

Top End Tours Australia

9 day Kimberley Tour

Broome To Broome via Lake Argyle

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Tour highlights

- Complimentary pick up from Broome Hotels and town tour
- 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.
- Two nights at El Questro

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- 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
- Stay at Lake Kununurra 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

This tour is perfect for the whole family, we have timed the itinerary for the Queensland school holidays. 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.

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

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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.

Continuing along 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 and onto Lake Argyle.

Leaving Kununurra, travelling 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.

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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

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Day 1 Broome - Windjana Gorge

After a complimentary pick up from your accommodation, we leave this beautiful area. Heading onto 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 2: 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 metres 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 3: Manning Gorge - El Questro Station

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

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Day 4: 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 5: El Questro Station - Lake 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 the beautiful pools of this gorge. 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 stop for supplies. Then onto our camp at Lake Kununurru

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

Day 6: Lake Kununurra - Purnululu National Park

This morning we will join Triple J Tour for a boat tour of the Mighty Ord River, for their awards winning tour with local experts. Where we will rendezvous with you at Lake Argyle.

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.

Bush Camp Bungle Bungle caravan park- B.L.D.T.S.C

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Day 7 Purnululu NP

Today 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.

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.S.C

Day 8 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 9: 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: \$3,910 pp – Minimum 4 People Ex Broome - Broome

Kids travel for 50% discount.

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 over and visit to the Argyle diamond mine, JJJ Ord river boat cruise and visit to Argyle dam, Helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles. Visit Kununurra Tourist information centre online for more options.

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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.

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.