

Kimberley Walking Tour



Welcome to your next adventure.
Here are a few details to help you get prepared...

Getting to and from your Trip

You will need to book flights to and from Broome, arriving the day before the tour departs and returning the day after the tour finishes. Broome really is a great little town and if you would like to stay a few extra nights either before or after please let us know if we can help.

Pre/Post Trip Accommodation Recommendations

Please see our below recommendations for accommodation in Broome:

- Broome time Resort - \$249/night* (if booked through Inspiration Outdoors)
- Mangrove Hotel
- Kimberley Travellers Lodge for a cheaper but still good option. (Ask for a private room!)
- The Mercure
- The Oak
- Beaches of Broome (at Cable Beach so a little further away from the main town)

*Rate will increase during the Ord Valley Muster

Camping

This is a camping tour with lots of comfort. (As we like to say it's a camping tour for non campers!) Each person will have the use of their own tent (they are really easy to put up and we will help you) as well as a knee high stretcher bed and self inflating mattress. Even if you are travelling with a friend or a significant other you will have access to your own tent or you are more than welcome to share. You will need to bring a pillow and sleeping bag or you can hire a sleeping bag from us for \$35 (to cover dry cleaning at the end of the tour).

There are toilets and showers at all of the campsites with the exception of the showers at the Bungle Bungles where we rig up a rudimentary shower.

A holiday isn't a holiday if there isn't time to relax and reflect on the day's adventures. Our guides are there to make sure your camping experience is enjoyable and will carry out all the campsite duties, of course any help is always appreciated. You'll spend the nights relaxing on comfortable armchairs enjoying the sights and sounds as you sit around the campfire, recapping the highlights of the day with your fellow travel companions.

Do you need to hire a sleeping bag? Make sure you let us know so we can have one ready for you.

Luggage

Due to health and safety requirements, please limit your luggage to one small-medium sized, soft sided bag per person - it has to be loaded and unloaded many times. 12 kg should be sufficient. If you're travelling as a

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couple, please pack two smaller bags rather than one large one. Sleeping bag, pillow, day pack and walking poles can be additional to your main luggage bag.

Washing Facilities

There will be opportunities to hand wash clothing during the tour as well as washing machines at El Questro and Kununurra.

Phone Coverage and Charging

Apart from when we stop over in Kununurra on day 8 and day 9 before we head to the Bungles, there is no phone reception. We carry satellite phones for emergencies only.

We have the ability to charge cameras/phones/ipads/kindles in the vehicle. However, we can only charge two or three at a time. Bring your own USB charging cables. Please ensure your cameras are fully charged at the start of the tour.

Climate

Days are usually dry with average max temps of 30C and average minimum temps of 15C. Keep in mind it can get below 10 Deg during the night at some of the campsites, incl Bungles and Bell Gorge so make sure you come prepared with warm clothing and sleeping gear

Food

You'll be pleasantly surprised at the variety and quality of the meals prepared under what are sometimes difficult conditions. Your resourceful guides will ensure that fresh local produce and ingredients are used when available. Three meals each day plus morning tea and pre dinner nibbles are included as part of your tour (apart from dinner on day 8 and 9, and Lunch on Day 9). If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know when you book, we are happy to adapt our tasty, nutritious meals to suit a variety of dietary needs. All eating utensils are provided.

Drinks

Drinking water is always available. Guests may bring a small quantity of alcohol, cardboard wine casks are preferred and beer must be in cans rather than stubbies. We have limited cooling capacity onboard so a cask of red wine, if you drink it, is the perfect drink to bring. We can cool a few cans of beer each evening though so if you're a beer drinker you'll be okay.

The main reason we prefer cardboard and cans is that there are very limited rubbish disposal sites. Being able to crush the containers saves a lot of space. Also, they are far less likely to break as we're driving over rough roads!

Please note that bottle shops in Kununurra and Broome don't sell casks of wine (to reduce problems associated with binge/ excessive drinking) so please bring them with you in your luggage. It is okay to purchase some bottles of wine, but we would like to keep it to a minimum.

You can purchase alcohol in Broome, at El Questro Station and in Kununurra.

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Transport

Your Kimberley chariot is an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach. Our vehicle is comfortable and regularly serviced to ensure its safety and reliability. The coach seats 21 or 17 people (depending which coach we use) but as we only have a maximum of 15 guests on tour there is plenty of room onboard. Seats are not pre allocated, so to ensure all participants get to enjoy seats close to the front and window seats we encourage guests to change where they sit each day.

In the case of a breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances affecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour.

Medical Restrictions

As we operate in remote areas, guests will need to bring all of their own personal medications on tour. Whilst our guides are qualified in remote area or wilderness first aid and carry satellite phones, we do not carry epi-pens, Ventolin or other emergency medications. If a person requires urgent medical attention whilst on tour, it may take several hours or more for emergency services to attend the scene and take you to a medical facility.

Under certain circumstances your tour consultant may request a medical certificate of fitness before you are cleared to participate on the tour.

If pre-existing medical issues that will affect your ability to complete the tour or have an impact on other guests experiences, are not disclosed prior to the departure, we reserve the right to remove you from the tour.

We do not have electricity at most of our campsites. If you require a CPAP machine, you can bring a battery operated machine. Please bring spare batteries and position your tent towards the edge of the group. Please let your guides know so that they can help you with tent site selection at each camp.

Dietary Requirements

From vegetarians to pescatarians to meat loving carnivores with an aversion to cucumbers we cater for all dietary requirements and will make sure you are well fed and looked after on tour. Your resourceful guides will ensure that fresh local produce and ingredients are used when available.

Access to Shops

We recommend bringing any essentials with you before the tour departs or purchasing them in Broome. If you have forgotten anything there is the chance to purchase items in Kununurra on Day 8 and 9.

Other Optional Activities

There are a few optional activities on the tour for you to consider:

- Cruise along the Chamberlain Gorge and/or Emma Gorge at El Questro
- Scenic Flight over the Bungle bungles with HeliSpirit. This link will show you the different packages and price points (<https://www.helispire.com.au/scenic-flights-and-tours/bungle-bungle-helicopter-tours-live/>)

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- Boat trip along the Ord River to Lake Argyle

These optional tours are not included in the tour price. If you would like to book on any of the above please get in touch with us, as they need to be pre-booked before the tour departs.

What to Pack

- Day-pack - with a thick waist strap to help take some weight off your shoulders.
- Shorts/long pants and shirts for walking - lightweight and quick-dry material are best.
- Socks - note that thick explorer socks can get uncomfortably hot in the Kimberley
- Warm clothing in case of cold evenings and mornings - jumper, tracksuit pants, beanie.
- Comfortable, sturdy walking shoes or boots (ankle support is recommended as many surfaces are rocky and uneven).
- Reef sandals/shoes for walking in water. Make sure they have good grip even when they're wet.
- Sock protectors/Gaiters (not plastic) - to keep grass seeds out & protect legs. You don't need anything too extreme as we are not going to be hiking through spinifex. The small cloth gaiters (the lawn mowing type ones) will be fine. Lightweight long pants are just as good;
- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Sun protection - hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and clothing.
- Casual clothes for evenings and rest days.ve to expect some bad weather at any time of the year down here so bring wet weather gear even if the forecast is fine.
- Bath towel.
- Toiletries, hand sanitiser and personal medication.
- Reliable headlamp with spare batteries (much better than a torch because you can use both hands when wearing a headlamp).
- Any preferred first aid supplies - such as your favourite blister treatment! (Your guide will carry a full first-aid kit).
- Water bottle/s or camelback - 2 to 3 litre capacity.
- Fly net (to go over hat).
- Insect Repellent.
- Camera and charger/batteries. We can charge cameras with a USB charger on the bus. A waterproof camera is great for the swimming holes.
- Snacks and alcohol - some people like to bring their own muesli bars, nuts, lollies etc.
- Walking poles if you use them.
- Sleeping bag (warm enough for min temperatures of approx 4 degrees Celsius). You can hire a sleeping bag from us for \$35 for the whole tour if you would prefer.
- A small pillow.

Emergency Contact on Tour

In the case of an emergency and family and friends are trying to get in contact with you and unable to reach you on your personal phone, please ask them to call the office on 1300 544 882. After hours or on the weekend there is an option on the voicemail which will direct them through to the duty managers personal mobile.

On tour in an emergency situation our guides will be carrying satellite phones.

Final Payment Due Date

Final payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks. We will send out an email reminder.

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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 cancellation 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.

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