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DEPARTS Sat 12 June 2010

COST  
incl GST **\$5395**

### 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...



## MAGNIFICENT KIMBERLEY TOUR

### HIGHLIGHTS

Depart Sydney Airport 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, 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. 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, exclusive tour to explore 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. Two 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 12 June 2010 | Katherine ... 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. (L,D)

DAY 2 | Sun 13 June 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 the Lakeside Resort in Kununurra - our stay for the next three nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | Mon 14 June 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)

DAY 4 | Tues 15 June 2010 | Kununurra ... El Questro magic!

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)

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DAY 5 | Wed 16 June 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 6 | Thurs 17 June 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 7 | Fri 18 June 2010 | Derby ... magnificent Windjana!

We begin our travel to Derby where some of our group will be taking an exclusive tour through 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 for our stay at the King Sound Resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | Sat 19 June 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- 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. What a great day it'll be! This afternoon we enjoy champagne on the Derby Wharf as we experience the magic colours of a Kimberley sunset. (B,D)

DAY 9 | Sun 20 June 2010 | Broome ... exquisite pearls & diamonds!

This morning we depart for Broome, the northwest tourist Mecca and our stay at the 5 star Mangrove Resort Hotel, which overlooks the turquoise waters of Roebuck Bay. This afternoon we book into the wonderful Mangrove Hotel Resort before our 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 10 | Mon 21 June 2010 | Broome ... enjoying Broome!

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. (B,D)

DAY 11 | Tues 22 June 2010 ... 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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