



PLATINUM JOURNEYS
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GRAND KIMBERLEY

Thursday 6th August to Thursday 20th August 2020

Travel the best of Kimberley exploring remote gorges, the stunning Savannah landscape and beautiful Broome.



DAY 1: Thu 06 Aug FLY TO BROOME – DERBY (D)

Depart your home port and fly to Broome (own expense – latest arrival 11:30am) and on arrival meet your driver and hostess and travel inland toward the old world town of Derby, located on the tidal mud flats on the edge of picturesque King Sound. The town's origins were the pastoral and mining industries – Derby developed as a port to service the pastoral properties along the Fitzroy River and pearl luggers used the port collecting in the Buccaneer Archipelago. Derby has the highest tidal range of any port in Australia.

Overnight: Derby

DAY 2: Fri 07 Aug WINDJANA GORGE – TUNNEL CK – FITZROY CROSSING (BLD)

This morning we travel to visit Tunnel Creek – an underground stream located in the King Leopold Ranges to walk through the creek and marvel at this unique stream in its arid environment (please bring a torch and wet weather shoes). We then continue onto magnificent Windjana Gorge with its walls soaring 80 metres above the riverbed and enjoy time to walk into the gorge. We arrive at our destination of Fitzroy Crossing in time for dinner.

Overnight: Fitzroy Crossing

DAY 3: Sat 08 Aug FITZROY CROSSING – HALLS CREEK (BLD)

After breakfast we travel to Danggu Gorge National Park to enjoy a leisurely cruise on Geikie Gorge to see the abundant wildlife and crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks of the river. Afterwards we continue to Halls Creek, situated on the northern edge of the Great Sandy Desert, and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Halls Creek

DAY 4: Sun 09 Aug HALLS CREEK – KUNUNURRA (BLD)

After breakfast we visit the statue in town known as 'Russian Jack' and hear about his heroic act. Next we travel out to the original Old Halls Creek site where gold was discovered in 1885 and see the crumbling mud brick ruins plus the China Wall – a natural quartzite formation. We then continue to Kununurra, a relatively new town established in 1961 as a service centre for the huge Ord River irrigation scheme, our home for the next two nights.

Overnight: Kununurra

DAY 5: Mon 10 Aug KUNUNURRA SIGHTSEEING (B)

This morning a local guide joins us for a tour of the town itself, the Ord River irrigation scheme, Ivanhoe Crossing, Diversion Dam, Indian sandalwood plantations, hybrid seed production plus chia, melon and pumpkin crops. After an early lunch (own expense), and time permitting - we travel out to the relocated original homestead of the pioneering Durack family from Argyle Downs and cross the Lake Argyle dam wall that holds the water for the gravity fed Ord irrigation scheme. We board the cruise boat for the Ord River cruise into Kununurra, enjoying a spectacular Kimberley sunset over the Carr Boyd Ranges and Lake Kununurra.

Overnight: Kununurra

DAY 6: Tue 11 Aug KUNUNURRA – BUNGLE BUNGLES (BLD)

After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to Purnululu National Park, home of the World Heritage listed Bungle Bungles ranges which are striking geological formations of unique beehive shaped domes. Arrive at our accommodation in the national park itself in time for dinner.

Overnight: Bungle Bungles

DAY 7: Wed 12 Aug BUNGLE BUNGLES NATIONAL PARK (BLD)

A day to explore this wonderful area. We travel to Cathedral Gorge, an amazing natural amphitheatre of red rock formations with fantastic acoustics. Afterwards we're off to Echidna Chasm to walk amongst the steep-sided gorge walls and enjoy a bush lunch along with a visit to the Rangers Station.

Overnight: Bungle Bungles

DAY 8: Thu 13 Aug BUNGLE BUNGLES – EMMA GORGE (BD)

We sadly depart this magical spot and enter the heart of the Kimberley as the going gets tough but the scenery is superb travelling along the Gibb River Road to Emma Gorge located in El Questro Wilderness Park, set amongst the rocky red Cockburn Ranges. After lunch (own expense) we have the opportunity to walk into the gorge itself and be rewarded with the view of a spectacular waterfall and pools. We return to the accommodation late in the afternoon.

Overnight: Emma Gorge – safari style tented cabin with ensuite

DAY 9: Fri 14 Aug EMMA GORGE – MT ELIZABETH STATION (BLD)

An early start this morning to visit Zebedee Springs with time to see the pools amongst the palm trees with its unique circular backdrop gorge wall and crystal clear rock pools. Afterwards, a visit to El Questro Homestead before continuing to Ellenbrae Station, a working cattle property of 1 million acres, and enjoy morning tea in the gardens (own expense). Travel further along the track stopping off at the road junction to Kalumburu and Honeymoon Bay. Later on, enter a working family cattle station – Mt Elizabeth in the heart of the Kimberley – for our overnight stay.

Overnight: Mt Elizabeth Station – shared facilities

DAY 10: Sat 15 Aug MT ELIZABETH STATION – BELL GORGE (BLD)

Enroute today stop off at beautiful Manning Gorge and afterwards take the short walk into scenic Galvan's Gorge, ending the day on the old Silent Grove outstation which is the entry point to the most spectacular gorge in the Kimberley. Arrive at our tented camp in time for dinner.

Overnight: Bell Gorge

DAY 11: Sun 16 Aug BELL GORGE – DERBY (BLD)

This morning visit one of the highlights of the trip, Bell Gorge, located in the King Leopold Range Conservation Park.

Note: A good level of fitness is required for the 2km walk into Bell Gorge - tracks are rocky, uneven and steep at times, therefore good non-slip shoes are required.

We continue along the Gibb River Road stopping off at Lennard River Gorge and viewing the magnificent rocky outcrops of the Napier and King Leopold Ranges. Enter Derby this afternoon.

Overnight: Derby

DAY 12: Mon 17 Aug DERBY – BROOME (B)

This morning travel out to see the unique circular wharf overlooking King Sound, visit the Boab Prison Tree and see the Myall Stock Trough. Head south crossing the mighty Fitzroy River – the largest watercourse in the western Kimberley – before arriving at the cosmopolitan peeling township of Broome, our home for the next 3 nights.

Overnight: Broome

DAY 13: Tue 18 Aug BROOME SIGHTSEEING (B)

This morning see the highlights of Broome including Chinatown, the Sun outdoor theatre, the Japanese Pearl Divers Cemetery, Gantheaume Point and the Dinosaur's footprints. Enjoy a guided tour of the Pearl Luggers' Museum to learn about the history of the pearl industry. Afterwards some time at leisure before transferring to Cable Beach to enjoy a spectacular sunset and opRonal camel ride. Dinner is at own expense this evening.

Overnight: Broome

DAY 14: Wed 19 Aug FREE DAY – HORIZONTAL FALLS OPTIONAL TOUR (BD)

A full free day for private sightseeing or see the below optional tour:

HORIZONTAL FALLS OPTIONAL TOUR

Fly from Broome to Horizontal Falls on board a Seaplane and enjoy a spectacular landing on the calm waters of Talbot Bay. Transfer to fast boat and enjoy the experience the incredible tidal power of this natural phenomenon as you are taken through the falls. Enjoy breakfast or lunch on the houseboat. View Paspaley pearl farms in Talbot Bay as we take off for our return flight. Fly at 200m over hundreds of islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago and Cape Leveque before heading south along the coast of the Dampier Peninsula over Lombadina, Beagle Bay, Carnot Bay, Willie Creek & Cable Beach prior to landing in Broome. Tour Cost - \$TBA per person.

Alternatively a full day Horizontal Falls tour is available travelling by 4WD along the Dampier Peninsula to see the Beagle Bay church, Cape Leveque and One Arm Point where you board the seaplane to view the falls as per above. Tour Cost - \$TBA per person. Tours must be booked and paid in full prior to departure. Please note: There are strictly limited vacancies and they fill very quickly. If you wish to confirm a seat please advise Travel Makers immediately.

THIS TOUR IS SUBJECT TO NEAP TIDES AND DOES NOT OPERATE SOME DAYS

This evening walk the short distance to Matso's Brewery Restaurant for a special farewell dinner.

Overnight: Broome

DAY 15: Thu 20 Aug BROOME – FLY HOME (B)

Have the opportunity for last minute shopping to buy mementos or take a final stroll or swim along Cable Beach before making your way to Broome airport for you flight home, so ending a memorable trip to the Kimberley region.

Tour Cost Twin Share \$7995 Solo Traveller \$9945

Tour cost based on a minimum of 14 passengers.

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. Alterations to the itinerary may occur – a final confirmed itinerary will be provided with your travel documentation approximately 3 weeks prior to departure.

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The balance and final payment must be received 60 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 60 days notice : full refund less \$600.00 deposit

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