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ESSENTIAL TOUR INFORMATION

PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover unforeseen circumstances, including cancellations, medical expenses, remote evacuation and lost luggage. Ensure your policy covers the entire trip, including any exclusions, and declare any pre-existing medical conditions. Keep the details accessible throughout your travels. We also advise coverage for itinerary disruptions, as we are not liable for costs arising from such events or factors beyond our control.

Health, Fitness and Mobility

APT 4WD Tours in the Kimberley require a high level of fitness. These tours involve many uneven surfaces, varied terrain and extended periods of standing. Sightseeing is mostly conducted by foot, with walking tours of up to 5km with stops. At times, it is not possible to opt out of participation in physically demanding activities. Sightseeing may occur in very hot climates. You must be able to embark and disembark vehicles and vessels unaided. Wheelchairs and walking aids are not suitable on these tours. All passengers requiring special assistance must travel with a carer. Crew and guides are unable to assist passengers on and off ships/coaches due to occupational health and safety.

The 4WD vehicle's steps are 140mm and 290mm. You will be required to exit the 4WD multiple times a day. Hiking poles are a great tool for stability on the walks. We suggest thoroughly reading the 'Walks on Tour' to best prepare yourself.

Allergies and Dietary Requirements

If you have any dietary requirements or allergies that need to be managed while travelling with APT, and you have not made these known already, please advise your booking agent as soon as possible, as well as your Tour Director upon arrival. Most suppliers require advance notice to accommodate these requirements and in some cases you may be required to fill out a form or waiver. Every effort will be made to fulfil requests, but these cannot always be guaranteed.

APT Health and Safety Protocol

APT has created Health and Safety protocols that all our Driver-Guides and Tour Directors are required to adhere to. You may be requested to assist in reducing the spread of viruses if you are showing symptoms while on tour. If you are showing symptoms of a cold or a virus while on tour, you may be asked to wear a face mask, have meals in your room instead of the dining room, or remain in your room until the symptoms improve. Refer to our website for our most up-to-date protocols.

Luggage Requirements

Due to the vehicle size and custom-designed luggage area, space is limited. Please pack your essentials into a single small, soft bag or an APT duffle bag (no hard-shell suitcases), adhering to the

following allowances: 66cm length x 35cm width x 32cm height with a maximum weight of 16kg.

Escorted tours of nine days or longer include a complimentary Adventure Pack, which you'll receive approximately three to four weeks before departure. This pack includes an APT duffle bag or backpack.

If you have excess luggage, please arrange storage or forwarding to your tour's final destination before arriving at the departure point.

Small aircrafts used in the Kimberley and the Outback air travel have strict luggage limits for safety and compliance reasons. If your escorted tour entails air travel, please note you will need to pack down your luggage and personal items to a maximum of 10kg per person for the flight. Any extra luggage will be taken on the 4WD vehicle.

Climate, Sun Exposure and Dehydration

The Kimberley 4WD Land Tours operate in during dry season (winter). Overnight temperatures can drop to 0°C and the days can be very hot (30°C+). Bring layered clothing for warmth and sun protection. May and September are the warmest months, while June and July offer milder temperatures and minimal rainfall.

Drinking plenty of water is important to prevent dehydration. A hat and a high-protection sunscreen are vital for preventing sunburn, even on overcast days.

Seat Rotation

Please note, to ensure everyone gets to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation system will be employed.

Packing for your Holiday

While what you pack should depend on personal preference, we recommend that you consider the time of year you are travelling and bring a variety of warm and cool clothing to suit the climate.

Below is a list of essentials to assist your packing:

- Suitable footwear (hiking boots, comfortable walking shoes and aqua shoes).
- Walking poles for walking over uneven ground.
- Sun hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.
- Small daypack for daily excursions.
- Water bottle – one is provided with your adventure pack, or you can bring your own insulated water bottle for longer walks.
- Swimsuit and swimming towel. (swimsuits will likely be worn under clothing on walks enroute to swimming holes with no changing facilities)
- Torch (a head torch is highly recommended).
- Warm clothing for cooler nights (e.g. long pants, sleepwear, beanie and fleece jumper).

Walks on Tour

LOCATION	LEVEL	DISTANCE	DURATION	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION
Windjana Gorge	Moderate	2 km return	1 hour	The trail features a gravel path with short, steep declines or inclines and sand underfoot along the river bank. A section of slippery rock is located near the river bed. Changes in water levels and shifting sand may make sections of Tunnel Creek inaccessible.
Zebedee Springs	Easy	750m return	15 minutes	Easy short walk along a mostly shaded path. Slippery rocks near and around the rock pools. Please note: the 20-metre boardwalk may be slippery.
Manning Creek Water-hole	Easy	50-100m return	2 minutes	Easy trail. White sandy river bank. This tour includes lunch and a swim stop.
Katherine Gorge	Easy	800m return	15 minutes	Features easy walks.
Cathedral Gorge	Moderate	3 km return	2 hours	Mostly flat along a sandy path in full sun. Some rocky steps with and without railings. One ladder-type stairway, approximately one metre high. Staying hydrated is very important, ensure you bring your water bottle with you.
Piccaninny Creek	Moderate	1.8 km return	1 hour	Mostly flat walk along a sandy path in full sun, with loose river rocks along the creek beds. Very uneven surface along river bed section. Staying hydrated is very important, ensure you bring your water bottle with you.
Echidna Chasm	Moderate	2 km return	1.5 hours	Mostly flat, but along a loose medium-to-large rocky riverbed, some large boulders to climb over. Two 10-step ladders currently inaccessible.
Galvans Gorge	Moderate	2 km return	1 hour	Mostly flat gravel track that can narrow to a rocky path following a creek with some large, secured flat rocks to step-up or down.
Ubirr (rock art site)	Moderate	1 km return	1.5 hours	Easy circular track that requires climbing up a steep and rocky 250 metre track.
Tunnel Creek	Moderate	750m return	1.5 hours	The cave is difficult to access, requiring assistance to climb slippery rocks and large boulders. Inside, the path includes water crossing sections with varying depths and hidden rocks or logs. A good level of fitness is required. At times this walk may not be viable due to conditions.
Bell Gorge	Active	2 km return	1.5 hours	Rough, uneven, and steep in places, with large rocks, creek crossings and slippery areas. Water levels in the creek vary. The return walk is uphill. The Lower Falls walk is more challenging than the Upper Falls walk. A good level of fitness is required.
Mitchell Falls	Active/ Difficult	4.3 km one-way	3-3.5 hours	Rough, uneven and steep, with steps, large boulders and three creek crossings. Many exposed areas with little shade. A good level of fitness is required, especially in hotter months like September. APT provides a one-way transfer flight from the falls, with an option to purchase an additional flight from the carpark to the falls for those who don't want to participate in the hike.
Emma Gorge	Difficult	3.2 km return	2.5 hours	Mostly rocky, with boulder climbing, creek crossings, and a steep uphill climb at the end. A good level of fitness is essential. This hike is optional; guests can choose to remain at Emma Gorge Resort instead.

Walking on Tour

Comfortable walking shoes are required. Runners or joggers, walking or hiking boots, or sandals with good support are suitable. Consider bringing enclosed-toe wet shoes and walking poles to assist with balance if needed. Thongs or flip-flops are not appropriate for most walks. Your guide may recommend wearing socks for better traction on slippery rocks.

It is likely most of the walks will be in full sun with limited shaded areas. A good hat, sunscreen and water are required if you decide to participate in any of these tours.

Please note: Not all walks mentioned above will be available on every tour code, cross check your itinerary to confirm walks applicable to your tour. The walks are not compulsory and you may forfeit any walks which you do not wish to participate in. There will be no alternative touring to replace any forfeited touring. You must be able to participate in walks unaided. This document is to be used as a guide only, as the grading levels may vary depending on the time of year and weather conditions.

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