

35 DAY WEST COAST

AND THE

KIMBERLEY INCLUDING EL QUESTRO

DEPARTING MONDAY 23RD AUGUST TO THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2010

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION - MOSTLY SAFARI STYLE MEALS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- # DARWIN # KATHERINE
- # 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
- # KALBARRI WILDFLOWERS # PERTH 4 NIGHTS
- # GLOUCESTER TREE # JARRAH FORESTS
- # VALLEY OF THE GIANTS # ALBANY
- # ESPERANCE # NORSEMAN
- # KALGOORLIE GOLDEN MILE & MINE TOUR
- # GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT # CEDUNA
- # IRON KNOB # PORT AUGUSTA
- # CITY CENTRE ACCOMMODATION IN DARWIN & PERTH

DAY 1: MON 23RD AUG D.
HOME TO DARWIN

After pick up from your home town, travel to Tullamarine and join your flight to Darwin where our luxury coach will meet you and take you to your accommodation, home for the next two nights.

DAY 2: TUE 24TH AUG B.
DARWIN

Known as the Northern Gateway to Australia, Darwin is a multi-cultural city and capital of the Northern Territory situated on one of Australia's largest harbours. Today is a free day for you to do your own exploring.

DAY 3: WED 25TH 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 Katherine for our overnight stop.

DAY 4: THUR 26TH 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 5: FRI 27TH AUG B.L.D.
EL QUESTRO-ZEBEDEE SPRINGS - WYNDHAM

A breathtaking day today as we travel west of Kununurra 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 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 6: SAT 28TH AUG B.L.D.
ORD RIVER CRUISE - HIDDEN VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

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 7: SUN 29TH 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 8: MON 30TH 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 9: TUE 31ST AUG
DERBY TO BROOME****B.L.**

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 10: WED 1ST SEPT
BROOME - CABLE BEACH****B.**

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 11: THUR 2ND SEPT
BROOME****B.**

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 12: FRI 3RD SEPT
BROOME TO PORT HEDLAND****B.L.D.**

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 13: SAT 4TH SEPT
PORT HEDLAND TO MT TOM PRICE****B.L.D.**

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 14: SUN 5TH SEPT
TOM PRICE - MINE TOUR - KARIJINI NATIONAL PARK****B.L.D.**

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 15: MON 6TH SEPT
MT TOM PRICE TO EXMOUTH****B.L.D.**

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 16: TUE 7TH SEPT
EXMOUTH TO CARNARVON****B.L.D.**

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 17: WED 8TH SEPT
CARNARVON TO NANGA BAY****B.L.D.**

This morning we travel to the Shark Bay region, 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 18: THUR 9TH SEPT
NANGA BAY - MONKEY MIA TO KALBARRI****B.L.D.**

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 19: FRI 10TH SEPT
KALBARRI SIGHTSEEING****B.L.D.**

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 20: SAT 10TH SEPT
KALBARRI TO PERTH****B.L.**

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.

**DAY 21: SUN 12TH SEPT
PERTH SIGHTSEEING****B.**

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 22 & 23: 13TH & 14TH SEPT
PERTH****B.**

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

**DAY 24: WED 15TH SEPT
PERTH TO MANJIMUP****B.D.**

Farewelling Perth this morning we travel down the beautiful southwest coastline through Busselton and on to Margaret River, a picturesque wine growing holiday destination. Further on to Manjimup in the heart of the timber country and our home for the next two nights.

DAY 25: THUR 16TH SEPT B.D.**KARRI FORESTS SIGHTSEEING**

Visit Timber Park this morning, which has several attractions within its perimeter. Travel to Pemberton set amid magnificent karri forests and crystal clear streams. Our first stop is the famous Gloucester Tree, 61 metres in height and one of the largest trees in the world. Visit Beedelup National Park and see the Beedelup Falls.

DAY 26: FRI 17TH SEPT B.D.**MANJIMUP TO ALBANY**

Travel through the vast Jarrah and Karri Forests to Denmark and visit the "Valley of the Giants" at Walpole - Nornalup National Park. Enjoy the experience of a Tree Top Walk. Continue on to Albany, our home for the next two nights. This afternoon we visit the Old Gaol, built in 1851 as a convict hiring depot and the Patrick Taylor Cottage Museum. Visit Dog Rock and Mt. Clearance.

DAY 27: SAT 18TH SEPT B.D.**ALBANY SIGHTSEEING**

This morning we join Silver Star Cruises for a two and a half hour cruise through King George Sound. View the rugged coastline from "The Gap" and "Natural Bridge", two amazing natural features. Visit Whale World, this former whaling station ceased operation in 1978 and has since been developed into a whaling museum.

DAY 28: SUN 19TH SEPT B.D.**ALBANY TO ESPERANCE**

Departing Albany this morning we travel north to Stirling Range National Park and view the abundance of magnificent wildflowers before joining the South Coast Highway via Ravensthorpe to Esperance.

DAY 29: MON 20TH SEPT B.D.**ESPERANCE TO KALGOORLIE**

Enjoy a town tour of Esperance this morning, tour the many attractions including Pink Lake, Twilight Beach, Rotary Lookout and a scenic drive to Observatory Point. See the vast wheat and sheep properties of this area as we travel to Norseman. Continue on to Kalgoorlie, home for the next two nights.

DAY 30: TUE 21ST SEPT B.L.D.**KALGOORLIE SIGHTSEEING**

Today we take a city tour visiting Paddy Hannon's Statue and the Miner's Monument, erected as a tribute to those mine workers who gave "The Golden Mile" its worldwide reputation. Visit Hannan's North Tourist Gold Mine. Take a guided surface tour, watch a gold pour demonstration and go underground and view practical working demonstrations.

DAY 31: WED 22ND SEPT B.L.D.**KALGOORLIE TO COCKLEBIDDY**

This morning we travel to the small town of Balladonia, made famous when US Skylab disintegrated and showered the town with debris. From here we commence our journey across the Nullarbor, a vast limestone plateau, to the tiny settlement of Cocklebiddy for our overnight stop.

DAY 32: THUR 23RD SEPT B.L.D.**COCKLEBIDDY TO CEDUNA**

Travelling east we stop at Eucla to visit the old telegraph ruins almost completely buried by shifting dunes. Cross the South Australian border and marvel at the stunning views of sheer cliffs that look over the Great Australian Bight Pause at a viewing platform on the Bight, to view the majestic Southern Right Whales. We continue on to South Australia's most westerly town, Ceduna for our overnight stop.

DAY 33: FRI 24TH SEPT B.L.D.**CEDUNA TO PORT AUGUSTA**

Early start this morning as we travel east through Kimba, to Iron Knob, the birthplace of Australia's steel industry and producer of large quantities of iron ore. Enjoy a town tour of Iron Knob and visit the mining museum. Further on to Port Augusta, known as the "Crossroads of Australia".

DAY 34: SAT 25TH SEPT B.L.**PORT AUGUSTA TO MANNUM**

This morning we visit the Wadlata Outback Centre. The centre features hands on displays which tell the story of the development of outback South Australia. Depart Port Augusta and travel south to Mannum, situated on the beautiful Murray River for our last night away.

DAY 35: SUN 26TH SEPT B.**HOMeward BOUND**

Depart Mannum and travel via Tailem Bend and Bordertown crossing the border into Victoria and home after an amazing 35 days touring, farewelling our new found friends at each drop off point along the way.

PRICE: \$.00 per person
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$.00 (If Available)

All prices include GST