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## **Kimberley, Kakadu, Darwin to Broome**

**12 days / 11 nights**

### **Day 1 - Darwin**

Flights arrive into Darwin Airport where we are met by our local coach captain for the start of a twelve-day adventure of Australia's Kakadu and Kimberley regions. Our afternoon takes us on a Darwin city sights tour including a visit to the Museum & Art Gallery that depicts the destructive force of Cyclone Tracy. We then check-in to our hotel. 2 Night Stay: SKYCITY Hotel & Casino, Darwin (D)

### **Day 2 - Darwin**

Today we discover Litchfield National Park taking in the inspiring views of Tabletop Range, a sandstone plateau adorned with a curtain of cascading waterfalls. Marvel at the termite mounds and learn how these astonishing structures are built by armies of tiny insects. We then make our way to Florence Falls look-out before making our way to Litchfield Café for lunch. Our afternoon takes us to nearby Wangi Falls, where year-round currents pour into a large swimming hole. Enjoy a refreshing dip before we make our way back to Darwin. This evening we dine out, enjoying a sumptuous seafood buffet whilst admiring the sunset over Darwin Harbour. (B, L, D)

### **Day 3 - Darwin - Jabiru**

Today takes us into World Heritagelisted Kakadu National Park. This landscape of contrasts spans over 19,000sq km and will tantalise the senses with its abundance of flora, fauna, dreamtime connections and stunning vistas. We traverse the Magela floodplains and pass spectacular escarpments to the aboriginal rock art site of Ubirr where our guide takes us through the natural stone galleries giving an insight into the culture associated with these intriguing works of art. Discover paintings of spirit characters and the famous x-ray art depicting the internal structure of some of the animals of this country. \*\*Please note: Strict Level 3 active level required today. 2 Night Stay: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Jabiru (B, L, D)

### **Day 4 - Jabiru**

Taking to the skies we enjoy a 30-minute scenic flight over the Archway, Arnhem land escarpments, East Alligator Valley, Mikinj Valley Billabongs and Magela floodplains. In Jabiru we visit the Bowali Visitor Centre and the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre, then lunch at Cooina Lodge before embarking on a Yellow Water Wetlands Cruise, taking in part of the South Alligator River floodplain. Birdlife includes tiny azure kingfishers and white-bellied sea eagles, longlegged brolgas, jabirus and masses of magpie geese which migrate to Kakadu each dry season. Buffalo and brumbies roam the area and its Crocodylus central with an estimated four crocodiles per 100sqm. (B, L, D)

### **Day 5 - Kakadu - Katherine**

We leave the mighty Kakadu and travel to Pine Creek for lunch at the unique Lazy Lizard Tavern which is constructed from termite mound mud bricks. There's time to discover this quirky Northern Territory icon before we make our way to the picturesque and refreshing Edith Falls then travel on to Katherine. 1 Night Stay: Paraway Motel, Katherine (B, L, D)

### **Day 6 - Katherine - Kununurra**

Enjoy a guided gorge cruise on the tranquil calm green waters of the Katherine River taking in some of the park's 13 gorges. We then venture west along the Victoria Highway, stopping for lunch at Victoria River Crossing, before moving into the East Kimberley region. From here we continue on, breaking at Timber Creek then cross the WA border into Kununurra. 2 Night Stay: Kununurra Lakeside Resort, Kununurra (B, L, D)

### **Day 7 - Kununurra**

A relaxed and awe-inspiring day today as we cruise the famous Ord River with its majestic appeal, rugged landscapes and plentiful wildlife. After lunch we return through Durack country to Kununurra for a free afternoon. (B, L, D)

### **Day 8 - Kununurra - Halls Creek**

An early start this morning taking a scenic flight over Lake Argyle, the Bungle Bungle Range and the Argyle Diamond Mine. Following breakfast we make our way to the Argyle Diamond Mine for a tour of the world's largest supplier of natural coloured diamonds, from exotic champagne diamonds to the remarkably rare pink diamond. After lunch we parallel the Durack Range to Halls Creek. 1 Night Stay: Kimberley Hotel, Halls Creek (B, L, D)

### **Day 9 - Halls Creek - Fitzroy Crossing**

This morning we travel through the open grasslands of the cattle stations to Fitzroy Crossing. We take time for lunch at the Fitzroy River Lodge, stretch our legs and then continue on to Geikie Gorge to take a cruise on the Fitzroy River. Witness the spectacular geography of the area, freshwater crocodiles and abundant birdlife, and gain insight into the Kimberley region's rich indigenous history and culture. 1 Night Stay: Fitzroy River Lodge, Fitzroy Crossing (B, L, D)

### **Day 10 - Fitzroy Crossing - Broome**

Heading west we arrive at the township of Derby, the first town settled in the Kimberley, and home of the Boab Tree. We break for lunch here before continuing on to Broome, affectionally known as the 'pearl of the north'. 2 Night Stay: Oaks Resort, Broome (B, L, D)

### **Day 11 - Broome**

We visit Willie Creek Pearl Farm to discover how the Australian South Sea Cultured Pearl is produced, followed by a visit to the Pearl Riggers Museum and Broome cemetery. At sunset we take a camel safari ride along famous Cable Beach with the sun setting out to sea. \*\*Please note: 95kg weight restrictions apply to camel ride (B, L, D)

### **Day 12 - Broome**

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure before being transferred to the airport where we say our goodbyes and take our respective flights home. A sensational tour, showcasing dramatic landscapes, rugged rock structures, living Aboriginal culture, colossal waterways and incandescent ocean. (B)