

## Day 1 Broome

On arrival in Broome airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. You may like to visit Sunset Bar & Grill famous for their cocktails overlooking the waterfront at Cable Beach.

Hotel: 3★ The Continental

#### Day 2 Broome

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Broome to relax by the pool, or join in more sightseeing.

#### **OPTIONAL TOUR - HALF DAY BROOME SIGHTS**

Enjoying a full commentary, we begin in Chinatown hearing fascinating stories of this colourful precinct. Whilst here we call into a pearl shop and enjoy a historical sound show at the famous Sun Pictures, the world's oldest operating open air picture garden (now listed in the Guinness World Records). We take a drive through Old Broome to view typical Broome architecture and old Pearling Masters homes then view the aqua waters of Roebuck Bay at Town Beach and learn of Broome's One Day War. We then stop at Matso's Broome Brewery to sample their hand made ales and famous ginger beer (complimentary tasting included).

Afterwards, visit the Japanese Cemetery and Broome Port, the base for many of today's Pearling vessels. Then travel by Riddell Beach and the Broome Race Course, before taking an easy paced walk at Gantheaume Point known for dinosaur footprints and hear the story of Anastasia's Pool. We then drive down onto Cable Beach for sunset (subject to beach conditions). Relax and enjoy a stroll, swim or light refreshments (included) as you watch the sun disappear into the horizon. A drop off to your accommodation is provided or you may like to enjoy a cocktail or dinner at one of the nearby cafes at approximately 6.00 pm.

Hotel: 3★ The Continental Meals: None

#### Day 3 Broome - Horizontal Falls - Broome

Today you will be collected from your hotel to journey deep into the heart of pristine wilderness on a full-day tour from Broome. Experience the Horizontal Falls and more via return scenic flights and fast boat cruise. Be amazed by the incredible forces of one of the world's largest tidal movements. Your highly experienced skipper navigates your boat back and forth through the Horizontal Falls. Have your camera ready as your one-hour return flight takes off from Cockatoo Island, flying low across the Horizontal Falls for an aerial perspective of your day in the Kimberley.

Hotel: 3★ The Continental Meals: Lunch

## Day 4 Broome - Willie Creek - Broome

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for a Willie Creek Pearl Farm Tour. You will follow the progress of the huge Pinctada Maxima shells as they are placed in panels and suspended to feed in the fast flowing tidal waters of Willie Creek. The world's largest and most precious pearls grow on the Pearl Coast. After your tour including damper and tea, the Willie Creek Showroom reveals more insights into pearls and pearling, as well as offering affordable loose pearls, unique pearl farm jewellery and pearl shell products. Visiting the farm by air-conditioned coach is an excellent way to see some of the countryside with an experienced guide. Your coach captain will take the time to acquaint you with some of the more unusual native plants and wildlife on the 38km trip.

Hotel: 3★ The Continental

#### Day 5 Broome - Kununurra

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning. At the appropriate time, your transfer will pick you up from your hotel and take you to Broome airport in time to board your flight to Kununurra.

**Hotel pick up time:** The transfer company will have your flight details. Please reconfirm with the transfer company 24 hours prior to departure to confirm your hotel pick up time.

Kununurra is the gateway town to the East Kimberley, and a great base if you'd like to explore some of Western Australia's most remarkable natural attractions.

On arrival in Kununurra, board your included transfer to your hotel for check-in.

**Kununurra airport transfer:** On arrival, your hotel will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your accommodation. This does not need to be reconfirmed unless your flight time changes.

Hotel: 4★ Freshwater Apartments Meals: None

## Day 6 Kununurra - Ord River - Kununurra

# The following itinerary applies when this activity falls between the months of June - August:

Today you will be collected from your accommodation at 9.00am before boarding your boat from the marina. Cruising this spectacular waterway, you will marvel at the spectacular scenery, wildlife, flora and fauna found along the way and maybe even spot a crocodile! Relax a while as we stop at one of our Riverside Camp's for a buffet lunch, before we then have you cruising up to the Ord Top Dam – an incredible sight when finding yourself at its water line base on the Lake Kununura side!

Boarding a coach you will drive across the Ord Top Dam and a stop at a scenic lookout. As we leave the Lake Argyle township, stop at the historic Durack Homestead Museum. The Museum was constructed as a replica of the original family Homestead and uses the original Homestead stone. Reboarding the coach, return to your accommodation in Kununurra through Durack country, arriving at approximately 3.30pm.

**Hotel pick up details**: Pick up for today's tour starts at approximately 9:00AM. Please reconfirm your tour 24 hours prior (contact details will be provided with your final documentation)

# The following itinerary applies when this activity falls between the months of March, April, May & September:

Today you will be collected from your accommodation at 11.30am and taken by coach through Durack country to Lake Argyle. As we near Lake Argyle, we will take a short break at the historic Durack Homestead Museum. This Museum was constructed as a replica of the original family Homestead and uses the original Homestead stone. Reboarding the coach, you will drive a short distance to Lake Argyle Resort before viewing the enormous Lake Argyle from a scenic look-out. Crossing the Ord Top Dam wall, you will see the Ord Hydro-Power Station before boarding your boat for a scenic journey back to Kununurra. Marvel at the spectacular scenery, wildlife, flora and fauna found along the way, including the elusive freshwater crocodile! Enjoy afternoon tea at our riverside camp before heading back to Kununurra. Take in a colourful East Kimberley sunset before docking back at the Marina and re-boarding your coach for your accommodation, arriving at approximately 6.00pm

**Inclusions note.** During the months of April, May & September you will enjoy an included afternoon tea instead of a buffet lunch.

**Hotel pick up details** (April, May & September): Pick up for today's tour starts at approximately 11:30AM. Please reconfirm your tour 24 hours prior (contact details will be provided with your final documentation)

Hotel: 4★ Freshwater Apartments Meals: Lunch

## Day 7 Kununurra - Bungle Bungles - Cathedral Gorge - Piccaninny Creek -Kununurra

Today you'll be collected from your hotel before boarding a 2 hour scenic flight that takes you on an unforgettable adventure over the Bungle Bungle Range, Lake Argyle, the Argyle Diamond Mine and the Ord River Irrigation Area. You will also fly over the stunning Carr Boyd and Osmand Ranges, the Ord and Bow Rivers before returning to Kununurra

# The below itinerary applies to departures from 22nd of March 2022 to 20th September 2022:

Today you'll be collected from your hotel before boarding a scenic flight that takes you on an unforgettable adventure over the Bungle Bungle Range, Lake Argyle, the Argyle Diamond Mine and the Ord River Irrigation Area. You will also fly over the stunning Carr Boyd and Osmand Ranges, the Ord and Bow Rivers. Reaching Purnululu National Park, you will land at the remote and unsealed Bellburn Airstrip, where you are met by a tour guide and an air-conditioned 4WD bus. From the Airstrip, your guide will drive further into the Park, to begin the guided walk throughout the famous eroded towers and black and orange banded beehive domes of the Bungle Bungle Range. This walk is of moderate intensity, and is about 3-kilometres in distance. Follow your guide into Cathedral Gorge, where towering cliffs open up to form a space with incredible natural acoustics. Whilst in the Gorge, enjoy a tasty picnic-style lunch whilst relaxing in one of the most beautiful spots in the park. After a short rest, walk along the dry creek bed of Piccaninny Creek, before returning to Bellburn Airstrip. You will then board your return scenic flight to Kununurra, with views of the Argyle Diamond Mine along the way.

Hotel: 4★ Freshwater Apartments Meals: None

## Day 8 Kununurra - Darwin

Today you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport to board your flight to Darwin. Most flights depart Kununurra from 3:30pm onwards giving you free time in the morning. On arrival in Darwin, please make your way to your centrally located hotel for check-in.

Hotel: 4★ Rydges Hotel Darwin or Similar Meals: None

#### Day 9

#### Darwin - Kakadu National Park - Darwin

Kakadu National Park is a timeless place – a landscape of exceptional beauty and diversity. Mangrove fringed coastal areas blend into expansive flood plains, lowland hills flanked to the east by sandstone escarpments, all interwoven between various open woodland and forest habitats. Teeming with wildlife in the water, on the land and in the air, there are many species which provide a diversity and concentration seen nowhere else. The land takes on different forms and different colours with the passing of each season.

Travel across Adelaide River and Marrakai Plains and deep into Kakadu National Park. There is the opportunity for an optional 50 minute scenic flight (SKF50 -own expense). Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre and view the informative displays depicting the traditions of the Aboriginal people in Kakadu; we join our local guide for a cruise on the famous Yellow Water Billabong. Search for saltwater crocodiles and the colourful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. After a lunch stop at Nourlangie Rock, your guide will lead a walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock art, before returning to Darwin.

Hotel: 4★ Rydges Hotel Darwin or Similar Meals: Lunch

## Day 10 Darwin - Katherine Gorge Cruise & Edith Falls - Darwin

Katherine Gorge is a network of thirteen gorges carved from billion-year-old sandstone by the Katherine River in Nitmiluk National Park. Aboriginal culture is strong in the area and there are many Aboriginal rock art sites dotted throughout the Park. It is a haven for nature lovers, with its rugged landscapes, dramatic waterfalls and lush gorges providing an abundance of flora and fauna.

Leaving Darwin we travel south through tropical countryside, passing former WWII airstrips en route to Adelaide River. We make a short stop at the Adelaide River War Cemetery, a site dedicated to those killed in the air raids in Darwin in the 1940's.

Continue to Edith Falls, where there is time for a refreshing swim in the paperbark and pandanas fringed waterhole beneath the falls (conditions permitting). After your included lunch, we join a 1.5 Gorge Cruise through Katherine Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park, a swim opportunity and a detailed visit to the Rock Art Site. The cruise will travel as far up the second gorge as possible, and will allow time for passengers to swim, so don't forget to bring your bathers! Our tour of the first two gorges takes us past sheer rock walls and requires a short walk to reach the second gorge. Enjoy a brief tour of Katherine, the hub of the region's cattle and farming industries. Travel via Pine Creek, an historic gold mining town, to our evening stop at Adelaide River where you may purchase dinner (own expense) before returning to Darwin.

Hotel: 4★ Rydges Hotel Darwin or Similar Meals: Lunch

## Day 11 Darwin - Litchfield National Park - Darwin

Litchfield National Park contains several types of typical Top End habitats including lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, waterfalls and cascades. The park encloses much of the spectacular Tabletop Range, which is a wide sandstone plateau mostly surrounded by cliffs. During the green season four major waterfalls thunder from the cliffs to tropical rock pools many metres below. During the dry season, the waterfalls flow more gently, making the waterholes the perfect spot for a cool dip. The Park's traditional owners are the Wagait Aboriginal people, many of whom live in the area.

We follow the Stuart Highway via the township of Batchelor to Litchfield National Park where we will visit the main falls. First stop is Florence Falls, where you have the opportunity for a scenic and interpretive bush and monsoon vine forest walk. There is also the chance for a swim by making your way down the stairs to the plunge pool below. Travel on to Tolmer Falls for a magnificent view of the water cascading down to the deep waterhole at the base of the falls. Finally we visit Wangi Falls, with its large crystal clear pool, another relaxing spot for a swim. On the way back to Darwin we make a stop in at Howard Spring Nature Park, where you will have the chance to feed the Barramundi & Turtles. A great day for taking many fascinating photos, including the amazing stand of termite mounds.

Hotel: 4★ Rydges Hotel Darwin or Similar Meals: Lunch

### Day 12 Darwin - Perth

Today we leave the Top End and fly to Perth. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Hotel: 4★ Travelodge Perth Meals: None

## Day 13 Perth - Rottnest Island - Perth

Make your way to Barrack Street Jetty and board the Rottnest Express ferry to Rottnest Island, located 22km offshore. Then explore the beauty and tranquility of Rottnest as you sit back and relax in the comfort of an air conditioned coach. This 90-minute circumnavigation of the island takes you out to some of Rottnest's most spectacular locations including the Wadjemup Lighthouse and the rugged West End and provides you with a complete interpretation of the island through a passionate and knowledgeable crew. This tour will provide you with an insight into Rottnest's cultural and historical heritage, diverse wildlife and fauna and social heritage. You will also have a chance to step outside and have a stroll along the boardwalk at the majestic look-out point at West End.

Hotel: 4★ Travelodge Perth Meals: Breakfast

#### Day 14 Indian Pacific Train - Kalgoorlie

Your journey from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean begins as you pull away from the platform in Perth mid-morning. Settle into your comfortable cabin and get to know the creature comforts of life onboard. Enjoy a modern Australian lunch as you glide through the picturesque rolling hills of the Avon Valley. After a relaxing afternoon onboard, enjoy a three-course dinner prior to your late evening arrival in the wild west township of Kalgoorlie.

Hotel: Indian Pacific Meals: Lunch, Dinner

## Day 15 Indian Pacific Train - Nullarbor Plain

Awake to the spectacular expanse of the Nullarbor Plain to watch the sunrise. Be captivated by the big blue skies and ancient stillness of the desert landscape, broken only by a mob of friendly kangaroos. Waiting ahead is the charm of the once-thriving Nullarbor railway community – now a ghost town – of Cook. Sit back and relax as the train continues its trek across the longest single stretch of railway in the world. Another mouth-watering dinner is followed by relaxed conversation in the lounge before a restful night's sleep.

Hotel: Indian Pacific Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 16 Indian Pacific Train - Adelaide - Train - Broken Hill

On arrival in elegant Adelaide, you have the choice of a walking tour (seasonal), a behind-the-scenes tour of the world famous Adelaide Oval, or a coach tour of the city sights. This evening you'll enjoy a stop at Broken Hill, Australia's silver capital and home to a unique artistic community.

Hotel: Indian Pacific Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 17 Indian Pacific Train - Blue Mountains - Sydney

Wake in the picturesque Blue Mountains. See the majestic Three Sisters at Echo Point and the views at Jamison Valley before completing your journey on our chartered NSW rail service (fully hosted by our staff) into Sydney Central Station. Alternatively, stay on board the Indian Pacific to travel directly to Sydney.

Hotel: 4★ Rydges Sydney Central Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 18 Sydney

Today your Indian Pacific adventure comes to an end. At the appropriate time, make your way to the airport for your onward journey. Alternatively, You may want to consider taking one of the below optional activities. These are full day tours and you will need to allow for an extra day per activity. We can assist you arrange this extra night of accommodation if required.

## **Optional Activity - Hunter Valley Food and Wine Day Tour**

The Hunter is famous for its wineries and variety of cuisines cooked from fresh local produce. Our food and wine tours take you on a journey from the vine to the glass as you enjoy delicious, Australian made wines coupled with menus designed to complement every drop.

We have a motto when it comes to our Hunter Valley food and wine tours, "our wine is our canvass, and our food is our paint". Let us help you appreciate the art of perfectly matched wine and food at the region's most renowned wineries. Our mission is to make your day not just an outing, but an expedition, exploring vineyards, and experiencing first class cooking in idyllic surrounds.

## Departs: 06.20am

**Includes:** Pick up and drop from your hotel, breakfast, lunch, 3 boutique winery tastings

Arrives: 06.30pm

## **Optional Activity - Full Day Harbour Luxury Sailing Small Group**

Board your luxury yacht and cruise up Darling Harbour at a relaxed pace to the main body of Sydney Harbour. After clearing the commuter traffic, hoist the sails and cut the engines for the sail out to the harbour heads. Drop anchor in a peaceful bay for a gourmet lunch with Australian wine, beer & soft drinks. There is plenty of time to try your hand at fishing, go for a swim or just relax on the yacht.

#### Departs: 10.00am

**Includes:** Pick up from your hotel, fully qualified skipper, gourmet lunch with Australian wine, beer & soft drinks, all gear for fishing & snorkelling, towels. **Arrives:** 03.00pm. Tour ends at Aquarium Pontoon Darling Harbour

#### Check out & departure information

From your hotel to Sydney Airport there are a few options. The quickest way is by train. The Sydney airport link runs frequently, costs \$19.40 per person from the city to the Airport terminal and costs approx \$16 per person and it takes under 15 minutes. Alternatively, an Uber ride costs around \$35 to the airport. Hotel check out is at 10am.

Meals: Breakfast