



PLATINUM JOURNEYS

KIMBERLEY GRANDE

15 Days - Tuesday 4th May to Tuesday 18th May 2021

The Kimberley region is one of Australia's most coveted destinations and with good reason. Vast savannah plains, white ghost gums standing before brilliant colours of rust and ochre, hidden oasis' of bold gorges filled with clean flowing waters.



Day 1: HOME - BROOME Tues 4 May 21 (D)

Depart your home port and fly to Broome (own expense). On arrival meet your Platinum Journeys crew who will transfer you to the hotel to check-in with free time to rest prior to a tour briefing and dinner at the hotel restaurant. Broome is located on a peninsula and its exotic pearling past holds remarkable history and a unique and diverse mix of cultures. See pristine beaches, clear waters and breathtaking colours whilst enjoying the tropical climate.

Overnight: Broome

DAY 2: Wed 05 May WINDJANA GORGE – TUNNEL CK – FITZROY CROSSING (BLD)

This morning travel to Tunnel Creek – an underground stream located in the King Leopold Ranges to walk through the creek and marvel at this unique stream in its arid environment (please bring a torch and wet weather shoes). Continue to magnificent Windjana Gorge with its walls soaring 80 metres above the riverbed and enjoy time to walk into the gorge. Arrive at our destination of Fitzroy Crossing in time for dinner.

Overnight: Fitzroy Crossing

DAY 3: Thu 06 May FITZROY CROSSING – HALLS CREEK (BLD)

After breakfast travel to Danggu Gorge National Park to enjoy a leisurely cruise in Geikie Gorge to see the abundant wildlife and crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks of the river. Afterwards continue to Halls Creek, situated on the northern edge of the Great Sandy Desert, and enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening.

Overnight: Halls Creek

DAY 4: Fri 07 May HALLS CREEK – BUNGLE BUNGLES NATIONAL PARK (BLD)

After breakfast visit the statue in town known as 'Russian Jack' and hear about his heroic act. Travel out to the original Old Halls Creek site where gold was discovered in 1885 and see the crumbling mud brick ruins plus the China Wall – a natural quartzite formation. Continue to Purnululu National Park, home of the World Heritage listed Bungle Bungles ranges which are striking geological formations of unique beehive shaped domes. Arrive at our accommodation in the national park itself in time for dinner.

Overnight: Bungle Bungles

DAY 5: Sat 08 May BUNGLE BUNGLES NATIONAL PARK (BLD)

A full day to explore this magnificent area. Travel to Cathedral Gorge, an amazing natural amphitheatre of red rock formation with fantastic acoustics. Afterwards travel to Echidna Chasm to walk amongst the steep-sided gorge walls and enjoy a bush lunch along with a visit to the Rangers Station.

Overnight: Bungle Bungles

DAY 6: Sun 09 May BUNGLE BUNGLES – WYNDHAM – KUNUNURRA (BLD)

Sadly depart this magical spot and travel north to Wyndham, situated on Cambridge Gulf, which is Western Australia's most northerly town. See the large historic port area which still services the cattle export industry along with the mining and tourism industries. Continue to 5 Rivers Lookout on top of Bastion Range where the five mighty Kimberley Rivers meet and flow into the ocean. Afterwards head to Kununurra for a two night stay - a relatively new town established in 1961 as a service centre for the huge Ord River Irrigation scheme.

Overnight: Kununurra

DAY 7: Mon 10 May KUNUNURRA SIGHTSEEING (BD)

This morning a local guide joins us for a tour of the town itself, the Ord River irrigation scheme farms, Ivanhoe Crossing, Diversion Dam, Indian sandalwood plantations, hybrid seed production plus chia, melon and pumpkin crops. After an early lunch (own expense), and time permitting - travel out to the relocated original homestead of the pioneering Durack family from Argyle Downs and cross the Lake Argyle dam wall that holds the water for the gravity fed Ord irrigation scheme. Board your cruise boat for the Ord River cruise into Kununurra, enjoying a spectacular Kimberley sunset over the Carr Boyd Ranges and Lake Kununurra.

Overnight: Kununurra

DAY 8: Tue 11 May KUNUNURRA – EL QUESTRO STATION – EMMA GORGE (BD)

An early start this morning to enter the heart of the Kimberley as the going gets tough but the scenery is superb travelling along the Gibb River Road, arriving at renowned El Questro Wilderness Park set amongst the rocky red Cockburn Ranges. Visit Zebedee Springs with time to see the pools amongst the palm trees and its unique circular backdrop gorge wall and crystal-clear rock pools. Afterwards visit El Questro Homestead for lunch (own expense). Continue to Emma Gorge and have the opportunity to walk into the gorge itself and be rewarded with the view of a spectacular waterfall and pools. Return to the accommodation late in the afternoon.

Overnight: Emma Gorge – safari style tented cabin with ensuite.

DAY 9: Wed 12 May EMMA GORGE – MT ELIZABETH STATION (BLD)

This morning travel to Ellenbrae Station, a working cattle property of 1 million acres, and enjoy morning tea in the gardens (own expense). Continue further along the track stopping off at the road junction to Kalumburu and Honeymoon Bay. Later on enter a working family cattle station – Mt Elizabeth in the heart of the Kimberley – for our overnight stay.

Overnight: Mt Elizabeth Station – shared facilities

DAY 10: Thu 13 May MT ELIZABETH STATION – BELL GORGE (BLD)

Enroute today stop off at beautiful Manning Gorge and afterwards take the short walk into scenic Galvan's Gorge, ending the day on the old Silent Grove outstation which is the entry point to the most spectacular gorge in the Kimberley. Arrive at our tented camp in time for dinner.

Overnight: Bell Gorge – safari style tent with ensuite

DAY 11: Fri 14 May BELL GORGE – DERBY (BLD)

This morning visit one of the highlights of the trip, Bell Gorge, located in the King Leopold Range Conservation Park. Note: A good level of fitness is required for the 2km walk into Bell Gorge - tracks are rocky, uneven and steep at times therefore good non-slip shoes are required. Continue along the Gibb River Road stopping off at Lennard River Gorge and viewing the magnificent rocky outcrops of the Napier and King Leopold Ranges. Afterwards enter the olde world town of Derby, located on the tidal mud flats on the edge of picturesque King Sound. The town's origins were the pastoral and mining industries – Derby developed as a port to service the pastoral properties along the Fitzroy River and pearl luggers used the port collecting in the Buccaneer Archipelago. Derby has the highest tidal range of any port in Australia.

Overnight: Derby

DAY 12: Sat 15 May DERBY – BROOME (B)

This morning travel out to see the unique circular wharf overlooking King Sound, visit the Boab Prison Tree and see the Myall Stock Trough. Head south crossing the mighty Fitzroy River – the largest watercourse in the western Kimberley – before arriving at the cosmopolitan pearling township of Broome, our home for the next 3 nights.

Overnight: Broome

DAY 13: Sun 16 May BROOME SIGHTSEEING (B)

This morning see the highlights of Broome including Chinatown, the Sun outdoor theatre, the Japanese Pearl Divers Cemetery, Gantheaume Point and the Dinosaur's footprints. Enjoy a guided tour of the Pearl Luggers' Museum to learn about the history of the pearl industry. Afterwards some time at leisure before transferring to Cable Beach to enjoy a spectacular sunset and optional camel ride. Dinner is at own expense this evening.

Overnight: Broome

DAY 14: Mon 17 May FREE DAY – HORIZONTAL FALLS OPTIONAL TOUR (BD)

A full free day for private sightseeing or see the below optional tour. This evening we enjoy our last night together with a celebratory dinner at Matso's Brewery.

Overnight: Broome

HORIZONTAL FALLS OPTIONAL TOUR

Fly from Broome to Horizontal Falls on board a Seaplane and enjoy a spectacular landing on the calm waters of Talbot Bay. Transfer to fast boat and enjoy the experience the incredible tidal power of this natural phenomenon as you are taken through the falls. Enjoy breakfast or lunch on the houseboat. View Paspaley pearl farms in Talbot Bay as we take off for our return flight. Fly at 200m over hundreds of islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago and Cape Leveque before heading south along the coast of the Dampier Peninsula over Lombadina, Beagle Bay, Willie Creek & Cable Beach prior to landing in Broome. Tour Cost - TBA.

Alternatively a full day Horizontal Falls tour is available travelling by 4WD along the Dampier Peninsula to see the Beagle Bay church, Cape Leveque and One Arm Point where you board the seaplane to view the falls as per above. Tour Cost - TBA per person. Tours must be booked and paid in full prior to departure and are non-refundable. Please note: There are strictly limited vacancies and they fill very quickly. If you wish to confirm a seat please advise us immediately.

DAY 15: Tue 18 May BROOME – FLY HOME (B)

Have the opportunity for last minute shopping to buy mementos or take a final stroll or swim along Cable Beach before making your way to Broome airport for your flight home, so ending a memorable trip to the Kimberley region.

**Tour cost Twin Share/Double per person \$8395.00
Solo Traveller \$10,395.00**

Tour cost based on a minimum of 14 passengers.

(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. Alterations to the itinerary may occur – a final confirmed itinerary will be provided with your travel documentation approximately 3 weeks prior to departure.

Some lunches on this tour are “picnic style” with meats, salads and rolls.



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TOUR COST INCLUDES:

Air conditioned, restroom equipped vehicle travel with experienced crew
Twin share accommodation with ensuite facilities*

**(exceptions apply on this tour - please see itinerary for details)*

Meals as per the itinerary

All entry fees to sightseeing activities as listed in the itinerary

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Airfares to and from Broome

Travel insurance – please enquire for a quote or to purchase a policy

Items of a personal nature eg laundry/phone and any optional extras/trips

Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages plus meals not listed in the itinerary

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CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

All bookings must be accompanied by a deposit of \$600.00 per person
The balance and final payment must be received 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 90 days notice : refund less \$600.00 deposit
90 - 60 days before tour : 50% refund
Less than 60 days: no refund

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT OPTION

For cancellations with more than 30 days notice
75% credit towards a future tour

Platinum Journeys strongly recommend all passengers take out travel insurance at the time of booking, in case of unexpected illness or accident