



## ***Australia: See the Movie Sites***

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*Meals included indicated by: (B) Full Breakfast; (L) Lunch; (D) Dinner*

**Please call for the latest departures – available only May through Sept.**

### **Day 1**

#### **Welcome to Broome, Australia**

Welcome to Broome! Upon arrival on board your flight, please enter into the arrivals hall. Once you have collected your luggage please meet your Mangrove Resort Hotel shuttle coach driver in the main terminal for your courtesy transfer to the property.

The Mangrove Resort Hotel Broome, idyllically set amongst lush tropical gardens, boasting stunning views over Roebuck Bay and situated within a short walking distance from Chinatown.

Often referred to as the gateway to the Kimberley, Broome was established as a pearling port over a century ago. As a result it has become a melting pot of nationalities. Pearling still remains a significant part of Broome and proudly boasts the world's finest pearls.

The remainder of the day is free for you to spend at leisure exploring the area.  
Accommodation: The Mangrove Resort Hotel x 2 Nights  
(Executive Room)

### **Day 2**

#### **Morning Willie Creek Farm Tour / Afternoon Broome Town Tour with Cable Beach Sunset Camel Ride (Scheduled Coach Tour)**

8:00 am

This morning, please meet your coach tour operator in the hotel foyer for your half day tour.

An air-conditioned coach will collect you from your accommodation for a comfortable 38 kilometre journey to Willie Creek. Along the way, your coach driver will provide you with a fascinating insight into life in the Kimberley region.

Once we arrive at Willie Creek Pearl Farm, the only pearl farm in the Kimberley open to the general public, your guide will give you a unique insight into the modern Australian Cultured Pearling process. Learn how technicians' seed live oysters to produce the South Sea Cultured Pearl, cruise the creek's azure waters and view oyster panels suspended in their natural environment.

Browse and admire the stunning array of pearl jewellery available for purchase in the showroom or just relax in the café overlooking the beautiful waters of Willie Creek.

12:00 pm Upon return to town, you have a short time available to freshen up prior to your afternoon tour.

12:45 pm Please meet your coach tour operator representative in the hotel foyer

Hear fascinating stories of the colourful Chinatown precinct. Whilst here we call into a pearl shop and enjoy a historical sound show at the famous Sun Pictures, the world's oldest operating open air picture garden (now listed in the Guinness World Records). We take a drive through Old Broome to view typical Broome architecture and old Pearling Masters homes then view the aqua waters of Roebuck Bay at Town Beach and learn of Broome's One Day War. We then stop at Matsos Broome Brewery to sample their hand made ales and famous ginger beer (complimentary tasting included) or visit one of the local art and craft galleries nearby. Afterwards, visit the Japanese Cemetery and Broome Port, the base for many of today's Pearling vessels. Then travel by Riddell Beach and the Broome Race Course, before taking an easy paced walk at Gantheaume Point known for dinosaur footprints and hear the story of Anastasia's Pool. We then drive down onto Cable Beach for sunset (subject to beach conditions). You finish the tour with a famous sunset camel ride along Cable Beach as you watch the sun disappear into the horizon.



6:00 pm You will be returned to your accommodation this evening.

### **Day 3** **8 Day 4WD Gibb River Road & Bungle Bungles Adventure / Broome to Fitzroy Crossing**

(L/D) This morning, please meet your coach tour operator representative in the hotel foyer for your overland tour pick up. *Note: this 8 day tour is a small group tour. Average group size is 20. Maximum group size is 27. Touring is in a special vehicle, due to road conditions on the Gibb River Road.*

This is a great adventure through the Kimberley, taking in most of the key attractions as you learn how the region has been shaped by Aboriginal spirit, the stamina of stockmen and forces of nature. **This tour includes spectacular locations and visits the dramatic backdrops where the new Baz Luhrmann's epic movie 'AUSTRALIA' was filmed.**

This morning we set off on our journey heading north to Willare Bridge, we cross the mighty Fitzroy River, before arriving at Fitzroy Crossing. We travel out to Geikie Gorge to enjoy a picnic lunch before joining the National Park Ranger for a fascinating cruise through Geikie Gorge down the Fitzroy River, spot geological sea fossils, crocodiles, exotic birds and other native animals. From here it's only a short drive to the Fitzroy River Lodge for our overnight stay. Tonight get to know your fellow travellers while enjoying a campfire barbecue dinner.

Please Note: Due to high season and availability issues during the 18 August departure there is a possibility you may be required to stay in Budget rooms. There will be a reduction in price if this is the case.

Accommodation: Fitzroy River Lodge x 1 Night  
(Furnished Safari Cabins, Ensuite)

**Day 4**  
(B/L/D)

**Fitzroy Crossing to Bungle Bungle Ranges**

Today we set off along the Great Northern Highway passing through Halls Creek; we make a brief stop at the unusual geological formation, China Wall. It's time now to tackle the rugged road into the Purnululu National Park, recently listed as a World Heritage site, this spectacular wilderness park is the home of the Bungle Bungle Ranges. More than 20 million years of erosion and river movements have formed these huge black and orange striped domes. This afternoon enjoy an easy paced walk into the stunning Echidna Chasm, known for its towering Livistonia Palms. Settle into our safari camp for the night, located in the heart of this World Heritage wilderness. This is the site where part of the cattle drive was filmed.



Please Note:

- Some departure may adjust accommodations.
- There are no facilities to charge camera's etc (no powerpoints) at Bungle Bungle Bushcamp.

Accommodation: Bungle Bungle Bushcamp x 1 Night  
(Safari Tents, Share Bathroom Facilities)

**Day 5**  
(B/L)

**Bungle Bungles to Kununurra**

This morning time is allowed for an optional scenic helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles (approx. AUD\$265 pp, own expense). Experience the thrill of taking off in a helicopter and flying over the Bungles with views into incredible ravines and gorges below. Continue back along the Bungles track to Kununurra.

Please Note: For those who do not want to travel back over the rugged 4WD road from the Bungles to Kununurra can take the opportunity to further explore and add-on a scenic flight (additional expense or approx. AUD\$270 pp).

Accommodation: Kununurra Country Club, or similar x 1 Night  
(Standard Room)

**Day 6**  
(B/L/D)

**Kununurra to El Questro Wilderness Park Via Wyndham**

Join a cruise this morning from Kununurra up the Ord River to Lake Argyle, afterwards visit the Ord River Irrigation Scheme plantations and Ivanhoe Crossing. Leaving Kununurra travel toward the coast and visit the historic port town of Wyndham. From Five Rivers Lookout enjoy afternoon tea and breathtaking views of the port and the five rivers – King, Pentecost, Durack, Forrest and Ord – which all flow into Cambridge Gulf. (This site is seen in the movie.)

Later set off along the infamous Kimberley stock route the "Gibb River Road" through the Cockburn Ranges to Voyages El Questro Wilderness Park. Marvel at the stunning scenery and rugged ranges that formed the dramatic backdrop for Baz Luhrman's epic movie – Australia. Our accommodation at Emma Gorge is in deluxe tented cabins set in the tranquil surrounds of Emma Gorge. This afternoon enjoy a cold beer or a swim in the pool before dinner.

Accommodation: El Questro Wilderness Park, Emma Gorge x 1 Night  
(Deluxe Tented Cabin, Ensuite)

**Day 7**  
(B/L/D)

**El Questro Wilderness Park to Home Valley Station**

Enjoy the morning at leisure or for those keen hikers enjoy an early morning 45 min walk (strenuous) into Emma Gorge and a swim at Droplet Falls. Later enjoy a

short walk (easy) to Zebedee Hot Springs, bring your bathers and soak in the thermal springs, surrounded by lush ferns and palms.

Time now to visit El Questro Station Homestead, where we stop for lunch (and the chance to buy a cold beer from the shop) under the shady trees. Back on the road again as we rejoin the Gibb River Road passing through the Pentecost Ranges, arriving at Home Valley Station (cattle station/farm) for our overnight stay. Home Valley is ideally located at the foot of the spectacular Cockburn Range and is bordered by the mighty Pentecost and Durack Rivers. This afternoon is free to relax before taking a short drive down to the Pentecost River where some of the scenes for the epic movie "Australia" were filmed. Finish the day with champagne, beer, wine and cheese as you watch the sun set over the Pentecost River and Cockburn Range. Tonight enjoy dinner and some Kimberley hospitality and live country music in the legendary Dusty Bar and Grill.

Accommodation: Home Valley Station x 2 Nights  
(Guesthouse with Ensuite)

**Day 8**  
(B/L/D)

**Home Valley Station Activities**

This morning following a hearty station breakfast, wander down to the stables where we have arranged a very special and unique experience. Home Valley's resident horseman (JR) will provide an informative talk and demonstration on horse training and horsemanship. Following morning tea either enjoy the afternoon at leisure (laze by the pool or relax under a tree with a good book) or choose one of the optional Station activities including Barra Fishing, Bird Watching, Day Spa or Aboriginal Cultural Talk (own expense). Tonight enjoy dinner in the Dusty Bar and Grill.

Accommodation: Home Valley Station  
(Guesthouse with Ensuite)

**Day 9**  
(B/L/D)

**Home Valley to Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge**

Today we travel through some of the most stunning scenery found on the Gibb River Road, visit the spectacular Bindoola Falls, and a special Indigenous art experience as we visit one of the station's Aboriginal art sites. Next stop will be at Galvans Gorge (20 min easy walk) for lunch and a swim. Now its time to start our journey into the King Leopold Conservation Park to Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge for our overnight stay. Settle into the beautiful surroundings of what was once a cattle station, we then take a short drive to a vantage point and enjoy champagne and cheese as you watch the sun set over the King Leopold Ranges.



Accommodation: Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge x 1 Night  
(Room with Shared Bathroom Facilities)

**Day 10**  
(B/L)

**Mt Hart to Broome**

Today travel via the Napier Ranges to Tunnel Creek, an amazing 750 metre flooded tube tunnel. Take an exciting walk wading through the tunnel in knee to thigh high water and hear of the story of the renowned Aboriginal 'Jandamarra'. Then to pre-historic Windjana Gorge, regarded as one of the classic features of world geology and a great freshwater crocodile spotting site.

*Please Note Important Information: Accessing Tunnel Creek walk involves 20 metres of clambering over boulders and 700 metres of wading through knee to*

*thigh high water (shorts are ideal). Strap on sandals or old sand shoes must be worn through the water to protect from the rocky creek bed. To safely navigate the Tunnel passengers must be able to walk and balance themselves independently on uneven ground. Flashlights and limited footwear are provided. Rate includes Remote Area Protection Plan (RAPP)*

En route back to Broome we stop at the Prison Boab Tree, arriving approximately 7.30 pm.

The remainder of this tour package is independent travel.

Accommodation: The Mangrove Resort Hotel x  
1 Night  
(Executive Room)



**Day 11** **Broome to Darwin (Fly – flight cost not included)**

Transfer by Mangrove Resort Hotel shuttle coach to the airport.

1:15 pm Depart on board your Air North scheduled flight to Darwin.

5:10 pm Upon arrival into Darwin, please transfer by Darwin Airport Shuttle to your accommodation.

Accommodation: Novotel Darwin Atrium x 3 nights  
(Standard Room)

**Day 12** **Darwin World War Two Heritage Tour (Scheduled Seat In Coach Tour) / Northern Territory Museum / Sunset Cruise (Scheduled Cruise)**

This morning, please meet your scheduled tour operator in the hotel foyer for your tour.

On this half day tour, you will enjoy visiting many of the remaining relics and reminders from Darwin's involvement in World War II. A stop at East Point Military Museum is included and here you can wander the displays and gun emplacements which were built to protect Australia during the time of war.

At many of the stops you will have the opportunity to walk around and explore, or listen to the stories which are part of Australia's history, as told by your guide. The first bombing of Darwin was heavily featured in the movie.

Return to town: lunch, own arrangements.

After lunch, please make your own transfer arrangements to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Set in a tropical garden on the Darwin Harbour at Bullocky Point, is the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT). The MAGNT collections place the region's art, history and culture in an Australian and international context through research, interpretation and collection development. These collections encompass Aboriginal art and material culture, visual arts, craft, Southeast Asian and Oceanic art and maritime archaeology, Northern Territory history and natural sciences.

The MAGNT complex consists of five major permanent galleries, a touring gallery, educational facilities for school groups, a theatre, the Museum Shop, and the Cornucopia Museum Cafe. There is also a permanent gallery devoted to the tragic events of Cyclone Tracy. Darwin had been levelled by the bombing in

World War Two. But only a few years later, the small town was once again destroyed, this time by the tremendous powers of Cyclone Tracy.

Once you have completed your time at the Museum please make your own transfer arrangements (taxi phone board available at the museum) to Stokes Hill Wharf on Kitchener Drive.

Please ensure you check-in at the Darwin Harbour Cruises office no later than 5:00 pm for a 5:15 pm departure.

Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and nibble on anti pasta platters as you watch the sun set over Darwin harbour, a splendid site Territorians are proud to share. Commentary on Darwin's sites and points of interest is a feature of the cruise. Cruise duration is 2 ½ hours.

After the cruise, make your own way back to your accommodation.

### **Day 13** (L)

#### **1 Day Tiwi Island Cultural Tour Including return Light Air Ex Darwin**

Please Note this tour operates as follows;

- March to November
- Monday – Friday only and excluding Public Holidays

Please make your own transfer arrangements to the General Aviation section at Darwin Airport for a 7:30 am check-in.

After a 30 minute scenic flight you arrive at Bathurst Island. Here you are met by your local Guide to be taken on a journey through the progressive, modern day Aboriginal community of Nguiu. Visit the museum with its interesting displays of traditional art and depictions of the Tiwi dreamtime' stories and Early Mission Precinct with its unique Tiwi style Catholic Church. Hear about the colourful history of the early mission days and learn how the Tiwi people have blended their culture with Christianity.



Be taken through the successful arts and crafts centres and see where the artists work. You also have the opportunity to purchase Tiwi arts and crafts and screen-printed fabric at Island prices. At morning tea we spend time with some Tiwi Ladies enjoying billy tea and damper while they work on their weaving and painting. Your guides and the ladies also demonstrate their totem dances and perform a smoking ceremony to bless the visitors and explain the meanings behind them. Learn some of the complex rituals associated with the Pukamani (burial ceremony). Set out for a scenic drive through the wilderness of Bathurst Island. Enjoy lunch and visit a local waterhole for a swim (bring swimmers and towel). Learn about traditional bush tuckers, bush medicine and natural fibers and dyes on your return to the community for your return flight to Darwin.

### **Day 14**

#### **Depart Darwin**

Please transfer by Darwin Airport Shuttle to the airport for your departure flight.

End of tour package arrangements.

**COST (land only)\* Per person, Double/Twin Share inclusive of General Sales Tax: USD \$5,428.00**

Price is "from" and subject to seasonal surcharges and currency fluctuations.

*\*This quote is for LAND ONLY excluding flights to/from Tiwi Islands. We can book all your domestic and international flights. Please note that due to its remote location, the flight schedules to Broome are limited and will require extra days.*

*We suggest you let us plan additional touring for you in Australia! Near Darwin, visit the World Heritage Kakadu National Park and Katherine Gorge – guided, or self-drive. Add on Great Barrier Reef; Kangaroo Island, Sydney; Pacific Island stopover, New Zealand, etc – at additional cost. .*

*To book: please request our deposit document for terms and conditions. \$300 per person non-refundable deposit required, payable by check to Essential DownUnder Travel LLC, 30 Oxbow Crossing, Weaverville, NC 28787. For details contact: toll free: 877-977-4505 tel: 828-645-4095 fax: 828-645-0614. [www.EssentialDownUnder.com](http://www.EssentialDownUnder.com) [Karolyn@EssentialDownUnder.com](mailto:Karolyn@EssentialDownUnder.com) Travel insurance is highly recommended due to travel in extremely remote areas. We will provide quotes.*

Inclusions:-

- Accommodation based in 2 to 3 ½ star properties/bushcamps with shared/private facilities
- Transfers as specified by courtesy vehicle & airport shuttle coach
- Meals only as indicated by (B) Full Breakfast, (L) Lunch, and (D) Dinner
- Entry fees & touring as specified in the itinerary
- Emergency phone assistance
- Australian Goods & Services Tax

Exclusions:-

- International and Domestic Airfares (with the exception of the 1 day tour to Tiwi Island which includes return light air ex Darwin)
- Meals not indicated on the itinerary
- Beverages with meals
- Items of a personal nature i.e. phone calls, liquor, and laundry
- Use of hotel rooms before/after normal check in/out times or pre-registration
- Costs of optional touring
- Any services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Hotel/Airport Porterage
- Personal travel insurance (baggage/medical/tour cancellations)
- Tips or gratuity
- Unforeseen expenses due to last minute airline rescheduling or delays (inclusive of baggage delay, missed departure and loss of passport & cabcharge vouchers)
- Medical or hospital expenses

**Specific Inclusions:**

Broome

- Roundtrip seat in coach airport transfers (courtesy The Mangrove Resort Hotel)
- Three nights accommodation at The Mangrove Resort Hotel, Executive Room (two nights pre/one night post tour)
- Half Day Willie Creek Pearl Farm Coach Tour including morning tea
- Half Day Broome Town Tour including Sunset Camel Ride and light refreshments
- Eight Day / Seven Night 4WD Gibb River Road & Bungle Bungle Adventure including luxury 4WD travel, expert commentary, accommodation, entry fees and most meals.

Darwin

- Roundtrip seat in coach airport transfers
- Three nights accommodation at the Novotel Darwin Atrium, Standard Room
- Half Day Bombing of Darwin III Heritage Tour including morning tea
- Free Entry to MAGNT: Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory
- Evening Tastes of Territory Sunset Cruise including glass of sparkling wine and tasting plate
- Full Day Tiwi Islands Cultural Tour including return flights, morning tea and lunch