11 Days Untamed Kimberley

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Pearl Museum Tour Willie Creek Pearl Farm Tour Incredible Islands Tour Sunset Cruise Whale Watching Sunset Cruise

DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
11 Days	**$7,169**	**Cruises**	**AAT Kings**

Overview

The Top End of Australia, from Western Australia to the Northern Territory, 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. 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 just over the horizon. You'll catch one later, but first: an orientation tour to discover the city's architecture and learn about the events that have shaped life at the Top End, from Cyclone Tracy to WWII when the Northern Territory capital was bombed. Enjoy dinner at a popular waterfront restaurant favoured by locals. Hotel: Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront. Included Meals: Dinner

Itinerary

1

Welcome to Darwin

Stay: Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront

Get to know the steamy NT capital at your own pace – you'll fast find that the characters here are almost as colourful as the sunsets. You'll enjoy the latter over drinks and nibbles with your Travel Director and fellow adventure-seekers. A tasty entrée to your 11-day odyssey. Hotel: Vibe Hotel Darwin Waterfront

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Darwin – Katherine

Stay: Contour Hotel Katherine • Meals: Full Breakfast, Two Course Dinner

As you begin your travels south, yet more reminders of the impact of WWII line the banks of the Adelaide River, where the headquarters of a military base once stood. 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 in this enormous chasm. There's no time to catch your breath – you're off to the Katherine Outback Experience, where you'll be entertained with songs, stories, and a Be My Guest dinner under the stars. Hotel: Contour Hotel Katherine. Included Meals: Be My Guest Dinner, Breakfast

3

Katherine – Kununurra

Stay: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights • Meals: Full Breakfast, Two Course Dinner

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 family is chronicled at the Durack Homestead Museum, which you'll visit before enjoying yet another sunset, this time cruising the Ord River and Lake Argyle. Some experiences burn into your memory. Hotel: Kununurra Country Club Resort, 2 nights. Included Meals: Dinner with Wine, Breakfast

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Kununurra

Stay: Kimberley Grande Resort, Kununurra • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Today we travel Great Northern Highway, breaking at Warmun Roadhouse for lunch, a welcoming oasis in the remote outback. We continue toward Kununurra, travelling via Parrys Lagoon, Wyndham and Five Rivers Lookout. 2 Night Stay: Kimberley Grande Resort, Kununurra

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Kununurra – Emma Gorge

Stay: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, 2 nights • Meals: Full Breakfast, Morning Tea, Two Course Dinner

It’s not every day that you get to go behind the scenes of a rum distillery with the family that owns it. Discover how Hoochery Distillery makes its lip-smacking, award-winning rums and whiskys. Try a tasting paddle to 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 surrounded by an oasis of pandanus palms. Hotel:Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities, 2 nights. Included Meals: Dinner with Wine, Breakfast

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El Questro Wilderness Park

Stay: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities • Meals: Full Breakfast, Two Course Dinner

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's pool, perhaps. Hotel: Emma Gorge Resort, Tented Cabin with private facilities. Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

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Emma Gorge – Halls Creek

Stay: Kimberley Hotel, Halls Creek • Meals: Full Breakfast, Two Course Dinner

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. Hotel: Kimberley Hotel, Halls Creek. Included Meals: Dinner with Wine, Breakfast

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Halls Creek – Fitzroy Crossing

Stay: Fitzroy River Lodge, Fitzroy Crossing • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

The Kimberley boasts a geological history that is nothing short of spectacular. 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. Hotel: Fitzroy River Lodge, Fitzroy Crossing. Included Meals: Dinner with Wine, Lunch, Breakfast

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Fitzroy Crossing – Broome

Stay: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa • Meals: Full Breakfast

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. Hotel: Cable Beach Club Resort, Broome, 2 nights. Included Meals: Breakfast.

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Broome ‘Free Time’

Meals: Full Breakfast, Two Course Dinner

A day of decisions. Head north to feel the full force of nature on a scenic flight over the magical Horizontal Falls (own expense). Or simply enjoy Broome’s tropical climes, strolling along 22-kilometre Cable Beach, and browsing the pearl boutiques in town. It’s hard to resist a purchase; even harder when you go straight to the source at a pearl farm, to see how they’re harvested (own expense). This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner. Included Meals: Dinner with wine Farewell Dinner, Breakfast

11

Farewell from Broome

Meals: Full Breakfast

Eleven days, countless memories, a bunch of new friends… you’ll leave Broome with your travel wanderlust ignited. Included Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions

• MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Learn about the Jawoyn people, owners of Nitmiluk Gorge • Discover stories of Indigenous culture and art at a Kimberley Indigenous Arts Centre • Visit Hoochery Distillery and view their hand-made rum, made from Australian sugercane, rainwater and yeast • Explore Durack Homestead Museum • See the award-winning Katherine Outback Experience • Get on the water with hand-picked cruises of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and the Ord River • Explore Kununurra and the region’s untamed landscapes • Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Mimbi Caves with a local Indigenous guide • Immerse yourself in Broome’s tropical climes • 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 8 Dinners _Flight Information_ • Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 1.30pm into Darwin Airport • Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Broome Airport • Airport to Hotel transfers are available to purchase on request. • Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

Ready to Book?

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