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Your South Pacific Travel Specialists

AUSTRALIA

2023-2024 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Wonders of the Kimberley



Highlights

📍 Local Connection

WA sunsets are epic, as you'll discover cruising the Ord River from Lake Argyle. Some moments burn into your memory.

🗝️ Insider Knowledge

Danggu (Geikie) Gorge knows how to dial up the natural drama. Your ranger will point out lurking crocs.

🏘️ Cultural Immersion

Your Aboriginal guide through the Argyle Diamond Mine knows about the rare pink gems once mined here. They'll also enlighten you on how sacred this land is.

🌿 Sustainable Footprints

Aboriginal Songlines are strong across Western Australia. Ensure they stay that way with a visit to a First Nations art gallery, and support creatives by picking up a piece or two.

🦋 Wildlife & Nature

Sometimes, it's the small things in nature that wow the most. Like waking up with the sun and the birds in a glamping tent within El Questro Wilderness Park.



1 Welcome to Broome

You're about to spend the next 10 days with a group of similarly minded adventure-seekers who will likely become best friends before you even leave tonight's dinner venue. Break the ice over a few cool drinks and a suitably dazzling Broome sunset. **Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, 2 nights. DW**

2 Broome Free Time

Multicultural 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. Your day here is one of decisions. Go to the source and opt to see how pearls are grown and harvested, or head north to feel the full force of nature on an optional scenic flight over (and heart-starting cruise through) the Horizontal Falls. **B**

3 Broome – Fitzroy Crossing

Preserved for 125 million years in the reef rock at Gantheaume Point are the imprints of long-extinct dinosaurs. Remarkably, the Broome coast has become one of the most significant paleontological sites in the world. Next stop – Fitzroy Crossing, the gateway to Danggu (Geikie) Gorge. Jump aboard a boat to discover how this part of the Kimberley was formed. **Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge. B DW**

4 Fitzroy Crossing – Halls Creek

Begin your deep dive into First Nations culture at a Fitzroy Crossing art gallery, a thriving venue dedicated to works by Aboriginal creatives. Your connection to this culture continues as you travel toward the Great Sandy Desert, on the edge of which is Halls Gap. **Hotel: Kimberley. B L DW**

5 Halls Creek – Emma Gorge

The Argyle Diamond Mine was once the world's largest producer of rare pink diamonds. While operations have ceased, you can still visit. Your First Nations guide will explain the Aboriginal significance. The Gibb River Road is the stuff road trip legends are made of. You'll see why, your route to El Questro Wilderness Park covering a few kilometres of the epic expanse. **Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, El Questro, 2 nights. B L DW**

6 El Questro Wilderness Park

The best way to wake up? With the sun streaming through your tent. 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, your cruise chariot awaits. Jump aboard to feel very small indeed, your boat dwarfed by soaring 65-metre escarpments. When it's time to cool down, take a dip in the resort pool or at a waterhole within Emma Gorge. **B DW**

7 Emma Gorge – Kununurra

Discover how Kununurra's Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking rums and whiskeys. Try a tasting paddle to get your heart started or sit down to a slice of rum cake - morning tea sorted. Kununurra only exists because of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Farming pioneers came here to establish vast cattle stations, the life of one family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, which you'll visit before enjoying sunset while cruising the Ord River. **Hotel: The Kimberley Grande, 2 nights. B**

8 Kununurra

How active and adventurous do you want today to be? Rise early for a bird's-eye view of the beehive-like Bungle Bungles on a scenic flight, or stay grounded on a 4WD tour through the national park. Otherwise lace up your walking shoes and wander with your Travel Director through Mirima National Park, known as the 'mini-Bungles' for its rocky resemblance. **B DW**

9 Kununurra – Katherine

Say goodbye to WA and hello to the NT. Locals come with plenty of country swagger, as you'll discover when you meet the horseman and award-winning musician Tom Curtain for an afternoon of knee-slappin' fun on a working station. Tom is larger than life, and entertains crowds through songs and bush stories. The ultimate way to discover life on the land. **Hotel: Paraway Motel. B DW**

10 Katherine – Darwin

Nature reigns supreme 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 (Katherine) Gorge, your boat the only sound in this enormous chasm. The balmy Darwin



Mirima National Park



22 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2023		2023 continued	
Jun	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	Aug	04, 11, 18
Jul	07, 21, 28	Sep	01, 08

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Jun 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

10 Full breakfasts B	7 Dinners with wine DW
2 Lunches L	1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Broome Airport
 Day 11 – flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start your tour in Perth. See Wonders of the West Coast and Kimberley on page 34.

climate sets the pace for your final city tour: relaxed. Discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront. B FD**

11 Farewell from Darwin

Eleven days. Countless adventures. A bunch of new friends. And a renewed appreciation for the wild side of Australia. What a journey. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops
- Optional Experience



Optional Experience

Bungle Bungle Scenic Flight

Enjoy the exhilarating sensation of freedom in a high winged aircraft especially selected for a spectacular view while air touring. You'll be amazed at what you will see and learn in this two hour flight, from the irrigation and farming areas, the vastness of Lake Argyle, dam walls, cattle stations, mineral exploration sites, rivers, the largest diamond mine in the world, and not to forget the star of the tour, the World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park home to the famous Bungle Bungle Range.

We recommend you book your optional experience at the same time as your holiday.

