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**BROOME TO DARWIN
TRIP NOTES**

JULY 26 - AUGUST 11, 2021



THE HADAGUTFUL DIFFERENCE

Remote Australian destinations are our idea of 'getting away'. If you share that same dream, let us make it happen. Our aim is to provide as much freedom as you, our 'fellow adventurers', need to come back feeling refreshed and rejuvenated... call it 'Real Life Expedition Therapy'.

Hadagutful Expeditions provide personally guided off-road Australian adventures. With Hadagutful you will venture to extraordinary and idyllic Australian locations. We specialise in 5-18 day Overland Expeditions exclusively for just one, two or three guests. Hadagutful provides all equipment, catering and planning to ensure that your Expedition travels are truly extraordinary.

Hadagutful is different from other tour operators. Our Expedition travel is a 'hands-on' experience. You will get involved with camp set-up, building fires, and daily adventures. Choose to stay a little longer and not be on the go all the time. The Expedition will feel like it's your 'own', allowing you to have input into where you go and what we do.

AFTER ALL, HAVEN'T YOU HADGUTFUL?



BROOME TO DARWIN

EXPEDITION SUMMARY

This expedition will take you over 17 days along the famous Gibb River Road starting in Broome WA and finishing in Darwin NT. There's no better way to experience true northern Australia than overland.

We begin visiting a series of the most spectacular gorges, where you'll have difficulty deciding which one is best. We'll swim in some of the most beautiful waterholes you'll ever see, each with their own characteristics and requiring some physical effort to reach. Waterfalls, sunshine, good food and the expanse of the outback will fill your days.

We take the Kalumburu Road, passing Drysdale River Station and on to Mitchell Falls. A short helicopter flight over the region followed by a Fishing Charter at Honeymoon Bay, where we'll get amongst some extraordinary top end species.

Back down the GRR, across the Pentecost River arriving at El Questro Station. Explore this magnificent outback property, fish for Barramundi and a hike or swim at Emma Gorge.

At Kununurra we re-stock our supplies before heading to Lake Argyle for a sunset cruise.

On crossing the NT border we stay a night in Judbarra (formerly Gregory) National Park, before making our way to the spectacular Katherine Gorge.

Enjoy two nights and one full day exploring Litchfield National Park before ending our trip in Darwin.

IT'S EXHAUSTING JUST READING ALL OF THAT !

BROOME TO DARWIN

TRIP NOTES

FISHING | DESERT | COASTAL | OUTBACK | 4WD | CAMPING | ADVENTURE | WILDLIFE | STAR GAZING | BEERS



DATES JUL 26 - AUG 11, 2021

LENGTH 17 Days

ADVENTURE RATING 8/10

DEPARTURE JUL 26, 2021

TIME 9am

FROM Broome, W.A.

DESTINATION Darwin, N.T.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Helicopter Ride at Mitchell Falls
- Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise
- Fishing Charter - Honeymoon Bay
- The Gibb River Road
- El Questro & Emma Gorge
- Katherine Gorge
- Litchfield National Park

OVERVIEW

If you've always dreamt of trips to Broome, the Kimberley, Katherine Gorge or Litchfield National Park, then this 17 day overland expedition ticks them all off in one trip.

No camping experience is necessary, just a desire to experience life under the stars and some luxury overland travel.

A medium level of fitness will be required together with a willingness to jump in and lend a hand when necessary.

Suitable for one, two or three travellers, couples and singles will also enjoy.

This is also offered as a Tag-Along Tour.

PRICING



Adventure with 3 other travellers

\$7,400 per person



Adventure with 2 other travellers

\$9,720 per person



Private adventure, exclusive for 1 traveller

\$17,500



Tag-Along

\$4,100 per vehicle



BROOME TO DARWIN

INS, OUTS & EXPECTATIONS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Exclusive Expedition for one, two or three people with an adaptable itinerary to suit weather, road conditions and personal interests.

- ✓ All meals including breakfast, lunch and dinners
- ✓ 16 nights of upmarket camp accommodation
- ✓ All sleeping equipment is supplied
- ✓ All Permits - WA & NT Parks, Kalumburu, Mitchell Falls, El Questro, Litchfield
- ✓ Guided by a passionate and well organised Expedition leader with First Aid Accreditation
- ✓ Helicopter Ride at Mitchell Plateau
- ✓ Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise & Katherine Gorge Boat Cruise
- ✓ 1/2 Day Fishing Charter - Honeymoon Bay

Vehicle fully equipped with compliant Safety Equipment including:

- ✓ Emergency Location Beacon
- ✓ Emergency First Aid Kits
- ✓ Recovery equipment including Winch's and Mats
- ✓ Recovery and Bush Mechanic Repair capability

For Tag-Alongs:

- ✓ All Safety Equipment listed above
- ✓ All Camping Fees
- ✓ All Vehicle and Park Entry Permits
- ✓ Capable vehicle to assist with river crossings and recoveries
- ✓ Peace of Mind to be travelling with another party who is well equipped and experienced

WHAT'S EXPECTED

- A willingness to sleep in a swag – subject to passenger configurations
- A willingness to have a 'hands on' experience
- Assist with vehicle recoveries [or other travellers]

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and any Accommodation either side of pickup / drop off dates.
- Travel Insurance [mandatory]

For Tag-Alongs:

- This is a self-catered Tag-Along trip – each vehicle is responsible for their own catering requirements including all food, beverages and personal items.
- Additional Recovery Equipment or Spare Parts for your vehicle.
- Insurance – Comprehensive Vehicle and Travel Insurance [mandatory].
- Fishing Charter, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter or Scenic Flights are excluded but can be arranged



TRAVEL DATES

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DAY	DATE	START	DESTINATION	KM
1	26 Jul	Broome	Derby	230
2	27 Jul	Birdwood Downs	Bell Gorge	250
3	28 Jul	Bell Gorge [Silent Grove]	Drysdale River Station	275
4	29 Jul	Drysdale River Station	Mitchell Plateau	210
5	30 Jul	Mitchell Plateau	Mitchell Plateau	0
6	31 Jul	Mitchell Plateau	Kalumburu / Honeymoon Bay	220
7	01 Aug	Honeymoon Bay	Honeymoon Bay	0
8	02 Aug	Honeymoon Bay	Drysdale River Station	240
9	03 Aug	Drysdale River Station	El Questro	290
10	04 Aug	El Questro	El Questro	0
11	05 Aug	El Questro	Lake Argyle	230
12	06 Aug	Lake Argyle	Lake Argyle	0
13	07 Aug	Lake Argyle	Judbarra National Park	300
14	08 Aug	Judbarra National Park	Katherine Gorge	260
15	09 Aug	Katherine Gorge	Litchfield National Park	310
16	10 Aug	Litchfield National Park	Litchfield National Park	0
17	11 Aug	Litchfield National Park	Darwin	150
TOTAL KM				2965

This Expedition is offered as a Tag-Along Tour, meaning there may be additional travellers in our group. Tag-Alongs have their own vehicles and equipment and can elect to be as involved as much as they wish to be. Some will chose to be involved in daily activities, others will prefer to keep to themselves. We will be travelling as a convoy during the day and Hadagutful will be responsible to assist them if required. This just adds to the fun.

MAPS

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A TRIP NOT TO BE MISSED

BROOME TO DARWIN

12.4634° S, 130.8456° E

This is 3000km and 17 days of Pure Kimberley and Top End Australia. It doesn't matter where you come from, you will leave in awe of the place and wanting more.

This trip is designed for the adventurous overland traveller who wants to tick the Gibb River Road off their bucket list. You'll need the full 17 days to see everything and even then you'll wish you had longer.

On leaving Broome we head east towards the township of Derby, where there are a number of interesting historical sites to visit such as the Boab Prison Tree and Myalls Bore Cattle Trough. We'll stay out of town at Birdwood Downs, your first night under the Kimberley stars. The camp fire's going, full bellies and a welcome drink is the ideal way to start this Kimberley adventure together.

Now you're on the Gibb River Road proper. It's gorge heaven as we make our way towards the Kalumburu Road turn off. Some of these gorges require a bit of leg work to get into them, but well worth the effort once you strip off and jump under one of many refreshing waterfalls.

First up is Bells Gorge where we'll stay the night at Silent Grove Campground. We pass by Galvans Gorge and Manning Gorge, so it's up to you how many of these you want to see as we make our way due north to Drysdale River Station.

We'll overnight at Drysdale, fuel up before making tracks towards one of the jewels of the Kimberley - Mitchell Falls - where we'll stop for 2 nights. From the Kalumburu Rd junction it's a slow and corrugated ride once we've crossed the King Edward River. It takes between 3-4 hours to travel the 80km but the effort is worth it.

We've allowed a full day to explore Mitchell and Mertens Falls. Best done before the day gets too hot, so it'll be an early breakfast before tackling the 1.5-2hr trek into the Falls. You'll need a reasonable level of fitness for this and after a swim and some spectacular photographs you'll be thankful for the Helicopter transfer back to the campground. Six minutes in the air will save 2 hours on the ground, but to view this magnificent 4 tiered waterfall is worth every cent [price included].



BROOME TO DARWIN continued.....

The fun continues as we make our way to the extremely remote town of Kalumburu and on to Honeymoon Bay where we've booked a half day fishing charter. If we don't catch a fish in these waters then we shouldn't be fishing. Fresh fish for dinner, so we'll toast the fish gods tonight as we watch the sunset, sit around the campfire and contemplate how lucky we are.

What goes up must come down and unfortunately it's on the same road, so we rattle our way south passing Drysdale River Station enroute for El Questro Station. It's two days travel so we'll do as many kilometres as we can and find somewhere to pull up.

El Questro is another Kimberley jewel, so we plan on having 2 nights here. There's so much to do here it's really a case of turn up and take your pick. There's 4WD tracks leading to amazing fishing holes. Birdlife, wildlife.....a concrete swimming pool in case you're sick of nature's pools - so it's probably best to see how everyone feels before making hard and fast plans.

Zebedee Springs are thermal pools, perfect to soak away a couple of long travel day. We'd best get there early to beat the rush and then possibly head off on a self-guided 4WD day, Chamberlain Gorge perhaps or somewhere to have a fish. El Q has great barramundi fishing.

It's on to Lake Argyle via the bustling town of Kununurra where we'll replenish the pantry. We go past Emma Gorge on the way, another opportunity to swim or simply be amazed by the landscape. We cross the Pentecost River for that iconic photo opportunity. Lake Argyle is our destination for the next 2 nights where we'll have a full day to explore.

Lake Argyle is a body of water that's 20 times the size of Sydney Harbour. The best way to view this magnificent waterway is on a 3 hour sunset cruise [included] and a drink in your hand - that's if you can put your camera down! It's a photographer's dream as the light constantly changes the colour of the landscape. Unbelievable!

Lake Argyle to Judbarra National Park [formerly Gregory] is 300 odd kilometres, so buckle up for a long day in the truck. We'll camp here for one night before pushing on towards Katherine and its spectacular gorge. We've planned to do the Two Gorge morning cruise early, allowing time to travel north up the highway to Litchfield where we'll stay for two nights.

You'll have a full day to explore Litchfield National Park. There's heaps to do here - Wangi Falls Hike, the Buley Rockhole where you can find a natural armchair, half submerged as the crystal clear water flows over as you enter full chill out mode. There's magnetic termite mounds twice your height, making you marvel at how on earth such a little thing can build something so large. Let's just rock up and see what you feel like doing.

The great thing about Litchfield is that it's only 2 hours travel from Darwin, so we can leave it until late in the day to depart. The final leg of the journey is a great time to reflect on what awesome places the Kimberley and Top End are and what a great time we've experienced together. We'll aim to be in Darwin by late afternoon where you'll be dropped off at your accommodation.

RECHARGE



GET ON BOARD

There's only ONE trip planned from Broome to Darwin with Hadagutful in 2021. This is your Expedition. We just facilitate the trip to help you create everlasting memories.

This trip will take you away from the daily grind, and reward you with an experience of a lifetime.

If you are interested in booking, please complete the request on our website.

I'm available to talk anytime. During our chat, I'll happily share more details about Hadagutful and the trip and you can decide if this adventure is the right fit for you.

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