

## 15 days on the Gibb River Road - May 14, 2010



**A journey along the Gibb River Road is one of the last true outback adventures.**

Originally constructed in the late 1800s to transport cattle from surrounding stations, this old stock route still spans over 660 kilometres of unsealed road, travelling through floodplains and rugged gorge country, linking Derby in the west & Kununurra in the east Kimberley. Four wheel drive is strongly recommended and no towing of caravans.

The Kalumburu Road leads 267 kilometres north from the Gibb River Road past the Mitchell River National Park travelling through a spectacular but very remote part of the Kimberley.

A fully equipped, high clearance four wheel drive vehicle is essential and ensure you have fuel, water, food, mechanical and medical supplies.

Get your copy of the Gibb River Road Guide, which details distances, attractions, services and accommodation from [info@derbytourism.com.au](mailto:info@derbytourism.com.au)

### **Derby - Windjana National Park**

The Gibb River Road is one of Australia's classic outback drives – a 660 kilometre track accessible only between April to November. After departing Derby, the Kimberley's first town, spend the night at the Windjana Gorge camp site, within the stunning Windjana Gorge National Park, and take a trip out to explore the spectacular Tunnel Creek.

### **Windjana Gorge National Park –Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge**

Follow the road further into the Kimberley, stopping at Lennard Gorge for a swim on your way to Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge. Nestled within the King Leopold Conservation Park, learn of the unique history of this property and enjoy accommodation at the homestead or in the campground on the river's edge.

### **Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge – Bell Gorge**

Spend a night camping at one of the campsites maintained by the Department of Conservation on the edge of Bell Creek. Enjoy a day swimming and exploring one of the most spectacular waterfalls along the length of the Gibb River Road.

### **Bell Gorge – Mornington Wilderness Camp**

Spend some time exploring Dimond Gorge and Sir John Gorge on the upper reaches of the Fitzroy River at Mornington Wilderness Camp. Stay in ensuite tents, or camp at the campground. Get up early for a walk with

one of the staff from the Australian Wildlife Conservancy and see if you can spot the rare Gouldian finch.

### **Mornington Wilderness Camp –Mount Elizabeth Station**

Stop for a dip at Galvan's Gorge, Manning Gorge, or one of the many other stopping points on the way to Mount Elizabeth Station. Enjoy the hospitality of a pioneering family-owned station and explore the magnificent waterholes on the property. Look out for Aboriginal artworks on the rock walls surrounding the waterholes.

### **Mount Elizabeth Station - Drysdale River Station**

Head for Drysdale River Station - the gateway to the Mitchell River National Park, Mitchell and Merton Falls, Surveyors Pool, Mitchell and King Edward rivers, as well as many historical Indigenous sites. Stay for two nights in cabin-style accommodation or camping in the station grounds.

### **Drysdale River Station**

Take a morning charter flight over the coastal canyons of the Prince Regent River, circle the Mitchell Falls and fly along the dramatic Kimberley coastline. In the afternoon, explore the rainforests and open woodlands surrounding Drysdale River Station.

## **Drysdale River Station – Home Valley Station**

Head towards Home Valley Station. An outback oasis nestled at the foot of the spectacular Cockburn Range, the station offers a wide range of guided tours, activities, and accommodation options.

### **Home Valley Station – El Questro Wilderness Park**

The journey to El Questro Wilderness Park takes you past the popular swimming spot at Durack River crossing, the Cockburn Ranges and the stunning Pentecost River. Spend a few days exploring the park. Visit the thermal ponds at Zebedee Springs or take a boat down the Chamberlain Gorge and try Barramundi fishing.

### **El Questro Wilderness Park – Kununurra**

Arrive in Kununurra and enjoy the sites of this new town, built in the 1960s on the banks of the Ord River to service the needs of the growing agriculture industry and now the northern gateway to the Kimberley region. Stay in one of the many caravan parks or fully appointed hotel and apartment accommodation.