

# 35 DAY NORTHWESTER

AND THE

## KIMBERLEY INCLUDING EL QUESTRO

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TO TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

*MOTEL ACCOMMODATION - MOSTLY SAFARI STYLE MEALS*

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#### DAY 1: WED 11<sup>TH</sup> AUG HOME TO ADELAIDE

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Our first day is spent travelling via the Western Highway through Bordertown and Murray Bridge to Adelaide for our first overnight stop. Dinner tonight will be at a hotel.

#### DAY 2: THUR 12<sup>TH</sup> AUG ADELAIDE TO COOBER PEDY

B.L.D.

Early start this morning as we head north through Port Augusta known as the "Crossroads of Australia". Continue on to Woomera which was established in 1947 as a launch base for experimental rockets and space crafts. The final leg of today's journey finds us in Coober Pedy.

#### DAY 3: FRI 13<sup>TH</sup> AUG COOBER PEDY TO ERLDUNDA

B.L.D.

This morning we visit the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum. Enjoy a guided tour through an underground home and an opal mine before departing Coober Pedy. Travel north along the road to Oodnadatta until we come to the dog fence where we enter the Breakaways. Further on through the township of Marla, crossing the border into the Northern Territory. On through Kulgera to ERLDUNDA for our overnight stop.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- # COOBER PEDY # ULURU # KATA TJUTA
- # ALICE SPRINGS # KINGS CANYON
- # STANDLEY CHASM # DARWIN
- # KATHERINE GORGE CRUISE
- # TENNANT CREEK
- # KAKADU NATIONAL PARK
- # YELLOW WATERS CRUISE
- # LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK
- # ORD RIVER CRUISE # HALLS CREEK
- # EL QUESTRO STATION
- # ZEBEDEE SPRINGS
- # FITZROY CROSSING
- # GEIKIE GORGE NATIONAL PARK & CRUISE
- # OSCAR RANGE - WINDJANA GORGE
- # BOAB PRISON TREE # DERBY
- # BROOME 3 NIGHTS # EIGHTY MILE BEACH
- # PORT HEDLAND # MT TOM PRICE MINE TOUR
- # WITTENOOM # KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK
- # HAMERSLEY RANGES # EXMOUTH
- # CORAL BAY # SHARK BAY
- # CARNARVON # MONKEY MIA DOLPHINS
- # CITY CENTRE ACCOMMODATION IN DARWIN & PERTH

DAY 4: SAT 14<sup>TH</sup> AUG

B.L.D.

## **ERLDUNDA TO ULURU**

Continuing across the vast cattle stations of Mt. Ebenezer and Curtain Springs with beautiful desert country to Uluru. Our first stop is the visitors centre before we begin our drive around the base of the rock. After lunch we travel west to visit Kata Tjuta, a cluster of rounded massive rocks which are dramatic and vividly coloured, before returning to Sunset Strip for photographs of the sunset at Uluru.

## **DAY 5: SUN 15<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **ULURU TO KINGS CANYON**

An early rise for those passengers who wish to climb the largest monolith in the world. Time for optional flights over Uluru and Kata Tjuta should you wish. After lunch we depart Uluru and travel north to take in the spectacular beauty of Kings Canyon.

## **DAY 6: MON 16<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS**

This morning is spent exploring Kings Canyon with its spectacular red sandstone cliffs, natural rock pools and bush vegetation. See the "Lost City", the "Garden of Eden" and take a walk along the canyon floor as it follows "Kings Creek". Depart Kings Canyon and travel to Alice Springs and our home for the next three nights.

## **DAY 7: TUE 17<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **WESTERN MACDONNELL RANGES**

Today is spent taking in the magnificent scenery of the Western MacDonnell Ranges. Visit John Flynn's Grave, Twin Ghost Gums, Simpsons Gap and Standley Chasm, a 5 metre wide colourful cleft in the West MacDonnells. We spend the afternoon at the Alice Springs Desert Park to learn about the flora, fauna and animals found in Central Australia.

## **DAY 8: WED 18<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **ALICE SPRINGS SIGHTSEEING**

Visit the Old Telegraph Station Historical Reserve, which is a restoration of the original station, the School Of The Air where you are able to view the workings of this "education by radio". Our next stop is the Royal Flying Doctor Base where visitors are able to view the operations of a flying medical team.

## **DAY 9: THUR 19<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **ALICE SPRINGS TO TENNANT CREEK**

Early start again today as we cross the Tropic of Capricorn and pause at Central Mount Stuart, the geographical centre of Australia. Visit Barrow Creek and Devils Marbles. Further on to Tennant Creek, a modern outback mining town, whose minerals include copper, gold and tin.

## **DAY 10: FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **TENNANT CREEK TO KATHERINE**

We continue further north along the Stuart Highway through Three Ways, Renner Springs and Elliott to Daly Waters where we visit the famous old pub. Take in the character of this pub before making our way to Mataranka, where you may like to take a swim in the thermal pool. Great for relaxation after a days travelling. Continue on to Katherine for our overnight stop.

## **DAY 11: SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

## **KATHERINE TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK**

Early rise this morning before making our way to Katherine Gorge for our cruise through this magnificent gorge. A cruise through the gorge allows you to experience the Aboriginal rock art, geology, wild life and plant life. Continuing our trek through the gold town of Pine Creek where we join the Kakadu Highway to the Kakadu National Park. Make our way to Cooinda for our overnight stop.

## **DAY 12: SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> AUG**

**B.L.**

### **KAKADU NATIONAL PARK TO DARWIN**

This morning we view the park's prolific birdlife on an early morning boat cruise of the wetlands at Yellow Water. Visit Nouralgie Rock, known for its Aboriginal paintings. Explore the township of Jabiru, a moderately sized town blessed with a high standard of modern facilities. Join the Arnhem Highway to Darwin, our home for the next three nights. Tonight we visit the famous Mindil Beach Markets.

## **DAY 13: MON 23<sup>RD</sup> AUG**

**B.L.**

### **LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK**

A highlight today as we visit Litchfield National Park to see the beauty of rain forests, rivers, waterfalls and great magnetic anthills. Visit Wangi Falls. On our return to Darwin we visit the Darwin River Dam and Berry Springs.

## **DAY 14: TUE 24<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

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### **DARWIN**

Free day to do your own exploring.

## **DAY 15: WED 25<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **DARWIN TO KATHERINE**

Morning tour of the city visiting Fannie Bay Gaol Museum. Next stop the Botanical Gardens and Christ Church Cathedral, constructed in 1977 to replace the original stone church destroyed by Cyclone Tracy in 1974. Farewell Darwin and join the Stuart Highway travelling south, we visit the Adelaide River War Cemetery. Continue onto to Katherine for our overnight stop.

## **DAY 16: THUR 26<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **KATHERINE TO KUNUNURRA**

The dramatic landforms and colours of this region will surprise you at every bend as you travel the 520km Victoria Highway between Katherine and Kununurra. The drive passes through the Victoria River Districts sprawling cattle country and historic Timber Creek. Continue on crossing the Western Australian border and on to Kununurra, home for the next three nights.

## **DAY 17: FRI 27<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **EL QUESTRO-ZEBEDEE SPRINGS - WYNDHAM**

A breathtaking day today as we travel west of Kununurra and join the Gibb River Road where our first stop is Zebedee Springs. Relax in the thermal springs before continuing the short distance to El Questro Station. Marvel at the scenery as we enjoy a leisurely cruise through the magnificent Chamberlain Gorge. Travel to Wyndham, the most northerly town in Western Australia. Marvel at the views from the Five Rivers Lookout over Wyndham and the Cambridge Gulf. Return to Kununurra after an amazing day sightseeing.

## **DAY 18: SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

**B.L.D.**

### **ORD RIVER CRUISE - KUNUNURRA**

Time to take an optional early morning flight over the vast lost world of the Bungle Bungles with spectacular views of

Lake Argyle and the Argyle Diamond Mine (passengers own expense). Following breakfast, cruise the peaceful waters of the Ord River System before enjoying some free time to explore the shops.

**DAY 19: Sun 29<sup>TH</sup> AUG** **B.L.D.**  
**KUNUNURRA TO FITZROY CROSSING**

Join the Great Northern Highway this morning and travel via Turkey Creek to Halls Creek situated on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert. See China Wall, before continuing further west to Fitzroy Crossing, a centre for the surrounding cattle stations for our overnight stop.

**DAY 20: MON 30<sup>TH</sup> AUG** **B.L.D.**  
**FITZROY CROSSING - GEIKIE GORGE - DERBY**

Enjoy a town tour this morning before taking a short drive north to Geikie Gorge National Park for our morning cruise. Further on to Windjana Gorge, a spectacular area where you can see the full glory of the 350 million year old Devonian reef rising above the flood plains. Continue via the Gibb River Road to Derby.

**DAY 21: TUE 31<sup>ST</sup> AUG** **B.L.**  
**DERBY TO BROOME**

Today we enjoy the sights of King Sound and see the Boab Prison Tree before joining the Great Northern Highway to Broome. On our arrival to Broome we visit Willie Creek Pearl Farm. Broome's climate is also something to boast about with the warm sunny days and balmy nights.

**DAY 22: WED 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPT** **B.**  
**BROOME - CABLE BEACH**

Today we explore the "Pearls of Broome". First visit is to Chinatown and Streeters Jetty where the luggers discharged their hard won treasure. Also see the Japanese Cemetery which reminds us of the terrible toll wrought by the industry. Other "Pearls of Broome" include the Dinosaur Footprints and Anastasia's Pool. Enjoy a visit to Cable Beach.

**DAY 23: THUR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPT** **B.**  
**BROOME**

Free day today to do some of your own exploring maybe you might like to take a Scenic Flight to the famous Horizontal Waterfalls and Cape Leveque with great views of the rugged coastline. Or perhaps go for a stroll along famous Cable Beach.

**DAY 24: FRI 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPT** **B.L.D.**  
**BROOME TO PORT HEDLAND**

Farewelling Broome we join the Great Northern Highway before arriving at Eighty Mile Beach where the Great Sandy Desert stretches to the ocean. After lunch we travel further south to Port Hedland.

**DAY 25: SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** **B.L.D.**  
**PORT HEDLAND TO MT TOM PRICE**

After breakfast we join the Port Hedland Highway and continue south where we visit the ghost town of Wittenoom before moving on through Hamersley Gorge to Mt Tom Price, our home for the next two nights.

**DAY 26: SUN 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** **B.L.D.**  
**TOM PRICE - MINE TOUR - KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK**

Tour Mt. Tom Price mine this morning and see the huge equipment and scale of operations. We spend this afternoon admiring the scenery of Karijini National Park, renowned for its spectacular mountains, gorges and watercourses.

**DAY 27: MON 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** **B.L.D.**  
**MT TOM PRICE TO EXMOUTH**

Today we travel through the rich red earth and spinifex landscape of the Pilbara, passing Mt. Stuart. Join the North West Coastal Highway and stop at Nanutarra Roadhouse before leaving the highway to travel to the coastal town of Exmouth.

**DAY 28: TUE 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** **B.L.D.**  
**EXMOUTH TO CARNARVON**

Travel south this morning to Coral Bay, home to one of the world's major reef systems. Visit Ningaloo Marine Park where you can view life forms of the reef through a glass bottom boat. Travel further south and join the North West Coastal Highway to Carnarvon.

**DAY 29: WED 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** **B.L.D.**  
**CARNARVON TO NANGA BAY**

This morning we travel to the Shark Bay region. At Hamelin Pool, see a colony of Stromatolites that date back to the beginning of life on earth. Stroll along the shores of Shell Beach and take in the dramatic views from Eagle Bluff before continuing to Nanga Bay.

**DAY 30: THUR 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** **B.L.D.**  
**NANGA BAY - MONKEY MIA TO KALBARRI**

See the friendly dolphins at Monkey Mia this morning. This is a rare place in the world where "wild" dolphins come to shore. Continue south to Kalbarri, home for the next two nights and renowned for extraordinary river gorge scenery, soaring sea cliffs and heath wildflowers.

**DAY 31: FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** **B.L.D.**  
**KALBARRI SIGHTSEEING**

Today is spent exploring the magnificent Kalbarri National Park. Visit some lookouts for spectacular views of the Murchison River Gorges and Red Bluff Lookout. The remainder of the day is free to put your feet up and relax or explore the local shops.

**DAY 32: SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** **B.L.**  
**KALBARRI TO PERTH**

Early start this morning as we continue south to the Nambung National Park and the remarkable Pinnacles Desert. Leave the eerie surrounds of the Pinnacles and continue on to Perth, our home for the next four nights. City centre accommodation.

**DAY 33: SUN 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

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**PERTH SIGHTSEEING**

Morning sightseeing in this fabulous city. After touring Scarborough Beach, City Beach and picturesque Kings Park featuring 400ha of gardens and views over the Swan River, we will continue the day by visiting historical Fremantle.

**DAY 34: MON 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

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**PERTH**

A free day for some shopping, maybe an optional tour to New Norcia or Rottnest Island or perhaps just put your feet up and relax.

**DAY 35: TUE 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

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**PERTH TO HOME**

After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to Perth Airport where you will join your flight back to Tullamarine. A Kingstons coach will once again meet you at Tullamarine Airport and transfer you to your home town after a memorable twenty-three days touring the far west.