

The Kimberley & Beyond (MODERATE PACE)

11 Days Tour Only \$7299 Single room \$1899

2026 Departure Dates 24th August

Tour Highlights: Guided city tour of Darwin, WWII history and the Darwin Military Museum, Sunset dinner cruise on the Spirit of Darwin, Visit Territory Wildlife Park and Adelaide River War Cemetery, Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise through Jawoyn country, Visit Victoria River Crossing, Timber Creek, and cross into Western Australia, Lake Argyle cruise with scenic views and native wildlife, Optional scenic flight over the Bungle Bungles (Purnululu National Park), Town tour including Diversion Dam, Kellys Knob, Ivanhoe Crossing, and Mirima National Park (Hidden Valley), Visit the Hoochery Distillery and Warmun Aboriginal Art Centre, China Wall stone formation near Halls Creek, Scenic driving through the Kimberley to Fitzroy Crossing Geikie Gorge Cruise through fossil cliffs, Boab Prison Tree, the beautiful coastal town of Broome, Gantheaume Point, the Japanese Cemetery, Chinatown, and Pearl Luggers, Sunset at Cable Beach with an Optional Extra Sunset Camel ride

Day 1: Welcome to our fabulous tour to the Kimberley – one of the most remarkable and unusual landscapes in the country. We are arriving in Darwin during the best time of year, with warm days and low humidity. *Accommodation: Oaks Darwin Elan, Darwin Meals: Dinner*

Day 2: Today we uncover the fascinating sites and interesting past of Darwin with a local expert. Many people aren't aware of the importance of Darwin during World War II, so we'll take a look at the city and learn the history of the bombings of Darwin. On our guided tour, we'll see visible reminders and relics left behind after the bombing devastated Darwin and seriously threated Australia. On our tour we'll also visit the Darwin Military Museum. We have the rest of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, we experience the famous Darwin sunset onboard the Spirit of Darwin. Cruise

the tranquil harbour waters while enjoying **dinner** as the sun sets behind the horizons.

Accommodation: Oaks Darwin Elan, Darwin

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner Cruise

Day 3: We say farewell to Darwin and travel to the award-winning Territory Wildlife Park. Here we will be able to see and interact with native wildlife from tropical Northern Australia. The Territory Wildlife Park is committed to connecting people with the wild and offers the opportunity to witness unique Australian animals in a stunning bushland setting. Next, we head south to Adelaide River where we visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery. Here we see the military and civilian graves honouring those killed in the Bombing of Darwin. This afternoon we travel to Nitmiluk for a jaw dropping Gorge Cruise. Be transported to the spiritual world of the Jawoyn culture and history as we witness the magnificent gorge backdrop from our boat. Taking us to the end of the first gorge, experience the beauty of large boulders, rock pools and sands that make up the crossover to the second gorge. After an incredible day, we continue to Katherine for our overnight stay.

Accommodation: Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4: From Katherine, we travel to Victoria River Crossing and Timber Creek at the northern edge of the Gregory National Park. We then cross the border into Western Australia and enjoy our lunch at Lake Argyle. A highlight will be our cruise from Lake Argyle to Kununurra. Marvel at the spectacular scenery and abundance of Australian native wildlife in their natural habitat. Take in the untamed landscape of the lesser known but equally incredible Carr Boyd Ranges. We arrive in Kununurra, established as the residential and administrative centre of the Ord River Scheme – a huge irrigation system that was developed in the 1970s.

Accommodation: The Kimberley Grande Resort, Kununurra Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 5: This morning, we have time for a remarkable options flight over Purnululu National Park to see the Bungle Bungle Range (additional expense). See a maze of curious orange and black striped beehive shaped domes from above, making it the Kimbereley's best scenic view. For those not wanting to fly, this is the perfect opportunity for a sleep in! with the group back together, we take a tour of the town which will include Diversion Dam, Kellys Knob and Ivanhoe Crossing. Their significance will be unfolded as the day continues. Later this afternoon we visit Mirima National Park, also known as Hidden Valley. Hailed by locals as the mini

Bungle Bungle range, the fascinating rock formations have taken shape over millions of years.

Please advise at the time of booking if you would like to include this optional scenic flight over the Bungle Bungle Range. Flight is subject to change

Accommodation: The Kimberley Grande Resort, Kununurra

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6: We visit the Hoochery Distillery, known as Western Australia's oldest operating legal still. Discover the secrets behind how the rum is made, hear stories collected over the years, and enjoy a slice of their famous Ord River Rum Cake. After an interesting morning, we depart Kununurra and head south to Halls Creek, on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert. The town is full of stories and relics as it was the sit of Western Australia's gold rush. One of the more famous stories is of Russian Jack, a man who carried his injured mate in a wheelbarrow for over 300 kilometres to get medical attention. A statue is dedicated to his amazing feat here in town.

Accommodation: Kimberley Hotel, Halls Creek

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 7: This morning we continue west through the magnificent red mountain scenery of the Kimberley to Fitzroy Crossing. We enjoy lunch at the Lodge and this afternoon travel out to nearby Geikie Gorge where we take a cruise through this spectacular landscape. The Fitzroy River has carved its path through the fossil "Barrier Reef" formed 300 million years ago, resulting in mountainous cliffs and breathtaking scenery.

*Geikie Gorge Cruise is subject to re-opening in 2026

Accommodation: Fitzroy River Lodge, Fitzroy Crossing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 8: Our destination today is Broome but first we detour to visit the Boab Prison Tree, one of the most unconventional lockups you'll ever come across, capable of holding a number of prisoners. Here we can also have our photo taken in front of the water trough that locals claim to be the biggest in the southern hemisphere! We continue our last leg of the journey into Broome, surrounded by white sandy beaches and clear blue waters.

Accommodation: Oaks Cable Beach Resort, Broome

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 9: Broome's rich and colourful history began with the mass migration of Japanese, Filipino and Malay pearl divers seeking their fortune. This created a melting pot of cultures that make Broome the culturally diverse town that it is today. This morning, we see the **highlights of Broome** from

the coach including Gantheaume Point, the Japanese Cemetery and Chinatown. Next, we visit **Pearl Luggers** to uncover the history of pearling, explore fascinating memorabilia and hear firsthand experiences from divers. Be transported back in time to an ear of courageous men and women who lived a life of danger, fortune and adventure both on and off the water. Have your camera ready as late afternoon we drive to **Cable Beach** to watch one of the most magical sunset. After a fabulous dinner, we return to our hotel.

Accommodation: Oaks Cable Beach Resort, Broome

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 10: Today is a totally **free day** to do as you wish. Some of us may like to book an excursion, others may like to relax around the pool – the choice is yours!

Optional Extra: Sunset Camel Ride from \$125pp. Watch the awe-inspiring backdrop of the sun setting over the Indian Ocean, from atop your camel. This tour is a relaxing and informative experience along the beautiful white sands of Cable Beach.

Accommodation: Oaks Cable Beach Resort, Broome

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 11: After breakfast, we check out and are transferred to Broome Airport. We arrive home from our amazing tour with fabulous memories of our holiday to the Kimberley.

Meals: Breakfast

Health and Fitness

This is a Moderate Paced Tour-Medium level of fitness required.

Travelers must be able to meet the below fitness level requirements or have a carer who is available to assist. GVH Staff are not able to assist with those who have reduced mobility or other health problems. It is Your responsibility to arrange for such a carer if so required:

- Participate in guided walking tours with time to rest every 20 minutes
- Participate in walking tours on uneven ground, including bush tracks and sand
- Get on and off multiple transport types unaided including train, coach and boat
- Manage you own luggage or with the help of your own carer
- Not suitable for guests needing wheelie walkers or wheelchairs

GVH reserves the right at its discretion to exclude from a tour or to terminate the travel arrangements during the course of the tour without refund, of anyone who is unable to cope with the requirements of the tour, including using coach steps for embarking and disembarking or needing services or facilities that are not available. We will not be held liable for any termination of your travel arrangements or additional expenses incurred. Please be aware that some outback locations may experience high temperatures.