

Broome to Kununurra Photography Tour

10 Days of The Best of the Gibb River
Road, Gorges, Home Valley & El Questro

Departs: Wednesday 29th April 2009



Only \$5,500

MAXIMUM 10 PASSENGERS - MINIMUM 8 PASSENGERS TO DEPART

All inclusive:

Welcome Pack

Sleeping Bags (to keep)

All activities

All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and/or afternoon tea)

Camping and National Park fees

Use of all Camping Equipment

Scenic Flight over the Mitchell Falls and Surrounding Area



This tour has been specifically planned and scheduled, as early in the Dry season as possible so you will have the best opportunity to see this outback country in its true colours. **See the waterfalls in all their glory and the country at its best colours.**

This tour has also been designed to give our guests the best Outback experience by combing a special purpose photographic tour with a real outback adventure with camping under the Kimberley million stars Hotel!

An adventure into the heart of the Kimberley, this tour travels from Broome to Kununurra via the Gibb River road visiting Windjana Gorge, Lennard Gorge, Bells Gorge, Galvans and Manning Gorge with time to swim in waterfalls. Working cattle stations (Drysdale's & Home Valley), experience a mini cattle muster, Home Valley, and El Questro.



Your Photographer Guides

NIGEL GAUNT

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This award winning photographer has been conducting photographic tours in the Kimberley for the past four years with over thirty years experience as a photographer. Nigel specialises in helping to explore the rugged Kimberley landscape photographically and capture the wild light that the area is famous for. You will learn professional camera techniques and image composition.

“When we photograph a landscape, we want to capture not only the detail of the scene, but more intimately, its mood and soul”.

You will see the world through new eyes!

PETA NORTH

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Peta has been in the photo industry for around thirty years. She started off as a wedding photographer and progressed into corporate and finally to her passion, wildlife photography. Peta's other passion is filming, especially documentaries on wildlife and places that are extremely hard to get to. Aerial photography is also an area which is both fascinating and thrilling to her. Her latest venture was publishing a book for Parks Australia titled “Pulu Keeling National Park” and has opened Photo Art Gallery in Perth.

“It will be a very hands on tour with helpful advice for the amateur to the professional photographer. Landscape, wildlife and shooting in the harsh Australian outback can be difficult and frustrating, so with our help and tuition we aim to make this a fantastic and memorable trip that you will want to come back for more and take home some of the most amazing photos of this wonderful country”



CP = Camping Park, full facilities
NP = National Park, limited facilities
BC = Bush Camp, no facilities

DAY 1 - NP

This morning we head east from Broome along the Great Northern Highway, crossing the massive Fitzroy River. After stopping at the Boab Prison Tree and the second biggest Trough in the World, we branch off along dirt roads towards Windjana Gorge, where we setup camp and we explore Windjana Gorge looking for some freshwater crocodiles we spend the afternoon exploring the Gorge and finding our special spot for that memorable sunset position in the Gorge.

DAY 2 - NP

Today we enjoy an early start to take advantage of the golden colours of the Range at sunrise; we make our way into the Gorge before first light to find that special spot for that perfect shot. We complete the morning photo shoot and return back to camp for a well deserved breakfast. After breakfast we start our trek along the famous Gibb River Road, travelling through the King Leopold Ranges, We Setup up camp at Silent Grove before we make our way to Bells Gorge one of the most picturesque gorges of the West Kimberley where we enjoy the golden colours of the late afternoon sun. You can enjoy a refreshing swim and bird watching before setting up for a late afternoon Gorge shoot. Bring a torch because we will walk out of the Gorge as the light diminishes. Tonight we camp at Silent Grove.

Alternative option if Bell Gorge Closed:

Lennard River Gorge is a spectacular narrow gorge featuring, after a good wet season, a spectacular cascade waterfall. It tumbles off red rocks and plunges into the narrow gorge below.

DAY 3 - NP

This morning we start another early morning to find a great spot for some sunrise landscape photography near our camp site. After the shoot we come back to camp for breakfast. After breakfast we make our way back to the Gibb River road where we stop for an ice cream break at Imintji Station then we make our way to another small Picturesque Adcock Gorge where the three walls of this gorge exceed thirty metres in some places. A small waterfall cascades down over rock benches into a small pool beside what is believed to be an Aboriginal burial ground.

We make our way to Galvans Gorge, one of the most Picturesque Gorges on the Gibb for a relaxing swim before taking the camera out for some more photo opportunities in the late afternoon light, you can experiment with long exposures or some close up photography. We arrive at Manning Gorge late this afternoon to setup our camp site and relax around the bond fire. Tonight we camp at Mt Barnett Station among the Barnett Ranges

DAY 4 – CP

This morning we will make our way back to Galvins Gorge for our sunrise photo stop, we make our way back to Mount Barnet to start our mid morning walk into Manning we will try our hand at some HDR photography in this magnificent position on the Gorge. The first obstacle this walk presents is a swim over the river to join the walking path on the other side (water tight bags needed). You will encounter a very rewarding walk as you make your way to the Manning Falls, where you can take time and explore the native flora and fauna. Remember to keep an eye for Aboriginal Art littered throughout the area. Around lunch time we make our way back to the vehicle for Lunch before we make our way to Drysdale River Station for another outback experience. This afternoon we enjoy a cold drink and the hospitality of Drysdale River Station (Outback Pub), after some relaxing R&R we find another picture perfect postcard location for our sunset shoot. Tonight we spend the night at Drysdale Rive station.

DAY 5 – CP

This morning we explore the near by Miners pool for a sunrise shoot.

This morning we split into two groups:

1. Group “A” First Group Scenic Flight, Group B enjoying a relaxing morning swim or laze around the country Pub.
2. Group B Second Group Scenic Flight, Group A enjoying a relaxing Swim or a drink at the Pub. The Flight is a 2 hour Scenic flight which takes you past Mt Hann, Deep Gorge and the Rift, then over the magnificent Prince Regent Nature Reserve. Follow the Prince Regent River, fly over unnamed waterfalls, King Cascades, St George Basin, Mt Trafalgar, Prince Frederick Harbour, the Hunter River, Donkins Hill Falls and the spectacular Mitchell Falls.

We make our wayback on the Gibb River Rd (one of the roughest roads in the world) where we experience a bush camp tonight, all alone in the middle of the outback without anyone near by. Tonight we spend the night in the Drysdale Rive Region in a bush camp.

DAY 6 - CP

This morning we again have a beautiful sunrise to shoot around our bush camp overlooking the Stunning Pentecost Ranges. After breakfast we navigate through the stunning Pentecost Ranges, while crossing the mighty rivers of both the Durack and Pentecost, en-route to Home Valley Station. This afternoon we enjoy the sunset at Home Valley station among some exclusive cattle country. Tonight we enjoy the hospitality of an outback Cattle station at Home Valley Station.

DAY 7 – CP

This morning we start the day before sun rise and enjoy some real outback photo opportunities in the outback shrub, where you can capture a real outback adventure. After our morning photo shoot we return for breakfast and start the day with another adventure at hand.

Today we enjoy a unique Home Valley Station experience where you can be part of a mini cattle muster experience. You will be accompanied by a Station ringer in the bull catcher vehicle(s) or you can have an opportunity to ride horseback (albeit subject to an honest assessment of their horse riding abilities). On arrival back at the Station Homestead a tour of the stables maybe be available. This is also a good time to invite our resident baby Brahman bull “Moo” to join our group at the Bar to continue on with the banter of our guests’ epic day moving and working the herd.

After lunch we have a few hours at leisure to exploring and immerse you in station live style and maybe enjoy a cold drink at the bar before we all meet up for another sunset shoot which will be unforgettable we will head back to the Pentecost River to capture that postcard shot with the Pentecost River and the Pentecost Range in the back ground. Tonight we spend the night at Home Valley Station.

DAY 8 - CP

We start the day very early with a shoot close to camp to capture some abstract country live scenes. After Breakfast we head to the award winning El Questro station, we arrive mid morning where we can hire a dingy and explore the Chamberlain Gorge with your fellow travellers or relax around the bush Pool with a cold drink. Our reward tonight for our sunset opportunity is Branco’s Lookout which provides 360 degree views over the millions acre Wilderness Park.

Tonight we camp at the EL Questro Town ship campgrounds, where after dinner you can enjoy a drink or three around the camp fire at the Wilderness Bush pub.

DAY 9 - BC

Early this morning we make our way into the magnificent El Questro Gorge, where we can hike through the gorge at our own pace early in the morning without any tourists we have a few hours in the Gorge of beautiful soft light to shoot.

If time permits from your shooting schedule you can enjoy a refreshing swim; or, for the more energetic and adventures a trek to the end for the pristine waterfall in very low light conditions which will test your skills.

This place has a postcard photo opportunity around every corner and ample time is given to explore your creative skills. We make our way to Emm Gorge where we have a late lunch before exploring this immaculate Gorge in the dwindling light of the afternoon. Enjoying the afternoon in the best Mother Nature can present to us.

Tonight we camp at the EL Questro Town ship campgrounds, where after dinner you can enjoy a drink or three around the camp fire at the Wilderness Bush pub.

DAY 10 - CP

This mornings Sunrise shoot is a surprise, maybe a river nearby or the beautiful ranges. You'll have to wait and see.

This morning rejoin the Gibb River road and head toward Wyndam where we take a less travelled track called the King River Road ending our trek on the Gibb River Rd. On this track we will explore another prison tree this one has not fallen fault to major vandalism. We will enjoy exploring the Moochalabra Dam and the Cave paintings near by. We make our way over the flood plains toward Wyndam where we rejoin the bitumen and leave the gravel tracks behind we take in the magnificent panoramic views of Five Rivers Lookout. We make our way to Kununurra where you are dropped off at your accommodation and your memorable adventure comes to an end.

Tonight is an optional night just for relaxing and reminiscing at a local country Pub for a well deserved drink and meal to talk about our adventure and those memorable shots and memories.



