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IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

Thank you for booking your holiday with APT. You are about to embark on an exciting adventure to a unique and remote part of the world. To prepare for your visit, please read the following important information.

Health and Mobility

A good level of health and fitness is essential for getting the most out of your 4WD Land Tour. The hikes and walks in the Kimberley feature diverse terrain, including large rock steps, ladders, boulder climbs and walks along flat ground. Each walk is described, on the next page, with the following levels: easy, moderate, active, or difficult.

Walking frames are not suitable for 4WD Land Tours. The 4WD vehicle's steps are 140mm and 290mm. You will be required to exit the 4WD multiple times a day. If you have trouble with balance, walking poles are great for stability. In the lead up to your trip, we recommend you start walking three times a week (including some steps), building up to an hour at a time. You should ensure your walking shoes fit properly and have been worn in prior to departure.

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 3-4 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 aircraft 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

The Kimberley 4WD Land Tours operate in the dry season (winter). Overnight temperatures can drop to 0°C and the days can be very hot. 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.

What to Pack

- Suitable footwear (e.g. 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 or sarong.
- Towel.
- Torch (a head torch may be useful).
- Insect repellent (also provided on the vehicles).
- T-shirts or shirts.
- Shorts.
- Warm clothing for cooler months (e.g. long pants, beanie and fleece jumper).
- Warm sleepwear for winter months (e.g. thermals).
- Waterproof jacket or light raincoat.
- Underwear and socks.
- Toiletries – it may not always be possible to power electric shavers. Eco-friendly body wash and shampoo are provided at APT's Wilderness Lodges.
- Personal medication – take adequate supplies for your entire tour.
- Camera, memory cards and spare batteries – recharging of batteries is not always possible.

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.

KIMBERLEY WILDERNESS ADVENTURES

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 Waterhole	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.

Please note: information provided in this document is correct as of March 2025 but is subject to change. For the most up-to-date visa information please check with your booking agent. Australian Pacific Touring Pty Ltd. ABN 44 004 684 619. ATIA accreditation #A10825. APT-5941