

Kimberley Walking Tour

13 Days



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If you've always wanted to visit the Kimberley WA, and if you're interested in walking and swimming, rather than sitting on buses all day, this Kimberley tour is for you. Our Kimberley WA walking tours allow you to go where other tourists can't and explore the gorges, swimming holes, waterfalls and vistas of this magnificent landscape.

We've designed an itinerary which, over 13 days, gives you the best of the Kimberley WA including the Gibb River Road gorges, El Questro Wilderness Park and Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungles) - without rushing. Travel in air-conditioned comfort in our custombuilt 4WD coach, and enjoy wonderful guided day walks along the way.

Take your time to walk, swim, relax, and soak up the surrounding beauty each day - while still seeing so many extraordinary places.

Details

Arrive: Broome

Broome Depart:

Duration: 13 Days

Group Size: Max 15 quests

Average Age: 55-75

Activity Level: Easy to Moderate

Testimonials

The Kimberley is an amazing and beautiful part of Australia and this trip not only took us to some of the iconic locations but also to some gorgeous little hidden gems that many people might just drive straight past. The trip is so well organised, and the guides are really knowledgeable and fun. The food is gourmet camp cooking with flare... who would have thought that the best best roast lamb and vegies you've ever eaten would be cooked in camp oven?! Thanks everyone.

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Highlights



Travel the entire length of the Gibb River Road, visiting the spectacular gorges that the Kimberley is famous for.



Spend two full days each in El Questro Station and Purnululu (the Bungles) walking, exploring and relaxing.



Explore the gorges at a leisurely pace and take advantage of the many idyllic swimming holes.

What to expect



Enjoy eating delicious and very ample meals around a campfire under the splendour of the stars.



Our guides are there to make sure your camping experience is enjoyable and will carry out all the campsite duties. Of course help is always welcome!



Average temperature

May: 18 min - 33 max June: 15 min - 30 max July: 14 min - 30 max Aug: 15 min - 33 max





Itinerary

Walk, swim, relax and soak up the beauty on this guided Kimberley walking tour. So many extraordinary places.

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Day 1 BROOME TO WINDJANA GORGE

We depart Broome early this morning and head for Windjana Gorge, passing Boab trees (including the famous Prison Tree) and vast savannah woodlands interspersed with giant and unusual termite mounds.

We'll visit the Mowanjum Aboriginal Art and Culture Centre where local artists display work depicting Wandjina and Gwion Gwion figures in an art form based on cave paintings.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable camping, Windjana Gorge Campsite

Day 2 WINDJANA GORGE & TUNNEL CREEK

Today we explore the length of Windjana Gorge with a 7km return walk. The high walls of this gorge were once part of an ancient Devonian reef that surrounded the Kimberley. With its varied bird life, interesting reef walls and its many freshwater crocodiles, Windjana will keep us enthralled for hours. In the afternoon we visit Tunnel Creek, spending time walking through the 750 m long cave system. Tunnel Creek is a significant site for the local Bunaba people.

Activity: 7km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable camping, Windjana Gorge Campsite

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Day 3 WINDJANA GORGE TO MT BARNETT STATION

We head through the Napier Range visiting Bell Creek Gorge with its many rock pools, rapids and a waterfall. This is a spectacular spot for a swim and one of the most photographed waterholes in the Kimberley.

After a good amount of time exploring, we will drive on to our next campsite at Mt Barnett Station on the banks of the Manning Creek.

Activity: Short walk and swim

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable camping, Manning Gorge Campground

Day 4 MANNING CREEK AND SURROUNDS

Leaving early from our campsite, we follow an open, beautiful walk trail to Manning Gorge and Falls. Swim, relax and soak in the atmosphere while you enjoy morning tea, carried in by your guides.

We will head back to the campsite for lunch. For those looking for a relaxed afternoon, it is time to read a book under a boab tree and perhaps another swim in the creek nearby to the camp.

For those looking to explore, there are a few gorges within striking distance, so we can take a drive out to explore one of them.

Activity: Moderate walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable camping - Manning Gorge Campground

Day 5 MANNING CREEK TO EL QUESTRO

Enjoy the scenery and a true blue 'Gibb River Road massage' today on this mostly driving day. The typical Kimberley scenery includes the Pentecost River Lookout, which overlooks the river floodplain and the tabletop Cockburn Ranges beyond. We'll cross the Durack River and pass the site of the old Durack River Homestead, destroyed by flood in 2002.

Dinner is not included tonight so you can enjoy the restaurants of El Questro.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Comfortable camping, El Questro





Day 6 EL QUESTRO STATION

During these two days there are plenty of walking and swimming options that we can undertake at El Questro. These include Amalia Gorge, Emma Gorge & El Questro Gorge walks. Plus, we'll enjoy a luxuriant soak in Zebedee Thermal Springs. There is an optional cruise on Chamberlain Gorge if anyone wants an easy afternoon.

Activity: Moderate gorge walking and swimming

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable camping, El Questro

Day 7 EL QUESTRO STATION

Another full day to explore the beautiful El Questro area.

Activity: Moderate gorge walking and swimming

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable camping, El Questro

Day 8 EL QUESTRO TO KUNUNURRA

This morning we head for Kununurra, visiting the Ramsar wetland Parry Lagoons on the way - a wonderful spot to view masses of waterbirds. There will be time in the afternoon to catch up on washing, postcards or just to relax. The crew will be organising the fresh food for the next section of the trip.

Dinner is not included tonight to give you the opportunity to taste some local delights.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Ibis Styles, Kununurra

Day 9 KUNUNURRA AND LAKE ARGYLE

It won't take long for us to have a look around the town, however Mirima National Park which is known locally as the "mini Bungles" is well worth a visit.

In the afternoon we will head to Lake Argyle for a look around. For those who would like, there is the option to take a boat trip up the Ord River, which ends at Lake Argyle.

Lunch and Dinner are not included in today's itinerary.

Activity: Mirima National Park and visit to Lake Argyle

Meals: B

Accommodation: Ibis Styles, Kununurra

Day 10 KUNUNURRA TO PURNULULU (BUNGLE BUNGLE)

This morning we leave Kununurra and head for Purnululu National Park - one of only three natural World Heritage sites in Western Australia. The 53 kilometre 4wd road into the park is our reintroduction to outback tracks with creek crossings, wash aways and rough slow sections. After setting up camp, we can go for a stroll and watch the sun set against the red rock of the Bungle Bungle Range - bring a drink if you like!

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable Camping, Purnululu National Park Campsite

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Day 11 PURNULULU (BUNGLE BUNGLE)

We spend the next two days exploring the natural wonders of the park including Echidna Chasm, Mini Palms Gorge, the spectacular orange and black 'beehive' domes, Piccanniny Creek and Cathedral Gorge. There is time during our stay for an optional helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungle Range - a fantastic way to see and appreciate this completely unique and beautiful landscape.

Activity: Short to Moderate Walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable Camping, Purnululu National Park campsite

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Day 12 PURNULULU (BUNGLE BUNGLE)

Spend another full day exploring Purnululu National Park.

Activity: Short to Moderate Walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Comfortable Camping, Purnululu National Park campsite

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Day 13 PURNULULU (BUNGLE BUNGLE) TO BROOME

This morning we leave Purnululu and make the return journey to Broome. It is a long epic drive but the scenery is truly out of this world.

We will stop briefly in Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing, and then have you back in Broome early evening. The tour finishes with drops offs back in Broome.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B, L

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Departure Dates

23 Apr 2022 - 05 May 2022

26 Apr 2022 - 08 May 2022

29 Apr 2022 - 11 May 2022

02 May 2022 - 14 May 2022

05 May 2022 - 17 May 2022

09 May 2022 - 21 May 2022

12 May 2022 - 24 May 2022

15 May 2022 - 27 May 2022

18 May 2022 - 30 May 2022

21 May 2022 - 02 Jun 2022

25 May 2022 - 06 Jun 2022

28 May 2022 - 09 Jun 2022

31 May 2022 - 12 Jun 2022

03 Jun 2022 - 15 Jun 2022

06 Jun 2022 - 18 Jun 2022

10 Jun 2022 - 22 Jun 2022

13 Jun 2022 - 25 Jun 2022

16 Jun 2022 - 28 Jun 2022

19 Jun 2022 - 01 Jul 2022

22 Jun 2022 - 04 Jul 2022

28 Jun 2022 - 10 Jul 2022

01 Jul 2022 - 13 Jul 2022

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07 Jul 2022 - 19 Jul 2022

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26 Jul 2022 - 07 Aug 2022

30 Jul 2022 - 11 Aug 2022

02 Aug 2022 - 14 Aug 2022

05 Aug 2022 - 17 Aug 2022

08 Aug 2022 - 20 Aug 2022

11 Aug 2022 - 23 Aug 2022

15 Aug 2022 - 27 Aug 2022

18 Aug 2022 - 30 Aug 2022

21 Aug 2022 - 02 Sep 2022



Pricing

2021

\$3,999 per person

\$350 Deposit

Optional Extras

\$200 Single Supplement

Sleeping Bag Hire \$35

\$249 Broome Time Resort (in. Breakfast) / night

Inclusions

- Transport is by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach
- Professional guiding and support each day by 2
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 11 night's accommodation at campsites and 1 night in cabins
- All park entry fees
- All camping equipment, except a sleeping bag and
- 12 healthy breakfasts cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 13 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 12 lunches some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 9 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning

Exclusions

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Lunch on Day 9; Dinner on Days 5, 8 and 9
- Chamberlain Gorge River Cruise
- Helispirit flight in Purnululu
- Ord River Boat Cruise





Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au, find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/ Book Now' alternatively call us on 08 6219 5164 (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au.

Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks. That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancilation policy during covid restrictions here https:// www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.





About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the campsite, slip into your comfy slacks and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the campfire. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor





