



9 Day Magnificent Kimberley Tour

Experience the beauty of the Kimberley ...

\$4695 incl GST
per person twin share **ALL INCLUSIVE 9 DAYS**
DEPARTS Tues 29 May 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Departs Sydney or Melbourne en route to Darwin and then travel to the Adelaide War Cemetery and on to Katherine. We travel west visiting Victoria River and Timber Creek and the Nackeroo Memorial. Then Argyle Lake and Kununurra (3 night stay).

Optional flight over the Ord River Irrigation Scheme, Lake Argyle, Bungle Bungles and Argyle Diamond Mines. Ord River farm tours. Champagne sunset cruise on Lake Argyle. Fly to Bullo River Station (Sara Henderson's property) for lunch with Sara's daughter Marlee; exclusive to Centre One Tours, or day tour of El Questro Station. Special tour of the Argyle Diamond Mine. Explore Halls Creek and its gold mining history. Visit to China Wall at sunset. Fitzroy Crossing and a Geikie Gorge cruise. Travel to Derby to visit the Prison Boab, Mowenjub Aboriginal Art Gallery, the Wharf and Wharfingers House. Two nights in Broome, swim and enjoy champagne at sunset on Cable Beach. Stay at the 5 star Mangrove Hotel Resort. Experience the "Stairway to the Moon" phenomenon. Shop, explore or just relax before boarding our Qantas flight to Sydney or Melbourne.

DAY 1 | Tuesday 29 May 2012 . . . we of the Never, Never land!

You will be met at Sydney Airport by your Tour Director, who will accompany you on a daytime Qantas flight to Brisbane and on to Darwin. In Darwin we board our 6 star luxury coach and travel south along the Stuart Highway to the Adelaide River War Cemetery. Then on to the old gold mining town of Pine Creek before we arrive in Katherine for our stay at the Knott's Crossing Resort. (D)

DAY 2 | Wednesday 30 May 2012 . . . into a different world!

This morning we begin our West Coast Adventure of a lifetime and travel west along the Victoria Highway to Victoria River and Timber Creek. We visit the Nackeroo memorial before leaving Timber Creek and following alongside the mighty Victoria River for a few kilometres then heading inland. We pass the turn-off to Bullo River Station, once the home of Sara Henderson, the well known author of 'From Strength to Strength'. We cross into Western Australia to the Ord River Scheme and visit the Argyle Dam, You'll sleep well tonight at the Lakeside Resort in Kununurra - our stay for the next three nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | Thursday 31 May 2012 . . . the mighty Ord River!

Kununurra is a modern town and the centre for the mighty Ord River Irrigation Scheme. We have optional early morning flights over the Argyle Dam, the Ord River on to the Bungle Bungles and returning via the Argyle Diamond Mines. The flights take about two and a half hours and will afford you one of the best views of the magnificent Kimberley region you'll ever have. Alternatively, you may like a shorter flight (35 mins) over the Ord Scheme (the Packsaddle and Ivanhoe Plains Irrigation Areas), the Carr Boyd Ranges, the Argyle Dam wall and Lake Argyle. This morning we explore the town and environs including the view from Kelly's Knob before we embark upon a tour of the Ord River Scheme visiting tropical agricultural farms producing a variety of products such as sugar, melons and special flower crops. Visits to the Hoochery Rum Distillery and Sandalwood Perfume Factory. We enjoy lunch at the Zebra Rock Gallery, and then depart for a fabulous Sunset Cruise of Lake Argyle to see the diverse wildlife that inhabits the shores at dusk. Hand feed fish and freshwater crocodiles (if you're game) and meet a family of Euros who have lived on a small island since Lake Argyle was filled in 1974. We enjoy champagne, drinks and nibbles as a beautiful sunset unfolds, before returning to Kununurra. (B,D)

DAY 4 | Friday 1 June 2012 . . . Bullo River Station! <http://www.bulloriver.com/about>

Today will be a highlight of your Kimberley tour as we depart Kununurra to fly north east into remote areas to Bullo River Station. You'll meet Marlee Henderson (Sara's daughter) who will show you around parts of the massive station and the rambling homestead that was built by Sara. We'll have a lavish lunch with Marlee and the opportunity to relive the history of the station. You'll be enchanted by Marlee and Franz; this experience is an exclusive to Centre One Tours and not to be missed. Then it's back to Kununurra for our final night. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | Saturday 2 June 2012 the Argyle Diamond Mine!

After a leisurely breakfast we depart via the Great Northern Highway through Turkey Creek for our special tour of the Argyle Diamond Mine and a wonderful lunch. Then on to Halls Creek where we visit the Great Wall of China at sunset before returning for our stay at the fabulous Halls Creek Best Western Motel. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | Sunday 3 June 2012 . . . exploring the Kimberley!

This morning, we travel to Fitzroy Crossing and on to Brooking Springs at the entrance to Geikie Gorge National Park for our morning cruise back in time, on Geikie Gorge. The walls of the Gorge are embedded with fossils (part of a 350 million year old Devonian Reef) and the fresh water life includes sharks, sting-rays, crocodiles and swordfish that have adapted to the fresh water. Cruise the Gorge that inspires photographers and artists from all over the world. Our overnight stay is at the King Sound Resort in Derby. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | Monday 4 June 2012 . . . magnificent historic Derby!

We begin our tour of Derby at the famous Prison Tree. Then we visit Mowenjub Aboriginal Art gallery, the 1906 Prison cells, the incredible wharf and Wharfingers house which is now, Derby's Museum. Then its off to Broome and our stay at the Mangrove Resort Hotel overlooking beautiful Roebuck Bay. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | Tuesday 5 June 2012 . . . exquisite pearls and Diamonds!

This morning we explore Broome, the northwest tourist Mecca with free time over a long lunch to wander and explore This afternoon we visit Cable Beach (22 kms of white sand and clear tropical water) –which is the perfect spot to relax, swim and to enjoy champagne and Australia's best sunset. Then its over to the other side of the peninsular to view the "Stairway to the Moon" phenomenon from the best viewing spot at the Mangrove. (B,D)

DAY 9 | Wednesday 6 June 2012 . . . having to leave Paradise!

Alas, we bid farewell to this magic place as we board a Qantas direct flight to Sydney and on to Melbourne, if required. (B,L,D)

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