


# Broome and The Kimberley





## Welcome to Travelpoint Holidays' Broome and The Kimberley

Travelpoint Holidays has been a leader in creating Australian holiday experiences for over 15 years and our team of 250 travel experts are here to create the most wonderful holidays for you and your family.

We can craft your Travelpoint Holiday from hundreds of fantastic hotels, apartments, resorts and lodges, as well as day and extended cruises, car and campervan hire, extended touring, rail journeys and a huge range of sightseeing tours. Whatever you want to do and wherever you want to go we not only know all about it but we also know the best people to do it with!

Western Australia's Broome & The Kimberley region is one of Australia's must see destinations, with its spectacular landscapes, ancient indigenous rock art and incredible wildlife. This brochure features all of the stand-out locations including Cable Beach in Broome, the beehive shaped domes of the Bungle Bungles and the famous Gibb River Road. There are some fabulous escorted tours (p26-28), self drive adventures (p11-12) and unique places to stay (p36) along this iconic outback touring route. Head to the national parks for incredible gorges and waterfalls or to the spectacular Kimberley coast for some of the best cruising in Australia (p40).

Travelpoint Holidays has a comprehensive brochure range covering all parts of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific available through our 4,000 travel agency partners in Australia and New Zealand. For copies of our other brochures see your travel agent or call us on 1800 TRAVEL (Australia) or 0800 408 708 (New Zealand).

So have a great time on your Travelpoint Holiday to Broome and The Kimberley and thank you for letting us create the perfect holiday for you.

Andrew Burnes

CEO Travelpoint Holidays 

Prince Regent River



Carlton Hill Station



Horizontal Falls



Silica Beach, Buccaneer Archipelago



Purnululu National Park



Bungle Bungle Range



Sun Pictures, Broome



Cape Leveque

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# Planning your Travelpoint Holiday

Whether you are holidaying in Broome and The Kimberley for the first time or returning again, our travel planners will go to great lengths to create your dream holiday. Here are just a few reasons to entrust your holiday plans to the experts at Travelpoint Holidays.

## 100% Australian Owned

Travelpoint Holidays is operated by AOT Holidays, a division of The AOT Group, one of Australia's largest travel companies. The AOT Group has been in the travel business for over 22 years and is proudly Australian owned with offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

## The Australian Specialists

Travelpoint Holidays has been specialising in Australian holidays for over 15 years. Our product team travels to the destinations we feature in our brochures searching for new products and the best deals available. We have the largest range of Australian holiday options and our knowledgeable team will provide expert advice to ensure your holiday is a memorable one.

## Travelpoint Bonus Offers

At Travelpoint Holidays we are passionate about offering you value for money. Throughout this brochure, you'll find hotels and tours with bonus offers ranging from free nights to free room upgrades. Just look for the 'Travelpoint Bonus' box.

## Travelpoint Exclusive Offers

'Travelpoint Exclusives' are deals we have negotiated exclusively for Travelpoint Holidays customers. Just look for the Travelpoint 'compass' symbol on the listings throughout this brochure.

## Travelpoint Holiday Packages

We've taken the hard work out of planning your holiday by putting together a range of packages which partner the 'must do' activities in the region with a choice of accommodation options to suit every taste and budget. These packages represent excellent value for money and are only available through Travelpoint Holidays. Our great Holiday Packages start on page 10.

## Melanie's Hot Tips

Our Product Managers are passionate about travel and have visited the destinations they look after many times. Throughout this brochure, Melanie, our Broome and The Kimberley Product Manager, shares her favourite experiences. Check out her 'Hot Tips' on page 9.

## Crafting Your Experience

This brochure provides you with a wide choice of holiday options including accommodation, day tours, cruises, car hire and more. So whether you're planning a short break, the perfect romantic retreat or the grand Australian tour, we can tailor make a holiday just for you. Our team of travel experts will combine the best available airfares, car hire deals, accommodation and touring experiences to create your dream holiday. Use this brochure for inspiration, then let us help you create your adventure.

## Customer Care Helpline

We know your holiday experience doesn't end until you are safely home. That's why our Customer Care Team is only a phone call away seven days a week, should you require any assistance during your Travelpoint holiday. All the necessary information will be provided with your travel documentation and you can contact the team at any time during your holiday. We're with you on the journey.

## More Holiday Ideas...

AOT Holidays has a fantastic range of products covering Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Ask your travel agent for one of our many brochures.





The information on the following pages is designed to help you plan your perfect Broome and The Kimberley getaway. Check out how to use this brochure, find out where to stay and where to go on pages 6 and 7, then get in the know with Our Favourite Experiences on page 8. There's more insider tips on page 9 as well as other Travel Tips for planning your holiday to Broome and The Kimberley.

## Pricing Guide

Prices featured in accommodation listings are per room for the period specified unless otherwise stated. The "from" price in the property heading has been calculated using the cheapest nightly rate available, ie. in the lead-in room type, in off-peak season using the longest stay (eg. 7 nights). If a free night offer is available, even if for part of a season, this has been included when calculating the "from" price. A minimum stay is generally required. Where prices for more than a one night stay are featured, the prices refer to stays of consecutive nights. We are always sourcing great deals throughout the year, so we recommend you use the prices in this brochure as a guide and ask your travel agent for the best available deal when booking.

### School Holidays

Queensland	16 – 25 April 17 September – 2 October 11 December 11 – 22 January 12	25 June – 10 July
New South Wales	9 – 25 April 24 September – 9 October 21 December 11 – 26 January 12	2 – 17 July
Victoria	9 – 26 April 24 September – 9 October 23 December 11 – 31 January 12	2 – 17 July
ACT	16 April – 1 May 9 – 24 July 22 December 11 – 2 February 12	1 – 16 October
Tasmania	22 April – 1 May 4 – 19 June 22 December 11 – 13 February 12	3 – 18 September
South Australia	16 April – 1 May 17 September – 2 October 10 December 11 – 22 January 12	25 June – 10 July
Western Australia	20 April – 4 May 9 – 24 July 16 December 11 – 31 January 12	1 – 16 October
Northern Territory	2 – 10 April 1 – 9 October 17 December 11 – 29 January 12	25 June – 24 July

## Accommodation Ratings

STAR and Diamond ratings are used throughout the brochure to describe the standard of accommodation.

**STAR RATINGS** Properties bearing the STAR symbols are independently assessed by AAA Tourism, the national tourism body of the Australian Auto Clubs. The STARS and the STAR Rating Scheme are a Registered Trademark of AAA Tourism Pty Ltd. Travelpoint Holidays has no input into the assessment process.

**DIAMOND RATINGS** Properties bearing Diamond symbols do not participate in a recognised rating scheme. The rating is supplied by the individual property based on their own assessment. We therefore recommend they be used as a guide only.

- ★★★  
◆◆◆ Comfortable standard of accommodation
- ★★★★  
◆◆◆◆ High standard of accommodation and facilities
- ★★★★★  
◆◆◆◆◆ Superior standard of accommodation and facilities
- ☆  
◇ Denotes additional half rating

## Apartment Style Accommodation

In general, self catering apartments feature cooking facilities with a minimum of microwave, hot plates, saucepans, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils. Laundry facilities will be located either in the apartment, or in a guest laundry within the property. Most apartments are serviced every 7 days and do not provide hotel facilities such as portage, room service or mini bars. Most apartments provide an initial supply of items such as tea, coffee, soap and toilet paper.

## Room Images

Room images featured on property listings are the lead-in room type, unless captioned otherwise.

## What the Symbols mean

-  Day spa facilities are available.
-  The property has one or more rooms providing wheelchair access with assistance.
-  A bonus is available if you are celebrating a special occasion (eg. honeymoon). Advise your travel agent when booking. The definition of 'special occasion' and type of bonus offered is at each property's discretion. Conditions may apply.
-  Eco-Friendly STAR Accreditation certified by AAA Tourism to properties that have met key criteria in areas of energy efficiency, waste management and water minimisation.
-  Product that has been accredited under the second level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.
-  Product that has been awarded the highest level of the national Ecotourism Certification scheme.
-  Camping or cabin style accommodation is featured. Facilities vary – some camp grounds will have shower and toilet facilities, while more remote sites have limited facilities – e.g. a swim and a bush toilet.



# Broome and The Kimberley

## Broome

Broome has so much to offer, whether it's natural attractions or just a place to relax and enjoy warm sunny days and balmy nights. Breathtaking beaches, a fascinating history as a pearling port and a laidback and multicultural atmosphere are major drawcards.

One of the main attractions is Cable Beach, a 22 kilometre stretch of pristine sand leading to the warm azure waters of the Indian Ocean. Go for a swim, sail on a Pearl Lugger or go fishing, and at the end of the day, sit back and watch a magnificent Broome sunset. Discover Broome's history with a visit to Sun Pictures open air cinema or on a walk through Chinatown. From the bustling hub of pearl sheds and billiard saloons in its hey day, Chinatown is now home to fine pearl showrooms, shops and sidewalk cafés.

From Broome you can explore the Buccaneer Archipelago, spectacular Kimberley gorges and Cape Leveque on the Dampier Peninsula – the perfect getaway for the adventurous traveller.

From March to October each year witness the natural phenomenon known as Staircase to the Moon.

## Kununurra and The East Kimberley

Located on the banks of Lake Kununurra and the Ord River, Kununurra is the eastern gateway to some of the best known attractions of the Kimberley.

It's the perfect base to explore Purnululu National Park and the Bungle Bungles. Take a scenic flight over the magical beehive domes of the Bungle Bungle Range or Lake Argyle, the biggest man-made lake in Australia – so large it's considered an inland sea. Tour the Argyle Diamond Mine, the largest open-cut diamond mine in the world. Then be sure to buy a pink Argyle diamond from the showrooms in Kununurra.

Also accessible from Kununurra are a number of stations and wilderness camps along the Gibb River Road, including El Questro Wilderness Park and Home Valley Station.

## Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek

Heading along the Great Northern Highway, Fitzroy Crossing is a true outback town on the banks of the Fitzroy River. It's a great base to explore Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek National Parks. It's also gateway to Geikie Gorge National Park, a spectacular waterway with soaring, weathered cliffs and abundant wildlife.

Halls Creek, on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert, provides easy access to Purnululu National Park and a number of natural attractions. Visit the second largest meteorite crater in the world at Wolfe Creek Crater National Park, the six metre high quartz rock known as China Wall, or fresh water springs at Caroline's Pool and Palm Springs.

## Kimberley Stations and Wilderness Camps

Landscapes stretch as far as the eye can see, wildlife abounds and gorges and waterfalls open before you. Experience the true seclusion of the Kimberley at a remote station or safari camp.

Test out your skills on a working cattle station, discover a land untouched at a wilderness camp or relax at a coastal camp – a seaside escape with a difference. The stations and wilderness camps of the Kimberley cover a staggering 423,000 kilometres with a population smaller than almost any other place on Earth. From sensational fishing, to remarkable wildlife and breathtaking gorges, you're sure to find your piece of paradise in this ultimate Australian outback experience.

## Kimberley Cruising

It's the ultimate Kimberley adventure. Extended cruising to parts of the Kimberley only a fortunate few have seen. Explore Kimberley waterways like the Sale, Prince Regent, King George and Hunter Rivers. Witness amazing tidal movements at Horizontal Falls and Montgomery Reef. See 20,000 year old Wandjina and Bradshaw rock art, swim in rockpools, fish for barramundi or catch a mud crab.

Beyond the coastline, 300 kilometres west of Broome, an underwater paradise awaits. The coral atolls at Rowley Shoals Marine Park offer spectacular snorkelling and diving, as well as big game fishing in the surrounding waters.

## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

Staircase to the Moon, Broome 19th Apr-15th Oct  
Lake Argyle Classic Swim 30th

### MAY

Ord Valley Muster, Kununurra 12th-22nd  
Kimberley Moon Experience, Kununurra 14th

### JULY

Kimberley Cup, Kununurra TBC  
Kimberley Writers Festival, Kununurra 22nd-24th

### AUGUST

Broome Cup 13th  
Opera Under the Stars, Broome 27th  
Shinju Matsuri Festival of the Pearl, Broome 26th Aug-4th Sep

### BROOME STAIRCASE TO THE MOON

April	19th	6:33pm
	20th	7:29pm
	21st	8:28pm
May	18th	6:10pm
	19th	7:10pm
	20th	8:10pm
June	17th	6:52pm
	18th	7:49pm
	19th	8:44pm
July	16th	6:32pm
	17th	7:25pm
	18th	8:16pm
August	15th	6:57pm
	16th	7:46pm
	17th	8:33pm
September	13th	6:29pm
	14th	7:17pm
	15th	8:05pm
October	13th	6:51pm
	14th	7:41pm
	15th	8:32pm

TBC – dates for this event were yet to be confirmed at the time of printing.



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**BROOME**  
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Distances should be used as a guide only.

- INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS
- REGIONAL AIRPORTS
- NATIONAL PARKS
- MAIN ROADS
- DIRT ROADS
- ATTRACTIONS
- ACCOMMODATION REFERENCE



# Our Favourite Experiences

## The Classics

The Kimberley is rich with indigenous culture thousands of years in the making. Aboriginal Wandjina and Bradshaw rock art is on show deep in the wilderness. Some of the best examples are only accessible on a wilderness cruise, although rock art can also be seen in selected national parks including Windjana Gorge, Purnululu and Mitchell River.

Indigenous art galleries showcase some of the region's more recent work and can be found in Broome, Kununurra and Derby.

Learn of local indigenous culture and history on a guided cruise through Geikie Gorge, or visit an Aboriginal community at Cape Leveque on the Dampier Peninsula. Meet the locals, go mud crabbing with a guide, and be sure to see the beautiful pearl shell altar at Beagle Bay.

The Kimberley also plays host to some of the most rugged outback scenery and pioneering towns in Australia. Travel along the Gibb River Road from Derby to Kununurra for the four wheel drive adventure of a lifetime. Explore the outback town of Fitzroy Crossing, or Halls Creek on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert – site of Western Australia's first gold discovery. For a real outback adventure, and for high clearance four wheel drives only, follow the unsealed Kalumburu Road north to Kalumburu Mission.

## Nature and Wildlife

With some of the largest and most remote national parks in Australia, nature is a major drawcard of The Kimberley. The most well known is Purnululu National Park, home to the Bungle Bungle Range. Enjoy a day tour from Kununurra, or for a true outback experience stay overnight in the park.

After a scenic heli flight over the beehive shaped domes, explore the range on foot – there are plenty of walking trails through the park, open from April until around November each year. Discover fabulous vistas, narrow chasms and massive gorges. Look out for local inhabitants like the rock wallaby.

Walk through Windjana Gorge National Park with its 300 metre high cliff walls and freshwater pools. Wade through the 750 metre long tunnel in Tunnel Creek National Park or explore the second largest meteorite crater in the

world at Wolfe Creek Crater National Park near Halls Creek. Cruise through the beautiful waterways of Geikie Gorge or on the inland sea of Lake Argyle.

The pristine environment of The Kimberley is home to an incredible array of wildlife and birdlife from crocodiles and sea turtles to sea eagles and Jabiru. See nature at its best in Mitchell River National Park with an abundance of bird and wildlife and spectacular scenery including Mitchell Plateau and the Mitchell Falls. Spot freshwater crocodiles in Windjana and Geikie Gorges, along the Ord River and also Lake Argyle.

If it's marine life you seek, the coral atolls at Rowley Shoals Marine Park 300km west of Broome have it all. Sea turtles, whales, dolphins, manta rays and all kinds of sea life. If big game fishing is more your scene, you'll find shark, marlin and sailfish in the deep waters surrounding Rowley Shoals.

But there's no shortage of great fishing opportunities in The Kimberley, with the tidal creeks, rivers and lakes brimming with all sorts of species including mangrove jack and sooty grunters.

## Coast

One of Australia's most famous beaches, Cable Beach in Broome, provides 22 kilometres of white sand framing turquoise waters. A visit to Cable Beach, whether for swimming, relaxing or watching the sunset, is a must-do experience on any trip to Broome.

Just south of Broome, Gantheume Beach is popular with the locals, while Riddell Beach features turtle nesting from October to February. Further north are the secluded beaches of the Dampier Peninsula and the spectacular red cliffs and white sand of Cape Leveque.

The huge tidal movements of the Kimberley can be witnessed all along the coast. Some of the highest, up to 12 metres, can be seen at Derby Wharf. These high and low tides also create the spectacular natural phenomenon, Horizontal Falls at Talbot Bay. You'll find secluded beaches and sections of rainforest bounded by clear blue waters in the Buccaneer Archipelago, a group of around 1,000 islands northwest of Derby. This stunning part of The Kimberley is best seen from the air.

## Must See & Do

Take a camel ride along **CABLE BEACH** – page 22

**SHOP FOR PEARLS** in Broome's Chinatown and **PINK DIAMONDS** in Kununurra

Witness the natural phenomenon **STAIRCASE TO THE MOON** in Broome (Mar-Oct)

See the 130 million year old dinosaur footprint preserved in rock at **GANTHEAUME POINT**

For world class snorkelling and diving take a cruise out to the **ROWLEY SHOALS**

Take a scenic flight over the iconic **BUNGLE BUNGLES** – tours start page 32

Visit **PURNULULU NATIONAL PARK** – tours start page 32

Cruise on the inland sea of **LAKE ARGYLE**

Travel along the **GIBB RIVER ROAD** between Derby and Kununurra

View **HORIZONTAL FALLS** from the air or boat

Stay at a **KIMBERLEY WILDERNESS CAMP** – page 36

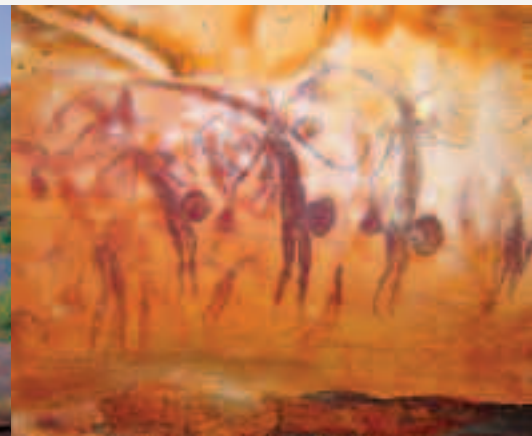
**FISH FOR BARRAMUNDI** on the Fitzroy River or Lower Ord River

Explore **WINDJANA GORGE** and **TUNNEL CREEK NATIONAL PARKS** – tours start page 23

Browse the many **CONTEMPORARY** and **INDIGENOUS ART GALLERIES**

Take an extended cruise along the **KIMBERLEY COASTLINE** – tours start page 40

Explore **CAPE LEVEQUE** on a day trip from Broome or overnight stay – tours start page 24



# Travel Tips

## How to Get There

**BY AIR** Direct flights are available to Broome from Perth, Adelaide and Darwin with Virgin Blue and from Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney with Qantas. Skywest is the major regional airline with flights between Perth, Broome, Kununurra and Darwin. Airnorth operates flights between Broome, Kununurra and Darwin.

### FLIGHT DURATION

FROM / TO	BROOME	KUNUNURRA
Sydney	5 hrs 15 mins	-
Melbourne	4 hrs 45 mins	-
Adelaide	4 hrs	-
Perth	2 hrs 30 mins	3 hrs 30 mins
Darwin	1 hr 45 mins	1 hr
Kununurra	1 hr 20 mins	-

The above table shows flight durations for direct flights only. Connecting flights from other destinations are also available. Times are a guide only and subject to change.

**BY CAR** Take the time to explore and discover as you make your way around Broome and The Kimberley. Whether it's getting there or getting around we recommend Avis car hire. See page 48 for details or ask your travel agent about the great specials Avis has to offer.

Broome, Derby and Kununurra can be accessed by sealed road via the Great Northern Highway in Western Australia or the Victoria Highway linking with the Stuart Highway in the Northern Territory. The unsealed Gibb River Road links Derby and Kununurra.

A unique feature of travelling in the region are road trains. These can be up to 50 metres in length, so extra care should be taken when overtaking them. Many stations in the Kimberley region are unfenced and it is not uncommon to encounter wandering stock and wildlife. Particular care should be taken when driving at dawn and dusk, and if possible, avoid driving at night. During the summer period (November to April), road closures due to flooding are common, particularly on unsealed roads.

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## Weather Guide

### TEMPERATURE AVERAGE

	Broome	Kununurra
Summer	26°C to 33°C	25°C to 37°C
Autumn	22°C to 33°C	21°C to 34°C
Winter	15°C to 29°C	16°C to 32°C
Spring	22°C to 33°C	23°C to 38°

## Seasons

**SUMMER (NOV TO APR)** In summer the weather is hot and humid and the nights balmy. While it's known as the wet season, the rain usually falls in heavy, short downpours in the late afternoon and evenings. Some attractions may not be accessible due to road closures and local flooding. This is the best time to visit for spectacular sunsets, thundering waterfalls, plenty of wildlife and less crowds.

**WINTER (MAY TO OCT)** Winter is the most popular time to visit with sunny days and on the coast, cool nights with fresh breezes. This is the best time to experience all outdoor activities, with most roads and attractions open throughout the season.

## Swimming

There are plenty of safe places to swim in the region, including Cable Beach. Salt and freshwater crocodiles are found in estuaries, rivers and billabongs in the remote parts of the Kimberley, so always observe warning signs, but if you are not sure, do not swim. Marine stingers are most prevalent along the coastline from November to April.

## Aboriginal Culture and Permits

Transit Permits to visit indigenous communities are granted through the Aboriginal Lands Trust. However, it is best to choose a tour where operators already have permission to enter the land. Help preserve indigenous sites by avoiding touching or stepping on these areas.

## MELANIE'S HOT TIPS

### On a Friday night...

Join the locals at the Palms in Broome for a few beers.

### Spend your Sunday morning...

Walking along Minyirr Park, enjoying the view of Cable Beach, Gantheaume Point and Riddell Beach.

### The best place to take the family...

Broome Crocodile Park. See an 80 year old crocodile and crocs up to five metres long!

### The perfect spot for barramundi fishing...

Bandicoot Bar in Kununurra.

For a refreshing swim... Head to Middle Springs just outside Kununurra