

1300 307 957



DEPARTS Fri 21 May 2010

COST incl GST \$4895

# BEST OF THE KIMBERLEY TOUR

## HIGHLIGHTS

Sydney or Melbourne departure flying Qantas to Broome. Experience the process of pearling at Willie creek Pearl Farms en route to Derby. Exclusive (optional) seaplane flights over the Buccaneer Archipelago to land at the Horizontal Waterfall followed by boat journeys through the falls (tide permitting). Tour of Wharfingers Museum, the Prison Boab, Myall's Bore, the 1906 prison and more, in Derby. Travel to Fitzroy Crossing for a cruise on beautiful Geikie Gorge. Explore Halls Creek and its gold mining history. Enjoy an exclusive tour of Argyle Diamond Mine. Visit Wyndham's Five Rivers Lookout and experience El Questro on our exclusive tour into "a million acres of wilderness". Explore all aspects of Kununurra. Optional flight over the Ord River Irrigation Scheme, Lake Argyle, Bungle Bungles and Argyle Diamond Mine. Ord River farm tours, sunset cruise on Lake Argyle. Travel to Halls Creek to experience China Wall, then on to Fitzroy Crossing Lodge. Exclusive tour to travel the Gibb River Road; explore Tunnel Creek and beautiful Windjana Gorge which is part of the Devonian NP in the King Leopold Ranges. Tour Broome and enjoy champagne at sunset on Cable Beach as well as the "Staircase to the Moon" phenomenon. Two nights in Broome with special tours of town and environs. Shop till you drop, explore or just relax. Qantas flight home to Sydney or Melbourne are included.

## TOUR INCLUDES

- Return  QANTAS flights to Sydney or Melbourne
- All accommodation (With two 2 night & one 3 night stays)
- All luxury coach travel
- All meals & all entries as per itinerary...

### DAY 1 | Fri 21 May 2010 | Broome ... the magic of pearls!

You will be met at Sydney and/or Melbourne Airport by your Tour Director, who will accompany you on your Qantas flights to Broome. You meet up with your coach and crew before departing for Derby and an afternoon tour of Willie Creek Pearl Farm. Then on to Derby for your overnight stay at the King Sound Resort. (L,D)

### DAY 2 | Sat 22 May 2010 | Derby ... a thousand islands!

We rise for our special seaplane flights (optional) to land at the Horizontal Waterfall in the Buccaneer Archipelago. Here we transfer to a Sharkcat jetboat to speed through the falls once or twice! Wow! Adrenalin Plus! Our flights are limited to 10 at a time, so as we wait for our flight we can explore Derby, a unique place with its giant Boab trees (believed to be 500-1000 years old) and fascinating Jetty that hosts the highest tides in the Southern Hemisphere (with king tides rising as high as 12 metres). We also visit Wharfingers House Museum, the Prison Boab, Bluey's Pool, Myall's Bore and the wharf area. What a great day it'll be! In the afternoon we return to the Derby Wharf to enjoy champagne and nibbles, and to experience a wonderful lingering sunset. (B,D)

### DAY 3 | Sun 23 May 2010 | Halls Creek ... a Geike Gorge Cruise!

This morning, after a sumptuous breakfast, we set off from Fitzroy Crossing for our cruise back into history on Geikie Gorge. The walls of the Gorge are embedded with fossils (part of a 350 million year old Devonian Reef) and the water life includes sharks, stingrays, crocodiles and swordfish that have adapted to the fresh water. Cruise the Gorge that inspires photographers and artists from all over the world. Then on to Halls Creek for our overnight stay and the Halls Creek Best Western Motel. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4 | Mon 24 May 2010 | Kununurra ... diamonds are a girl's best friend!

Today, we travel through Turkey Creek to begin our exclusive tour of the giant Argyle Diamond Mine. You'll be amazed at the scale of the operation, and will have an opportunity to buy some 'stones' if you so desire, before enjoying a fabulous lunch. Then we travel north to Kununurra and enjoy the vibrant afternoon colours in Hidden Valley NP. We stay at the beautiful Lakeside Resort for the next three nights. (B,L,D)



# BEST OF THE KIMBERLEY TOUR

DAY 5 | Tues 25 May 2010 | Kununurra ... the mighty Ord River!

Kununurra is a modern town and the centre for the mighty Ord River Irrigation Scheme. We explore the town and environs including the view from Kelly's Knob. We have optional flights over the Argyle Dam, the Ord River on to the Bungle Bungles and returning via the Argyle Diamond Mines. The flights take approximately two and a half hours and will afford you one of the best views of the magnificent Kimberley you'll ever have. Alternately 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. With so many options available, this will be a free lunch day, after which we will meet again to be taken on a tour of the Ord River Scheme visiting tropical agricultural farms producing such a variety of products such as sugar, melons and special flower crops. To finalise our visit we will be taken on 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. What a day! You'll sleep well tonight. (B,D)

DAY 6 | Wed 26 May 2010 | Kununurra ... experience El Questro!

We travel to Wyndham to explore this historic town and its rich links with the Australian pearling industry; enjoy the panorama from the Five Rivers Lookout and examine the biggest crocodile you'll ever see before making our way onto the Gibb River Road en route to the famous El Questro Station. We enjoy a sumptuous morning tea in the beautiful Emma Gorge Resort before travelling to Zebedee Thermal Springs for an exclusive swim in this tropical oasis. After which, we travel into the El Questro Township ready for a sumptuous lunch in the Steakhouse Restaurant followed by an afternoon champagne cruise on fabulous Chamberlain Gorge. Then it's back to Kununurra for our final night. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | Thurs 27 May 2010 | Fitzroy Crossing ... China Wall!

We travel through Warnum to Halls Creek with time to explore the town and visit China Wall. Then on to Mary River and Fitzroy for our overnight stay at the Fitzroy Crossing Lodge. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | Fri 28 May 2010 | Broome ... down the Gibb River Road!

Today we transfer to our special bus on our exclusive tour to explore the Devonian National Park in the King Leopold Ranges. On past limestone ridges, remnants of ancient coral reefs of unmatched grandeur, to spectacular Windjana Gorge with its limestone cliffs rising to 100 metres. These massive ancient coral reef structures were formed 600 million years ago and rise majestically from the flat plains. Then we travel to Tunnel Creek, where we have the chance to explore and, for the adventurous, a walk through Tunnel Creek - a tunnel carved by erosion through the Napier Range. We return along the Gibb River Road towards Derby where we transfer to our coach for our return to Broome and our stay at the Mangrove Resort Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 | Sat 29 May 2010 | Broome ... pearls, diamonds and history!

This morning, we do the tourist bit with free time to wander through Chinatown, the original commercial centre of Broome, once a bustling hub of pearl sheds, billiard saloons, entertainment houses and Chinese eateries. It is now the home to some of the world's finest Pearl Showrooms. Explore the Courthouse, Tourist Centre, and the Shell House. Then, in the afternoon we visit Cable Beach (22 kms of white sand and clear tropical water); the perfect spot to relax, swim and to enjoy champagne and Australia's best known sunset. Overnight at the Mangrove Resort Hotel and front row seats for the "Staircase to the Moon" phenomenon. Life doesn't get much better than this! (B,D)

DAY 10 | Sun 30 May 10 | ... fly away home; back to the cold!

We enjoy a late and leisurely breakfast before our tour of the Japanese Cemetery and some free time in Japtown to finalise pearl purchases and gifts. We enjoy a late morning coffee and chat before we board our Qantas flight back to Sydney or Melbourne – back to winter, longing for another Kimberley Escape. (B)

National - 1300 307 957

Call Centre - 02 6362 5620

Fax - 02 6361 2858

Mobile - 0429 625 620

Email - [travel@centreonetours.com.au](mailto:travel@centreonetours.com.au)

Registered office - Level 1, 244 Summer St Orange East, NSW 2800

Centre One Tours - PO Box 8016 Orange, NSW 2800

Centre One Cruising - PO Box 9016 Orange East, NSW 2800