



HIGHLIGHTS

- * Helicopter to Trek Start
- * 5 Day Trek Through the Amazing Carrboyd Range
- * Boat Pick Up to Overnight Island Stay and gourmet food
- * 3 Day Leisurely Canoe Through the Magnificent Carlton Gorge
- * Experience sunsets and star gazing only the Kimberley can offer

The Kimberley 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 Kimberley 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 rainforest, wild rivers and coastal mangrove communities, the Kimberley 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 our start point, we walk through ancient river beds and swim in the crystal clear waterholes: you will marvel at the ruggedness of the surrounding landscape. Our 4 day trek takes us through areas seldom seen. We are picked up on the shores of Lake Argyle and taken to a small island for an overnight camp. The sunset is breathtaking as we sit around our camp and take in the panoramic view of the surrounding Kimberley.

An early boat pick up the next morning and a exhilarating ride to our canoeing start point below the Argyle Dam wall on the Ord River. A slow easy paddle along the waters of the Ord with overnight camps on sandy beaches, will take us back to Kununurra.

Our aim is to provide you with a safe, eco-friendly and culturally sensitive experience in one of the world’s best kept secrets.



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Day 1 Kununurra

Arrive in Kununurra; Airport pick up and transfer to accommodation. Join your fellow adventures tonight for an evening meet and greet and a program brief. Early arrivals can try their luck at catching a Barramundi at Ivanhoe crossing on the Ord River. **Kununurra Hotel Accommodation.**

Day 2 Trekking

Today will be your first taste of the magnificence of the Kimberley. After breakfast we will transfer to our Helicopter for our flight into the 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. The remainder of the day is free to swim, fish and explore our surroundings. **Overnight: Camping**

Day 3 Trekking

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 a swim through our campsite waterhole to our starting point along a dry river bed 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 can 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

Abundant birdlife will greet us as we wake to start our day. Our trek continues along the river bed until we climb over the range. As we ascend the escarpment the views of the surrounding ranges are a photographers dream. Spectacular gorges and ragged mountain ranges appear around every corner. Tonight we camp by a small freshwater creek surrounded by towering Paperbark trees and Pandanus plants. **Overnight: Camping**

Day 5 Trekking

As we make our way over the escarpment and meander along the high ground, the country continually changes. A long slow trek down to the watercourse below sees us pass through ancient palm trees and massive paperbark stands. The views to Lake Argyle are breathtaking. More fishing opportunities greet us at tonight's campsite as we set up our tents under a million star canopy. **Overnight: Camping**

Day 6 Lake Argyle

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 by Greg and his dog "Gus", well known identities of the Lake Argyle area. Greg is an avid birdwatcher and fisherman and will point out many points of interest as he transports us to our overnight destination. Enroute we will have the opportunity to feed fish at our secret location on Lake Argyle. Tonight, we set up camp on our own island and watch the magnificent sunset from our own private beach. **Overnight: Camping**

Day 7 Lake Argyle and Commence Canoe Leg

This morning we will be collected from our island accommodation and taken on a tour of the lake before arriving 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 as we drift along we pass Pandanus and Melaleuca stands which often house thousands of fruit bats. After a half day's canoeing down the Ord River, we will appreciate the beauty of our overnight camp on a beautiful white sandy beach. **Overnight: Camping**

Day 8 Canoe on the Ord River

Once again we will be woken by the sounds of the abundant water birds surrounding our camp. A day of leisurely 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 before moving to our last campsite. A short walk into a secret waterfall for an icy cold swim helps make this a day to remember. **Overnight: Camping**

Day 9 Complete Canoe Leg and Return to Kununurra

We finish with a short easy paddle to our end point, where we are picked up by boat and taken 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 Hotel/Resort**

Day 10 Kununurra

Transfer to airport for onward journey.

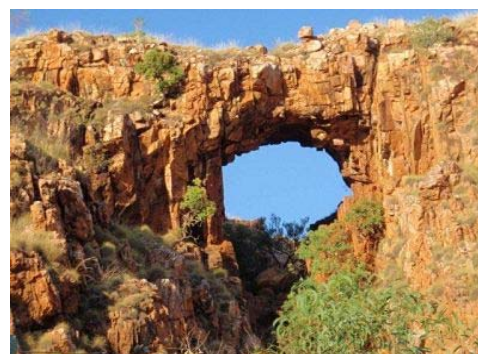
What's Included?

- * 10 day fully escorted tour ex Kununurra, West Australia
- * Airport pick up and overnight accommodation in Kununurra
- * Helicopter charter to trek start point
- * Kimberley experienced leader
- * All food whilst on trek & river (plus 'catch of the day')
- * Boat pick up and transfer to island and Canoe start point
- * Canoe (Canadian canoe) hire and associated equipment
- * Qualified and experienced canoeing instructor (s)
- * Mosquito dome

Not included

- * All items of a personal nature, including trekking equipment
- * Meals other than those provided during trek & canoe itinerary
- * Flights to Kununurra
- * Travel insurance

Trek Price: \$ 3,895.00* (based on minimum 6 participants)



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