

Kimberley

Gibb River Rd Gorges– El Questro Station – Purnululu National Park (The Bungles)

Distance: 85km **Duration:** 13 Days / 12 Nights **Departures:** Broome or Kununurra



Level: *Challenging*

Travel the entire length of the Gibb River Road, visiting the spectacular gorges that the Kimberley is famous for. We will explore the gorges at a leisurely pace and take advantage of the many idyllic swimming holes. In addition we spend two full days each in El Questro Station and Purnululu (the Bungles) walking, exploring and relaxing.

What our guests say:

“Wonderful Kimberley Camping Tour

“Totally agree with other reviewers that Inspiration Outdoors run amazing tours. I chose them based on the great itineraries but the "above and beyond" factors for me include:

The surprisingly high quality meals: nutritious not just filling

The fantastic, tireless guides who balance great information with humour

The overall emphasis on safety which enables me to go beyond my comfort zone and still feel totally safe.

The great preparation: all tour agencies seem to talk about 'being reasonably fit' but these guys tell you exactly which exercises and prep to do

The tent arrangements, which mean that even those of us who are not great fans of camping can feel comfortable

I can't imagine a better way of seeing the Kimberley.”

Unknown, Noosa, QLD, Trip Advisor

Give us a call if you have any questions!

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Itinerary: Broome to Kununurra

(Kununurra to Broome Itinerary also available, please request)

Your guides will accompany you each day as they facilitate your adventure. Please note that you are always welcome to take a day off from exploring. The itinerary plan may alter depending on local conditions and weather. The reason our tour does not go from Broome to Broome like other tours, is because returning to Broome via the Great Northern Highway requires almost 2 full days of driving with very little of interest. We know our guests like to maximise time outside of the bus exploring!

Day 1

Broome to Windjana Gorge

We start our tour in the historic pearling town of Broome this morning and head for Windjana Gorge passing Boab Trees (including the famous Prison Tree) and the savannah plains. After setting up our camp we will start to explore the area with a visit to Tunnel Creek where we spend time walking through the 750 m long cave system. Tunnel Creek is a significant historical site for the local Bunaba people.

Day 2

Windjana Gorge

Today we explore Windjana Gorge including a 7km return walk. The high walls of this gorge were once part of an ancient Devonian reef that once surrounded the Kimberley. With its varied bird life, interesting reef walls and its many freshwater crocodiles, Windjana will keep us enthralled for hours.





Day 3

Windjana Gorge to Silent Grove

An early morning walk into the gorge before leaving Windjana. We head through the Napier Range for our campsite at Silent Grove. We will spend time this afternoon visiting Bell Creek Gorge with its many rock pools, rapids and waterfalls. This is a spectacular spot for a swim.

Day 4

Silent Grove to Manning Gorge area

Back onto the Gibb River Road, heading for Manning Gorge, we will visit the lovely Galvans Gorge on the way. Arriving at our Manning River campsite there will be plenty of time for a swim in this magnificent oasis or to explore the area.

Day 5

Manning Creek area

Today is spent exploring this extensive gorge. There is a great walk to the Manning Falls, with beautiful scenery, that we will undertake in the morning. Of course, there are plenty of opportunities to swim.

Day 6

Manning Creek to El Questro Station

We continue up the Gibb River Road. Our drive will see us cross the Durack River and pass the site of the old Durack River Homestead – destroyed by flood in 2002. The road is often quite corrugated. The spectacular scenery includes the Pentecost River Lookout, which overlooks the river flood plain. Dinner is not included tonight to give you the opportunity to taste some of the local delights.

Day 7 & Day 8

El Questro Station

During these two days there will be plenty of walking options that we will undertake here. These include Amalia Gorge, Emma Gorge, Telegraph Hill & El Questro Gorge walks plus there is an optional cruise on Chamberlain Gorge if anyone wants an easy afternoon.



Day 9

El Questro to Kununurra

An early morning departure as we head for Kununurra. Today's drive will take us via Wyndham where we will visit the old port and take in the spectacular views from the Five Rivers lookout. We will also spend time visiting Parry's lagoon which is a great spot to experience masses of waterbirds and possibly sight a saltwater crocodile or two. On arriving in Kununurra there will be time this afternoon to catch up on washing, postcards or just to relax. The crew will be organising the fresh food requirements for the next section of the trip. Dinner is not included tonight to give you the opportunity to taste some of the local delights.





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 WA. The 53 kilometre road into the park is our reintroduction to outback tracks with creek crossings, wash ways and rough slow sections. After setting up camp we will head out to watch the sun set against the red rock of the Bungle Range – bring a drink if you like!

Day 11 & Day 12

Purnululu (Bungle Bungle)

We spend the next two days exploring the natural wonders 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.

Day 13

Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) to Kununurra

This morning we leave Purnululu and make the return journey to Kununurra. This wonderful outback experience will end on our arrival back in town where you will be transferred to your chosen accommodation.

The Fine Details

Cost: \$3,990 per person

What's included:

- Transport is by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach
- Professional guiding and support each day by 2 guides
- 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 pillow
- 12 healthy breakfasts – cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 13 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 13 lunches – some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 11 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning

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Where do we start from?

As the tour leaves early in the morning you will need to fly into either Broome or Kununurra (depending on your departure city) the day prior. As both towns are reasonably small we will pick you up and drop you off to your chosen accommodation before and after the tour. On the first day we will pick you up between 7.30 and 8am. We will drop you off around 3pm on the last day. We cannot guarantee our return time on the last day due to the unpredictability and remoteness of the Gibb River Road so we recommend staying a night after the tour. (you may want to stay more, especially in Broome as it's a great little town to explore)

Please see our below recommendations for accommodation in Broome and Kununurra;

Broome:

- 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)

Kununurra

- All Season (formally the Ibis)

- Kimberley Croc backpackers for a cheaper but still good option.
- The Kununurra hotel (the Pub)

Is this tour for me?

This tour has been designed for active people with a love of nature and a bit of an adventurous streak. The majority of our guests are over 55 years old and walk, cycle or swim regularly (but not run half marathons!).

This is not a "hard core" hiking experience. Our guests are not content to sit on a bus all day but nor are we about forced marches. Our focus is on delivering a tour that does not rush, and has a good balance of activity and rest.

For the most part the walks are not particularly long however they do require walking over a lot of rocks which can be challenging for some people not used to balancing. This is however something that can be improved prior to the tour.

Tell me more about the camping experience...

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.

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.

Average Temperature (degrees):

May: 18 min - 33 max **June:** 15 min - 30 max

July: 14 min - 30 max **Aug:** 15 min - 33 max

Keep in mind it can get below 10 Deg during the night at some of the campsites, incl Bungles and Bell Gorge.

How many guests will be on the tour?

Minimum and maximum numbers apply. This tour has a minimum of 6 and maximum of 15 passengers.

Accompanying the group will be 2 guides from Inspiration Outdoors who will cook, drive and look after all of your needs while on tour.

What's the average age of walkers?

The average age of our guests are between 55-75 years young but we welcome any adult on our tours.

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).

Just in case...

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

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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