



KIMBERLEY & OUTBACK WILDERNESS ADVENTURES

TOUR HINTS



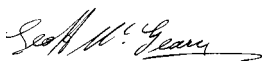
WELCOME TO THE KIMBERLEY & OUTBACK

Dear Traveller,

We are delighted that you have chosen APT to show you around Australia's Kimberley and Outback regions. With 90 years of touring experience, we know this area intimately and can show you the highlights like no one else can.

As you prepare for your adventure, we know that you're likely to have questions about what to expect on tour, what the climate will be like and what to take with you. To try to help with these questions and provide some additional touring information, we have compiled this Tour Hints booklet. It contains information on the varying conditions and climates that you may encounter, some general destination information, suggestions on what to pack and much more.

We trust you will enjoy your Kimberley or Outback Wilderness Adventure and we look forward to welcoming you on tour shortly.



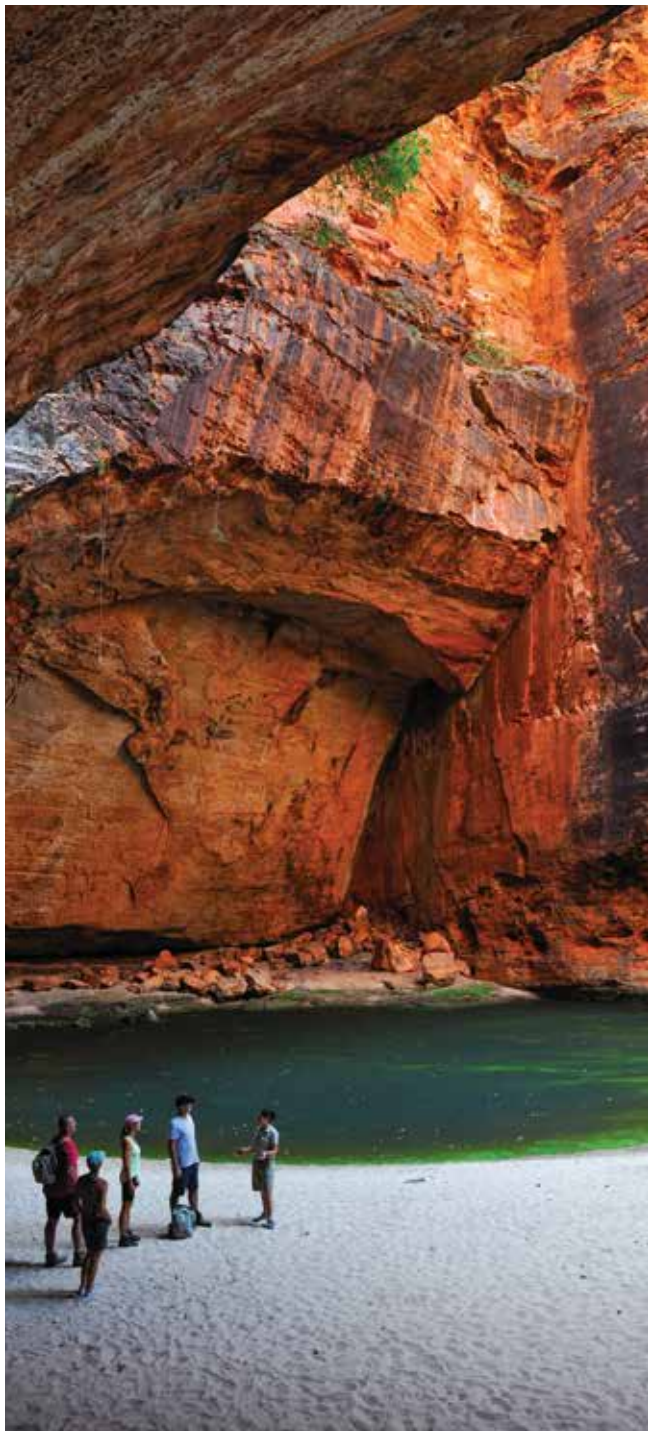
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Be prepared to get your feet wet

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Discover the spectacular Cathedral Gorge

YOUR APT CREW & 4WD VEHICLE

YOUR APT CREW

From the moment you join the tour, your friendly crew are on hand to ensure your comfort, take care of all arrangements, answer questions and provide a friendly face. Your Driver-Guide is a highly trained industry professional, committed to making your adventure memorable. Your Driver-Guides' informed and entertaining commentary will showcase their passion and knowledge of the area, while their organisational skills, backed by our dedicated support staff, will ensure that your trip is completely hassle-free.

To provide support and comfort whilst you travel to remote locations on selected Outback Wilderness Adventures, you will be accompanied by a Tour Director in addition to your Driver-Guide.

On each Kimberly Wilderness Adventure your Driver-Guide will be joined by additional guides on selected walks.

SEAT ROTATION

To ensure everyone gets to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation system will be put in place by your Driver-Guide.

CUSTOM-BUILT 4WD VEHICLES

APT's 4WD vehicles are carefully built to take you over rugged terrain in comfort, safety and style. Designed especially for the Kimberley and Outback, our dynamic fleet of custom-built Mercedes Benz and Isuzu 4WD vehicles set a global benchmark. APT's vehicles have an impeccable reliability record and traverse some of the roughest terrain. In the event of a late wet season, our 4WD vehicles provide greater reliability on roads which may be closed to larger vehicles.

All vehicles feature air-conditioning, reclining seats, a state-of-the-art PA system and large tinted windows to protect you from the sun, while providing unimpeded views of the passing scenery. For your safety and convenience, each vehicle also carries a satellite phone, and our Driver-Guides' are highly experienced in driving across the rough Kimberley and Outback terrains.

APT WILDERNESS LODGES

In partnership with the Aboriginal land owners, our network of lodges are exclusive to APT guests. Each lodge is strategically located to place you in the heart of wilderness country. By day, enjoy convenient access to all the highlights and hidden gems. By night, take pleasure in exceptional and often remote locations.

APT's friendly on-site lodge hosts make your stay all the more memorable. From the moment you arrive, you'll notice their exceptional level of personal service and care, ensuring a convivial atmosphere throughout.

FACILITIES IN YOUR TENTED CABINS

APT's Wilderness Lodges include a range of Standard and Superior tented cabins designed to blend into the local surrounds while providing 'a touch of luxury' in the wilderness.

Bedding

Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge and Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge are only able to accommodate twin bedding configurations. Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge has the ability to offer a double bedding configuration as well as twin.

Bathroom/Ensuite

All tented cabins feature private ensuite bathroom facilities with hot showers. Your bathroom will have a shower, toilet, hand basin, towels and soap.

Deck

All tented cabins feature a front deck with bush views.

Electricity

Please be aware that power point availability at each lodge may be limited and only some tented cabins have accessible points. Each lodge draws electricity from independent power supplies and these systems can sometimes experience 'surges'. Usually harmless, be aware that Sleep Apnea Machines are sensitive to these occurrences. If required, advise your travel agent or APT at your earliest convenience.



Retreat to a Superior Tent at Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge

LIMITING OUR IMPACT

As the only major tour operator in the Kimberley to have achieved Advanced Ecotourism certification, we are passionate about conserving the local environment and sacred Aboriginal land. Each lodge is designed and run on a 'leave no trace' philosophy, to ensure a minimal ecological footprint. We ask for your assistance with this by following these simple guidelines:

- Water is a precious commodity in the Kimberley and Outback regions and we ask that you use this natural resource sparingly and wisely. Due to this limited resource, we are unable to offer laundry facilities at our lodges.
- We ask that you bring with you biodegradable personal care products, which will not adversely affect the natural environment. Eco friendly body wash and shampoo are provided at our Wilderness Lodges.
- Due to our dry environment, smoking is only permitted in designated areas.
- At night, camps are lit by low voltage lighting to enable you to move about with safety and ease.

DINING

Each night, enjoy a superb three-course dinner, with a hearty full breakfast served each morning before your next adventure-filled day. Be amazed by the variety and quality of food on offer, using only the freshest ingredients. Regional specialities are often served with a sprinkling of Indigenous herbs for an authentic Outback flavour. All included meals are clearly indicated on your personalised itinerary.

LIQUOR LICENSES

All of our lodges have a liquor license which enables you to purchase a select range of alcoholic beverages if you choose. Alcohol cannot be brought on tour with you.



Enjoy relaxed dining at APT's exclusive network of Wilderness Lodges

KIMBERLEY & OUTBACK HOTELS, RESORTS & STATIONS

AN AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE

APT offers an extensive range of outstanding hotel, resort and station accommodation throughout the Kimberley and Outback. All the properties we offer will enrich your overall experience and give you an authentic taste for some of Australia's most outstanding destinations. Please note that in very remote regions, choices of accommodation are more limited and standards may vary. On rare occasions, shared facilities may replace private facilities at certain hotels due to their unique Outback location.

CHECK IN / CHECK OUT

Australian standard hotel check in time is 3pm and check out time is 10am. This may vary between hotels.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

If you have special requirements such a preference for adjoining or neighbouring rooms, double beds, ground floor room or a room near the main hotel facilities, please advise your Travel Agent or APT as early as possible prior to commencing your tour so that we can try to fulfil your request.

FACILITIES IN YOUR ROOM

Bedding

Twin bedded accommodation usually represents two single beds, though some hotels present twin share accommodation as one double bed and one single bed. A double room comprises one double bed designed for two people to share.

Bathroom/Ensuite

APT accommodation usually features private facilities (with the exception of some remote locations). Your bathroom will have a shower, toilet, hand basin, towels and soap.

Tea/Coffee Making Facilities

Your accommodation provides tea and coffee making facilities in your room (with the exception of some remote locations).

Mini Bars/Refrigerators

With the exception of some remote locations, most hotels feature a small refrigerator in the room and on some occasions a mini bar. Please remember that these items can be expensive.

Television/Telephone

Some rooms will have a television and telephone, however in-room telephones can be expensive and most hotels have public phones available. In remote areas, these room facilities may not be available.

Laundry Facilities

There are limited hotels along the trip with coin operated laundry facilities.

DINING INFORMATION

The cuisine you will enjoy on tour goes above and beyond the standard meals you would expect in Outback Australia. We pay careful attention to the negotiation of our menus, to ensure choice and a healthy variety of quality food which caters to all tastes. Meals that are included in your tour price are clearly indicated on your personalised itinerary.

Dietary Requirements – Please ensure you advise your Travel Agent or APT prior to your tour commencing of any dietary requirements. Every effort will be made to fulfil requests, but these cannot always be guaranteed. With the wide selection of menus and choice of dishes available at hotels, special dietary requirements will be met where possible. For strict dietary requirements, please check with your Travel Agent or APT. You may need to carry a small supply of necessary food (that does not require refrigeration).

ALCOHOL

Consumption of alcohol on board vehicles is strictly prohibited. Most hotels in which you stay have licensed restaurants where you can purchase alcoholic beverages with your meal. As Arnhem Land is a dry region, alcohol will only be available in selected places.



Enjoy the stunning surrounds of Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa

WHAT TO PACK

What you should pack depends on personal preferences, however below is a list of items to assist you with your packing. Drip-dry, hand washable clothing is recommended. Most people dress very casually on tour, however if the group is going out in town you may want to wear something a little more dressy. When packing, take into account the time of year you are travelling and that it can potentially be cold at night. Layering is recommended. Please refer to pages 26 and 27 for weather information.

- Hiking boots or comfortable and sturdy walking shoes
- Walking poles to assist with walking over uneven ground
- Shoes that can get wet (and comfortable for walking in)
- Sun hat, sunscreen and sunglasses
- Small backpack (for day use)
- Water bottle (1-1.5 litres)*
- Swimsuit/Sarong
- Towel
- Torch*
- Insect repellent (also provided on the vehicles)
- T-shirts/shirts
- Shorts
- Warm clothing (eg. jeans/long pants and a jumper, etc)
- Waterproof jacket/light raincoat
- Underwear and socks
- Sleepwear
- Toiletries (it may not always be possible to power electric shavers. Eco-friendly body wash and shampoo are provided at APT's Wilderness Lodges)
- Personal medication (take adequate supplies for your entire tour)
- Camera, memory cards and spare batteries (recharging of batteries is not always possible)
- A small travel alarm clock



Explore the incredible Tunnel Creek

DRESSING FOR THE CLIMATE

Open air dining and campfire evenings are an important part of your Kimberley and Outback experience. It can be very cold at night and during the day the sun can be very hot, so bring clothing to keep you warm and to protect you from the sun, as well as a hat.

LUGGAGE REQUIREMENTS

Due to the small vehicle size and strict regulations for vehicle weight, there is limited luggage capacity. Please pack your required items into one small bag (no hard suitcases) weighing no more than 16kg (35lbs) and that fits within the dimensions of 68cm length x 35cm width x 32cm height. A small day bag or backpack to be taken on board the vehicle is also required. You will also receive a complimentary Adventure Pack when you embark on an escorted tour of five days or longer. If you have excess luggage, please arrange for it to be stored or forwarded to your tour's final destination prior to arrival at your departure point.

Air travel within the Kimberley and Outback are in small aircrafts, which places further restrictions on luggage allowances for safety and compliance reasons. If your escorted tour entails air travel, please note you will need to pack down your luggage and personal items to a maximum of 10kg (22lbs) per person for the flight. Any extra luggage will be taken on the 4WD vehicle.



**Provided on escorted tours of five days or more*

STAYING HEALTHY ON HOLIDAY

It's important for you to be as healthy as possible before you travel, and to maintain your health by applying good hygiene practices whilst on tour. Respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses, whilst usually minor in nature, can spread rapidly within a tour group, and have a major impact on everyone's enjoyment.

APT is committed to reducing the spread of infections on tours, and we do ask that you read and follow our recommendations to ensure a healthy, safe and enjoyable holiday for you and your fellow travellers.

PREPARING FOR YOUR TOUR

Mobility & Fitness

On a Kimberley or Outback Wilderness Adventure, a good level of health and fitness is essential to undertake walks in hot conditions, or on uneven terrain, steep steps and slippery surfaces. If you have trouble with balance, walking poles are great for stability. Please note, walking frames are not recommended for these tours.

In the lead up to your trip we recommend you start walking, three times a week (including some steps) building up to an hour at a time. This will ensure you have the stamina and energy to see and appreciate all the sights your tour has to offer. You should ensure your walking shoes fit properly and have been worn in prior to departure.



Discover hidden waterholes and indulge in a relaxing swim

See Your GP

Your GP or travel clinic is the best source of information about preventative measures. We recommend you consult your GP or local travel clinic for detailed advice to ensure maximum pre-travel preparation. Please take a copy of your travel itinerary with you to assist with the recommendations of appropriate medications.

If you have health problems, ask your doctor to prepare your medical history for a doctor, should you need to see one on tour. It should include your name, address, emergency contact, blood type, medical history, current medications and dosages, drug allergies, reasons for prior hospitalisation and a list of vaccinations and dates.

A copy of your prescriptions is vital in case of any health problems. Prepare a list of your medications, including the name, dosage, prescribing doctor and their phone number. Pack sufficient medication for the duration of your tour. Your medication should be kept close at hand in your purse or carry-on bag. It is always good to carry a list of your medications in case they are lost and remember to leave everything in its original container so it can be easily identified. It is also a good idea to bring a copy of your prescription for glasses or contacts.



Savour a sunset over the Bungle Bungle Range

Pack a Medical Kit

A small medical kit is recommended for all travellers. Pharmacies in large towns will likely stock most basic medicines and supplies but they may be difficult to access and a script may be required for some medications.

Your medical kit should include:

- A general purpose antibiotic to cover respiratory, skin and gastrointestinal infections (e.g. azithromycin).
- Your favourite cold and flu medication e.g. cold and flu tablets, throat lozenges, nasal decongestant.
- Your preferred painkiller e.g. paracetamol, ibuprofen.
- Medicine for gastrointestinal upsets e.g. antacids, 'stoppers' for diarrhoea and a laxative for constipation.
- Other supplies including bandaids, blister pads, scissors, tweezers, eye drops for dry eyes, etc.

In case of more serious injury or illness, medical care can be obtained in main towns. In the event you leave the tour because of illness, your return to the point of departure will be at your own expense and own arrangement. It is important you purchase travel insurance prior to departing from home.

ON TOUR

Don't Go Viral!

Practicing good hygiene is vitally important in stopping the spread of common viral infections such as colds, flu or gastro, which can spread quickly in an enclosed area such as coach, train, plane or cruise ship.



Gain a unique insight into the regions' flora in a small group

Practice Good Hygiene

- Washing your hands is the most effective way to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading infections.
- Health experts recommend you wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds or longer, before eating, after sneezing or coughing and after touching high contact surfaces (such as door knobs, elevator buttons and railings).
- Please be mindful of your fellow travellers with respect to coughing, sneezing and the disposal of used tissues.
- On tour, APT recommend the use of instant hand sanitisers. For your convenience, there is a bottle available on board every vehicle. Please ask your Driver-Guide if you would like to use this.

Gastro & Traveller's Diarrhoea

Traveller's Diarrhoea is the second most common infectious illness affecting travellers. The illness can be due to a number of different bugs including viruses and bacteria. Viral gastroenteritis is generally spread by person-to-person contact, whereas bacterial gastroenteritis is generally spread from consuming contaminated food or water.

Symptoms can include fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal pain. The incubation for the illness is variable depending on the cause. Symptoms are generally self-limiting and treatment includes rest, rehydration, simple diet, anti-nausea and anti-diarrhoeal medications. Antibiotics are generally reserved for use when symptoms are more severe or protracted, e.g, fever, abdominal pain, bloody diarrhoea or duration of symptoms for more than two days. Strict personal hygiene measures, particularly hand washing, helps protect you from getting sick and of course spreading the infection to others.



Relax on the deck by the waterhole at Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge

Colds & Flu

Viral respiratory infections are the most common infectious illnesses affecting travellers. Colds and flu are primarily spread by people coughing, so please practice hygiene and respiratory courtesy – wash your hands often, cover your coughs and sneezes, and use anti-bacterial wipes/hand sanitiser prior to meals and frequently throughout the day.

Influenza is can be commonly contracted while travelling. The 'Flu Vaccine' protects against flu viruses expected to be prevalent during the current flu season. You should discuss this with your GP.

Avoiding Mosquito Bites

It is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Precautionary measures include:

- Using a DEET-based insect repellent.
- Wear light coloured clothing. Research has shown that mosquitoes are attracted to dark colours. Light coloured clothing also has the advantage of keeping you cooler in the summer heat.
- Be sure that you cover as much of your skin as possible. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long trousers, socks and shoes.
- Wear clothes made of tightly-woven fabric which mosquitoes are unable to penetrate.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing so that mosquitoes cannot bite through to your skin – however not too loose or they could fly up sleeves and or down collars.
- Also avoid wearing perfume or cologne as these are known to attract mosquitoes.



See the incredible Katherine Gorge from up close

Sun Exposure & Dehydration

The weather will be variable on your tour and drinking plenty of water is important to prevent dehydration. A hat and good sunscreen are important for preventing sunburn, even on overcast days.

APT HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOL

APT has created a Health and Safety Protocol that all our Driver-Guides and Tour Directors are required to adhere to. You may be requested to assist in reducing the spread of viruses if you are showing symptoms while on tour.

If you are showing symptoms of a cold or a virus whilst on tour, you may be asked to wear a face mask, have meals in your room instead of the dining room, or remain in your room until the symptoms improve.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.traveldoctor.com.au

www.travelclinic.com.au

www.travelvax.com.au

www.smartraveller.gov.au

www.tga.gov.au/travelling-medicines-and-medical-devices

www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk

www.travelhealthpro.org.uk

www.masta-travel-health.com



Observe ancient Bradshaw (Gwion Gwion) rock art

GENERAL TOURING INFORMATION

ADVENTURE PACK

When you embark on a Kimberley or Outback Small Group 4WD Adventure of five days or longer (excluding air safaris), you will receive a complimentary Adventure Pack.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Our vehicles are fitted with satellite telephones and our lodges have telephones or satellite phones, however, these are not available for use by passengers due to high operating costs. Messages to our passengers are best conveyed via our office. Mobile phone coverage and internet services are limited in the Kimberley and Outback. It is recommended that passengers carry small change that can be used at public telephones along the way.

DEPARTURE/RETURN POINTS & TIMES

Please check your travel documents for further details of pickup and departure points and times.

ELECTRICITY

Please be aware that power point availability at each accommodation option may be limited and only some tented cabins have power points. Power points are not always located next to the bed.

ITINERARY

Although every effort is made to follow the itinerary, there may be times when it will have to be varied due to weather or other conditions prevailing at the time.



Take in the spectacular views of Mitchell Falls

INTERNET & EMAIL ACCESS

Internet is available in some hotels and you can also access your email through public internet cafes located in major centres. There is no access to email or internet at our Wilderness Lodges and in some remote regions of Australia.

LATE WET SEASON

In the unlikely event of a late wet season, touring itineraries will be subject to change due to road closures, weather conditions and circumstances beyond our control.

PERSONAL EXPENSES

We recommend you bring money (or a credit card) for incidentals such as refreshments, souvenirs, meals (when not included) and alcohol. You may also wish to budget for optional scenic flights that are available at, but not limited to, the Bungle Bungle Range, Mitchell Plateau, Lake Eyre, Wilpena Pound and Cape York (all major credit cards are accepted).

PHOTOGRAPHY

The unique Kimberley and Outback scenery is a photographer's delight. So bring your camera, batteries and spare memory cards. It may not always be possible to charge camera batteries at every accommodation so extra batteries are recommended.

PRE & POST TOUR CONNECTIONS

Some of our guests may choose to make your own air or extra accommodation reservations. In this case, it's your responsibility to confirm your own arrangements and we suggest that you reconfirm your bookings prior to starting the tour. Please note that if the return of your tour is delayed for any reason, APT does not accept responsibility for any additional charges that may be imposed by the operator of your ongoing travel arrangements.



Travel in style and comfort

SLEEP APNEA MACHINES & OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES

We travel through remote areas and cannot always provide facilities to charge or plug in electrical devices. The majority of accommodation options we use can accommodate sleep apnea machines however we recommend you bring a second battery source as we cannot guarantee an uninterrupted power supply. Power points may not always be located next to the bed and your own extension cord is recommended.

SMOKING

Due to Australian government regulations, smoking isn't permitted on aircraft or tourist vehicles. Frequent stops are made during the day to provide comfort stops or the opportunity to smoke. If you specifically desire a smoking or non-smoking room and haven't advised us, please contact us as soon as possible. Requests are not guaranteed. Smoking isn't allowed in the tented cabins at our Wilderness Lodges.

TAXIS

Meter-operated taxis are available in all major cities and towns. You will find ranks at transport terminals, major hotels, shopping centres or you can hail them in the street. There is a minimum flagfall charge and then a charge for the distance travelled. Most hotels provide a free, direct line phone to taxi services.

TIME ZONES

Western Australia is 1.5 hours behind South Australia and the Northern Territory, and two hours behind the Eastern States (Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania), Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST). Time differences vary during the Australian summer.



The vast wonders of Australia's Outback make for an unforgettable journey

TIPPING

Tipping is not customary in Australia, however please feel free to tip should you wish.

TOUR FEEDBACK

As part of our commitment to providing quality touring experiences, we welcome and encourage your feedback. Towards the end of your tour, your Driver-Guide will provide you with a feedback form. Please take the time to answer the questions and make relevant comments. All feedback is read and a summary of each tour is given to all members of APT management.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you take out comprehensive travel insurance, which will cover any unforeseen circumstances that may arise on tour or before leaving home (this includes cancellation fees, medical and curtailment expenses, cover for remote evacuation, loss of luggage, etc). Confirm that your insurance covers you for the whole time you'll be away and check what circumstances and activities are not included in your policy. Ensure all pre-existing medical issues are declared to the insurer so that non-covered conditions are ascertained in advance. Have the details recorded and accessible at all times during travel.

We recommend your travel insurance includes coverage of events such as itinerary disruption as we will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs that you incur as a result of such an event or other factors beyond our control.



GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISING

Aboard the Coral Expeditions II, enjoy a three night cruise exploring the Great Barrier Reef. Expert expedition staff on every Coral Expeditions' voyage will be able to assist with any queries you have on board.

SERVICES ON BOARD

There is gift shop, large Sun Deck, comprehensive reference library, one dining venue and two bars.

Coral Expeditions II has an open bridge policy, which allows you to enjoy access to areas of the ship normally out of bounds.

CABIN FACILITIES

Each cabin is fully equipped with a private ensuite, air conditioning and ample storage space. All rooms feature large picture windows, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the spectacular scenery. Power points on board are 240 volt for Australian plugs. There is a shaving outlet in each bathroom.

EXCURSIONS

Explore the reef and islands by either glass-bottom boat or two inflatable vessels which are used for scuba diving excursions.

MEALS

Included in your cruise are three meals per day as well as morning and afternoon tea. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style and dinner alternates between buffet and table d'hote. A selection of wines and beer are available for purchase throughout lunch and dinner. Please ensure you advise APT or your Travel Agent as soon as possible if you or any of your travelling companions have special dietary needs or requests. Coral Expeditions II aims to cater for all requests.

KIMBERLEY COAST CRUISING

Please refer to your Kimberley Coast Expedition Cruising Tour Hints booklet if you are travelling on one of our Kimberley cruises.

DISCOVERING THE KIMBERLEY

The Kimberley is home to a wonderful range of flora and fauna, which is often only found in this area. The natural highlights, lush rainforest, hidden gorges, stunning coastline, rocky outcrops and cascading waterfalls also draw travellers to the Kimberley for an adventure you won't forget. From Broome to Darwin, the dusty Outback tracks of the Kimberley to the Top End all provide the journey of a lifetime.

Your Driver-Guide will have a broad knowledge of the region and will be able to show you many examples of the unique flora, fauna and natural features of the land during your adventure. Every effort is made to try and see the wildlife while maintaining our commitment to the preservation of World Heritage areas, National Parks and sites of Aboriginal cultural importance.

GIBB RIVER ROAD

Dating back to the late 1800s, the Gibb River Road is an old stock route stretching approximately 660 kilometres. Only accessible by 4WD, you'll traverse with APT in the comfort of custom-built vehicles. The thrill of travelling this pioneering route is heightened by the beauty of the native flora and fauna along its length. The road conditions will change throughout the season and can be a bit rough, however our vehicles ensure that the ride is comfortable.



Our vehicles can handle the toughest Kimberley terrain with ease

KALUMBURU ROAD

Stretching into the reaches of the Kimberley's north, the Kalumburu Road and Port Warrender Track offer a truly adventurous journey to the Mitchell Plateau. These roads wind past a range of fascinating Aboriginal rock art sites that your knowledgeable Driver-Guide will explain to you. This experience is a unique highlight because with our exclusive permanent accommodation on the Mitchell Plateau, APT can comfortably go where most other tour operators can't. The road can be quite rough, however our vehicles are specially designed to ensure the trip is as smooth as it can be.

SWIMMING

There are numerous gorges to be discovered and rivers to be crossed and, on many days, you'll get the chance to take a refreshing swim.

DISTANCES

Due to the remoteness of some regions, daily distances travelled can vary. Some days you may travel over 500 kilometres (300 miles) and other days it will be less. On unsealed roads, the going can be rough so covering the required distance can take longer. Some days we won't even travel 100 kilometres (60 miles). A comfort stop is made approximately every two hours.

The total size of the Kimberley region in Australia is an astounding 423,500 square kilometres. For comparison:

California	424,000 square kilometres
Japan	378,000 square kilometres
Germany	357,000 square kilometres
New Zealand	268,000 square kilometres
United Kingdom	241,930 square kilometres

Kimberley Road Distances via Great Northern Highway

Broome					
220	Derby	Fitzroy			
396	258	Crossing	Halls		
686	548	290	Creek		
1044	906	648	358	Kununurra	
1055	909	659	369	101	Wyndham

Kimberley Road Distances via Gibb River Road

Kununurra					
86	El Questro				
560	474	Kalumburu	Mount		
407	321	373	Barnett	Windjana	
608	522	574	201	Gorge	
712	626	678	305	144	Derby

Approximate road distance in kilometres

DISCOVERING THE OUTBACK

The Australian Outback offers a world of adventures waiting to be experienced. Choose from breathtaking natural beauty, incredible wildlife, ancient cultures and moving history. Travel to some of the most far-flung regions of Australia, and to some of the most pristine landscapes this vast and diverse continent has to offer.

SAVANNAH WAY

This 3,700 kilometre route links tropical Cairns with the historic pearling town of Broome and takes you through 15 National Parks and five World Heritage-listed areas.

OLD TELEGRAPH TRACK (FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND)

The Telegraph operated from 1885 to 1962 and the Overland Telegraph Line was once the only means of modern communication across Cape York Peninsula. The track follows the telegraph line along the peninsula.

MEREENIE LOOP (NORTHERN TERRITORY)

The Mereenie Loop Road is an unsealed road of 337 kilometres that provides for an alternative scenic route from Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock). Offering a true route through the ancient heart of the Australian Outback, prepare to pass some of the Northern Territory's most spectacular natural and aboriginal attractions.

ODNADATTA TRACK (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

This 620 kilometre track follows a traditional Aboriginal trading route between Coober Pedy and Marree and provides stunning desert scenery including Lake Eyre National Park.

BIRDSVILLE TRACK (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

This 517 kilometre track runs from Marree, across the Tirari Desert and Sturt Stony Desert ending in Birdsville. It traverses some of the driest parts of the country.



Get to the heart of Australia's landscapes in Kings Canyon

THE KIMBERLEY CLIMATE

The Kimberley region is characterised by both a tropical and monsoonal climate, which can be divided into two seasons – a wet season and a dry season.

The wet season (November to April) – This season is warm to hot, and humid with spectacular thunderstorms, lightning displays and amazing sunsets. The downpours tend to be brief and dramatic, and the flora flourishes in these months. Most roads are inaccessible at this time.

The dry season (May to October) – It will be mild to warm during the day, although temperatures can drop significantly to be very cold at night. The weather tends to be more stable at this time of year so you can expect clear blue skies, light breezes and dry weather most days.

Please note: the temperature at night can drop below 0°C in June and July.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Broome												
Max (°C)	33	33	34	34	32	29	29	30	32	33	34	34
Min (°C)	26	26	25	23	18	15	14	15	19	22	25	27
Rainfall mm	182	180	101	26	27	20	7	2	1	2	9	58
Kimberley Region												
Max (°C)	36	35	36	35	33	31	31	33	36	39	39	38
Min (°C)	25	24	24	21	18	15	14	16	20	23	25	25
Rainfall mm	203	208	133	41	9	4	4	0	3	22	61	145
Kununurra												
Max (°C)	36	35	36	35	33	30	31	33	37	39	39	37
Min (°C)	25	25	24	22	19	16	15	16	20	24	25	25
Rainfall (mm)	202	220	153	31	7	4	2	0	3	23	60	137
Darwin												
Max (°C)	32	31	32	33	32	31	31	31	33	33	33	33
Min (°C)	25	25	25	24	22	20	19	20	23	25	25	25
Rainfall mm	426	375	319	102	21	2	1	5	15	70	142	251

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THE OUTBACK CLIMATE

The Outback covers a broad spectrum of regions from the arid areas in South Australia to the peninsula of Cape York in tropical Far North Queensland and the West Coast of Australia.

In South Australia, expect hot summers and cool winters (May to September). In the Red Centre, a semi-arid climate is expected with hot summers and cool winters. Meanwhile, the eastern region of Australia from Cairns to Cape York, has a dry season from May to October and a heavy monsoon period between November and April. The West Coast of Australia varies considerably.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Perth												
Max (°C)	31	32	30	26	22	19	18	19	20	23	27	29
Min (°C)	18	18	17	14	11	9	8	8	10	11	14	16
Rainfall (mm)	15	8	21	36	91	128	147	123	90	40	24	10
Alice Springs												
Max (°C)	37	36	33	29	24	20	20	23	28	31	34	36
Min (°C)	22	21	18	13	8	5	4	6	11	15	18	21
Rainfall (mm)	40	40	35	20	18	14	17	5	7	21	33	41
Adelaide												
Max (°C)	28	28	26	22	19	16	15	16	18	21	24	26
Min (°C)	16	16	14	12	10	8	7	8	9	11	13	15
Rainfall (mm)	17	19	22	35	54	57	60	51	45	37	25	24
Mount Isa												
Max (°C)	36	35	34	32	28	25	25	27	31	35	36	37
Min (°C)	24	23	22	19	14	10	9	10	14	19	21	23
Rainfall (mm)	114	103	64	15	13	6	6	4	7	18	39	73
Cairns												
Max (°C)	32	31	31	29	28	26	26	27	28	30	31	31
Min (°C)	24	24	23	22	20	18	17	17	19	21	22	23
Rainfall (mm)	394	450	424	197	91	46	29	27	33	46	94	177
Weipa												
Max (°C)	32	31	32	32	32	31	31	32	34	36	36	34
Min (°C)	24	24	24	23	21	20	19	19	20	22	24	24
Rainfall (mm)	485	545	409	99	18	4	2	6	1	23	110	274

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