falls due 45 days before departure.

Cheques are to be made payable to 'Top End Tours Australia', preferred payment is direct deposit.

We also accept VISA and MASTERCARD.

All credit card transactions will incur a 3% fee.

TRAVEL INSURANCE We strongly recommend travel insurance against loss of possessions, accident and cancellation through unforeseen circumstances.

PLEASE NOTE This is a camping tour, twin share basis. If weather, road conditions or other circumstances make a change in itinerary necessary the decision to change the route is solely that of the Tour Guide.

Key

B.L.D.S.T.C.A.WM: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Showers, Toilets, Camping, Accommodation upgrade available, Washing machines.

Full facilities: Toilets, showers, washing machines, power, and convenience store

Day 1 Broome - Dampier peninsula - Cygnet Bay

After a complimentary pick up from your accommodation, we leave this beautiful area. Heading onto the Dampier Peninsula we will visit Beagle Bay and its famous church with its mother of pearl altar. Then head for Cygnet Bay with opportunities to enjoy their tours, or scenic flights over the horizontal falls and the Buccaneer Archipelago, visit One Arm Point, walk around the red cliff of the cape, swim in the blue waters and relax on the beautiful white sandy beaches.

Cygnet Bay - Full facilities L.D.T.S.C.A.WM

Day 2: Cygnet Bay - Windjana Gorge

Traveling back down the Dampier Peninsula to Hwy No. 1, we will cross the mighty Fitzroy river on route for a quick visit to Dalby with its 13m tides and famous prison tree. Then onto the Gibb River Road and the grandeur of the Napier Range. We make camp at its base at the entrance of Windjana Gorge, part of the 350 to 375 million-year-old Devonian Reef systems.

Windjana Gorge - B.L.D.T.S.C.

Day 3: Windjana Gorge - Manning River

This morning we will walk Windjana Gorge for some freshwater Crocodile spotting and a closer look at Napier Range. We will learn of "Jandamarra" and visit Tunnel Creek, where water has worn a tunnel beneath the limestone of the Napier Range. You can walk 750 meters through the tunnel to the other side of Napier Range, wading through several permanent pools and watching for bats. It is home to Western Australia's oldest cave system. Then back to the Gibb River Road and over the "King Leopold Ranges", we are in some of the most spectacular gorge country of Australia, we visit Galvans Gorge. Before we reach our camp at MT Barnett station on the Manning River, under the beautiful Boab trees, and enjoy another star lit night.

Manning River - B.L.D.T.S.C.

Day 4: Manning River - Drysdale Station

An early start today we will walk into the stunning Manning Gorge with our first sighting of some Gweon Gweon art and a swim in this beautiful river. Then back to the Gibb River Rd, we cross the Barnett River, Hahn River and Gibb River, these rivers are another natural beauty that makes this area so special. Heading North along the Kalumburu Road to Drysdale Station, a working cattle station of the North Kimberley that has embraced tourism and provides an oasis for its visitors.

Drysdale Station - Full facilities B.L.D.T.S.C.A.WM.

Day 5 : Drysdale Station - King Edward River

The next few days of road are some of the most remote tracks in Australia that will take us to some of the most beautiful places you have ever been. Bouncing our way along the Kalumburu rd we will travel through some beautiful stands of Eucalyptus trees and Liverstonia Eastonii palms. Crossing some pristine water ways to make our camp on the King Edward River. Here we will camp for a couple of days to explore the area and enjoy the spirit of this place. Swim in the river, enjoy the cascades, rock formations, birds and unique plants of the area. An opportunity to visit the art sights close to our camp and just relax and unwind.

Bush Camp King Edward River - Swimming hole next to campsites and eco toilets. B.L.D.T.C

Day 6: Mitchell Plateau

Traveling along the remote rough and narrow track we make our way along the plateau and take in the spectacular scenery as we pass the Livistona Palms and amazing lookouts. Walk to Little Mertens Falls, view amazing (Gweon Gweon) Bradshaw Art and then onto the famous Mitchell Falls, the second highest falls in WA with a combined height of 80m.

Although most of the walking is relatively easy and visits some beautiful swimming holes, the walk from Mitchell Falls campground down to the falls does include short sections of rock hopping. To do this walk we recommend that you are fit and able to endure these conditions.

There is an opportunity to enjoy an optional helicopter flight over this amazing country. On our walk down to the falls, there are many opportunities for swimming.

Return to King Edward River

Bush Camp King Edward River - Swimming hole next to campsites and eco toilets. B.L.D.T.C

Day 7: King Edward River - El Questro Station

Today we head back down the Kalumburu-Drysdale Rd, back onto the Gibb river Rd. Calling into Ellenbrae Station along the way, learning about jump ups and some more about the flow of water in the area. The scenery we see today is so special it will remain in your mind's eye for a very long time. We end our day camping on the Pentecost River at El Questro station. There is an opportunity here to upgrade to a cabin if you wish.

Camp El Questro Station -B.L.D.S.T.C.A.WM

Day 8: El Questro Station

Today we will explore some of El Questro Station, a million acres is a lot to see in one day. With so many options on the stations, we will pick the best of it that suits you, and plan a wonderful day. We will walk and explore some of El Questro's Gorges, swim in the clear water or enjoy some of the tour options available.

Camp El Questro Station - B.L.D.S.T.C.A.WM

Day 9: El Questro Station - Kununurra

After being back on the tourist route, we will attempt to beat the crowds with an early morning swim at Zebedee Springs thermal hot pools. After which we will head to Emma Gorge on the eastern side of the station, for a hike and a swim in this beautiful gorge's pools. On route for Kununurru, we will visit Wyndham and the 5 rivers lookout, cross the Ord river floodplain to Parry's lagoon, a bird hide, with plenty of wildlife. Then onto Kununurra for a quick town tour, then onto our accommodation on Lake Kununurra. We suggest you upgrade to one of the cabins on the lakeside

Kununurra - Full facilities B.L.D.T.S.C.A.WM

Day 10: Kununurra

A free day for you to spend in Kununurra, we will be having a day of shopping and regrouping for our last leg of the tour. We will make sure that you have a good idea of what there is to do in Kununurra and be available if you need us. We do suggest that you make the most of your time here and stay in one of the wonderful lake side cabins. Triple J tours is our suggestion for a great way to see this area.

<https://www.triplejtours.com.au/>

Free day. - Full facilities B.T.S.C.A.WM.

Day 11: Kununurra - Purnululu National Park

Leaving Kununurra, we travel between the King Leopold Range and the Car Boyd Range, with spectacular rock formations, passing Argyle Diamond mine and a chance to stop at some wonderful art galleries along the way. Our destination, the World Heritage Purnululu National Park to see the Bungle Bungles. We travel along rugged 4WD only tracks before setting our camp late in the afternoon. The Bungles are famous for its 400-metre high beehive shaped domes.

Bush Camp Bungles - B.L.D.T.C

Day 12 Purnululu NP

Explore Picaninny Creek, Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm. Some great short walks with some of the most spectacular scenery ever to be seen. Today there is the option for a scenic Helicopter flight and experience it all from the air.

Bush Camp Bungles - B.L.D.T.C

Day 13 Purnululu NP - Fitzroy Crossing

Making our way back out the 4x4 track to the HWY, we head for Halls Creek. With a wondrous scenic drive today we head for Fitzroy Crossing. Coming back onto the Napier Range, we will be staying at the Fitzroy River Lodge. With an opportunity for a complementary Geikie Gorge Tour and a night with creature comforts.

Fitzroy River Lodge - Full facilities B.L.D.S.T.C.A.WM **Day**

14: Fitzroy Crossing - Broome

Heading along HWY No.1 the Savanna way we will be making our way back to Broome, with an understanding of the incredible amount of water that flows out of the King Leopold Ranges into the Fitzroy River. We travel along this food plain to Cable Beach for a sunset and our tour ends, with a drop off at your accommodation.

Broome - Tour end Full facilities B.L.S.T.A.WM

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FARE: \$5,500pp – Minimum 4 People Ex Broome - Broome
INCLUDED IN FARE:

- Travel by 4WD Vehicle.
- All meals unless specified.
- All National Park Entrance Fees.
- All Camping Fees.
- All Camping Gear including eating utensils, self inflating sleep mats, tables and chairs & camp stretchers tent.
- Any additional flights, cruises and side excursions are optional extras, and need to be booked before departure from Broome.
- If you require a single tent, just let us know.
- All accommodation options can be organised by TETA, happily, but are subject to availability.

Optional flights, tours and accommodation

Flight over the Buccaneer Archipelagos Helicopter flight over the Mitchell plateau and falls, Electric boat cruise on Chamberlain gorge at El Questro station Flights from Kununurra, JJJ Ord river boat cruise and visit to Argyle dam, Helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles. Visit Kununurra Tourist information center online for more options.

What to bring

Even though our days will be perfect weather, the nights can drop in temperature, and it is very unlikely that we will experience rain.

Please keep your luggage to a minimum, Warm jacket, Pillow, sleeping bag or sheet and good blanket, Good walking shoes with ankle support, Thongs or sandals, Brimmed hat, 3 sets of casual clothes, 1 set of smart casuals, Toiletries, Swimmers and towel. Backpack and water bottle, Binoculars / camera, Sealed container of washing powder, Tropical strength repellent, Sun screen. Phone service will be available in certain areas so you can stay in touch with the outside world.

What will be available for your use:

A solar powered refrigerator will be available for any medicine. In-car chargers can be used for charging appliances and also opportunities for 240 volt charging.

Washing machines are available at Drysdale station, El Questro station, Kununurra and Fitzroy river lodge, also bucket washing at any time.

We will provide pegs and line for hanging clothes and buckets to wash in Bush shower, toilet paper, hand sanitiser and fresh drinking water, Esky for keeping drinks and alcohol cold, Cutlery, crockery and glassware

First aid kit, Maps and reference books Satellite phone for emergency use.

Please remember that we are traveling through a beautiful remote

part of Australia, as safety is our first thought, this is an adventure you will never forget.