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DEPARTS Sat 3 July 2010

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Return  QANTAS flights
All accommodation
All luxury coach travel
All meals & all entries
as per itinerary...



KIMBERLEY MAGIC II TOUR

HIGHLIGHTS

Depart Sydney Airport en route to Darwin and then travel to Humptydoo and the Fogg Dam Nature Reserve. Then into Kakadu visiting Ubirr Rock, Bowali, Jabiru and Cooida for a cruise on Yellow Waters Billabong before heading to Katherine. We travel west visiting Victoria River and Timber Creek, Argyle Lake (special sunset cruise) 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, tour Wyndham and the Five Rivers Lookout, El Questro, Emma Gorge, Zebedee Thermal Springs and champagne Chamberlain Gorge Cruise. Champagne sunset cruise on Lake Argyle. Exclusive tour of the Argyle Diamond Mine. Explore Halls Creek and its gold mining history. Fitzroy Crossing and a Geikie Gorge cruise, optional exploration of Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge in the King Leopold Ranges. Travel to Derby for optional flights over the Buccaneer Archipelago to land at the Horizontal Waterfall. Three nights in Broome, swim and enjoy champagne at sunset on Cable Beach. Stay at the 5 star Mangrove Hotel Resort. Shop, explore or just relax before boarding our Qantas flight to Sydney.

DAY 1 | Sat 3 July 2010 | Kakadu ... into the Top End!

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 Kakadu Highway. Then on through Humpty Doo to Fogg Dam Nature Reserve for lunch. We experience the fabulous birdlife of the Reserve before we make our way to the Aurora Kakadu Resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 2 | Sun 4 July 2010 | Katherine ... we of the Never, Never land!

After a leisurely breakfast we set off into the Park to arrive early at Ubirr Rock: the beautiful aboriginal art will amaze you, as will the view over the wetlands. Then it's back to Jabiru and Bowali Information Centre for our morning break. This afternoon we explore mysterious Nourlangie Rock with its shelters and rock art including Nammagon (Lightning Man), before our afternoon cruise on Yellow Waters Billabong. Crocodiles, crocodiles!! Then we head south to the old gold mining town of Pine Creek before we arrive in Katherine for our stay at the Knott's Crossing Resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | Mon 5 July 2010 | Kununurra ... 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. Upon leaving Timber Creek we follow alongside the mighty Victoria River for a few kilometres before heading inland and passing the turnoff 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 Kununurra's All Seasons Motor Inn - our stay for the next three nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | Tues 6 July 2010 | Kununurra ... 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. 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)

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DAY 5 | Wed 7 July 2010 | Kununurra ... El Questro Magic!

Today passengers embark upon a special tour of El Questro Station. Travelling to Wyndham and up to the Five Rivers Lookout for a spectacular view, then to the biggest crocodile you'll ever see, as we explore aspects of this historic town with its rich links to the Australian pearling industry. Then on to the Gibb River Road en route to the famous El Questro Station. We have a morning tea break in the Emma Gorge Resort before we trek into Zebedee Thermal Springs for an exclusive swim. Then into the El Questro Township for a sumptuous lunch in the Steakhouse Restaurant. During the afternoon we enjoy our champagne cruise on Chamberlain Gorge. Then it's back to Kununurra for our dinner under the stars. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | Thurs 8 July 2010 | Halls Creek ... 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 before returning for our stay at the Halls Creek Motel. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | Fri 9 July 2010 | Derby ... 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 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. Our overnight stay is at the King Sound Resort in Derby. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | Sat 10 July 2010 | Derby ... the shortest day!

We board our special 4WD bus to tour 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. We travel to Tunnel Creek, where we have the chance to explore, and, for the adventurous, either walk or swim through Tunnel Creek, a tunnel carved by erosion through the Napier Range. Then along the Gibb River Road to Derby and the King Sound Resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 | Sun 11 July 2010 | Broome ... 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- 1,000 years old) and fascinating Jetty that hosts the highest tides in the Southern Hemisphere (with king tides rising as high as 12 metres). Visit Wharfingers House Museum, or just relax. Once the last flight for the day has departed for the Horizontal Waterfall we head for Broome and our stay at the Mangrove Hotel Resort. (B,D)

DAY 10 | Mon 12 July 2010 | Broome ... exquisite pearls and Diamonds!

Today, you do the tourist bit, with our tour through Chinatown, the original commercial centre of Broome, once a bustling hub of pearl sheds, billiard saloons, entertainment houses and Chinese eateries, now the home to some of the world's finest Pearl Showrooms, as well as the Japanese Cemetery and Broome Port. Then you'll enjoy free time to explore on your own, and possibly, make purchases of exquisite South Sea Pearls. Your hotel is just a short walk to the hub of Broome, so shop till you drop or just enjoy the tranquility of the pools at the Mangrove Resort. This afternoon we visit to 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. (B,D)

DAY 11 | Tues 13 July 2010 | Broome ... shopping, pearls and fun!

Today, we depart for a tour of Willie Creek Pearl Farms. This is a great way to understand the science and the precision involved in this multi billion dollar industry, and just why Broome pearls are the best in the world. We return around lunchtime and the rest of the day is free to explore or just relax. (B,D)

DAY 12 | Wed 14 July 2010 ... having to leave Paradise!

Alas, we bid farewell to this magic place as we board a Qantas flight to Sydney. (B,L,D)

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