

# 12 DAY ENCHANTING DARWIN – BROOME & KIMBERLEY TREAT

DEPARTING SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TO WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION – RESTAURANT MEALS



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- # DARWIN # MINDIL BEACH MARKET
- # KATHERINE
- # KUNUNURRA
- # ORD RIVER CRUISE
- # EL QUESTRO STATION
- # ZEBEDEE SPRINGS
- # WYNDHAM
- # HALLS CREEK
- # FITZROY CROSSING
- # FITZROY RIVER LODGE
- # BOAB PRISON TREE # DERBY
- # WILLIE CREEK PEARL FARM
- # BROOME 3 NIGHTS # CABLE BEACH

### DAY 1: SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST HOME TO DARWIN

After pick up from your home, travel to Tullamarine and join your direct flight with Qantas to Darwin where our luxury coach will meet you and take you to your accommodation, home for the next two nights.

Accom: Mirambeena Resort Ph: 08 8946 0111

### DAY 2: SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST DARWIN

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Free day to just relax, or do your own exploring and be amazed by the City of Darwin. Tonight we will visit the famous Mindil Beach Market, taste the many foods or watch the marvellous Mindil Beach sunset.

### DAY 3: MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

B.L.D.

#### DARWIN TO KATHERINE

This morning we tour parts of the city visiting Fannie Bay Gaol Museum. The gaol was in use for nearly 100 years before the last prisoners were transferred to the Berrimah complex in late 1979. The gaol is now used as a museum which represents a time capsule. Displays include interests such as the "Gallows" which were constructed for the last execution in the Northern Territory in 1952. Next stop is the Botanical Gardens and Christ Church Cathedral, constructed in 1977 to replace the original stone church destroyed by Cyclone Tracy, Christmas 1974. A section of the old Cathedral, the porch, has been incorporated in to the new building. Farewelling Darwin and joining the Stuart Highway travelling south, we visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery. This cemetery is the most visited war cemetery in Australia with over 1 million visitors per year. It is the site where 434 service men and women who served in the Second World War are buried. Continue south to Katherine for our overnight stop.

Accom: Knotts Crossing Resort Motel Ph: 08 8972 2511

### DAY 4: TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

B.L.D.

#### KATHERINE TO KUNUNURRA

The dramatic landforms and colours of this region will surprise you at every bend as we travel the 520km Victoria Highway between Katherine and Kununurra. This fully sealed Territory Tourism Drive meanders past spectacular ranges, escarpment country and the north-west's endemic Boab trees. It is the gateway to the Kimberley, the fish-rich Victoria River, superb Gregory and Keep River National Parks and Lake Argyle. The drive passes through the Victoria River districts sprawling cattle country, and historic Timber Creek. Continue on crossing the Western Australian border and on to Kununurra, home for the next three nights.

Accom: Kimberley Grande Hotel Ph: 1300 955 549

### DAY 5: WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

B.L.D.

#### EL QUESTRO-ZEBEDEE SPRINGS - WYNDHAM

A breathtaking day today as we travel west of Kununurra and join the Gibb River Road where our first stop is Zebedee Springs. Zebedee Springs is a warm inviting thermal spring nestled in a small pocket of lush rain forest and spectacular Livistona palms. A magical place where we can go for a swim in the springs. The spring is fed from a permanent supply of water, deep within the earth's interior, which maintains a water temperature between 28 to 32 degrees Celsius all year round. Continuing on we travel the short distance to El Questro Station, a one million acre cattle station developed in 1991 to provide a truly Australian holiday destination. The Kimberley region extends from Broome in the

west to Kununurra and Lake Argyle in the east, and from the sea to just south of the main Great Northern Highway. It covers about 421,000 square kilometres -- slightly larger than Japan and much larger than United Kingdom or New Zealand. The Kimberley has only three towns with a population of more than 2,000 (Broome, Derby and Kununurra). Relax and marvel at the scenery as we enjoy a leisurely cruise through the magnificent sandstone cliffs of Chamberlain Gorge. Departing El Questro wonder at the views of the Cockburn Range, which stands majestically beside the Gibb River Road and completely within the bounds of El Questro Station. Fringed by steep escarpments along the perimeter, the Cockburn Range rises to 586 metres at its highest point. We travel to Wyndham, the most northerly town in Western Australia situated off the north coast of Western Australia on the Cambridge Gulf. Although Wyndham is off the main route, it is a pleasant town with a nearby port. From the top of Mt Bastion at the Five Rivers Lookout, we will see where the five rivers, Dirac River, Forrest River, King River, Ord River and Pentecost River, join the Cambridge Gulf. The view is fantastic and well worth our drive to Wyndham. After an amazing days sightseeing we will return to Kununurra.

**DAY 6: THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST B.L.D.  
ORD RIVER CRUISE**

Today if you wish you can take an optional early morning flight over the vast lost world of the Bungle Bungles with spectacular views of Lake Argyle and the Argyle Diamond Mine (passengers own expense). Following breakfast, we cruise the pristine waters of the Ord River System. The area is a bird watchers paradise, has varying fauna, salt and freshwater crocodiles and is a photographer's delight. During the afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore the shops in Kununurra.

**DAY 7: FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST B.L.D.  
KUNUNURRA TO HALLS CREEK.**

We join the Great Northern Highway this morning and travel via Turkey Creek to Halls Creek situated on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert. It is the only sizable town for 600 km on the Great Northern Highway. Halls Creek is also the northern end of the Canning Stock Route, which runs 1,850 km through the Great Sandy Desert until the southern end of the route at Wiluna.

Accom: Kimberley Hotel Ph:08 9168 6101

**DAY 8: SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST B.L.D.  
HALLS CREEK TO DERBY**

We continue west this morning arriving at Fitzroy Crossing a centre for the surrounding cattle stations. Fitzroy Crossing was a creation of necessity when early settlers to the Kimberley needed a place to ford the mighty Fitzroy River. The old crossing was the shortest and safest route but focus shifted from the original town site of Fitzroy Crossing when a modern stilted bridge was built downstream in 1974. Further on to Derby the heart of much of the state's most spectacular scenery and is our home for our overnight stop. The main street of Derby is lined with boab trees as old as the town itself.

Accom: Spinifex Hotel Ph: 08 9191 0000

**DAY 9: SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST B.L.  
DERBY TO BROOME**

Today we enjoy the sights of King Sound where the highest of all Australian tides and the second highest tide in the world happens in late March and again in late April. We see the Boab Prison Tree, large enough to hold twelve people and believed to be over 1,000 years old, before joining the Great Northern Highway to Broome, home for the next three nights. Broome's climate is something to thoroughly enjoy. After lunch we take a drive to Willie Creek Pearl Farm. On the way, you may see some

of the local wildlife. At the picturesque pearl farm, you will enjoy a tour, seeing how cultured pearls are created and the seeding of a live shell. You will have the opportunity to explore and purchase jewellery from the showroom.

Accom: The Oaks Resort Ph: 08 9192 9500

**DAY 10: MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST B.  
BROOME - CABLE BEACH**

Today we explore the "Pearls of Broome". First visit is to Chinatown that was built to support the pearlers, see the wooden pearling luggers used earlier this century, Streeters Jetty where the luggers discharged their hard won treasure, and the Japanese cemetery, which reminds us of the toll taken on the Japanese pearl divers in the industry. Other "Pearls of Broome" include the Dinosaur Footprints and Anastasia's Pool. Enjoy a visit to Cable Beach - the "pearl" of Australian beaches.

**DAY 11: TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST B.  
BROOME**

This is a free day today to put your feet up and relax by the pool, explore Broome and its great shopping or perhaps go for a stroll along famous Cable Beach. Perhaps you would like to take a scenic flight along the WA coast to the amazing Horizontal Waterfalls.

**DAY 12: WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST B.  
BROOME TO HOME**

After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to the Broome Airport where you will join your direct flight back to Tullamarine with Qantas. Once again you will be met at Tullamarine Airport by the Brendan's Australian Tours staff who will return you to your home.

**Option 2: With this tour, you have the option of not flying to Darwin, but coaching all the way from home via Coober Pedy, Uluru, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Kakadu National Park to Darwin.**

**Option 3: Alternatively with this tour, you may choose not to fly home from Broome, but remain with the coach and tour home via the West Coast, Perth, South West Coast, Kalgoorlie and the Nullarbor. Should you be interested in any of these options, please phone Brendan's Australian Tours on Freecall 1800 981 187.**

**Accommodation** for the above tour is motel, hotel or cabins on a twin share basis. All linen supplied.

**Breakfasts** while in Broome are supplied by The Oaks Resort.

**Lunches and Dinners** while in Broome have not been included. This allows you the flexibility to try different eating places in the central city area.

**PRICE:** \$7990.00 per person twin share  
**SINGLE SUPP:** \$1740.00

Prices include GST

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

Luxury Coach Travel.

Brendan's Australian Tours Travel Bag and Wallet

Accommodation: Motel, Hotel, as specified. (Twin Share)

Admissions to Attractions and Cruises as per the itinerary.

Air Fare Melbourne to Darwin

Air Fare Broome to Melbourne

All Meals as Specified.

**B:** Breakfast

**L:** Lunch

**D:** Dinner

Pick up & return to your home.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.



The Boab Prison Tree at Derby



