

# 14 DAY COMPLETE KIMBERLEY

## DESTINATIONS

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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Broome
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ The Oaks Cable Beach, or similar

Welcome to Broome!

Make your way to your accommodation. 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.

## DAY 2

Destination	Broome 🚗 Dampier Peninsula
Meals included	Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Cygnets Bay Safari Camp (Permanent Tent), or similar

The Dampier Peninsula is an extraordinary blend of pristine beaches and dramatic coastlines, rich in traditional Aboriginal culture. Travelling north, learn about the region's fascinating history from our guided commentary. Our first stop is the Beagle Bay Aboriginal Community, home of the Beagle Bay Church with its glimmering pearl shell altar, for morning tea. Soon we arrive at the One Arm Point Community, perched on the tip of the Dampier Peninsula, to visit the Community's aquaculture hatchery, complete with barramundi, pearl and trochus shell. After a picnic lunch we head for the remote Cygnets Bay Pearl Farm. In 1946 Dean Brown skippered a rickety wooden lugger into an unknown frontier to discover this hidden paradise: his descendants continue to operate what is now the oldest Pearl Farm in Australia. Embark an extraordinary cruise through the Islands of the Giant Tides to experience the remarkable tidal flows of King Sound. In the evening we relax round a fire in our own private camp

## DAY 3

Destination	Cygnets Bay Pearl Farm 🚗 Kooljaman 🚗 Cape Leveque & Broome
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ The Oaks Broome, or similar

This morning a knowledgeable local guide will demonstrate a pearl harvest, providing a glimpse into this fully operational pearl farm. Discover how they cultivate some of the most sought after and beautiful pearls in the world and enjoy an in-depth pearl grading and appreciation session that will leave you feeling like a pearl expert! Mid morning we depart for beautiful Kooljaman at Cape Leveque. You may like to head off for a swim, or take one of the lovely walks in the area to explore the rugged red coastline for which Cape Leveque is famous. Driving back through the dusk, keep an eye out for wildlife before arriving in Broome.

## DAY 4

Destination	Broome 🚗 Tunnel Creek
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Lake Argyle and the Fitzroy River Lodge (Dome Tents), or similar

As we travel through the remote and beautiful Kimberley landscape, our guide shares stories of local history, people and the environment. Enjoy a morning tea break by the Fitzroy River and visit the Derby 'Boab Prison Tree' before we hit the Gibb River Road. Visit the fascinating Mowanjum Aboriginal Art & Cultural Centre for an insight into the culture of the Worrorra, Ngarinyin and Wunumbal tribes and their supreme spirit being, the Wandjina. The afternoon is

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devoted to exploring Tunnel Creek, with our local Bunuba guide. In this 750-metre cave system carved through the Napier Range, we discover stalactites, secret caves and a large variety of wildlife. It is here we also learn the legend of Jandamarra, an Aboriginal freedom fighter who used the tunnel as a hide-out in the late 1800's. Don't miss a refreshing swim in an idyllic waterhole. That night we settle into our first night under the Kimberley night sky.

### DAY 5

Destination	Tunnel Creek 🚗 West Kimberley Gorges
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private safari camp at Manning Gorge (Permanent Tents), or similar

The Napier Range is over 350 million years old and home to the geological wonder of Windjana Gorge. Beneath gorge walls rising 90m, we spend the morning searching for freshwater crocodiles, local birdlife and indigenous bush tucker. In the afternoon we head off to Dalmanyi ( Bell Gorge), a hidden highlight of the West Kimberley. This idyllic retreat, considered amongst the most beautiful in the area, boasts cascading waterfalls and crystal clear pools formed over millions of years – an easy place to while away a few hours! Spend the next day swimming in paradise: further up the Gibb River Road, we discover the cool waters of water lily-laden Galvans Gorge and stunning Adcock Gorge. Amid the rugged beauty of Manning Falls we swim in deep clear waters, relax, explore wandering streams, uncover local wildlife and take a dip in the waterfall pools. Overnight we camp by a billabong on Mt Barnett Cattle Station.

### DAY 6

Destination	West Kimberley Gorges
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private safari camp at Manning Gorge (Permanent Tents), or similar

Spend another day exploring this incredible remote wilderness chasing waterfalls and waterholes with your guide.

### DAY 7

Destination	West Kimberley Gorges 🚗 El Questro Wilderness Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private safari camp at El Questro Station (Permanent Tents), or similar

Our journey up the Gibb River Road continues to the iconic El Questro Wilderness Park. Two nights in our private campsite here allows free time join one or more of the many activities on offer. We include a refreshing dip in the Zebedee Springs and walk into Emma Gorge while a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge, bush tucker walk or bird watching tour are amongst the many optional activities. You may choose to simply explore this beautiful wilderness park at your own leisure.

### DAY 8

Destination	El Questro Wilderness Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private safari camp at El Questro Station (Permanent Tents), or similar

Spend another day exploring this incredible wilderness park with your guide.

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### DAY 9

Destination	El Questro Wilderness Park 🚗 Kununurra 🚗 Lake Argyle
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Lake Argyle Resort Standard Room (private ensuite), or similar

We emerge from the Gibb River Road for a few hours free time in Kununurra. In the afternoon, travel onto the shores of the expansive Lake Argyle, the heart of the Ord River Irrigation System which has transformed this dry region into a lush agricultural oasis. There is free time to join a sunset boat cruise on the lake (approx AU\$100pp, own expense), visit the historic Durack Homestead Museum or take on one of the many bush trails to explore the area.

### DAY 10

Destination	Lake Argyle 🚗 Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungles)
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Bungle Bungles Safari Camp (Permanent Tents), or similar

After a leisurely morning, head south down the Great Northern Highway to Purnululu National Park, home of the magnificent Bungle Bungles. Two nights here, staying in our new private Bungle Bungle Safari Camp in the heart of the Park, allows a full day to explore the highlights of this extraordinary National Park, the most famous of which, are the Bungle Bungle domes. Rivers created this landscape of unique orange and black striped 'beehive' geological formations over a period of 20 million years. Unbelievably, only the locals knew it existed until the early 1980's; once discovered by others, the area was made a national park in 1987. We explore Echidna Chasm (2km), known for its towering Livistonia Palm trees, and take a short walk (2-3km) into stunning Cathedral Gorge, where towering rocks create a natural amphitheatre. There is time in the afternoon to take an optional scenic helicopter flight and enjoy a birds-eye view of the beehive domes (approx \$450pp, own expense, payable on tour) to put it all into perspective.

### DAY 11

Destination	Purnululu National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Bungle Bungles Safari Camp (Permanent Tents), or similar

Spend another day in this incredible national park with your guide.

### DAY 12

Destination	Purnululu National Park 🚗 Fitzroy Crossing
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	The Safari Cabins at the Fitzroy River Lodge (private ensuite), or similar

Enroute to Fitzroy Crossing, we break the long journey with a visit the gold rush town of Halls Creek to see the remarkable China Wall. We also enjoy lunch at Marys Pool and visit the remote Laarri Aboriginal Art Gallery, before an evening by the Fitzroy River at Fitzroy Crossing.

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### DAY 13

Destination	Fitzroy Crossing 🚢 Geikie Gorge 🚢 Broome
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ The Oaks Broome, or similar

A morning cruise through the majestic Danggu (Geikie Gorge) is a great start to our last day. Nature carved this wonder through the Geikie and Oscar Ranges during the Devonian geological period. Learn of the fascinating geology of this natural wonder and discover the huge array of wildlife including freshwater crocodiles, birds and fish. Explore Old Fitzroy Crossing and enjoy lunch by the river before we return to Broome in time to enjoy the sunset on Cable Beach.

### DAY 14

Destination	Broome
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

As the adventure draws to an end, it is time to bid farewell to the Kimberley.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Escorted small group tour, up to 20 guests only
- 13 nights accommodation in hotels, permanent tents & camping
- Incredible sightseeing, including Cape Leveque, Gibb River Road, Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek, Dalmanyi (Bell Gorge), Manning Falls, El Questro Wilderness Park and the Bungle Bungles
- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 10 dinners
- Transportation in purpose built modern 4WD coaches

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel north to The Dampier Peninsula, an extraordinary blend of pristine beaches and dramatic coastlines
- Discover how they cultivate some of the most sought after and beautiful pearls in the world
- Derby 'Boab Prison Tree' before commencing a once in a lifetime drive on the Gibb River Road
- Journey up the Gibb River Road continues to the iconic El Questro Wilderness Park
- Travel onto the shores of the expansive Lake Argyle, the heart of the Ord River Irrigation System
- Head south down the Great Northern Highway to Purnululu National Park, home of the magnificent Bungle Bungles.
- Visit the gold rush town of Halls Creek to see the remarkable China Wall.
- Cruise through the majestic Danggu (Geikie Gorge)

#### BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

#### **Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support**

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

#### **Flexible Date Change Option**

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Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date\*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

\*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

### **Cooling off period**

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com), including the reason for cancellation.

## VEHICLES, CAMPING & PACKING INFORMATION

### **Vehicles**

These tours are operated in custom-built, 21-24 seat 4WD trucks with a PA system, wide viewing windows and built-in storage (no risky trailers!). These vehicles allow our small groups extra space (including standing room), are fully air-conditioned and, for your comfort are fitted with adjustable air-vents, reclinable seats, map pockets and footrests. Note that some Broome Day Tours may operate in larger 24-seat 4WD

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trucks.

### Permanent Tents

For those nights when you are staying in National Parks and not one of our own Private Wilderness Camps, we provide tents, swags (including 2 – 3 inch mattresses), bottom sheets, pillows and pillow cases. All campsites have shared ablution facilities.

Overnight campsites are well equipped with ablutions facilities – with flushing toilets and hot showers – including our private Bungle Bungles Safari Camp in Purnululu National Park.

### What to pack

- A broad-brimmed sun hat
- Good walking boots or sturdy shoes for hiking over rocky terrain
- Fitted shoes for walking in water
- Torch (a head torch is ideal)
- Swimmers & towel
- Personal water bottle (1 Litre recommended)
- Sunscreen
- Long-sleeved cotton shirt (sun protection) and loose-fitting pants (warmth and insect protection for evenings)
- Towels – shower and swimming
- Personal toiletries\* & medication
- Insect Repellent\*
- Ear Plugs – you never know when you might need these!
- Sleeping bag - Basic sleeping bags are available for purchase \$45 from office prior to tour – can be kept or donated to local communities after your tour.

### Luggage Restrictions

Due to limited space in the vehicles it is important that your luggage is in a small, soft bag (suitcases are not suitable) and weighs a maximum of 15kg.



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### FITNESS

We welcome travellers of all ages. Average age of travellers is 55-60 years. The only requirement is that you are reasonably fit, able and looking to enjoy a real outback Australian experience with like-minded travellers.

This itinerary involves some clambering over rocks, wading in water by torchlight, walking on rocky creek beds and ascending/descending into gorges. A reasonable level of fitness and being sure on your feet is necessary to participate.

Are you over 70 years old? Due to the remote location and nature of the tours it is essential for older travellers to review and sign a Medical Form to ensure you can participate fully in the itinerary.

### 2022 ITINERARY, DATES & PRICES

For 2022 itinerary, dates & prices please click [here](#)

### Fine Print

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## HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with a \$1,700 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$700 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

### Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
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- Your booking will be confirmed within 48 hours on completing your booking form. If your booking cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the payment will be provided.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Insurance is compulsory for all travellers on all tours and details must be presented to tour guide before departure.
- Domestic Flights not outlined on the itinerary
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### COVID-19

Due to COVID there maybe disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

### Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These

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guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3".

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

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### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard.

### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is \$1500 per person in addition to the twin-share price.

### **Triple Share**

Not available.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

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### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation including, e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

2 to 20 travellers, maximum.

### **Children**

Children must be 6 years old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.