# **EXPEDITION KIMBERICY** eXploring the Pilbara, Gibb River Road and Kimberley

Starts : 17 July 2024 Ends: 1 August 2024

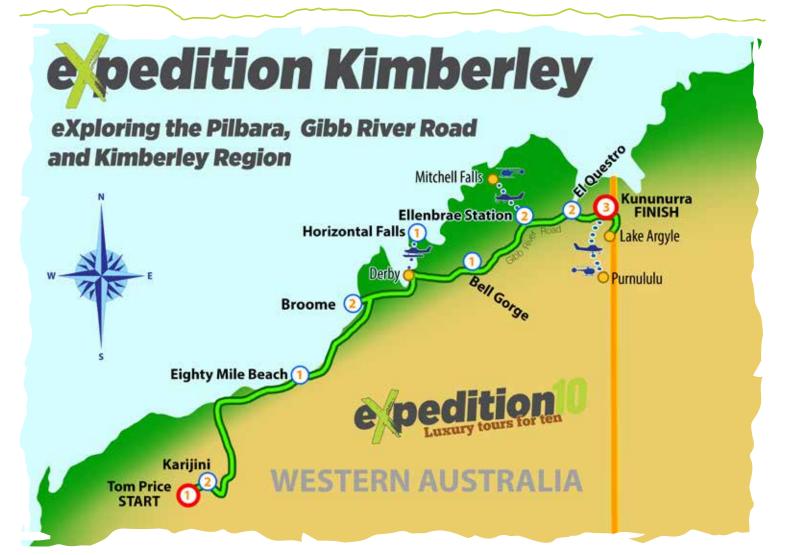
- Tom Price Mine Tour
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- Windjana Gorge
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  - El Questro & Gorges and Walks
  - Purnululu Day Tour, Guided Walks, Fixed Wing & Helicopter Flights
- Lake Argyle
- Ord River Sunset Cruise
- Kununurra 3 Night Stay







Uncover the hidden gems of the Pilbara, Gibb River and Kimberley Region with *expedition10* on an adventure to one of Australia's most loved destinations. An ancient landscape covering a massive area, the Pilbara and Kimberley regions are one of the world's most precious wilderness regions. With prolific wildlife, majestic canyons, freshwater swimming holes and vast outback stations, no wonder this is one of Australia's greatest 4WD road trips.





# **PLEASE NOTE**

Guests should arrange their transport to arrive in Tom Price on or prior to the 17 July.

# Day 1 Wednesday, 17 July 2024 Arrive Tom Price

# Meals D

Flights into Tom Price must be arranged to arrive today or earlier. Meet your eXpedition10 team in Tom Price and get aquainted over a welcome dinner.

**Accommodation - Tom Price Tourist Park** 

# Day 2 Thursday, 18 July 2024 Tom Price to Karijini

Meals BLD

Your adventure begins today in Tom Price with a town and mine tour. During the tour your guide will take you to the pit lookout aand to view trucks, shovels and drills, the crushing and screening plants and the train loading are to view loading into the massive carts on some of the longest trains in the world! Following lunch, take a drive to Karijini. Karijini Eco Retreat is nestled amongst native bushland at the edge of Joffre Gorge, along with an outback restaurant and bar, with great access to the park's walks.

Accommodation - Karijini Eco Retreat

# Day 3 Friday, 19 July 2024 eXplore Karijini

# Meals BD

Gorges of ancient rock, cool swimming holes and showering waterfalls make Karijini National Park one of Australia's most dramatic and spectacular destinations. Today we will eXplore a wonderland of ancient natural landscapes formed more than two billion years ago – deep gorges, red cliffs, towering waterfalls and emerald green waterholes, while experiencing a taste of genuine mateship and friendly hospitality. At dusk, watch the colourful Pilbara sunset slowly merge with an endless blanket of stars as the darkness reveals the Milky Way.

# Accommodation - Karijini Eco Retreat

# Day 4 Saturday, 20 July 2024 Karijini to Eighty Mile Beach

# **Meals BLD**

Travelling north, keep watch for the crimson flowers of the Sturt Desert Pea beside the road. Pause in Port Headland, a bustling Indian Ocean port, one of the three major iron ore ports in the Pilbara and home to enormous ships and huge trains as long as three kilometres and with up to 300 wagons. Continuing north, the Great Northern Highway fringes the Great Sandy Desert and runs alongside Eighty Mile Beach. Tonight will be a fantastic time to enjoy the colours of the sun setting over the Indian Ocean.

**Accommodation - Eighty Mile Beach** 



**Huge Ore Hauler at Tom Price** 







### Sunday, 21 July 2024 Day 5 **Eighty Mile Beach to Broome**

Meals BD

From Eighty Mile Beach, return to the Great Northern Highway to travel further north to Broome. The route travells along the western edge of the Great Sandy Desert and take us past the remote Sandfire Roadhouse, traverses Anna Plains and crosses Anna Plains Station. Anna Plains Station is a large cattle property covering over 3000 square kilometres, running more than 20,000 head of stock. Further north Pass through Roebuck Plains Station before arriving in Broome for the next two nights.

Accommodation Oaks Broome Cable Beach

## Day 6 Monday, 22 July 2024

# **Broome**

# Meals BD

Broome, with its tropical charm, is the portal to Kimberley, which is an exceptional and untouched wilderness that stands out among the world's most stunning destinations.

In its early days, the pearling town of Broome attracted workers from different corners of the world to forming a diverse and culturally rich town.

While in Broome we will take time to explore and visit many picturesque locations.

Known as the pearl capital, we will take a short drive north to Willy Creek Pearl Farm to join a tour to gain a unique insight into the fascinating process of modern pearl farming, from shell to showroom.

This evening, enjoy the perfect finish to the day watching the sun set into the ocean from Cable Beach.

Accommodation Oaks Broome Cable Beach

### Day 7 **Tuesday, 23 July 2024**

### **Broome to Derby to Horizontal Falls** Meals BLD

Travelling north from Broome, cross the mighty Fitzroy River to arrive in Derby to join a thrilling low-level seaplane flight straight to the heart of Horizontal Falls. Aboard power boats, take an exciting cruise through the gorges before spending the remainder of your day cruising the turquoise calm of Talbot Bay.

There will be time to swim and snorkel in the crystal-clear water before being welcomed on board a floating houseboat pontoon for an indulgent evening. Enjoy sunset drinks on the deck paired with a dinner of local Barramundi as you stargaze the night sky, nightcap in hand before retreating to your private air-conditioned cabin for a restful night.

# Accommodation Jetwave Pearl - Luxury Floating Motel





Photo courtesy of Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures



### Wednesday, 24 July 2024 Day 8 **Derby to Bell Gorge/Silent Grove**

# Meals BLD

Awake to a freshly cooked breakfast as you prepare for the return journey to Derby where your coach and crew await to take you eXploring on the Gibb River Road.

Call in to Windjana Gorge well know as the haven for fresh water crocodiles quite often seen basking on the sandy river banks.

A little further along the track we will detour into Silent Grove, the access point to Bells Gorge and Falls. Tonight we will be camping under the stars in eXpedition10's luxury tents.

# Accommodation eXpedition10 Luxury Tents



### Thursday, 25 July 2024 Day 9 **Bell Gorge to Ellenbrae**

# **Meals BLD**

While camp is being packed up you are welcome to take a walk into Bells Gorge. The walk is just 4 kilometres return, (classed as a grade 2 walk to the lookout - so reasonably easy. It does get a bit tougher should you choose to climb down to the falls from the lookout.

Continuing along the Gibb River Road today, visit Galvins Gorge for a chance to take a refreshing swim under the falls (2 klm Return - grade 2 walk). Then, time permitting, visit Manning Gorge and Mount Barnett Roadhouse.

This afternoon, sit back and relax as we continue to Ellenbrae Station for our next two night stopover.

Accommodation Ellenbrae Station Cabins

# Day 10 Friday, 26 July 2024 Ellenbrae to Mitchell Falls

# Meals BLD

Put on your walking shoes for today's eXpedition. The day will begin with a scenic flight from Ellenbrae to the Mitchell Plateau airfield where a 4X4 experience awaits to transfer the start of the Punamiiunpuu Hiking Trail, a 4.5km to Mitchell Falls. Various stops along the trail include the picturesque Little Merten Falls with refreshing rock pools and stunning gallery of Gwion Gwion artwork immediately below.

Next break in the walk is at Big Merten Falls with awesome vistas over the gorge beyond before arriving at the Mitchell River crossing. This is an excellent place for a swim and to then finding the perfect rock ledge to enjoy a picnic lunch with the majestic Mitchell Falls in full view.

After ample time to explore, board our helicopter for a scenic flight and 4x4 drive to the airfield where our flight awaits returning to Ellenbrae. For those not wishing to participate in the scenic walk to/from Mitchell Falls there is the option, at an additional cost, for helicopter transfers each way.

Accommodation Ellenbrae Station Cabins

# Day 11 Saturday, 27 July 2024 Ellenbrae to El Questro TBC

# Meals BL

Continuing further along the Gibb River Road today, tackle the rocky Durack River crossing, pause to admire the stunning view from the Cockburn Range Lookout and again at the Pentecost River crossing. Shortly after, arrive at El Questro Station for another two niaht stav.

Accommodation eXpedition10 Luxury Tents







# Day 12 Sunday, 28 July 2024 El Questro (TBC)

# Meals BL

There's so much to see and do at El Questro, with a visit to the 700,000-acre property, famous for its ancient gorges, waterfalls and rockpools, rivers and creeks, and many vantage points and lookouts. And there are treks to suit any fitness level, whether you're up for an exhilarating physical challenge or a leisurely sunset stroll. **Accommodation eXpedition10 Luxury Tents** 

# Day 13 Monday, 29 July 2024 El Questro to Kununurra

# Meals BD

There still may be time to explore some of the gorges this morning proir to departing El Questro for Kununurra. Take a detour north to the Wyndham, the ,ost northern port in Western Australia. A short drive to The Bastion Lookout for in breathtaking views of the five rivers - the King, Ord, Durack, Forrest and Petecost Rivers which all flow into the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. This afternoon, arrive in Kununurra, established as a service centre for the Ord River Irrigation scheme which in provides the water for huge areas of farmland which produce crops such as sandalwood, mangoes, chia, citrus, melons and much more.

Accommodation Kununurra Country Club

# Day 14 Tuesday, 30 July 2024 eXplore Purnululu

# **Meals BL**

Start your day with a scenic flight from Kununurra flying over the Ord Irrigation Area, Lake Kununurra and Lake Argyle.to arrive at Purunlulu. After short drive enjoy a guided walk amongst the famous eroded towers and black and orange banded beehive structures on the Domes Walk. Your guide will take you into Cathedral Gorge, where towering cliffs open up to form a space with awe inspiring natural acoustics. Then along the bed of Piccaninny Creek, which flows only in the monsoon waterfall season. The walk distance is about 3km.

Follow up this amazing adventure with an exhilarating helicopter flight over the beehive shaped domes before returning via a scenic flight to Kununurra,

*Please Note:* Todays activities include a moderate 3km walk along a creek bed with sand and loose stones, short rocky slopes and a ladder with double handrails.

Accommodation Kununurra Country Club





# Day 15 Wednesday, 31 July 2024 Visit Lake Argyle

**Meals BLD** 

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South of Kununurra is Lake Argyle. The lake is approximately 18 times the size of Sydney harbour and plays a pivotal role in the irrigation of the lands in and around Kununurra. Lake Argyle lies in the Ord River and when built in 1963, flooded much of Argyle Station taken up many years prior by the Durack Family. We will visit the former workers camp, now holiday park, established to house workers building the dam before boarding our vesel for a 'leisurley' cruise down the Ord River to Kununurra. We should arrive just in time to view sunset over the Ord Dam.

Accommodation Kununurra Country Club

# Day 16 Thursday, 1 August 2024 Kununurra to Home

Following breakfast this morning, bid farwell to your eXpedition10 crew before making your way to your home ports.





# **eXpedition Kimberley**

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