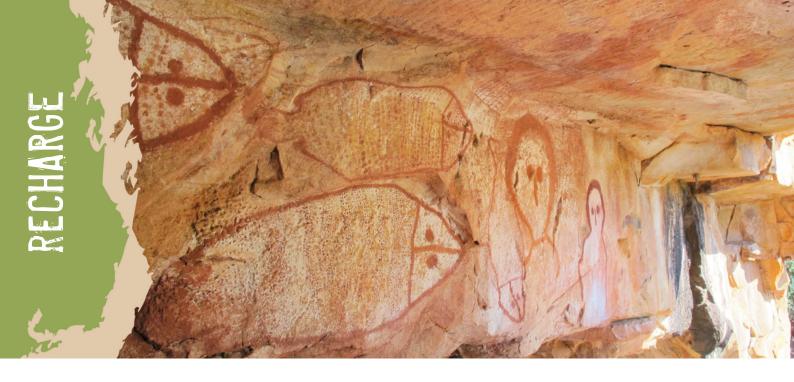


KIMBERLEY LOOP TRIP NOTES

JUNE 28 - JULY 15, 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?



# KIMBERLEY LOOP

### **EXPEDITION SUMMARY**

This is the Holy Grail, the Gold Medal, the Ducks Nuts of expeditions.

18 days along the famous Gibb River Road and through the Kimberley, starting and finishing in Broome.

We begin with 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 and arriving at El Questro Station...take a breath! Explore this magnificent outback property, an opportunity to fish for barramundi and a hike or swim at Emma Gorge.

Kununurra, Lake Argyle, Purnululu National Park [Bungle Bungles]...all up close and very personal.

We head back towards Broome via Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing, Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge.

There's not enough space to write about all the things you'll do!

## IT JUST DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS?



# KIMBERELEY LOOP

## TRIP NOTES

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





















**DATES** JUN 28 - JUL 15, 2021

LENGTH 18 Days

**ADVENTURE RATING** 

8/10

**DEPARTURE** JUN 28, 2021

TIME 9am

**FROM** 

Broome, W.A.

#### **DESTINATION** Broome, W.A.

#### **TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

- Helicopter Ride at Mitchell Falls
- Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise
- Fishing Charter Honeymoon Bay
- The Gibb River Road
- Outback Kimberley Station experience at El Questro & Emma Gorge
- Purnululu National Park
- Geike Gorge, Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Kimberley is on everyone's bucket list, isn't it? This trip is timed perfectly in so many ways. All areas will be open, the waterfalls will be full and flowing and the weather should be absolutely stunning.

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, this isn't a 'boys only adventure', couples and singles will also enjoy..

PRICING	<b>ኧኧኧ</b>	Adventure with 3 other travellers	<b>\$7,550</b> per person
	**	Adventure with 2 other travellers	\$10,465 per person
	ţ	Private adventure, exclusive for 1 traveller	\$18,850
		Tag-Along	\$4,250 per vehicle





## KIMBERLEY LOOP

## 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
- ✓ 17 nights of upmarket camp accommodation
- ✓ All sleeping equipment is supplied
- ✓ All Permits WA Parks, Kalumburu, Mitchell Falls, El Questro
- Guided by a passionate and well organised Expedition leader with First Aid Accreditation
- Helicopter Ride at Mitchell Plateau
- ✓ Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise
- 1/2 Day Fishing Charter Honeymoon Bay

#### Vehicle fully equipped with compliant Safety Equipment including:

- Emergency Location Beacon & Satellite Phone
- 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

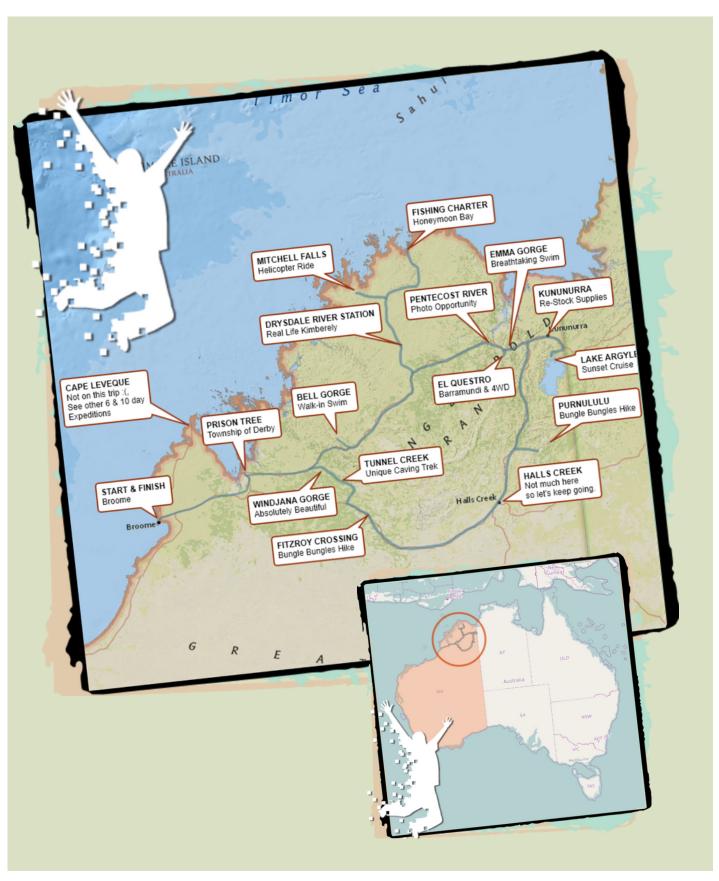
## KIMBERLEY LOOP - 2021

DAY	DATE	START	DESTINATION	KM
1	28 Jun	Broome	Derby	230
2	29 Jun	Birdwood Downs	Bell Gorge	250
3	31 Jun	Bell Gorge [Silent Grove]	Drysdale River Station	275
4	01 Jul	Drysdale River Station	Mitchell Plateau	210
5	02 Jul	Mitchell Plateau	Mitchell Plateau	0
6	03 Jul	Mitchell Plateau	Kalumburu / Honeymoon Bay	220
7	04 Jul	Honeymoon Bay	Honeymoon Bay	0
8	05 Jul	Honeymoon Bay	Drysdale River Station	240
9	06 Jul	Drysdale River Station	El Questro	290
10	07 Jul	El Questro	El Questro	0
11	08 Jul	El Questro	Lake Argyle	230
12	09 Jul	Lake Argyle	Lake Argyle	0
13	10 Jul	Lake Argyle	Purnululu National Park	400
14	11 Jul	Purnululu National Park	Purnululu National Park	0
15	12 Jul	Purnululu National Park	Fitzroy River	490
16	13 Jul	Fitzroy River	Fitzroy River	50
17	14 Jul	Fitzroy River	Windjana Gorge	150
18	15 Jul	Windjana Gorge	Broome	360
			TOTAL KM	3395

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.

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# THE HOLY GRAIL OF TRIPS

### **KIMBERLEY LOOP**

17.3492° S, 125.9152° E

This is 3500km and 18 days of Pure Kimberley. 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 18 days to see everything and even then you'll wish you had longer.

We depart Broome and 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 prop for 2 nights. From the Kalumburu 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].



## KIMBERLEY LOOP 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 and enjoy the stars.

El Questro is another Kimberley jewel, so we plan on staying 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 natures 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 Purnululu National Park [Bungle Bungles] is 400 odd kilometres, so buckle up for a long day in the truck. We'll camp inside Purnululu National Park for the next 2 nights. It's an up close and personal view of these amazing bee-hive rock formations and the chance to walk amongst them gives a true perspective of just who is the real boss.

Now you're inside Purnululu and depending on how energetic you're feeling, let's plan to do a walk up Piccaninny Creek to the Lookout [approx. 3km] and take in Cathedral Gorge, a natural amphitheatre with amazing acoustics. The return trip will probably take 3-4 hours. Walks of this nature are best done early before it gets too hot. Good sturdy walking boots and a water bottle are essential. There's also an opportunity to do a helicopter ride over the area if you wish [excluded - bookings essential].



## KIMBERLEY LOOP continued.....

We'll pass through Halls Creek enroute for Fitzroy Crossing. There's not much of interest along this stretch so it's another one of those 'get there' days. Turn up the air-con, put some music on and buckle up.....sometimes these 500km days are necessary when you travel outback Australia. Our camp for the next 2 nights will be the Fitzroy River Lodge.

A day to explore close by Geike Gorge National Park. There are several trails to explore, or another option is an early morning one hour boat cruise [excluded]. Let's just rock up and see what you feel like doing. If you definitely want to do the boat cruise then it will need to be booked in advance.

On to Tunnel Creek where you can choose to walk through a 750 metre underground tunnel, knee deep through permanent pools and returning the same way. Need to take a torch to spot the resident bats and wear footwear you don't mind getting wet or tossing away.

We'll camp at Windjana Gorge. If you're not 'gorged out' by now, there's some beautiful short walks to do. Last night at camp is always full of stories and memories around the campfire.

Windjana to Broome is a further 360km so it's a fair drive today along the road previously travelled on Day 1. So, it's a time for reflection on what an awesome place the Kimberley is and what a great time we've experienced together. We'll aim to be back into Broome by late afternoon where you'll be dropped off at your accommodation.

The Kimberley is regarded by many as the most beautiful part of Australia and to conquer the Gibb River Road comes with bragging rights. Memories of a lifetime are created here. The Kimberley is all about the people, the colours and is one of the last outposts in Australia. It will be hot and dusty, with many opportunities to swim. The roads will be slow and corrugated in parts. We may experience vehicle problems of our own or be required to help others with theirs but that's all part of the fun.

It's a helluva long way to travel and logistically it takes some planning. That's why we make it easy for you - just pack a soft bag of the necessary clothes and personal items and Hadagutful takes care of the rest.

## IT SIMPLY DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS?



# GET ON BOARD

There's only ONE 18 Day trip looping around the Kimberley 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.

## C'MON, JUMP IN... THERE'S MORE TO LIFE?

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