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Kimberley Wilderness Lodges to a T.

ESSENTIAL TOUR INFORMATION

At APT Luxury Travel, our lodges are thoughtfully designed to embody our philosophy: a touch of luxury in the heart of the wilderness. These retreats offer the comforts of home in some of Australia's most remote and breathtaking locations.

Each lodge features a selection of superior and standard tented cabins, appointed with king, double, or twin beds, private en suite with hot showers and flushing toilets, and a private front deck—perfect for soaking in the tranquil bushland from a comfortable deck chair.

Our dedicated APT Lodge Hosts are passionate about creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. From the moment you arrive, you'll be met with exceptional service and genuine hospitality, ensuring your stay is both relaxed and memorable.

The lodges are ideally located to enhance your Kimberley experience, offering convenient access to the region's key attractions, reducing travel time and allowing for deeper exploration of each remarkable destination. Check-in time is from 3pm, and check-out is by 10am.

Dining

At each wilderness lodge, our talented chefs craft mouth-watering cuisine that turns every meal into a highlight of your Kimberley adventure. In the morning, awaken to a hearty full breakfast that sets the tone for the day ahead. Each evening, indulge in a superb three-course set menu, thoughtfully prepared using fresh, seasonal ingredients, offering a refined taste of the region in the heart of the outback. Dinner is served promptly at 6.30pm, so we recommend checking-in prior to this time to fully enjoy the evening experience.

If you have specific dietary requirements, please let us know at the time of booking so we can ensure your needs are met.

Beverages

APT's luxury Wilderness Lodges are fully licensed, offering a curated selection of beer, wine, and spirits available for purchase.

Please note that bringing your own alcohol is not permitted.

Sustainability

As the sole major tour operator to have Advanced Ecotourism Certification in the Kimberley, we're proud to be number one with the discerning traveller. Each lodge operates on a 'leave no trace' philosophy to ensure we tread lightly and leave minimal economical footprint.

Our initiatives include using environmentally friendly cleaning products, returning all recyclable items to Broome for processing, adopting solar/diesel hybrid systems to cut down on fossil fuels, and utilising ABCO systems for recycling water.

You can play your part by following these simple guidelines:

- Use water sparingly by taking shorter showers. Due to water being a limited resource, we are unable to offer laundry facilities at our lodges.
- Eco-friendly shower amenities are provided at our lodges. If you bring your own personal care amenities, please ensure they are biodegradable.
- Only smoke in designated areas while staying at our lodges.

Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge

When it comes to exceptional accommodation in the World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park, APT's Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge tops the list. Perfectly located within the park, enjoy outstanding access to the spectacular beehive domes, Picaninny Creek, Echidna Chasm and Cathedral Gorge. Enjoy homely tented cabins featuring double or twin beds, or even triple bedding on request, along with an en suite with hot water and a flushing toilet. Sit out on your private deck overlooking the bush and take in the tranquil surrounds.

Things to see and do in Purnululu National Park

- Hike along Picaninny Creek and wind your way through the Bungle Bungle domes.
- Visit Echidna Chasm, a spectacular rock crevice. While there, keep watch for remarkable bower bird nests.
- At Cathedral Gorge, experience the incredible acoustics of this natural red-rock amphitheatre created by water erosion over millions of years.
- Experience breathtaking views of World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park from above on a scenic helicopter flight (additional expense).
- Follow the Homestead Valley Trail deep into the range and witness magnificent Livistona palms growing dramatically along the cliff edge.
- Walk along the rocky, dry creek beds for an unforgettable view into Mini Palms Gorge.
- Keep watch for a variety of native birdlife during an interpretive walk near the lodge.
- Unwind on your private deck and enjoy the serenity of the surrounding bushland.
- Marvel at the Milky Way in the clear night sky.
- Meet the friendly staff at the Visitor Centre for insider tips to help you make the most of your visit to Purnululu National Park.

Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge

Conveniently situated close to Mitchell Falls, APT's exclusive Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge is the ideal base for exploring some of the Kimberley's most stunning attractions. After undergoing major updates in 2024, the lodge now boasts 24 new boutique tents, a boardwalk leading to the upgraded swim decks, and a stylish open-air bar and restaurant, surrounded by Livistona umbrella palms and eucalyptus trees. Stay in comfortable tented cabins and enjoy access to the brilliant Ungolan Pavilion, built with the support of the local Kandiwal community. The pavilion features an Indigenous art gallery, with 100% of the proceeds going back into the community.

Things to see and do on the Mitchell Plateau

- Hike to the amazing four-tiered Mitchell Falls and take a refreshing swim in the pools or admire the view from the sublime lookout.
- Hike to Little Mertens Falls, and view rare and ancient Indigenous rock art on the walls beneath the falls.
- Absorb the spectacular view and discover the dramatic natural beauty of Big Mertens Falls.
- For the ultimate experience, soar above the mighty Mitchell Falls on a breathtaking scenic helicopter flight (additional expense).
- Admire the region's unique birdlife, and keep watch for the timid monjon, a rock wallaby endemic to the Kimberley.
- Marvel at Wandjina and Gwion Gwion ancient Indigenous art, some of the oldest-known figurative art in the world.
- Unwind with a refreshing cold drink from the bar at Ungolan Pavilion.
- Cool off with a dip in the Camp Creek waterhole, ideally located in the heart of Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge.
- Cosy up around the campfire, connecting with fellow guests while soaking in the unique surrounds.

Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge

In an enviable position just 200 metres off the Gibb River Road, APT's Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge is located on a prime Indigenous-owned site close to the Imintji Aboriginal community. Each cabin

offers a choice of queen or twin beds, an en suite, hot water, flushing toilet and eco-friendly toiletries. A private deck offers expansive views of the Wunaamin Miliwundi escarpment and surrounds. Enjoy a drink in the bar and lounge, and savour open-air dining with delicious three-course dinners and generous buffet breakfasts included.

Things to see and do around Bell Gorge

- Hike to Bell Gorge where stunning cliffs surround a series of tiered waterholes, an idyllic spot for swimming and photography.
- Explore Tunnel Creek, a 750-metre-long natural tunnel carved through the Napier Range.
- Take a picnic lunch to Barnett River Gorge, relax in the shade of the paperbark trees, enjoy a swim, view the region's birdlife, or just relax and admire the scenery.
- Walk to Windjana Gorge and marvel at the imposing ochre cliffs, witness ancient marine fossils and perhaps glimpse freshwater crocodiles.
- Enjoy a refreshing dip at a large swimming hole, conveniently located near Manning Gorge car park.
- Witness King Leopold Ranges change colour during an incredible sunset.
- Unwind with a drink and relax around the campfire, soaking up the atmosphere of this unique location.
- Indulge in tantalising meals inspired by local ingredients, prepared by talented chefs.

Handy Tips for Self Driving in the Kimberley

For many travellers, a trip to the remote Kimberley region is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Here are some tips to help you prepare and make the most of your time in the Kimberley:

- If you plan to hire a 4WD vehicle, please ensure your travel insurance includes coverage for driving on unsealed roads, particularly on Kalumburu Road.
- Ensure your car insurance has specific cover for remote locations.
- Be prepared for journeys to take longer than planned as road conditions are subject to unexpected changes.
- Make sure your vehicle is thoroughly inspected by a registered mechanic before you commence your journey.
- Carry at least two spare tyres, sufficient water and supplies as there may not be stores when you need them.
- Maintain low tyre pressure to ensure a smooth journey.
- National Park entry fees are not included as part of your accommodation. Park passes can be purchased online at explore.parks.dbcwa.wa.gov.au/park-passes, at Visitor Centres, or upon entry at the national park.

Kimberley Climate

The Wet Season (November to April)

This season is characterised by warm to hot, humid weather, often accompanied by spectacular thunderstorms, dramatic lightning displays, and breathtaking sunsets. Rainfall typically arrives in brief but intense downpours, rejuvenating the flora during these months. However, many roads become inaccessible during this time.

The Dry Season (May to October)

Daytime temperatures during this season are generally mild to warm, but can drop sharply at night, often becoming very cold. The weather is typically more stable, with clear blue skies, gentle breezes, and dry conditions prevailing most days. Please note: In the Bungle Bungle Range, night-time temperatures can fall below 0°C during June and July.

Suitable Clothing for the Kimberley

Open-air dining and evenings around the campfire are a highlight of the Kimberley experience. However, nights can be very cold, so pack accordingly — layering is recommended. During the day, the sun can be intense, so be sure to bring sun-protective clothing and a hat to stay comfortable and safe.

Average Annual Temperatures

Please note: Use the following data as a general guide only, as temperatures may vary.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Kimberley Region												
Max °C	36	35	36	35	33	31	31	33	36	39	39	38
Min °C	25	24	24	21	18	15	14	16	20	23	25	25
Rainfall mm	203	208	133	41	9	4	4	0	3	22	61	145
Kununurra												
Max °C	36	35	36	35	33	30	31	33	37	39	39	37
Min °C	25	25	24	22	19	16	15	16	20	24	25	25
Rainfall mm	202	220	153	31	7	4	2	0	3	23	60	137
Broome												
Max °C	33	33	34	34	32	29	29	30	32	33	34	34
Min °C	26	26	25	23	18	15	14	15	19	22	25	27
Rainfall mm	182	180	101	26	27	20	7	2	1	2	9	58
Darwin												
Max °C	32	31	32	33	32	31	31	31	33	33	33	33
Min °C	25	25	25	24	22	20	19	20	23	25	25	25
Rainfall mm	426	375	319	102	21	2	1	5	15	70	142	251

Please note: Statistics are a guide only as Australian weather can often be unpredictable.

Distances and Driving Times

The driving times below are only a guide and may vary depending on road and weather conditions.

Destination	Distance (Kilometres)	Approx. Travel Time
Between Broome & Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge	442	5.5 hours
Between Broome & Fitzroy Crossing	396	4.5 hours
Between Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge & Drysdale River Station	246	4.5 hours
Between Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge & Fitzroy Crossing	270	4.5 hours
Between Drysdale River Station & Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge	168	4.5 hours
Between Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge & Kununurra	523	9 hours
Between Emma Gorge Resort (El Questro) & Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge	327	5 hours
Between Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge & Kununurra	215	5 hours
Between Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge & Fitzroy Crossing	460	6 hours

FURTHER INFORMATION

For current road conditions and information, visit the Main Roads Western Australia website at mainroads.wa.gov.au.

For up-to-date weather information, visit the Bureau of Meteorology website at bom.gov.au.

Quarantine regulations apply when travelling between states. Visit interstatequarantine.org.au for further information.



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