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Tour: 11 Day 4WD KIMBERLEY SAFARI
Tour Code: CO – SWB11
Meeting Point: 4.30pm: Roebuck Bay Hotel, Carnarvon St, Broome WA

Introduction: Western Australia's Kimberley region one of the very last remaining wilderness regions left to explore and during this 10 Day 4WD Safari we will take you to the heart of this spectacular country and well off the beaten track. From the magnificent red soil and contrasting blue skies to severe gorges, waterways and rock formations that must be seen to be believed. With most meals included, unique camping locations, expert guides and plenty of outdoor adventure – this is the perfect travel option that will help you explore the very unique land, people and spirit of Western Australia.

Tour Highlights Include:

- Dinner at Cable Beach in Broome watching a stunning Indian Ocean sunset
- Trek through Tunnel Creek
- Travel the challenging Gibb River Road
- Explore the gorges of the West Kimberley including Windjana, Bells and Manning
- 4WD touring through the amazing Bungle Bungles
- Experience outback bush camping
- Visit Kununnurra and Lake Argyle
- Small group of 18 passengers

Day 1: Broome

You're free to arrive at any time today, prior to the tour commencement at 4.30pm. If you arrive early take this chance to explore at your own pace around Broome, or just chill out, Broome style! Tonight you will enjoy dinner at Cable Beach, a great place to watch the sunset.

OVERNIGHT: Roebuck Bay Caravan Park (Camping);
Meals: Dinner

Day 2: Broome to Windjana Gorge

Today we hit the road and our 4WD adventure begins as we head off in our purpose built all terrain vehicle. We'll be covering some rugged country over the next 9 days and will need the extra grunt! First off, it's time to explore the awesome Kimberleys – one of the world's great wilderness areas. It has fewer people per square kilometre than almost any other place on earth! We travel via the regional township of Derby and visit the infamous Boab Prison Tree, once used as a temporary prison for the local Aborigines. Leaving Derby behind, our mighty 4WD comes into play as we tackle the infamous "Gibb River Road", where we explore Tunnel Creek - make sure you have your flashlight as our underground discovery tour is dark, wet and fascinating!! Then to Windjana Gorge, an area where sheer cliffs tower above white sands and fresh water crocodiles can often be seen sunning themselves in the afternoon sun.

OVERNIGHT: Windjana Gorge (Camping)
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 3: Kimberleys / Gibb River Road & Gorges

Take in the stunning views of the King Leopold Ranges this morning, as we travel to Bells Creek Gorge. A refreshing swim in the Lower Plunge Pool is a must before we continue our journey on the challenging Gibb River Road. This road dissects some of the most rugged country on earth and gives access to spectacular wildlife and stunning gorges. Tonight enjoy a bush camp deep in the Kimberleys at Mt Barnett Station.

OVERNIGHT: Gibb River Road (Bush Camp)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4: Kimberleys / Gibb River Road & Gorges

Today we will visit one of the most outstanding Gorges in the region with probably the best known and most striking being Manning. Depending on the conditions on the day our crew will decide as to which Gorge is the most appropriate to visit, with other possibilities being Galvins and Adcock Gorges.

OVERNIGHT: Gibb River Road (Bush Camp)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 5: Gibb River Road to El Questro

As we cross the Pentecost River we continue our journey to El Questro Wilderness Reserve. Spanning 1 million acres in size, this is one of the world's last unspoilt frontier, immersed in the Cockburn Ranges. Time to set up camp for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: El Questro Wilderness Reserve (Camping)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 6: El Questro

This morning we'll explore Zebedee Springs which is a short walk off the graded road through dense palms to a series of thermal pools, a fabulous place to soak and relax. This afternoon our exploring continues at one of the many gorges. Tonight enjoy a drink with the locals at the El Questro Outback Bar.

OVERNIGHT El Questro Wilderness Reserve (Camping)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 7: El Questro to Bungle Bungles

Today we travel southwards, where we once again test the terrain-conquering ability of our rugged 4 wheel drive vehicle. A rough 50km track off the Great Northern Highway leads to the spectacular Bungle Bungle Range in Purnululu National Park. Over the last 20 million years erosion and river movements have formed huge black and orange striped domes. As unbelievable as it seems, this area was kept a secret by locals until 1982, and was made a national park in 1987. We settle into our very own permanently established camp at Walardi where we'll spend two nights and get to view outback sunsets in style.

OVERNIGHT Walardi (Camping) Bungle Bungles

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 8: Bungle Bungle National Park

A day to explore the amazing striped rock domes that comprise the Bungle Bungles. Specifically, we will visit the very impressive Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm. Today you'll have the option to take a scenic flight* over this spectacular region – it's an absolute must!! Then it's back to camp to review the days' activities.

OVERNIGHT Walardi (Camping), Bungle Bungles
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 9: Bungle Bungles to Timber Creek

First stop today is the township of Kununurra situated on the Ord River. With year round warm weather and plentiful water, Kununurra is lush and fertile. After restocking supplies, we head out to the massive expanse of water at Lake Argyle – containing 12 times the water volume of Sydney Harbour! We then cross the border into the Northern Territory, past Gregory National Park and onto the small community of Timber Creek (pop. 300!).

OVERNIGHT Circle F Caravan Park (Camping), Timber Creek
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 10: Timber Creek to Darwin

The final leg of our journey will take us north to Katherine and if time permits we'll have a refreshing swim at Edith Falls located in the Nitmiluk National Park - land of the traditional Jawoyn Aboriginal people. Our final destination is Darwin, tropical capital of the Northern Territory. Darwin offers a fantastic mix of cultural character, mystery, beauty and unlimited potential - it's here you'll bid farewell to the friends you've made on tour.

OVERNIGHT: Travelodge Mirambeena (Hotel), Darwin
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 11: Darwin

Today you can explore at your own pace. Why not head to the Territory Wildlife Park to learn more about Australian Native animals or if you're feeling energetic head out on the historical city walk – a leisurely discovery of Darwin city, through 17 historically significant sites and buildings within walking distance of the CBD. Included is the British Australian Telegraph house (Lyon's Cottage), the Wharf Precinct, Myilly Point Historical Precinct and the new Parliament House. We can provide you with a detailed itinerary and map. Our trip concludes here and you may depart at any time on this day.

Trip Notes

- Please note that some activities within Australia's national parks are dependent on weather and the observance of cultural traditions, therefore itineraries are subject to change.
- Our experienced guides will tailor all of the activities based on seasonal & cultural conditions throughout the year, to maximise your experience and enjoyment. Any deviation from this itinerary will be made with serious consideration and your best interests and safety our priority.

- This itinerary is valid for departures 1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010 and is subject to change without notice.
- Optional Activities are not included in Tour Price & itinerary is subject to weather and cultural conditions.

Price Includes: All applicable park entrance fees, meals as indicated, accommodation, camping fees & equipment per the itinerary.

Maximum people: 18

Luggage: Our vehicles have limited space therefore please keep luggage to a minimum (i.e a small soft bag).

What to bring: Please check with your agent at time of confirmation. However, for most tours you will need the following: towel, water bottle, flash light, small pillow, toiletries and items of a personal nature, hat, sturdy walking shoes, sun screen, camera and film, warm clothing for night time in winter months and wet weather gear. Furthermore sleeping bags are required on this tour. You can hire them from the crew for A\$25 per person or bring your own.

NOTE: Due to the remote regions explored on tour, passengers must have good health and fitness. Furthermore any passengers over the age of 60 must complete a suitability form prior to the commencement of the tour.



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An example of tents and bush camping