



## **Kununurra – Just Add Water!**

### **Itinerary**

#### *Day 1*

Having decided to get out of bed before the sun rises on the pristine escarpment known to the locals as The Sleeping Buddha (Thethebeleng), head out to the walking trail and climb Elephant Rock to take in the #ordsomeness of the mighty Ord River as it travels past the township of Kununurra. After the walk, head back into town, and visit one of the cafes offering delicious breakfasts that include fresh local produce.

A quick dip in the pool and head into the Kununurra Visitor Centre to find out about the ‘must see’ things in Kununurra. After receiving great informative information from the team at KVC, take a drive out to Ivanhoe Crossing, the original road from Wyndham to Kununurra, which was made famous in the Baz Luhrmann epic movie “Australia.”

From Ivanhoe Crossing, follow the irrigation channels that feed the various sized paddocks being prepared for planting some of the local produce known to Kununurra and The Ord. Include a stop at The Sandalwood Shop and purchase some locally grown sandalwood product that will keep your skin soft and supple.

By now the Hoochery will be open and ready for you to take a sip of the world-famous, award winning Hoochery Rum or try the best chocolate cake you will ever eat (of course, rum infused) with a good cup of tea.

The afternoon is for relaxing by the pool before heading up to Thegoowiyeng (Kelly’s Knob) – where the locals go for one of the best places in town to watch the sunset over the valley.

The view is magnificent and watching the thunder clouds roll in, a Mother Nature Firework Show starts and comes at no cost!

Heading back to your accommodation for dinner, take another dip in the pool while you check out what Day 2 adventures look like.



## Day 2

Enjoy a sleep in today, relaxing by the pool before breakfast at your accommodation, or head back into town to try the coffee at another café.

It is the day to learn about the Miriwoong Gajerrong people as you head over to Waringarri Arts and Mirima Language Centre. At these places, you will meet and interact with some wonderful people who will happily talk to you about their culture and place, whilst watching and learning about artists, language, and the Elders of the Miriwoong Gajerrong people.

Did someone say diamonds? Available from one of the retailers in town, Argyle Diamonds are available loosely, in necklaces, earrings or rings, they certainly take your breath away at their sheer beauty.



After lunch you travel by coach to Lake Argyle, the commentary points out various landmarks and as you approach the Lake you see glimpses of blue through the rough terrain known as Carr Boyd Ranges.

You are greeted by the skipper of the boat who will take you through safety briefings and covid regulations, before boarding and navigating through some of the many islands and inlets on the lake.

Rock Wallabies, Crocodiles, Wallaroos, and a diverse array of birdlife that call Lake Argyle their home, will be delighted to share their 'turf' with you. Taking a dip or two, whilst enjoying a few drinks and a light snack, you will not even realise that the sun is going down. It is one of the many locations in the region that you actually turn your back on the sun setting to enjoy the 'golden' hour where the sunsets on the ranges and they turn to gold!

It is an early night tonight as you prepare for your big day tomorrow!

### Day 3

An early morning start – a quick bite to eat before being collected from your accommodation and heading to the airport.

You are about to experience something that not many people do, you are excited and nervous for what the day is going to bring.

After arriving at the airport, you will be welcomed by the pilot and guide for the day. Safety and COVID briefings completed you board your aircraft (helicopter in this instance) and enjoy a stunning scenic flight from Kununurra to Purnululu National Park – the Bungle Bungle (Bungles to the locals) before landing to begin a private guided walk through the black and orange striped domes and into Cathedral Gorge.



Landing at Cathedral Gorge car park to start the guided walk, you have already been amazed by the green ranges, rivers and waterfalls flowing on the way down and you wonder what could be better than that!

Wading through creeks to get to the uniqueness of Cathedral Gorge, you will stay refreshed by the cool water, and seared by the hot sun without even noticing. Lunch in Cathedral Gorge will only be spoilt by the pure sound of silence and the odd sound of a bird chirping. If you have a moment and like to sing, you will be marvelled at the reverberations that surround you – challenging the acoustics of the most well-known Cathedrals in the world.

Your return flight to Kununurra will take you back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the world as you search for more waterfalls and rivers flowing into the magnificent Lake Argyle.

The end of the day is near as the pilot returns you to your accommodation and your early start catches you unawares as you drift off to sleep remembering your other worldly experience at Purnululu National Park.



#### Day 4

The day yesterday was awesome, and today you explore the ‘mini’ Bungles right here in Kununurra. Mirima National Park is located just a few kilometres from town and there are some great walks to experience. So up with first light, head over to walk some impressive walking trails that are full of life this time of the year.

A few hours later, visit some of the water holes that are located within a short drive from Kununurra. The Grotto, Molly Springs, Thegooyeng (Black Rock Falls), Mayiba (Middle Springs), and Secret Springs are all flowing profusely, and the waterfalls are pounding onto the rocks and pools below – a beautiful place for a swim and photos.

Arriving back in Kununurra around lunch time, it is time to experience the Ord River from Kununurra. Hire a small boat and take yourself up the river to check out the many waterfalls that are flowing into Lake Kununurra.

Head back to the boat ramp, and witness another impressive sunset, having now experienced them from Kelly’s Knob, Lake Argyle and Lake Kununurra – they are equally as spectacular.



But your day is not over yet! Returning to Ivanhoe Crossing you try your luck with hooking yourself a Jaliwang (Barramundi) off the banks of the Ord River.

As night falls, another Mother Nature Sky show unfolds, and you will be amazed at the shapes, colours, and timeliness of the lightning strikes.

You head back to your accommodation with a story about ‘the one that got away.’



Cameras really do only capture so much! It is now time to start planning your next Kimberley adventure with us at Kununurra Visitor Centre.