



BROOME and the KIMBERLEY

There are two Centre One Tours to Broome and the Kimberley region in May 2006. Our 16 day North by NorthWest tour is priced at just \$3995 and the 12 day Kimberley Escape Tour at just \$3495 per person.

Broome and the Kimberley region of northwest Western Australia are perhaps the most difficult area for Australians to visit. The two distinct seasons, the wet and the dry, limit the time available for southerners to visit. The Wet Season stretches from September/November through to March/April; of course, you can travel then, but the debilitating high temperatures and oppressive humidity have even been known to send the locals "troppo". The Dry Season from May to August is the time to go; but be warned that excessively high temperatures and growing humidity in the later part of this season may well limit your outdoor activities considerably.

One travels to the North West to either laze on the beautiful white sands of Cable Beach, to shop for diamonds and pearls in the China Town area of Broome, or to explore the fascinating and unique world that is the Kimberley Region. For many of us, our knowledge of this beautiful world comes from our school days, be it our school projects on the Ord River Irrigation Scheme or through our reading of the exploits of the Durack's who pioneered the Kimberley area. The Mary Durack books "Kings in Grass Castles" and "Sons in the Saddle" inspired us all. They are extraordinary stories of the pioneering Durack family led to the region by the visionary, Patsy Durack. The Duracks are credited as having laid the foundation for the thriving cattle industry of the north.

The saga began in 1853 when Patsy Durack arrived in Sydney looking for a new start, after fleeing from famine stricken Ireland. Like most immigrants of the time, he spent time in the goldfields before purchasing land in the Goulburn area of New South Wales. Together with his brother-in-law, John Costello, their wives and families, they drove herds of cattle further and further into the unknown areas of western Queensland, at a time when explorers were still out searching for Burke and Wills. Eventually, they drove their mobs to the Kimberley region where they settled. During the prosperous years in the Goulburn area, Patsy Durack said "We are kings in grass castles that may be blown away with a puff of wind". Little did he know at the time, that this prophecy would well relate to the difficulties they were to experience in the Kimberley.

Even today, the Kimberley region is difficult to visit; one has to be focused to find a tour that can explore the world of the Duracks, without the hardships. There are many 4WD and safari tours available, and, even some fully accommodated tours, but beware of the excessive cost and the fine print "land content only".

There is so much to see and do in the Kimberley region; explore the mighty Ord River Irrigation Scheme and the massive Argyle Dam, fly over the Bungle Bungle area, visit Lonely Wyndham before you tackle the Gibb River Road en route to El Questro, tour Argyle Diamond mine, cruise majestic Geike Gorge, explore Tunnel Creek or Windjana Gorge on route to Derby and Broome. All are magical experiences in the Kimberley that you will treasure for a lifetime. Yes, it is, a "world of its own"!



There is no better way!!!!!!!

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