

# Kununurra to Broome drive adventure

9-10 days



The gateway to the East Kimberley in Western Australia (WA), Kununurra is a pretty town located on the banks of Lake Kununurra and the Ord River - the perfect base for your outback adventure. Whether you decide to drive on the sealed road of the Great Northern Highway; or for more of an adventure, take the unsealed Gibb River Road.

## Suggested itinerary

### Day 1-3 » Kununurra

Arrive at Kununurra, the eastern gateway to the Kimberley and check into your choice of accommodation. Late afternoon, take a cruise on beautiful Lake Kununurra and enjoy a delicious

barbeque dinner as you watch the sun set over the lake. Kununurra is a local Aboriginal word meaning "meeting of big waters" so no visit would be complete without doing a cruise along the Ord River, on Lake Argyle or Lake Kununurra. The birdlife and vegetation is breathtaking. Join a thrilling day cruise up the Ord River. See native flora and fauna, have a swim in the clear fresh water and enjoy a gourmet lunch. In the afternoon, view the massive inland sea of Lake Argyle and the Ord River Dam, or, if you are keen on fishing, join a tour on the Lower Ord and chase the elusive Barramundi. Take a scenic flight to the World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle Range). Spend the day exploring this amazing park with a local guide. Your return flights take you over, the largest operating Diamond Mine in the World - Argyle Diamond Mine. Alternatively, stay overnight in the park at one of the safari camps.



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#### Day 4 » Kununurra to Wyndham 106km

Just a one hour drive from Kununurra, Wyndham is the most northerly town of Western Australia.

This small last frontier town was established in 1886 on the tidal banks of the Cambridge Gulf at the base of Mount Bastion. At the mountain's summit, over 330 metres above sea level, the fantastic Five Rivers Lookout allows you to view the paths of the King, Pentecost, Durack, Forrest and Ord Rivers.

#### Day 5 » Wyndham to Warmun 106km

Warmun (Turkey Creek) is right next door to one of the natural wonders of the world. This World Heritage listed National Park, Purnululu (Bungle Bungle Range) is one of the Kimberley's hidden jewels. Be amazed by the colours, gorges, chasms and the famous beehive domes.

#### Day 6 » Warmun to Halls Creek 165km

Halls Creek lies on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert, at the junction of the Great Northern Highway and Duncan Road in the north west of the State. Halls Creek is the closest town to Purnululu National Park. Also nearby is Wolfe Creek Crater, the second largest meteorite crater in the world. Take a drive 15 kilometres east of Halls Creek to Old Halls Creek, the site of the first gold discovery in Western Australia in 1885. You can still find gold in the area, particularly around the old town site which was home to more than 15,000 people from all over the world.

#### Day 7 » Halls Creek to Fitzroy Crossing 209km

Fitzroy Crossing is located on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River. Fitzroy Crossing is the gateway to Geikie Gorge National Park, a spectacular waterway with soaring weathered

cliffs and abundant wildlife. Aboriginal tours offer an excellent insight to the Aboriginal culture of the area. The original town site is located on the riverbank just beyond the reach of major flood waters.

#### Day 8 » Fitzroy Crossing to Derby 260km

Situated on King Sound 220 kilometres north east of Broome, Derby was the first town settled in the Kimberley. Derby is the western gateway to the infamous Gibb River Road, Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek National Parks. Derby is the closest point to the magnificent islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago. With 11 metre tides, the highest in the southern hemisphere.

#### Day 9 » Derby to Broome 225km

Broome was established as a pearling port in the 1880's. The Broome peninsula nestles the shores of Roebuck Bay and the Indian Ocean. Today, remnants of Broome's exotic past are everywhere. Sit back and relax on Broome's Cable Beach, with 22 kilometres of pristine white sand lapped by the azure waters of the Indian Ocean. The perfect location to enjoy a

magnificent Broome sunset. Be amazed by the fiery red pindan cliffs contrasted by the bright turquoise water of Roebuck Bay. From March to October, three times a month, witness a natural phenomenon known as the Staircase to the Moon, caused by the rising of the full moon reflecting off the exposed mudflats at extremely low tide. Experience a camel trek along Cable Beach as the sunsets over the water or sit back in a deck chair at Sun Pictures and take in a new release movie at the world's oldest operating picture garden.

### Highlights

- » Cable Beach, Broome
- » Broome Pearls
- » Stairway to the Moon - Broome
- » Museums, art galleries, craft shops and markets.
- » Derby's Prison Boab Tree
- » Boab Trees
- » Bungle Bungles
- » Derby's 11 metre tides, the highest in the southern hemisphere.
- » Major North West National Parks, conservation parks, waterfalls, river systems, bushwalking, abundant wildlife
- » Bush hospitality and gourmet country cuisine.
- » Tropical gardens, vegetation
- » Working stations
- » Station, eco tents and camping and homestead style accommodation.
- » Great fishing
- » Argyle diamonds.

### Visitor Centres

North West	(08) 9193 6660
Broome	1800 883 777
Derby	(08) 9191 1426
Karratha	(08) 9144 4600
Kununurra	(08) 9163 1177
Halls Creek	(08) 9163 6262
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