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Bungle Bungle Range, Purnululu National Park

Credit: Tourism WA

# UNTAMED KIMBERLEY

5-15 AUGUST 2025 • 11 DAYS

Lake Argyle



Credit: Tourism WA

Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge



Credit: Tourism NT/Mark Fitzpatrick

## HIGHLIGHTS include...

- ◆ Guided by a highly experienced specialist Travel Director and Driver Guide
- ◆ Support local Aboriginal artists with a visit to a Kimberley Indigenous Art Gallery and discover why art is so important to maintaining culture
- ◆ Cruise down the spectacular Ord River from Lake Argyle with a local guide, to be greeted by the setting sun over the water in Kununurra
- ◆ Inside Mimbi Caves, hear fascinating stories as your Gooniyandi guide takes you to a time when Aboriginal people inhabited these caves, carved out of an ancient fossilised reef system
- ◆ Learn about the Jawoyn people, traditional landowners of Nitmiluk National Park, their stories of how the gorge was formed, and about how they live and work today
- ◆ Visit a UNESCO World Heritage Site – Purnululu National Park
- ◆ Stay in centrally-located premium hotels
- ◆ Return flights ex Hobart
- ◆ Arrival and departure private airport transfers
- ◆ Six Dinners with Wine, ten Full Breakfasts, one Be My Guest dinner under the stars, one Lunch and a Farewell Dinner – **and more!**

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## INTRODUCTION

### Experience the ancient waterways and hike to magnificent waterholes on an 11 day guided holiday

The Top End of Australia, from the Northern Territory to Western Australia, was made for postcards. The yawning gorges, mirror-like waterholes, immense rock formations, wild national parks... All wrapped in millennia strong First Nations culture that guides any tour through the region. From Darwin to Broome, things are steamy most of the time. Thankfully, there are Kimberley rock pools and clifftop waterholes to cool off in, whether at Emma Gorge or the Ord River.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1, 5 AUGUST 2025: HOBART – DARWIN **D**

After your flight from Hobart, you'll be met at the airport to commence your tour.

The balmy Darwin climate sets the pace for your city tour: relaxed. Things don't happen in a hurry here. Even the fiery sunsets seem to linger. You'll catch one later, but first an orientation tour to meet locals, discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life, from Cyclone Tracy to WWII when the Northern Territory capital was bombed. Now it's time to watch the day disappear and meet your fellow adventure seekers as you enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a popular waterfront restaurant favoured by locals..

Accommodation (1 night): Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront.

### DAY 2, 6 AUGUST: DARWIN – KATHERINE **B,GD**

As you begin your sojourn south, yet more reminders of the impact WWII had on the region are outside your window. The headquarters of a military base once stood along the banks of the Adelaide River, and there's a cemetery nearby to remember those who lost their lives here. It's a sobering sight. Then nature takes over at Nitmiluk National Park

bordering Kakadu. This is Jawoyn land, and a place where you'll feel your spirit soar. Particularly when you're cruising through dramatic Nitmiluk Gorge, your boat the only sound echoing around this enormous chasm. Remarkably, this is one of 13 gorges carved through the national park, and at every bend in the river, the sun casts soaring sandstone cliffs a different color. There's no time to catch your breath – you're off to the Katherine Outback Experience, where you'll be entertained with songs and stories before your special evening of Be My Guest dining under the stars begins.

Accommodation (1 night): Contour Hotel Katherine.

### DAY 3, 7 AUGUST: KATHERINE – KUNUNURRA **B,D**

Say goodbye to the NT and hello to WA, your introduction to the state the unexpected delights of Kununurra. It's in the middle of nowhere, and only exists because of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Before it was a twinkle on the map, farming pioneers came here to establish vast cattle stations. The life of one such family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, revealing how the property was dismantled then reassembled on higher ground when much of the countryside was flooded for the dam. The project not only helped water the countryside, but created Lake Argyle. An afternoon cruise here,

surrounded by freshwater crocs and birds, is something you won't forget in a hurry. Well, until the next expedition: from Kununurra, all roads lead to some of WA's most postcard-worthy sights, the Bungle Bungles among them.

Accommodation (2 nights): Kununurra Country Club Resort.

### DAY 4, 8 AUGUST: KUNUNURRA **B**

Today is one of decisions: you have the **option** to choose from two incredible tours: A scenic flight over (or 4WD tour of) the dramatic World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park, home to the Bungle Bungles (both at your own expense). Or a wander with your Travel Director through Mirima (Hidden Valley) National Park, known as a 'mini Bungles', offering stunning views over the East Kimberley while hearing about how the landscapes were formed. In between, explore the Waringarri Aboriginal Art Center on a guided tour, meeting Indigenous creatives at work and maybe picking up a piece to take home. The ultimate souvenir.

### DAY 5, 9 AUGUST: KUNUNURRA – EMMA GORGE **B,D**

It's not every day that you get to go behind the scenes of a rum distillery with the family that owns it. Meet the makers, and discover how Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking, award-winning rums and whiskeys. Try a tasting paddle to



Mirima (Hidden Valley) National Park





Boab tree, Western Australia outback

get your heart started (own expense) and then sit down to morning tea. Get a taste of the Gibb River Road before arriving at El Questro Wilderness Park. Your safari-style tents for the night are backdropped by the Cockburn Range, surrounded by an oasis of pandanus palms. When darkness falls, expect a bedazzlement of stars overhead.

Accommodation (2 nights): Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities.

#### **DAY 6, 10 AUGUST: EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK** **B,D**

The best way to wake up? With the sun streaming through your tent, wildlife all around. The Kimberley's sounds follow you across the mighty Pentecost River, a mecca for those who love a spot of barramundi fishing. Arriving at Chamberlain Gorge, an enormous fresh waterhole, your cruise chariot awaits. Jump aboard to feel very small indeed, your boat dwarfed by soaring 60-metre escarpments. When it's time to cool down, take an afternoon dip in the resort pool. Be back on your patio in time for sundowners.

#### **DAY 7, 11 AUGUST: EMMA GORGE – HALLS CREEK** **B,D**

When you arrive in Halls Creek you'll visit the Yarliyil Art Gallery, an Aboriginal owned enterprise which has more than 100 artist members who practice art in a wide range of styles and mediums. Equally important to Aboriginal communities is the Great Sandy Desert, on the edge of which is Halls Creek. This place is small in population, but big in personality.

Accommodation (1 night): Kimberley Hotel.

#### **DAY 8, 12 AUGUST: HALLS CREEK – FITZROY CROSSING** **B,L,D**

The Kimberley boasts a geological history that is nothing short of spectacular. On this *Make Travel Matter*® Experience, explore the Mimbi Caves with an Indigenous guide to observe the delicate limestone formations, brilliantly vivid colours and crystal-clear freshwater pools that remain from the Devonian Great Barrier Reef that formed over 350 million years ago. Discover ancient rock paintings before listening to songs and hearing the Gooniyandi Dreaming story, while enjoying billy tea and damper. Travel through the Kimberley towards the remote township of Fitzroy Crossing.

Accommodation (1 night): Fitzroy River Lodge.

#### **DAY 9, 13 AUGUST: FITZROY CROSSING – BROOME** **B**

Among the most multicultural cities in Australia, Broome became a base for fortune-seekers the world over during its 'pearl rush'. The pristine waters here grow great oysters, and the resulting pearls are prized by lovers of all things that gleam. A city tour will give you your bearings. Then it's time to settle in for Broome's other attraction: its sunsets. Follow locals to the sand or find a perch in a beachside bar to salute the end of another spectacular day in WA.

Accommodation (2 nights): Cable Beach Club Resort.

#### **DAY 10, 14 AUGUST: BROOME FREE TIME** **B,D**

Today you have a full free day to explore this tropical hideaway. Take your time to discover the charms of the town, indulge in the delightful pearl boutiques, and

embark on a leisurely stroll along the magnificent Cable Beach, stretching over 22 kilometers. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Chinatown, with its colorful streets and cultural offerings. If you're feeling more adventurous, you can choose to embark on an **optional tour** that will take you to breathtaking destinations. One such experience is a visit to a pearl farm, where you can witness the fascinating process of pearl cultivation and learn about the rich history of the industry. Marvel at the intricate craftsmanship and discover the allure of these exquisite gems. Alternatively, you may opt to venture further afield and explore the natural wonders of the area. Speak to your Travel Director about the possibility of joining a scenic flight, soaring above the landscape to witness the awe-inspiring sights from above. (All own expense). This evening, join your Travel Director for a Farewell dinner.

#### **DAYS 11, 15 AUGUST: BROOME – HOBART** **B**

Eleven days, countless memories, a bunch of new friends... you'll leave Broome with your travel wanderlust ignited. Transfer to the airport today for your return flight to Hobart.

Meal key: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)**  
Dinner with Wine **(D)** Be My Guest Dinner **(GD)**

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## TOUR HOTELS



Vibe Darwin Waterfront (1 night)



Contour Hotel (Katherine) (1 night)



Kununurra Country Club Resort (2 nights)



Emma Gorge Resort (Tented Cabin with private facils) (2 nights)



Kimberley Hotel (Halls Creek) (1 night)



Fitzroy River Lodge (1 night)



Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa (2 nights)



Mimbi Caves, Fitzroy Crossing



Emma Gorge hike trail, El Questro Wilderness Park



Hoochery Distillery



Gooniyandi rock art, Mimbi Caves, Fitzroy Crossing



Sunset camel ride at Cable Beach, Broome (own optional experience)



Boab Tree, Western Australia





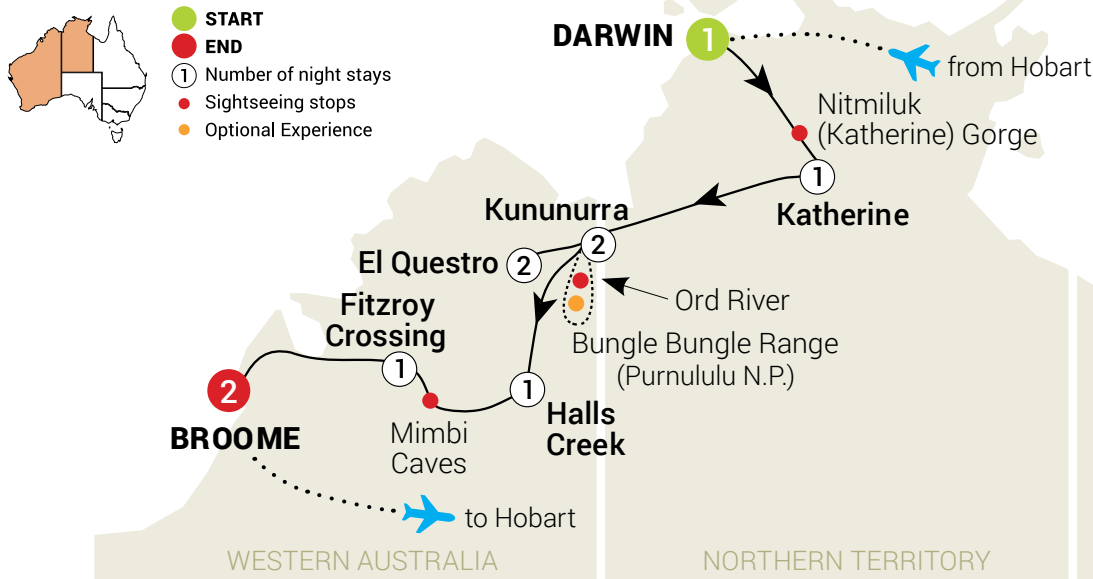
## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ◆ Return flights ex Hobart;
- ◆ All accommodation as specified in the itinerary (please note hotels listed are subject to change);
- ◆ Meals as listed on the itinerary;
- ◆ Specialist team of two highly experienced Travel Director and Driver Guide;
- ◆ Hidden Valley, Nitmiluk National Parks and El Questro Wilderness Park entrance fees;
- ◆ Centrally located premium hotels;
- ◆ Arrival and departure private airport transfers.

## FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

Extreme temperatures can be experienced in this remote region of Australia. Guests should be aware that this tour is recommended for participants with a moderate level of fitness.

## TOUR MAP



## NOT INCLUDED

- ◆ UNESCO World Heritage Site – Purnululu National Park: can visit via optional experiences (Bungle Bungle Adventurer Scenic Flight, or Bungle Bungle Flight & 4WD Tour);
- ◆ Other optional experiences;
- ◆ Personal expenditure such as all drinks (including at meals) laundry service and souvenirs;
- ◆ Insurance or medical expenses of any kind;
- ◆ Arrival / departure transfers if not travelling on group flights;
- ◆ Tipping.

In addition, the walk to Emma Gorge considered “Difficult” and not all guests will be able to complete the walk. Some sections of Mimbi Caves have very low light and are rocky in parts. A torch is recommended.

## YOUR TOUR GUIDE

People are so important on every tour, and you’ll be guided by the specialist team from AAT Kings from Darwin to Broome.

Our experienced Travel Director and Driver Guide go above and beyond at every step with the full support of a 24/7 team behind the scenes – ensuring your adventure is seamless. Our dedicated individuals truly love what they do; sharing these beautiful locations, telling the tales of icons, and ensuring you spot the hidden gems you may unknowingly walk right past.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

From spectacular scenic flights and 4WD touring, to boat tours and sunset cruises and much more, there’s a wide range of optional experiences you may wish to add to your tour. Please ask Belinda for more details when enquiring about booking this tour.

Darwin city aerial at sunset



Sunset over Fannie Bay, Darwin



## EARLYBIRD TOUR PRICE

**SAVE \$600.00 PER PERSON** WITH OUR **EARLYBIRD SPECIAL PRICING**, when you book and pay in full by 31st December 2024:

**Twin Share: \$12,199\*PP OR Solo: \$13,199\***

**FULL TOUR PRICE (NON-EARLYBIRD)** after 31st December 2024: Twin Share: \$12,799\*PP OR Solo: \$13,799\*

## TOUR BOOKINGS

To secure your spot for this escorted tour exclusive to Andrew Jones Travel, please contact **Belinda Moore** at Hobart, or our team in Launceston below. Contact us now to avoid disappointment: our tours tend to fill very quickly.

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**TOUR PAYMENTS** A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is required within seven days of booking. **Final payment is required by Friday 23 May 2025.**

**Early Payment Discount** only applies when paid in full by 31st December 2024, and is subject to all other conditions.

In the event of cancellation, all monies are non-refundable. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

**CANCELLATIONS** Tour payments are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date. Loss of payment. After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour.

Andrew Jones Travel and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any tour departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same tour with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

**PARTICIPATION** For the benefit of everyone on your tour, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

**TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel when the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their suitcases. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers.

Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance

to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the disabled participant's well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for tour/s in this brochure.

**SMOKING** is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

**PRICE GUARANTEE** Air tickets booked by Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The accommodations listed in this tour are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures your own room, not necessarily a twin-bedded room. Accommodation shown in this tour will be variable in style and standards, however we have secured the best options available in the areas we will visit.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE** Due to limited coach capacity, your bag should have dimensions that do not exceed 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we cannot accept a second suitcase or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your travel agent for weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

**DINING** A restaurant or date of an included meal may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operator's control.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE** Items mentioned in the section "What's Not Included".

Mirima (Hidden Valley) National Park, near Kununurra

Credit: Tourism WA



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**TOUR GUIDE** This tour is guided by a specialist team of two highly experienced Travel Director and Driver Guide from AAT Kings for the land portion of the tour from Darwin to Broome.

**SAFETY** Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control, including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding the provision of medical care, or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use their best efforts to ensure adequate measures are taken.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** is strongly recommended and passengers must take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to, cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following the death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS** All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the passenger will be unable to participate in particular tour activities and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs, including vaccinations, is the sole responsibility of passengers.

\* Conditions apply. Prices are per person twin share or as stated. Price is correct at the time of publication (October 2024) but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, surcharges, and currency. Airfare included is based on group airfare; all passengers must fly on these flights, dates and destinations only. Images used throughout this brochure are representative of the destinations only, and may not depict your precise tour experience. The tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. This tour must reach minimum numbers to be guaranteed to go. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply.



Lake Argyle



Credit: Tourism Australia

El Questro Wilderness Park



Pentecost River Crossing, Gibb River Road



This row: Credit: Tourism Western Australia

Spectacular Nitmiluk Gorge



Credit: Tourism NT/Tourism Australia

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