



KIMBERLEY WILDERNESS LODGES

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APT'S WILDERNESS LODGES

APT's private lodges are built with our 'touch of luxury in the heart of the wilderness' philosophy in mind, allowing you the comforts of home in remote locations. After a hot shower in your ensuite, relax in the tranquil surrounds.

A range of superior and standard tented cabins feature king, double or twin beds, spacious ensuites with hot showers, flushing toilets and your own front deck. Settle in to your comfortable deck chair and admire the breathtaking bush setting.

Our dedicated APT Lodge Hosts are always keen to welcome new guests. From the moment you arrive, you'll notice their exceptional level of service and care, ensuring a convivial atmosphere.

Each lodge is strategically located to maximise your Outback experience. This reduces the driving distances throughout your adventure and allows you to spend longer in each incredible location. *Please note that check in time for all lodges is 3pm and check out is 10am.*

DINING

With chefs at every Wilderness Lodge, we strive to make the dining experience one of the highlights of your adventure. We offer magical dining experiences in some of the Outback's most remote settings. Each night, enjoy a superb set menu three-course dinner, with a hearty full breakfast each morning. You'll be amazed by the variety and quality of food on offer, as you are served succulent mouth-watering dishes using only the freshest ingredients. Should you have any dietary requirements, please advise these well in advance at the time of booking. *Dinner is served at 6.30pm, so please ensure you check in prior to this time.*

LIQUOR LICENSES

All of our lodges have a liquor license, which enables you to purchase beer, wine and spirits if you choose. Alcohol cannot be brought into the lodges with you.



Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Ungofan Pavilion

BUNGLE BUNGLE WILDERNESS LODGE

In the heart of the World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park, this award-winning lodge is your gateway to exploring the Bungle Bungle Range. The lodge offers two levels of accommodation: standard tented cabins with twin bedding; and superior tented cabins with king or twin bedding. Located along Bollburn Creek in an idyllic bush setting, experience the true wilderness in comfort and style, while only being a short distance from the breathtaking beauty of the National Park.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK

- ✓ Take a walk along Piccaninny Creek and wind your way through the Bungle Bungle domes.
- ✓ Hike into Echidna Chasm, a spectacular crevice in the rock. While you're here, keep an eye out for the marvellously constructed bower bird nests.
- ✓ Head into stunning Cathedral Gorge, a natural amphitheatre that offers amazing acoustics.
- ✓ Take a helicopter flight and marvel from above at all that Purnululu National Park has to offer (own expense).
- ✓ Follow the Homestead Valley trail as it cuts deep into the range and see Livistona palms growing along the cliff's edge.
- ✓ Walk along the rocky, dry creek beds for an unforgettable view into Mini Palms Gorge.
- ✓ Take an interpretative walk near the lodge to experience a variety of native birdlife.
- ✓ Unwind on your private deck and enjoy the serenity of the bush.
- ✓ Enjoy sunset drinks as you watch the colours change along the Bungle Bungle Range.
- ✓ Savour outstanding al fresco dining prepared by your talented chef.
- ✓ Marvel at the Milky Way in the clear night sky.
- ✓ Call into the Visitor Centre for interesting facts, maps and tips to make the most of your visit to Purnululu National Park.



MITCHELL FALLS WILDERNESS LODGE

Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge provides guests with a unique opportunity to be surrounded by untouched wilderness and is the ideal base to explore some of the Kimberley's most unforgettable attractions. Perfectly situated beside a waterhole on Camp Creek and approximately 45 minutes drive from Mitchell Falls, there are 24 tented twin-share cabins with private ensuites set amongst Livistona palms and eucalyptus trees. Enjoy the Ungolan Pavilion, featuring a lounge, bar, library, and dining area that blends seamlessly with the stunning wilderness surrounds. A deck offers easy access to the lodge's waterhole, allowing you to enjoy a refreshing dip after a hard day's exploration.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO ON THE MITCHELL PLATEAU

- ✓ Hike to the amazing four-tiered Mitchell Falls and take a refreshing swim in the pools or admire the view from the sublime lookout.
- ✓ Hike to Little Mertens Falls, and view rare and ancient Indigenous rock art on the walls beneath the falls.
- ✓ Absorb the spectacular view and discover the dramatic natural beauty of Big Mertens Falls.
- ✓ For the ultimate experience, soar above the mighty Mitchell Falls on a breathtaking scenic helicopter flight (own expense).
- ✓ Admire the region's unique birdlife, and keep a watch out for the shy Monjon, a species of rock wallaby unique to the Kimberley.
- ✓ Uncover Aboriginal history as you visit the Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art sites located near the King Edward River crossing.
- ✓ Relax with a cold beverage at the bar in the Ungolan Pavilion, or dive into a good book to relax and unwind.
- ✓ Take a refreshing dip in the Camp Creek waterhole, located right in the heart of the Wilderness Lodge.
- ✓ Experience gourmet cuisine in the wilderness, with a three-course dinner prepared by your talented chef, followed by a scrumptious hearty breakfast the next morning.
- ✓ Enjoy drinks around the campfire as you soak up the atmosphere of the unique surrounds.



BELL GORGE WILDERNESS LODGE

Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge offers standard tented cabins with twin bedding, all featuring a spacious front deck with comfortable chairs and amazing aspects across the Kimberley Outback. A sprawling lawn presents the perfect place to admire magnificent sunrises and sunsets. The lodge is located in a unique setting close to the Gibb River Road and the Imintji Aboriginal community, in the King Leopold Ranges. From this stunning setting, you will have easy access to some of the Kimberley's most amazing attractions, including Bell, Galvans and Barnett River Gorges, as well as Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND BELL GORGE

- ✓ Hike in to Bell Gorge where stunning cliffs surround a series of tiered waterholes, an idyllic spot for swimming and photography.
- ✓ Visit Imintji Store which sells basic supplies, coffee and drinks.
- ✓ Explore Tunnel Creek, a 750-metre long natural tunnel carved through the Napier Range.
- ✓ Take a picnic lunch to Barnett River Gorge, relax in the shade of the paperbark trees, enjoy a swim, view the region's birdlife or just relax and admire the scenery.
- ✓ Walk to Windjana Gorge, marvel at the steep cliffs, see ancient marine fossils and freshwater crocodiles.
- ✓ Enjoy easy access to a large swimming hole, just a two minute walk from the Manning Gorge car park.
- ✓ Watch the King Leopold Ranges change colour as the sun dips below the horizon.
- ✓ Unwind with a drink and relax around the campfire, soaking up the atmosphere of this unique location.
- ✓ Indulge in a superb dinner in the evening, followed by a delicious breakfast the next day.





Get up close to magnificent birdlife

LIMITING OUR IMPACT



As one of the major operators in the Kimberley to have achieved Advanced Eco tourism 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.



The stunning bush scenery provides a beautiful backdrop

THE KIMBERLEY CLIMATE

WHAT TO EXPECT

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.

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 the Bungle Bungle Range in June and July.

DRESSING FOR THE KIMBERLEY CLIMATE

Open-air dining and campfire evenings are an important part of your Kimberley experience. It can be very cold at night in the Outback so pack accordingly. Layering is recommended. During the day the sun can be very hot, so bring clothing to protect you from the sun and a hat.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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
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
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

Please note: Statistics are a guide only as Australian weather can be unpredictable.



Watch the sun set from your deck at Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge



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

TIPS FOR TRAVELLING IN THE KIMBERLEY

A Kimberley trip is an amazing experience, but it is important to remember a few important tips:

- As you are heading into a remote area, we recommend you plan ahead to make the most of your experience.
- Ensure your car insurance has specific cover for remote locations.
- Due to changing road conditions, it may take longer than you had planned to cover certain distances.
- Having your vehicle thoroughly serviced beforehand can prevent problems while you are travelling.
- Take at least two spare tyres, plenty of water, supplies to last you a few days (as there may not be shops around when you need them), and keep tyre pressure down to ensure a smooth trip.
- National Park Fees are payable across the Kimberley and are not included in your Lodge fees. You can pay the entry fee on arrival at the National Park. Park Passes are available online from parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au or locally at Visitor Centres.
- Don't be afraid to get off the beaten track – the Kimberley holds a multitude of secrets waiting for you to explore.
- Speak to fellow travellers and lodge hosts for travel tips and inside information of 'must see' locations.
- Slow down, stop and enjoy the view!



Marvel at the vast wonders of Echina Chasm

TRAVEL DISTANCES & TIMES

Times are a guide only and you will need to consider road conditions prior to departing.

DESTINATION	DISTANCE - (KILOMETRES)	APPROX. TRAVEL TIME
Between Broome & Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge	442	5.5 hours
Between Broome & Fitzroy Crossing	396	4.5 hours
Between Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge & Drysdale River Station	266	4.5 hours
Between Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge & Fitzroy Crossing	270	4.5 hours
Between Drysdale River Station & Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge	169	4.5 hours
Between Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge & Kununurra	523	9 hours
Between Emma Gorge Resort (El Guestro) & Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge	327	5 hours
Between Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge & Kununurra	315	5 hours
Between Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge & Fitzroy Crossing	460	6 hours

FURTHER INFORMATION

For current road conditions and information, visit the Main Roads Western Australia website at www.mainroads.wa.gov.au.

For up-to-date weather information, visit the Bureau of Meteorology website at www.bom.gov.au.

Quarantine regulations apply when travelling between states. Visit www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au for further information.

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Enjoy a refreshing swim beneath the cascading waterfall at Bell Gorge

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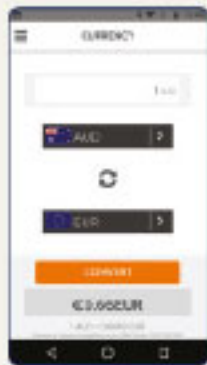
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Track how you are spending your holiday funds with this handy tool, allowing you to convert purchase prices from the currency you are using on tour, back into your home currency.



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