

Top End Tour Australia

5 day Cameras in the Kimberley

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Tour highlights

- Explore Broome and surrounds for some perfect photo opportunities
- Stay at the Broome Bird Observatory
- Wonder the Heritage trail of James price point and its red cliffs
- Beagle bay home to the Church with the mother of pearl alter
- Visit One Arm Point and its white sands and blue waters
- Wetlands of Cape Leveque for birding opportunities

Tour overview

Travelling with Top End Tours Australia and experienced Guide Richard of 23 years and a qualified chef of 27 years, he has a love of bush tucker and campfire cooking. John Mcauliffe a passionate professional photographer, from the north coast of New South Wales, has been studying and perfecting his images for most of his life. John has skills with all mediums of photography, he has spent the last year in the Gulf country and western Queensland capturing Images. His specialty is birding photography, happy to spend hours in the bushes waiting for that perfect opportunity to capture the image he has been chasing.

The picturess Dampier peninsula of the Kimberley, is perfect for scenic photography and nature at its best. Let John's expertise find us the images and help with the set up, for some memorable and professional photos. We will travel during the day and make the most of the morning and afternoon light. From digital, film or drone footage, John will help you capture memorable images. 5 days spent on the Dampier Peninsula will see you with some unforgettable photos that you can cherish forever. Richard, your guide will provide all accommodation, meals and driving, he also knows a thing or two about the area. So let us treat you to a specialised tour, where all you need to worry about is packing your bag and bringing your camera.

After the tour we hope you will stay for a while and use your new found skills and explore the area yourselves. Having been introduced to the Broome Birding Observatory, this provides an inexpensive place, with cabins, that is easily accessible from Broome.

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Day 1 Broome to Broome Bird Observatory

We will pick you up from your accommodation and take you for a town tour, where we can find a nice shady spot to discuss cultural awareness, photographic etiquette, equipment and levels of confidence and what you hope to get out of the next five days. Once our town tour is complete we will head out to the Broome Birding Observatory. Where we will be camping the night, this area is perfect for evening shore birds and beautiful coastal photos, during the golden hours of light.

L.D.S.T.C.A

Day 2 Bird Observatory to James Price Point

Today we will use the glorious morning light to create and capture some amazing images of bush critters, nature, birds or whatever crosses our path as we take another look at this special place. Then make the move towards James Price Point, along the Heritage Trail of the Dampier Peninsula. With opportunities for sunset images and some lovely coastal shooting, maybe a Brahminy kite or White breasted sea eagle. We will bush camp tonight, at this very fragile area that is under threat for development. Every night we will have opportunities to view and discuss our day's images, tapping into John's skills, and improving as a group together.

B.L.D. BS. C.

Day 3 James Price Point to Middle Lagoon

After some early morning images we will head back to the main Cape Leveque road and make our way to Middle Lagoon. On route we will call into Beagle Bay, named after the HMS Beagle that circumnavigated Australia. This fishing community will shortly give up some wonderful images. Middle Lagoon our stop for the night will see us camped right on the coast with a spectacular beachfront site. With the sunsetting over the western seas you will capture lasting memories.

B.L.D.T.S.C.

Day 4 Middle Lagoon to Cygnet Bay

Once again seeking the early morning light we will take the chance to explore our private beach camp for some ideal images. Then make our way to the beautiful Privately owned Pearl farm at Cygnet bay. Here we will take advantage of one of the very special tours they provide, which is complementary with your tour cost. Excellent chances for a better understanding of the pearling industry and images as beautiful as the mother of pearl itself.

B.L.D.A.Full Facilities

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Day 5 **Cygnets Bay to Broome**

We will explore this wonderful area of the Dampier Peninsula, making our way to One Arm Point and Lombadina township, where we can catch blue water beaches and views over the Buccaneer Archipelago islands. This fishing community is sure to give us some wonderful subjects for spectacular images. We will make our way back to Broome for a sunset at Cable Beach before we drop you back at your selected accommodation. It would be nice if we all shared one last meal together before parting.

B.L. Full facilities

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

THIS ITINERARY IS TO BE USED AS A GUIDE ONLY.

ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE TOUR OPERATOR

FARE: \$2575 pp – Minimum 4 People Ex Broome - Broome

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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

<https://www.airkimberley.com.au/scenic-flights/buccaneer-explorer>

Cygnets bay tours and accommodation

<https://www.cygnetsbaypearlfarm.com.au/our-tours/>

Bardi Ranges Tours

<https://djarindjin.com.au/community>

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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. We have solar power systems for charging your equipment while off grid.

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 travelling through a beautiful remote part of Australia, as safety is our first thought, this is an adventure you will never forget.