

Top End Tour Australia

8 day Broome - Alice Springs Tour

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(Remote art galleries and outback tracks tour)

Tour Highlights

- Cross the mighty Fitzroy at Willare
- Visit Dangu National Park
- Cruise Giekie Gorge
- Walk Wolfe creek crater
- Drive along the Canning Stock Route
- Drive around Lake Gregory a World Birding Sanctuary
- Visit the remote communities of Billiluna, Mulan, Balgo and Papaya
- Art Galleries of Fitzroy crossing, Balgo and Papunya
- Walk the gorges and chasms of the West MacDonnell Ranges

Tour overview

Leaving Broome we trust you have taken a few days to explore this magnificent part of the world, from its turquoise blue water, to its bleached white sands and rusted red earth. Its has a history of cultures all living together that has influenced everything from its architecture to its cuisine. A wonderful place for a couple of days rest.

We now embark on a tour that is as unique as Broome itself. Following the path of the mighty Fitzroy River we head west along its flood plain, for a cruise at Geikie gorge. A beautiful gorge carved into limestone along the rivers path. Fitzroy Crossing is also the first of our remote galleries.

This tour then progresses further west to the start of the Tanami Desert track, and onto the now famous Wolfe Creek Crater. Making our way past Sturt creek we head for Bilaluna community and onto the Canning Stock route for our journey around Paruku (Lake Gregory), a world heritage sanctuary for bird life. Where we will see flocks of brolgas, and many other water birds. We make our way to two very remote communities of Mulan and Balgo. Balgo is said to be the

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start of the dot art painting, and wonderful painting of Paruku. From here we head back to the Tanami track for a short while before heading to Papunya, another wonderful remote art gallery. We are now at the start of the west Macdonnell ranges and will enjoy visiting gorges and chasms as we make our way to Alice Springs for our tour end. This tour has it all, a unique experience in remote Australia that you will cherish forever.

Day 1 Broome - Fitzroy crossing

After a quick town tour we leave this beautiful place and head west along the floodplain of the mighty Fitzroy River. It has a width of 30km and a length of 300km, of crocodile inhabited waters. Upon arrival in Fitzroy Crossing we will visit the Local Art Gallery, which will have art representing the 5 language groups of the area. Then join the Bunuba Rangers and visit the Danggu National Park and do a sunset cruise of the Fitzroy River and see Geikie gorge boat cruise (included in price). Setting camp at the Fitzroy River Resort for the night.

L.D.FULL FACILITIES

Day 2 Fitzroy Crossing - Wolfe Creek

Today we will drive along the hwy No. 1 following the Napier Range and Margaret River system to the east. Then turning down onto the Lake Gregory basin area and drive along the Tanami Desert track to Wolf Creek Crater. You will be able to walk the perimeter of the crater or down into it, before we make camp for the night. WATCH OUT FOR MICK.

B.L.D.C.BS.

Day 3 Wolf creek Crater - Lake Gregory

We will continue along the Tanami track, cross the Sturt Creek, then turn into the Kururrungku Community at Billiluna. Then along the Canning Stock route to well 51, and around Lake Gregory where we will make camp on this Internationally recognised IBA (Important Birdlife Area), which is home to 1% of the world's water bird population.

B.L.D.C.BS

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Day 4, 5. Lake Gregory - Tanami Track

This will be our third day in the remote parts of the Great Sandy, Gibson and Tanami Deserts. We will continue around Lake Gregory passing through the remote communities of Mulan and Balgo (the birthplace of dot art), where we will visit and spend some time at the art gallery. We will be camping on the Tanami Desert track for another magic night under the stars.

B.L.D.C.BS

Day 6 Tanami Track - West MacDonnell Ranges

Traveling today along the Tanami track we will pass the old Roadhouse Rabbit Flat, on route to the NT most remote Art Gallery, Papaya. Here we will have a chance to purchase and view some of the NT best indigenous art. After a stunning afternoon drive towards the West McDonald ranges, we will arrive at our camp, being at the head of the Finke River at Glen Helen Gorge.

B.L.D.T.S.A

Day 7 West McDonald Ranges - Stanley Chasm

Our day will be spent exploring this wonderful part of Australia, swimming in the gorges and walking amongst these wonderful ranges. We will be traveling along the Larapinta trail.

B.L.D.T.S.C

Day 8 Standley chasm - Alice Springs

Another day exploring the West McDonald Ranges, and the Larapinta trail, finishing our Day at the Old Telegraph station. We will have time for a town tour, then drop you off at your accommodation and have a final dinner together in town. **B.L.**

On this tour there will be plenty of opportunity for you to take photos, sketch or paint the wonderful scenery we will see along the way. We hope that you will have a better understanding of indigenous art and the different styles that influence each area that we travel through.

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FARE: \$3,120 pp – Minimum 3, Maximum 8 People (another vehicle can be organised if the need be) Ex Broome - Alice

INCLUDED IN FARE:

- Travel by 4WD Vehicle.
- All meals unless specified.
- All National Park Entrance Fees.
- All access roads and camping Fees.
- All Camping Gear including stretcher bed tents, self inflating sleep mats, tables and chairs.
- Any additional flights, cruises and side excursions are optional extras, and need to be booked before departure from Broome.
- All accommodation options can be organised by TETA, happily, but are subject to availability.

B.L.D.S.T: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Showers, Toilets, Bush shower, Accommodation.

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

Optional flights, tours and accommodation

Cabin accommodation at Fitzroy Crossing, Glen Helen Gorge

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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.

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 (Straw is best) 4 sets of casual clothes, plenty of underwear and socks for 8 days, 1 set of smart casuals, Toiletries, Swimmers and towel, Backpack and water bottle, Binoculars / camera 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 will not be available on this tour, although bucket washing at any time. Water will need to be used with caution, as we will be traveling through desert country, a bush shower will be made available with hot water from the campfire.

We will provide powder, 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.