



Home Valley Cattle Drive - Reservations 1300 245 565

1 February 2011- This package showcases some of the iconic East Kimberley highlights and culminates in a truly unique experience- A Kimberley Cattle Drive!

Package Inclusions;

- 3 Nights accommodation at the Kimberley Grande, Kununurra. Includes Breakfast and transfers.
- Full day Bungle Bungles scenic flight, 4wd adventure and helicopter flight to ensure you make the most of this stunning natural phenomenon
- Half day Triple J cruise down the majestic Ord River
- 6 Day / 5 Night Kimberley Heritage Cattle Drive including transfers, accommodation, meals and beverages

Departure Dates:

7 June, 14 June, 21 June, 27 June and 4 July 2011.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Kununurra and transfer to your accommodation. This afternoon is yours to settle in and explore the town.

Day 2: Today you will see the magnificent Bungle Bungles in every mode available. Slingair will fly you over the picturesque township of Kununurra and Lake Argyle enroute to the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park, home of the Bungle Bungle range. Once there, you will 4WD to and walk along Piccaninny Creek and into Cathedral Gorge. Then you will take to the air in a helicopter for a close up look at the famous Beehive Domes and many other gorges of the area, before returning to your aircraft for your flight back to Kununurra, passing over the Argyle Diamond Mine along the way.

Day 3: You will be picked up from your accommodation at 11.30am and taken by bus to the Lake Argyle Dam wall, before boarding a Triple J cruises boat and returning to Kununurra on a 55km journey down the Ord River, which abounds with wildlife and amazing scenery.

Day 4: Today you will be transferred to Home Valley Station, located approximately 2 hours drive west of Kununurra. You will be welcomed to the Homestead and will have the afternoon to cool down with a swim or explore the grounds. At 6pm, make your way to Dusty Bar & Grill for pre-dinner drinks, followed by dinner and an Itinerary briefing of the Cattle Drive.

Day 5: In readiness for the epic adventure ahead, you are invited to tuck into a hearty breakfast! You will then be transferred to the starting point of the Kimberley Heritage Cattle Drive. Over the course of the morning all guests will undergo a horsemanship tuition session and be formally introduced to the team of Drivers, Wagon Drivers and Farriers who will accompany the guests on the cattle drive through New York Valley.

After a freshly made lunch at the stockyards it is time to get stuck into the real action on horseback. All guests take part in the handover and counting of the cattle marking the beginning of the cattle drive. Allocated their positions around the mob of cattle, its time to get rolling as the drive descends into the

picturesque New York Valley. Home Valleys experienced drovers will accompany each guest at the point, flank and tail of the herd as the mob is moved deeper into the valley, following the old Barclay stock route. It is here guests will begin to appreciate the grandeur of the rugged landforms of the valley with its towering escarpments dotted with ancient boabs. The herd will travel the shortest leg of the drive today. Well before daylight starts to fade the drovers and guests must yard the cattle for the evening. With the cattle secured at water, as the dust settles and the sun sets, guests are invited to set up camp for the evening.

All will enjoy a well earned dinner and drinks around a roaring campfire, with live entertainment. After dinner and at leisure, guests can retire to their swag and while listening to the night time calls of the surrounding wildlife, drift off into a peaceful sleep under a blanket of Kimberley stars.

Day 6: You will awake to the pure beauty of first light offered up in the outback and the sweet smell of spinifex warming in the sun, not to forget the pleasure of a breakfast being cooked over the campfire. Following breakfast, the team will pack up camp and embark on the first full day of droving cattle. Today the team of drovers and guests will begin to move the mob of cattle, up to 15km per day, for the next three days. Smoko will be provided in saddle bags for guests to graze on throughout the morning while continuing on until stopping for a well earned rest and lunch.

Today the group will encounter some of the more difficult terrain – including rocky rises, steep embankments and sandy creek beds – putting your cattle driving skills to the test. The trail will take the drovers, guests and their cattle along the exact same journey of the Kimberley pioneers who walked cattle through this country decades before.

Arrival at the second camp will be accomplished by 4pm, with the cattle yarded and watered for the night once again. Gourmet outback dinner fare with cold drinks and live entertainment accompanied by a host of new stories will be shared around the campfire prior to another night in a comfy swag under the stars.

Day 7: With the experience of another glorious sunrise in the Kimberley outback, an early morning breakfast is served to all drovers and guests prior to the second full day of the cattle drive.

Once again, today is all about putting what has been learnt into practice to guide the mob through a breathtaking section of New York Valley – featuring an amazing gully of ancient boabs. This tricky section will require all of the guests newly acquired horsemanship and droving skills to maintain the mob on course to reach tonight's camp.

At each stage of the cattle drive local Indigenous Drovers will provide guests with an insight into the meaning of their country that the cattle drive passes through, and the link between the "old-time" pastoralists that impacted greatly on their families lives, today holding great pride in what it is like to be known as a Kimberley Stockman.

This evening's dinner and entertainment enjoys a cultural theme including a combination of traditional and modern "Bush Tucker" cuisine followed by a variety of Indigenous performances and storytelling.

Day 8: This morning the team will enjoy a hearty breakfast before embarking on the final day of the cattle drive.

With the objective of the cattle drive complete, guests involved with this stage of the coacher muster pastoral-based tourism activity hand over their mount to their new found Drover friends and are escorted by 4WD back to the Home Valley Station Homestead.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided throughout the day. The final night of the cattle drive is a huge celebration, with dinner and drinks at the Dusty Bar & Grill and live entertainment both on stage and by the nearby campfire.

We cannot give away the surprises in store to mark the end of the cattle drive – but it's an event not to be missed!

Accommodation tonight is in the Homestead Guesthouse Rooms.

Day 9: After breakfast at leisure at the Dusty Bar & Grill guests are transferred by 4WD to Kununurra in time for your departure flight on onward journey.

From AUD\$5,250.00 per person twin share