



# KIMBERLEY ADVENTURE

## Private Charter

31<sup>ST</sup> May to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Personally escorted by Jacquely Turner



## Explore the best of the Kimberley!

Experience the natural beauty and rugged scenery of the Kimberley and Australia's outback.

- Broome ● Gibb River Road ● Windjana Gorge ● Tunnel Creek
- Geikie Gorge ● Purnululu National Park ● Piccaninny Creek
- Cathedral Gorge ● Kununurra ● Ord River ● El Questro
- Mitchell Falls ● Galvans Gorge ● Bell Gorge ● Broome



**Friday 31 May** **Melbourne** **(D)**

We depart Warragul in the afternoon and drive to the PARK ROYAL MELBOURNE HOTEL for an overnight stay. Dinner tonight will be included.

**Saturday 1 June** **Arrive Broome** **(B D)**

After breakfast we transfer to Melbourne Airport for our flight to Broome. On arrival in Broome, we will be met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. This evening, we get together for a relaxed dinner.

Accommodation: Broome - CABLE BEACH CLUB RESORT & SPA for overnight stay.

**Sunday 2 June** **Gibb River Road, Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek** **(B L D)**

We leave Broome this morning and head to the **Boab Prison Tree**, believed to be 1,500 years old. We continue along the Gibb River Road to **Windjana Gorge**, where ancient marine fossils lay embedded in the gorge walls. Next, it's on to **Tunnel Creek**, Western Australia's oldest cave system. Here we have a chance to wade through the cool waters that fill the tunnel and emerge on the other side to discover a serene oasis. On arrival at **Fitzroy Crossing**, we check into our hotel, then meet for dinner.

Accommodation: Fitzroy Crossing - FITZROY RIVER LODGE for an overnight stay.

**Monday 3 June** **Geikie Gorge, Halls Creek, Purnululu National Park** **(B L D)**

Today we travel to **Danggu Geikie Gorge National Park** and explore incredible **Geikie Gorge**, famed for its towering walls that have been bleached white by the river when it floods. Afterwards, we head to **Halls Creek**, before arriving at **Purnululu National Park**. There will be time to settle into your lodge before an open-air dinner tonight.

Accommodation: BUNGLE BUNGLE WILDERNESS LODGE for two nights.

**Tuesday 4 June**

**Purnululu National Park, Piccaninny Creek, Cathedral Gorge**

**(B L D)**

We have a full day set aside to explore **Purnululu National Park**, starting with a walk along **Piccaninny Creek**. This winding gorge is set deep within the **Bungle Bungle Range**, offering unparalleled views of the beehive domes. Next stop is **Cathedral Gorge**, a natural red rock Amphitheatre created by millions of years of water erosion. This spacious cavern is renowned for its acoustics, and you will see why as you wander through it.

End the day of discovery by watching the sunset over the Bungle Bungle Range – with a glass of bubbly in hand, of course.

Accommodation: **BUNGLE BUNGLE WILDERNESS LODGE**



**Wednesday 5 June**

**Purnululu National Park, Echidna Chasm, Kununurra**

**(B L D)**

We set out on a hike to **Echidna Chasm**, a natural cleft in the rock that reaches a staggering 200 metres in height while only being one metre wide at certain points. Later we travel along the **Spring Creek Track** to **Kununurra**.

Accommodation: **KUNUNURRA COUNTRY CLUB RESORT** for two nights

**Thursday 6 June**

**Lake Argyle, Ord River, Kununurra**

**(B L D)**

After breakfast, we travel to **Lake Argyle** and join a wildlife cruise on the mighty **Ord River**. From a modern shaded vessel, we discover the area's ecological system that has developed from the damming of the Ord River at two locations. Later we enjoy sunset while cruising on **Lake Kununurra**. Keep an eye out for wildlife and soak up the views as our boat makes its way through winding creeks and picturesque lagoons.

Accommodation: **KUNUNURRA COUNTRY CLUB RESORT**



**Friday 7 June**

**Parry's Lagoon, Wyndham, El Questro**

**(B L D)**

We visit **Parry's Lagoon** this morning, home to an array of birdlife. Next it's on to **Wyndham**, where you'll soak up the views of the Cambridge Gulf from the Five Rivers Lookout. After lunch we can admire the imposing **Cockburn Ranges** as we journey to Emma Gorge for the evening.

Accommodation: EMMA GORGE RESORT for an overnight stay

**Saturday 8 June**

**El Questro, Home Valley Station**

**(B L D)**

Today we walk to **Emma Gorge** for a swim beneath a towering droplet waterfall. Next, we visit **Zebedee Springs**, a permanent natural thermal spring tucked away in a secluded pocket of rainforest. Here there will be an opportunity to relax as you soak in the hot springs and leave feeling refreshed. We continue to the iconic **Home Valley Station**, crossing the **Pentecost River** along the way. Nestled amid the sweeping **Cockburn Range**, it's not hard to see why this immense cattle property was used as the setting for Baz Luhrmann's blockbuster film, 'Australia'.

Tonight, we head to a spectacular viewpoint just in time for sunset and will soak up the breathtaking views with a glass of bubbly and watch as the ever-changing colours dance over the Cockburn Range.

Accommodation: HOME VALLEY STATION for an overnight stay



**Sunday 9 June**

**Gibb River Road, Mitchell Plateau**

**(B L D)**

This morning, we leave El Questro and head back on the Gibb River Road and ford the mighty **Durack River**. We then turn off and travel north on the **Kalumburu Road** towards the isolated **Mitchell Plateau**. Along the way, we stop at **Drysdale River Station** for lunch. Afterwards, we enter a remote world of Livistona palm forests, beautiful lookouts, magnificent waterfalls and isolated swimming holes.

Accommodation: MITCHELL FALLS WILDERNESS LODGE for two nights.

**Monday 10 June**

**Mitchell Falls**

**(B L D)**

Today we have a full day to discover the beauty of **Mitchell Falls**, with its tiered waterfalls and Indigenous rock art. When available, local Indigenous guides will join the adventure. We begin with a guided hike to **Little Mertens Falls** to view rarely seen rock art, then continue to **Big Mertens Falls** before arriving at the incredible Mitchell Falls.

Here you can go for a swim in the pools above the falls then take an **included** helicopter flight over Mitchell Falls and the surrounding wilderness back to your 4WD vehicle (or if you prefer, hike back with your guide).

Accommodation: MITCHELL FALLS WILDERNESS LODGE



**Tuesday 11 June**

**Mitchell Plateau, King Edward River**

**(B L D)**

Today we continue with our journey and along the way to Drysdale River Station we will visit **Wandjina** and **Gwion Gwion** (Bradshaw) rock art galleries. The earliest visible Kimberley rock art paintings are known as 'Naturalistic', followed by the Gwion motifs, formerly known as 'Bradshaws'. Another style is the schematized human forms of the 'Static Polychrome', as well as the Painted Hand motifs. The Wandjina paintings depict the spirit ancestors and their representation in anthropomorphic form, forming a continuous Aboriginal tradition dating to the last 4000 years.

After a swim in the clear waters at **King Edward River** we continue and cross the **Drysdale River** and arrive at Drysdale River Station.

Accommodation: **DRYSDALE RIVER STATION** for an overnight stay.



**Wednesday 12 June**

**Manning Creek, Galvans Gorge, Gibb River Road**

**(B L D)**

Further along the Gibb River Road we stop at **Manning Creek** for lunch in the shade of boab trees. Keep an eye out for the region's bird life and enjoy a refreshing swim in the pristine water under paperbarks. We continue to **Galvans Gorge**, one of the prettiest short walks in the Kimberley. A multi-tiered waterfall plunges down a rocky gorge wall into a pretty, reflective pool surround by luxuriant vegetation. It is a delightfully pretty spot to relax and ponder nature.

Accommodation: **BELL GORGE WILDERNESS LODGE** for two nights.

**Thursday 13 June**

**Bell Gorge**

**(B L D)**

Today we travel to **Bell Gorge**, the most famous gorge along the Gibb River Road. Bell Gorge is part of the Wunaamin (King Leopold Range) Conservation Park. Here there are spectacular cliffs surrounded by a series of tiered waterholes. You may like to take the opportunity to hike to the lower pool of the gorge and enjoy a relaxing dip below the cascading waterfall.

Accommodation: BELL GORGE WILDERNESS LODGE



**Friday 14 June**

**Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges, Derby, Broome**

**(B L D)**

Back on the Gibb River Road, we travel through the **Wunaamin Conservation Park** to Derby, where we will visit the **Mowanjum Art and Culture Centre**, a creative hub for the Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunumbal tribes, who make up the Mowanjum community outside Derby.

In the gallery space, we shall see artworks from established and emerging artists from the Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunumbal tribes, including Donny Woolagoodja, Sandra Mungulu and Cecilia Umbagai. We return to the Cable Beach Club Resort and later this evening we shall enjoy a drink before dinner at the resort.

Accommodation: Broome, CABLE BEACH CLUB RESORT AND SPA for an overnight stay

**Saturday 15 June**

**Broome**

**(B D)**

Today is a day of leisure to soak up the atmosphere of Broome. There are many activities available in Broome to further explore the region, or just relax by the pool or walk along the beach. There are plenty of retail and souvenir shops to help with the retail therapy. We get together tonight for our farewell dinner.

Accommodation: CABLE BEACH CLUB RESORT AND SPA



Our journey comes to an end today with a transfer to the airport for our direct Qantas flight to Melbourne. On arrival, we shall be met and transferred back to Gippsland by coach.



**TOUR COST:** \$13,699 per person on a twin share basis  
\$ 3,736 single supplement

★ Upgrade to business class – cost on application

★ Should you wish to extend your travel arrangements after the tour, please contact me to discuss further options. The Indian Pacific departs Perth on Sundays, should you like the option of returning home by train.

★ Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business class, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Full deposit	Due by 12 June 2023 to secure a place on tour	\$3000 per person
Second Payment	Due by Monday 4 December 2023	\$4000 per person
Balance of Payment	Due by Wednesday 17 January 2024	
Information Night:	Wednesday, 17 January 2024	



**YOUR TOUR LEADER**

JACQUEY TURNER, your tour escort, has more than 36 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour guide. Jacquy's attention to detail and personal care ensures that everyone travelling in her group will have a most enjoyable holiday experience.

*"I thoroughly enjoy escorting tour members to so many wonderful places in the world and are especially looking forward to showing you around our own backyard. The sights, sounds and history all*

*contribute to a fabulous experience but most importantly it is the people that you meet and have the privilege of travelling with that has the most lasting impression. We always have lots of fun and continue to enjoy the memories for many years."*

## INCLUSIONS

- Personally escorted throughout entire tour by Jacquey Turner

*\*In the unlikely event that Jacquey is not available to escort all or part of the tour, she will be replaced with a well-trained tour escort.*

- Minimum 18 guests - maximum 21 guests
- Private coach transfers between Gippsland and Melbourne Airport
- Return economy airfares and taxes
- All airport arrival and departure transfers in conjunction with group flights
- Overnight accommodation at Park Royal Melbourne Airport Hotel
- Excellent hotel accommodation and luxury wilderness lodges in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities throughout tour
- Private custom built 4WD vehicles with large tinted windows, reclining seats, air conditioning, protective bull bars, state of the art PA system, interactive infotainment to watch documentaries, live maps and keep an eye on the road ahead.
- Helicopter flight over spectacular Mitchell Falls
- Lake Kununurra Sunset Dinner Cruise
- Experienced driver/guides throughout tour
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary and admission fees where applicable
- Meals as per itinerary: **45 meals**                      16 Breakfasts (B), 13 Lunches (L), 16 Dinners (D)
- Complimentary water throughout tour
- Gippsland Travel hat or cap; luggage strap; hand gel; and an end of tour journal showcasing your time on the tour.
- Porterage (one suitcase per person)
- **ALL tipping** of waiters/restaurant staff at included meals throughout the tour
- **ALL tipping** of guides and drivers

## EXCLUSIONS

- Comprehensive Travel insurance. It is a condition of our tours that comprehensive travel insurance is in place at the time of final payment.
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone charges, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses, and transfers/sightseeing or meals not included in inclusions.
- Any optional tours or activities other than those specified in the itinerary
- Excess baggage charges.
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## CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellation date	Cancellation fee
Non-refundable deposit	\$3000 per person
Cancellation received on or after 5 December 2023	\$7000 per person
Cancellation received on or after 18 January 2024	100% of tour cost

All costs are in Australian dollars as at 5 June 2023.



# GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

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## INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary.

Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

## LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

## BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room alternative, at an additional cost, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

## HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you from a tour or any activity we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or if we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

## ITINERARY CHANGES and ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard.

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

## FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder.

In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

## UNUSED PORTION OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused activities of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

## GENERAL CONDUCT

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way

## FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airlines schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

## LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.

## GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

## TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

## COVID POLICY

If the tour cannot operate due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, the tour will be rescheduled and any funds paid will be transferred to the new tour date.

Gippsland Travel recommends you are fully vaccinated prior to travel.

