## **Untamed Kimberley**

11 Day Guided Holiday | Darwin to Broome | WDB



## <u>The Tour</u>

Cruise ancient waterways, hike to magnificent waterholes, discover the rich Ord River Valley and enjoy an exclusive dining experience at a fragrant sandalwood plantation. Revealing rugged red cliffs, cobalt blue waters and vast pastoral leases, this outback journey also provides opportunities for observing teeming wildlife, and relaxing while taking in a magnificent Cable Beach sunset in Broome.

## Choose This Trip If You'd Love To:

- Witness sunset over the ocean at Cable Beach
- Benefit from the addition of nine local expert guides
- Choose a 4WD or scenic flight over the Bungle Bungles
- Cruise through Ord River's wilderness & hike Emma Gorge

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## <u>Highlights</u>

### **Local Connection**

Discover the importance of sandalwood to Kununurra as you dine on local produce at the Sandalwood Factory.

#### **Insider Knowledge**

Take a local cruise down the Ord River from Lake Argyle to witness the setting sun in Kununurra.

### **Cultural Immersion**

Support local Aboriginal artists with a visit to Mangkaja Gallery in the Kimberley, to understand culture sustainability through art.

#### **Sustainable Footprints**

National Park fees contribute toward the protection of local marine life and local habitat areas, and fund land-protection projects.

### <u>Itinerary</u>

#### Day 1 Welcome to Darwin

Life in cosmopolitan Darwin, Australia's only tropical capital, is vibrant but unhurried. Take an afternoon tour of the city, then enjoy a Welcome Reception and dinner this evening with your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a restaurant that affords spectacular waterfront views.

Hotel: Mantra on the Esplanade Included Meals: Dinner with wine

#### Day 2 Darwin – Katherine

Travel south along the Stuart Highway today, stopping at Adelaide River's poignant War Cemetery. This afternoon, travel via Katherine to Nitmiluk National Park, where a tranquil cruise along the spectacular Katherine Gorge will allow you to sense the spirituality of the land. Catch glimpses of wildlife and learn about the history and culture of the local traditional owners, the Jawoyn people. Later on you'll meet Tom Curtain during his entertaining show at the Katherine Outback Experience.

Hotel: Paraway Motel Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

### Day 3 Katherine – Kununurra

Watch the landscape transform dramatically as you journey across vast pastoral leases and Aboriginal homelands into Western Australia. Pause at the historic Durack Homestead, built in 1895. Later, cruise along the Ord River, which supports an abundance of native fish, birds and marsupials. Experience a magical sunset over the water before your arrival in Kununurra.

Hotel: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

### Day 4 Kununurra

Today you may choose between an optional experience early-morning scenic flight over the spectacular beehive-shaped towers of the Bungle Bungle Range or a fullday 4WD tour of the Bungle Bungles. Otherwise tour Kununurra with your Travel Director. This evening, dine on locally-grown produce at a privately hosted Be My Guest dinner in the heart of Kununurra's sandalwood plantations.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest dinner

### Day 5 Kununurra – Emma Gorge

This morning, take a guided tour of an Ord River rum distillery before travelling on to the Gibb River Road to your safari-style tented cabin nestled in an oasis of native pandanus and palms at the foot of the red-hued Cockburn Ranges in the El Questro Wilderness Park. **Hotel:** Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights **Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with wine

### Day 6 El Questro Wilderness Park

Awake to the calls of native birds, and after breakfast, explore El Questro Wilderness Park followed by a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge, an extensive waterhole fringed by tropical vegetation and soaring escarpments. Enjoy a free afternoon, perhaps taking a dip in the pool, relaxing with a good book on your cabin's veranda, or joining your Travel Director for a hike to Emma Gorge and a dip in its crystal-clear waterhole.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

### Day 7 Emma Gorge – Halls Creek

Today join a local Indigenous guide for a tour of the famous Argyle Diamond Mine, the world's largest source of coloured diamonds. Continue south to the historic town of Halls Creek.

Hotel: Kimberley Hotel Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with wine

#### Day 8 Halls Creek – Fitzroy Crossing

Travel on to the remote township of Fitzroy Crossing this morning, stopping en route at Halls Creek to visit an art gallery with a chance to meet Indigenous artists. This afternoon, cruise with a local guide through magnificent Geikie Gorge, watching for freshwater crocodiles, fruit-bats and wallabies as the 30-metre walls of the gorge tower above you.

Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with wine

### Day 9 Fitzroy Crossing - Broome

Travel through spectacular landscapes today en route to the former pearling outpost of Broome. Enjoy a town tour with your Travel Director, visiting the fascinating Japanese Cemetery and nearby Gantheaume Point, whose rugged red cliffs rise in stark contrast to the cobalt blue waters. Relax with a drink while the sun sets over the Indian Ocean.

Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort, 2 nights Included Meals: Breakfast

### Day 10 Broome Free Time

Today is yours to explore this tropical hideaway. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the pristine sands of Cable Beach and swim in its turquoise waters, or wander through Chinatown and shop for pearls. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner.

## Included Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

# Day 11 Farewell from Broome

Say farewell to your new-found friends when your holiday comes to an end after breakfast.

Included Meals: Breakfast