

# Essential Trip Information: The Kimberley Ranger Experience, May 6-12 2017.

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This Essential Trip Information should be read together with the Booking Conditions and Detailed Kimberley Ranger Experience Tour Description.

On this trip we will visit three Indigenous Ranger groups and their communities along the coastline north and south of Broome – the Bardi Jawi, Nyul Nyul to the north and Karajarri to the south. Each local experience has been designed by the Rangers who manage and look after their country.

## **An authentic and historic experience and not your regular polished tour!**

This is the first trial of these new local tourism ventures by the Indigenous Rangers so please be understanding if everything does not run smoothly. You will be treated as their guests in this new authentic experience and be a part in the history of helping to start up these new ventures under the umbrella of the KLC Cultural Enterprise Hub. All travel, most catering and camp logistics will be provided by Wundargoodie Aboriginal Tours. Everyone will appreciate your constructive feedback of the experience.

## **Tour Start and Finish Location**

The tour will start and finish at Matso's Restaurant, 60 Hamersley St, Broome. This is on the Roebuck Bay side of Broome and is overlooking the Yawuru Nagulagun/Roebuck Bay Marine Park and is a ten-minute walk to Broome China Town (town centre) and a ten-minute walk to the bayside Town Beach.

The tour commences with a welcome breakfast at Matso's Restaurant at 8am on 6 May

The tour concludes with a farewell dinner at Matso's Restaurant on 12 May.

The main tour pickup point on the 6<sup>th</sup> May is at the front reception at the Moonlight Bay Suites, 51 Carnarvon St, unless you arrange for an alternative pickup point.

Pickup will be 7:45 am from Moonlight Bay Suites and then alternative points, arriving for the welcome breakfast at Matso's Restaurant.

## **Recommended Accommodation in Broome.**

For convenience, we recommend you stay in the Moonlight Bay Suites or its associated budget accommodation Bayside Holiday Apartments.

For a special accommodation deal including a cooked breakfast at Moonlight Bay Suites please call: (08) 9195 5200 or email: [stay@moonlightbaysuites.com.au](mailto:stay@moonlightbaysuites.com.au) and quote *Australian Conservation Foundation - Indigenous Ranger Tour*.

Alternatively, we recommend you stay in a nearby hotel such as Mercure Broome, Oaks Broome, or Mangrove Hotel. You are free to stay in one of the Cable Beach hotels but this requires a ten-minute taxi ride (approx. six kms), or local bus trip, to get to the tour start and finish place. If you stay at the Moonlight Bay Suites or nearby hotel there is a regular local bus service which can take you to and from Cable Beach.

## Itinerary

Date	Event program	Logistical arrangements
<b>Day 1</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:45 am: start guest pickup</li> <li>• 8:00 am: Welcome breakfast at Matso's Restaurant with special guest speaker KLC Deputy CEO Tyrone Garstone</li> <li>• Introduction to group leader</li> <li>• Bart Pigram Narlijia Cultural Tour</li> <li>• Travel to Port Smith (south of Broome)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pickup point at the front reception Moonlight Bay Suites, 51 Carnarvon St, and then any alternative accommodation points</li> <li>• Matso's is located at 60 Hammersley Street Broome (corner of Carnarvon street) – adjoining Moonlight Bay Suites</li> <li>• The drive from Broome to Port Smith is approximately 2 hours on mostly sealed road with last 30 min travel on unsealed road</li> <li>• Accommodation: Port Smith Lagoon and Caravan Park</li> </ul>
<b>Day 2</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karajarri Cultural Walk tour with Jimmy Edgar</li> <li>• Meet the Karajarri Rangers</li> <li>• Cultural night with Mervyn Mulardy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jimmy Edgar's Cultural Walk will require vehicle travel to several locations on unsealed sand tracks. There will be walks of up to 30 min on sandy, rocky or uneven ground. While on the walk there will be time we will be sitting on the ground listening to stories from Jimmy and the Karajarri rangers.</li> <li>• Lunch will be provided by Wundargoodie back at the Port Smith Caravan park mid-way through the tour.</li> <li>• After Dinner, provided by Wundargoodie at the Caravan Park, guests can sit, listen and watch Mervyn Mulardy put on a cultural story and dance night</li> <li>• Accommodation will be at Port Smith Caravan Park</li> </ul>

<b>Day 3</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning: Travel to Beagle Bay (north of Broome on Dampier Peninsula)</li> <li>• Beagle Bay Black History Tour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trip from Port Smith to Beagle Bay is approximately 4hours</li> <li>• Nyul Nyul Rangers will run the Beagle Bay Black History Tour including information on Nyul Nyul Ranger program.</li> <li>• Lunch at Beagle Bay provided by Wundargoodie</li> <li>• Accommodation: Goombaragin Eco Retreat, approximately 1hour from Beagle Bay on unsealed roads and bush tracks</li> </ul>
<b>Day 4</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning: Travel to Kooljaman at Cape Leveque</li> <li>• Free time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to Kooljaman will be approximately 2hours on mostly sealed roads</li> <li>• Accommodation: Kooljaman at Cape Leveque</li> <li>• Activities at Kooljaman include beach and coastal walking, fishing, swimming and enjoying a coffee or bite to eat in the café'</li> </ul>
<b>Day 5</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning: Bardi IPA office and program tour</li> <li>• Bardi Jawi turtle tagging tour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel with Wundargoodie from Kooljaman to Ardyaloon approximately 30min on mix of sealed and unsealed roads.</li> <li>• The turtle tagging tour will involve travel by small boat on coastal waters. Passengers who suffer from sea sickness need to take precautions All passengers are required to wear life vests</li> <li>• Lunch on island will be provided by Wundargoodie</li> <li>• Sun protection strongly advised</li> <li>• Swimming options available but guests are required to follow directions of rangers and group leader.</li> <li>• Accommodation will be at Kooljaman in Wundargoodie group camp site</li> </ul>
<b>Day 6</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning: Brian Lee Hunters Creek tag-a-long tour</li> <li>• Afternoon Free time at Kooljaman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel will be up to several hours and visit several sites mostly on bush tracks</li> </ul>

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<b>Day 7</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>May,</b> <b>End</b> <b>Tour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Return Broome</li> <li>• Afternoon: Visit to Cable Beach</li> <li>• 5pm: Farewell dinner at Matso’s Restaurant with guest speaker Nolan Hunter KLC CEO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel from Kooljaman to Broome will be on a mix of sealed and unsealed corrugated roads, travel time approximately 4hours</li> <li>• Once we arrive in Broome we will have some free time at Cable Beach</li> <li>• Cable Beach activities include swimming, visiting cafe’s, site seeing and beach walking.</li> <li>• Transport from Cable Beach will take us to matso’s Restaurant for Farewell Dinner</li> <li>• Transport will be provided from the Matso’s Farewell Dinner back to your accommodation.</li> </ul>

## Accommodation

**Port Smith Caravan Park:** Accommodation at the park will be the classic Kimberley “donga” – clean, air-conditioned with bedding provided but with a shared bathroom. Upgrades of accommodation are available, on request, to self-contained chalets with prior notice.

[www.portsmithcaravanpark.com.au/index.html](http://www.portsmithcaravanpark.com.au/index.html)

**Goombaragin Eco Retreat:** Our group camp at Goombaragin will be provided by Wundargoodie Aboriginal Safaris. Bedding and mattresses will be provided but some assistance with set-up and pull down will be required. Here we will be group camping in individual or family tents, with shared camp facilities and amenities.

Activities at Goombaragin - enjoy long stretches of unspoilt private beaches, great swimming, snorkelling, sunsets, fishing and much more. Kathleen and John will be our hosts for the night and will share their story around the fire about building an Indigenous tourism business and life in the remoteness of Pender Bay.

Upgrades of accommodation are available, on request, to self-contained eco tents and eco chalets with prior notice. <http://goombaragin.com.au/>

**Kooljaman at Cape Leveque:** a unique wilderness camp which is surrounded by a diversity of natural wonders. This will be our base for three nights while we explore this region and meet the Bardi Jawi Rangers. Again, our group camp at Kooljaman will be provided by Wundargoodie Aboriginal Safaris. Bedding and mattresses will be provided but some assistance with set-up and pull down will be required.

Here also we will be group camping in individual or family tents, with shared camp facilities and amenities.

The amazing wildlife, the vast array of marine life and the stunning coastline, makes Kooljaman a truly unique experience.

Upgrades available, on request, to self-contained eco tents and eco chalets with prior notice

<http://www.kooljaman.com.au/about-us/about-us-2>

## Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on all tour days. Most of the Catering will be provided by Wundargoodie Aboriginal Safaris. Additional meals included in the tour are at Matso's Restaurant. Other meal, coffee or snack options are at Port Smith Caravan Park, Kooljaman Resort Cafe', Cable Beach or from Community stores at additional cost to tour guests. If you suspect you could get a bit pecky between meals or on long travel days it is advised you bring snack in your travel bag.

## Transport and getting around

All ground transport will be with Wundargoodie Aboriginal Safaris, aboard air-conditioned 4WD vehicles. Driving will be on both sealed and unsealed dirt roads, with long distances (upwards of 4 hours) and variable conditions. Driving times are provided as estimates only. There is minimal roadside infrastructure, including toilets, available between locations. Participants are advised to plan ahead, and include sufficient water and snacks for the trip.

For the Bardi Jawi Turtle Tagging Tour, Participants will travel on small boats a distance of approximately 2km offshore. Tidal conditions in the Kimberley can make travel on coastal waters dangerous. All participants are required to wear life vests at all times while participating in the Turtle Tagging Tour and follow directions from the group leader and Rangers. Participants who suffer from sea sickness should be responsible for managing their own condition. Sea sickness medication will not be available outside of Broome, and it is up to the Participant to determine whether or not they would like to participate in this element of the tour.

At each location there will be short walks of several hundred metres and up to two kilometres including on sand and over uneven ground and along cliff edges. Many of the walking opportunities will not have established walking paths or infrastructure in place. There is a risk of injury from uneven surfaces or fall. Participants are advised to bring sturdy footwear, and closely monitor their surroundings when participating in walking activities.

Some walks will involve walking through mangroves and estuarine areas. For these walks, participants are advised to bring footwear suitable for muddy and wet conditions. Estuarine crocodiles inhabit coastal waters in the Kimberley and participants are advised to exercise caution and be aware of these risks.

## **Climate & Conditions**

The Kimberley during May is usually quite pleasant with the passing of the Wet Season high temperatures. Participants should still be prepared for hot and humid conditions. There is a strong risk of sun exposure and heat stroke. Tour guests are advised to bring comfortable sturdy footwear, sun hats, sunscreen, lightweight protective clothing, and a water bottle (which can be refilled along the way from a large water container in the vehicle). A day back pack is advisable to carry water, snacks, camera and personal needs and medications. Tour guests may also wish to bring swimmers, sandals and a small towel should they wish to swim.

Mosquitoes and sand flies inhabit coastal areas throughout the Kimberley, and are particularly active around dusk and dawn. These not only prove a pest, but can carry insect borne diseases. Participants are advised to take precautions against mosquito bites, including carrying adequate mosquito repellent and wearing suitable protective clothing.

The Kimberley region is remote. Mobile reception and internet is not always or readily available.

You will be travelling through some beautiful wilderness area. These areas are home to a variety of species, some of which may be dangerous or venomous, including crocodiles, stingers, snakes and spiders. Tour guests are advised to exercise caution at all times.

## **Group Leader**

Your Group Leader for the Kimberley Ranger Experience will be ACF Kimberley project officer Wade Freeman. Wade has lived in Broome and the Kimberley for the past 20 years and has spent many years working with and assisting the local Kimberley ranger programs as well as being part of the ranger tourism products since their conception. Wade will be available to answer most questions and assist you in most cases. Apart from being your first point of contact Wade will also help to introduce each of the program events and assist in keeping the program on time and running smoothly.

## **Medical**

Whilst we can give advice regarding the demands of a trip you are best placed to assess your own capabilities. Some conditions, such as pre-existing injuries or illness, may be exacerbated by the heat or physical demands of the Kimberley Ranger Experience.

The Kimberley is a remote area. The Kimberley Ranger Experience trial tour will be at times approximately 2-3 hours from regional clinic, up to approximately six hours from regional hospital, generally accessible by flying doctor, and within a 200km radius of Broome.

We strongly recommend you to consult with your doctor, particularly if you have any medical conditions, and/or us if you have any doubts regarding your suitability. You are responsible for ensuring that you have sufficient medication available for the duration of the trip and for the self-management of any medical condition while travelling on the Kimberley Ranger Experience. We request that you inform the group leader prior to the trip of any pre-existing medical conditions.

### **Emergency contact Information**

The following contact details are provided in case of an emergency and have been sourced from publicly available material.

The Kimberley Land Council and the Australian Conservation Foundation makes no guarantee of their accuracy.

Please note 1800 and 1300 numbers generally do not work from a satellite phone, therefore direct landline and mobile services are provided. Some satellite phone providers may also require the Australian international prefix (+61) dialled before local numbers.

#### **Broome:**

All Emergencies,                   000  
Police,                               (08) 9194 0200  
Ambulance,                       (08) 9192 0710  
Hospital,                           (08) 9194 2222  
Fire and emergency,   0417 937 073, (08) 9192 1393, (08) 9323 9470

#### **Bidyadanga:**

Police,                               (08) 9192 4091  
Clinic,                               (08) 9192 4952

#### **Beagle Bay:**

Police, (Lombadina)   (08) 9192 4590  
Clinic,                               (08) 9192 4914

#### **One Arm Point/Ardyaloon:**

Police, (Lombadina)   (08) 9192 4590  
Clinic,                               (08) 9192 4929

### **Additional costs not covered by tour price**

Tour guests will need to cover all their own costs outside the tour dates in accordance with the Booking Conditions. The price of your trip does not include:

- any flights to and from Broome;
- accommodation outside of the tour dates and any requested upgrades to accommodation;
- airport transfers, taxes and excess baggage charges;
- meals other than those specified in the Essential Trip Information;
- travel insurance; and
- optional activities and all personal expenses

There are opportunities to shop at community stores and to dine out at the world famous Kooljaman Resort restaurant.

### **Please complete and return the Booking Conditions Form**

As per the Booking Conditions, all tour guests are required to make their own assessment of their capability to undertake the trip, given the information provided in this Essential Trip Information,

and return a signed Booking Condition Form. Tour guests are also required to take out travel insurance as per the Booking Conditions.