

24 Day Perth to Darwin and Kakadu



Day 1 : Perth to Horrocks

We enter the Nambung National Park to explore the mysterious Pinnacles Desert and then discover some massive sand dunes. There's the opportunity to sand board down the slopes, before continuing on through Geraldton to our accommodation. (LD)

Day 2 : Horrocks to Shark Bay

It's a short drive to the Kalbarri National Park where we explore Murchison Gorge, Nature's Window and Z-Bend Gorge (it's a steep descent but well worth the effort). There's also the option to abseil here (own expense). After lunch we visit beautiful Shell Beach as we travel towards Denham and Shark Bay. (BLD)

Day 3 : Shark Bay to Coral Bay

After a short drive across the Peron Peninsula we make our way down to the beach and the world famous Monkey Mia dolphins – it's a unique experience with some fantastic photo opportunities. As we travel towards Carnarvon, we stop to view the fascinating Stromatolites at Hamelin Pool. After a breaking our journey at Carnarvon we continue along the highway to Coral Bay, the Jewel of the North. (BLD)

Day 4 : Coral Bay to Exmouth

Today is yours to explore Coral Bay and the wonders of the Ningaloo Reef and its fantastic marine life. You can go snorkelling, cruise on the glass bottom boat, take a quad bike tour or even a joy flight over the reef (all at additional expense). Today is a day to relax. Late afternoon and its time for the short drive into Exmouth. (BLD)

Day 5 : Exmouth

Today we explore Yardie Creek in the Cape Range National Park, have a swim, snorkel or sunbathe at beautiful Turquoise Bay and admire the view from historic Vlahming Head Lighthouse. We return to our hostel late afternoon. (BL)

Day 6 : Exmouth to Karijini National Park

Heading inland through the vast cattle stations of the Pilbara region, our destination is the oasis of Karijini. This afternoon we drop in at Tom Price, a little town known for its iron ore mining, before reaching our camp overlooking the magnificent Hamersley Range. (LD)

Days 7-8 : Karijini National Park

Two full days of adventure is the perfect amount of time needed to explore Karijini National Park and its amazing gorges. Formed over 2,500 million years ago, the Hamersley Ranges are some of the most unusual landforms on earth. Deep in the gorges you'll come across cascading waterfalls and fresh, still waterholes – perfect for swimming. Dales Gorge, Fortesque Falls, Fern Pool, Circular Pool, Weano Gorge and Hancock Gorge are just some of the stunning areas we'll get to. Definitely a highlight! (BLD)

Day 9 : Karijini National Park to Pardoo Station

We depart Karijini this morning and travel towards the coast and the iron ore port of Port Hedland. We have time for a quick town tour and marvel at the sheer size of the iron ore industry. After lunch we continue on towards Pardoo Station, where we spend our last night together. (BLD)

Day 10 : Pardoo Station to Broome

En-route to Broome we enjoy a leisurely break and take in the glory of the stretching sands of the 80 Mile Beach. Enjoy a stroll along the beach and get some fantastic photos, before our final leg into Broome. (BL)

YOUR TRIP DETAILS

Confirmation Number

Departure Date

Departure Location

Finish Date

Local Payment Amount

THINGS TO REMEMBER

You need to reconfirm your tour on 1800 068 886 at least 48 hours before departure.

Your luggage MUST be kept to a maximum of 15kgs, except on tours to Kakadu, where the maximum is 10kgs.

Drink lots of water, wear a hat and sunscreen.

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is participating!

Max People: 21



Tour Code: PD24

TERMS & CONDITIONS

LUGGAGE: Luggage must be kept to a MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS (except KAKADU tours which are MAXIMUM 10KGS) in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, film, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

MEALS: Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. We cater for vegetarian and gluten intolerance – please advise at time of booking.

FITNESS & PARTICIPATION: Our tours are active and most require a reasonable level of fitness. Tours graded '3 boots' are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children. If you have any doubts about the suitability of your clients please check with our reservations team as we reserve the right to assess suitability to participate at check-in. Passengers are expected to help with the preparation of food, washing of dishes and general assistance to the guide as directed.

INSURANCE: Travel insurance is NOT included. We strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings and not being able to travel on the confirmed departure date.

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Sleeping Bags: Tours in the Northern Territory and between Darwin and Adelaide require sleeping bags, which can be hired for \$20 per person. Safaris between Exmouth (WA) and Darwin require sleeping bags, which can be hired at \$30 per person. Sleeping bags can be purchased for \$50 each.

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CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellation of a booking or part thereof may incur fees, see our website for more details. Once travel has commenced, no refunds will be made for any unused services and clients will be responsible for their travel arrangements from that point onward.

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Highlights

Pinnacles Desert
Kalbarri National Park
Shell Beach
Monkey Mia
Coral Bay
Ningaloo Reef
Karijini National Park
80 Mile Beach
Broome
Windjana Gorge
Tunnel Creek
Gibb River Road
Kimberley Gorges
Bungle Bungle National Park
Kununurra
Lake Argyle

Days 11-12 : Broome

Two free days to either relax on beautiful Cable Beach or there is plenty to see and do in Broome. You can organise a tour out to one of the local pearl farms or view some of the old pearling luggers. Relax, explore and enjoy Broome! (Meals on these days are at own expense).

Day 13 : Broome to Windjana Gorge

Out of Broome we stop briefly at Willare Bridge, where a rushing torrent of water flows in the mighty Fitzroy River (seasonal). From here we leave the bitumen behind as we head for the Oscar Range and on to Tunnel Creek, where a 750 metre tunnel passes under the Napier Range. The area has a rich bushranger history – ask your guide for the true story! (LD)

Day 14 : Windjana Gorge to Mt Barnett

We explore Windjana Gorge (there's loads of freshwater crocodiles here!) before we hit the track again to travel along the famous Gibb River. Depending on the time of year, we may be able to explore Galvins or Adcock Gorge before setting up camp at Manning Gorge. (BLD)

Day 15 : Gibb River Road and Gorges

Today it's time for swimming and hiking in the Kimberleys! Explore the striking Manning Gorge and time permitting, we head into Barnett Gorge. Your experienced guide will use their local knowledge to determine the best gorges for you to explore. We're in for another night under the stars at our bush camp. (BLD)

Day 16 : Gibb River Road to El Questro Station

We pass through some ancient and spectacular country as we travel along the Gibb River Road. Crossing the Pentecost River, we reach the famous El Questro Station. We walk into the beautiful Cockburn Ranges for a swim under the waterfall at Emma Gorge before retiring for the night. (BLD)

Day 17 : El Questro to Bungle Bungles

Today sit back and admire the awesome scenery of the Carr Boyd and Durack Ranges as we head to Turkey Creek. We take a challenging 4WD trip into the Bungle Bungles (Purnululu National Park) for sunset over the Osmond Ranges and our overnight bush camp. (BLD)

Day 18 : Bungle Bungle National Park

It's a full day of exploration today. The rock formations of the Bungle Bungles massifs are remarkable and we visit breathtaking Echidna Chasm and magnificent Cathedral Gorge. There's time to get another perspective of the Bungles by helicopter if you choose (at own expense) before we head back to our overnight bush camp. (BLD)

Day 19 : Bungle Bungles to Kununurra Region

It's time for some 4WD action as we wind our way out of the Bungle Bungles on our way to Kununurra. Time permitting we will have the opportunity to explore the Hidden Valley, just a stones throw from Kununurra township. (BLD)

Day 20 : Kununurra Region to Victoria River Region

Today we visit Lake Argyle, created by the Ord River Dam. Lake Argyle is the biggest man-made lake in Australia and is eighteen times bigger than Sydney Harbour! We spend some time here this morning before crossing the state border into the Northern Territory to reach camp near the Victoria River region. (BLD)

Day 21 : Victoria River Region to Darwin

We're on the home run now! It's a short hop across to Katherine where we will stop at either Katherine (Nitmiluk) Gorge, or take one last refreshing swim at Edith Falls. We then make our final journey into Darwin. (BL)

Day 22 : Darwin to Mary River

A refreshing start to your day checking out the waterfalls of Litchfield National Park. Travel west into Woolna Country and receive a Cul Cul or unique 'Welcome to Country' by the traditional owners of the land, the Limilngan – Wulna people. Experience the local Aboriginal culture including cooking bush tucker, playing the didgeridoo, basket weaving and spear throwing. To finish the day we head to the spectacular Mary River Wetlands, where birds aren't the only wildlife abundant; keep a watch for lurking crocodiles on our private river cruise! A secluded campsite at Point Stuart Wilderness Lodge is where we'll stay tonight. (LD)

Day 23 : Mary River to Kakadu

Discover ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr and clamber to the top of a rocky lookout for fabulous views over the Nardab floodplain. Next it's on to Maguk (Barramundi Gorge) where a hike is rewarded with a reviving swim in the plunge pools. Tonight we stay at our permanent camp within Kakadu National Park. (BLD)

Day 24 : Kakadu to Darwin

Get ready for some 4WD action today on our way to Jim Jim Falls! Once we get there, we'll hike to the base of the falls before continuing on to Twin Falls. Feel the beauty of the stunning gorge and powerful falls from the National Park operated boat and boardwalk experience. The impressive scenery will continue to amaze you as we journey back to Darwin in the afternoon. (BL)

TROPICAL SUMMER PROGRAM (Dec to May)

Day 22

: Litchfield National Park
: Cultural Experience
: Crocodile Cruise
: Overnight Camp Point Stuart (LD)

Day 23

: Mamukala Wetlands (seasonal)
: Ubirr or Nourlangie Rock (seasonal)
: Bowali Visitor Centre
: Walk to Gubara Springs
: Overnight camp Kakadu (BLD)

Day 24

: Cathedral Termite Mounds
: Boulder Creek Falls
: Hike to Motor Car Falls
: Return to Darwin (BL)

Bring: Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), hat and sunscreen, towel and toiletries, swimming gear, warm clothing in winter, water bottle, torch, insect repellent, camera, pillow, sleeping bag (can be hired for AUD\$30 or purchased for AUD\$50).

Included: Experienced guides, meals as indicated, camping fees and equipment, 8 nights hostel accommodation (or 3 nights ensuite/ 5 nights hostel if upgrading) and national park fees.

Note: Tour is operated as a code-share with WesternXposure. Package is made up of two individual tours, therefore you may travel with a different guide and passengers during each section. Upgrade accommodation is subject to availability at time of booking. Should the Gibb River Road and Bungle Bungle National Park close due to seasonal weather conditions other attractions will be substituted.

ATTENTION

This tour is only for fit and active people, who can hike 5-9kms a day over uneven terrain, often in high temperatures. Temperatures can be extreme i.e. very high during summer days and very cold during winter nights. The operator reserves the right to assess the fitness capability of passengers prior to tour departure. Tour is not suitable for children. There is a STRICT LUGGAGE LIMIT of 15kgs per person, in a backpack or soft bag.