

# WILD ■ ■ ■ SPIRIT ADVENTURES

## EXPERIENCE THE KIMBERLEYS

9 nights / 10 days



## The Kimberleys region is one of the most remarkable yet least explored parts of Australia.

Occupying an immense area of the North West part of Australia, the Kimberleys is remote, sparsely populated and contains unparalleled biodiversity. It is a hidden world of deep gorges, rugged escarpments and plateaus, interspersed with cascading waterfalls and breathtaking scenery.

Home to an extraordinary array of vegetation and wildlife, the area has sustained Aboriginal people for thousands of years. From its scorched Desert fringes and vast Eucalypt forests, remnant rainforests, wild rivers and coastal mangrove communities, the Kimberleys is one of the Worlds last wild places.

Your experience will take you into the heart of this most magnificent of remote areas. Our vast trekking experience coupled with our ability to take you into those "special" places, will ensure your journey is one that provides you with long lasting memories.

After an awe inspiring helicopter ride to your start point, we walk through ancient riverbeds and swim in the crystal clear waterholes you will marvel at the ruggedness of the surrounding landscape. Our 10 day trek takes us through areas seldom seen. we are picked up on the shores of Lake Argyle and taken to a special place for an overnight camp. The sunset is breathtaking as we sit around our camp and take in the panoramic view of the surrounding Kimberleys.

An early boat pick up the next morning takes us on a pictures' ride to the Lake Argyle dam wall where we transport to the start of the majestic Ord River to begin our canoe journey.

We then enjoy a slow, easy paddle through the magnificent Carlton Gorge along the waters of the Ord River taking in a magnificent array of top end bird life with overnight camps on the sandy beaches. Our final day is enjoyed with a site seeing trip by boat that will take us back to Kununurra.

We will provide you with a safe, eco-friendly and culturally sensitive experience in one of the world's best-kept secrets.



*This is truly an  
unforgettable adventure...*



### DAY 1 - KUNUNURRA

Arrive in Kununurra; Airport pick up and transfers to accommodation. Join your fellow adventurers tonight for an evening meeting and greet along with program brief. Early arrivals can try their luck at catching a Barramundi at Ivanhoe crossing on the Ord River

**Overnight: Kununurra**

### DAY 2 - TREKKING (B, L, D)

Today will be your first taste of the magnificent of the Kimberleys. After breakfast we will transfer to our Helicopter for our flight into Carr Boyd Ranges. As we fly across the plains and escarpments below enroute to our starting point you will be in awe of the scenery and ruggedness of the environment we are about to enter. We set up camp on a majestic waterhole surrounded by towering red cliffs and the iconic Boab Trees. As the evening approaches we climb to a nearby ridgeline to view the panorama of a Kimberleys sunset and to acclimatize to the difficult terrain we will be encountering.

**Overnight: Camping**



## DAY 3 - TREKKING (B, L, D)

An early morning start to experience the changing colours of the rugged gorges as the sun's rays creep over the high cliffs and enter the valley in which we walk. Our journey begins with waterproofing our packs in preparation for the swim through our campsite waterhole (250m) to our starting point at the other end of the gorge. We then follow a dry riverbed that will eventually lead us to its headwaters. We will set up our overnight camp alongside a small waterhole that will provide fishing opportunities for those so inclined. We take a side trip up one of the many gorges in this area and explore an environment that few people have ever seen.

**Overnight: Camping**

## DAY 4 - TREKKING (B, L, D)

Abundant bird life will greet us as we wake to start our day. Our trek continues along the riverbed until we climb over the range. This is a tough day and a daybreak start is required. The initial climb to the top of the escarpment is rewarded with views of the surrounding ranges and are a photographers dream. Spectacular gorges and ragged mountain ranges appear around every corner. The long winding descent will test nerve and fitness. Tonight we camp by a small freshwater creek surrounded by towering Paper Bark trees and Pandanus plants.

**Overnight: Camping**

## DAY 5 - TREKKING (B, L, D)

Today's trek encompasses ancient Cycads and a climb to a spectacular geological feature that we have named "Unforgettable Arch". Those who have the energy will climb to the top of this feature and be rewarded with breathtaking views of Lake Argyle. We then complete today's trek with a steep traverse to a creek line, which leads to a hidden gorge featuring unique ecosystems shaded from the Kimberleys sun. On return to our campsite we spend another night under a million star canopy.

**Overnight: Camping**

## DAY 6 - TREKKING (B, L, D)

Today we complete the trekking component of our trip and make our way to the shores of Lake Argyle to await our boat pick up. We will be greeted with lunch and a welcome cold drink. Our staff are avid birdwatchers and fisherman and will identify many points of interest as they transport us to our overnight destination. Tonight's camp is on the shores of Lake Argyle; sit back, enjoy our BBQ and watch the magnificent sunset from our own private beach.

**Overnight: Camping**

## DAY 7 - LAKE ARGYLE AND COMMENCE CANOE LEG (B, L, D)

This morning we will be collected from our island and taken to our canoe start at the dam wall at Argyle Tourist Village. We will spend some time participating in a skills demonstration and getting some practice for our canoeing leg. Some time for a safety brief and to ensure our gear is securely water proofed and tied in to our canoes. The Ord River is slowly moving and we paddle along we pass Pandanus and Melaleuca stands which often house thousands of fruit bats. As we paddle through the many Ord River gorges, we will appreciate the beauty of our overnight camp on a beautiful white sandy beach.

**Overnight: Camping**

## DAY 8 - CANOE ON ORD RIVER (B, L, D)

Once again we will be woken by the sounds of the abundant water birds surrounding our camp. During our full day of paddling down the Ord; we will be awed by the spectacular Carlton Gorge with its towering cliffs and splendid ever changing colours. We will enjoy looking up at majestic cliff faces and beautiful cascading waterfalls. A short walk into a secret waterfall for an icy cold swim helps make this a day to remember. We also have the opportunity to see the only Bradshaw artwork in a secluded and secret rock overhang before arriving at our next campsite to reflect on the day's activities.

**Overnight: Camping**

## DAY 9 - COMPLETE CANOE LEG AND RETURN TO KUNUNURRA (B, L)

The following morning we are picked up by boat and enjoy a scenic trip back to kununurra. We are transferred back to our hotel to enjoy a hot shower and cold drink! Tonight we can relax around the pool and recount our recent adventures before enjoying a well-deserved meal in the Hotel's restaurant (own expense).

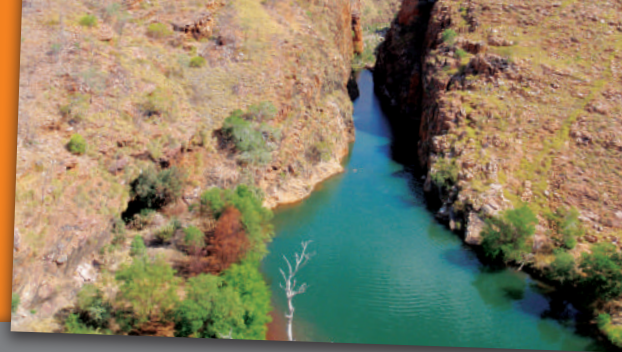
**Overnight: Kununurra**

## DAY 10 - DEPART KUNUNURRA (B)

Transfer to airport for onward journey.



# TREK DETAILS



## INCLUSIONS

- 10 day fully escorted tour ex Kununurra, West Australia
- Airport pick up and overnight accommodation in Kununurra
- Helicopter charter to trek start point, including scenic tour over ranges
- All food whilst on trek (supplemented with freshly caught fish)
- Boat pick up and transfer to island and Canoe start point
- Canoe (Canadian canoe) hire and associated equipment
- Qualified and experienced canoeing instructors
- Mosquito dome

## EXCLUSIONS

- International and Australian domestic flights
- Passport and Visa costs
- Travel insurance
- All items of a personal nature, including trekking equipment
- Meals other than those specified on the itinerary

**Cost \$3595.00 per person | \$550 - single supplement**

## THE FINE PRINT

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required to secure a booking. The remaining monies are payable 60 days prior to departure.

You are required to complete a medical questionnaire providing us with information about any condition you may have that is relevant to the activity. Travel insurance is mandatory.

Training is necessary. This trek is challenging and you will require a medium level of fitness. We can offer you support in this area. Please contact us for details.

Breakfast at the hotel is a continental buffet. You have the option to upgrade to a cooked breakfast at your own cost if you wish.

***Minimum group size is 8***



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