



# FAR NORTH WEST DISCOVERY WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Aircruising Jewels of the Kimberley

8 Days | 26 Apr - 3 May 2022 | AUD\$11,995pp twin share | Single Supplement AUD\$1,500

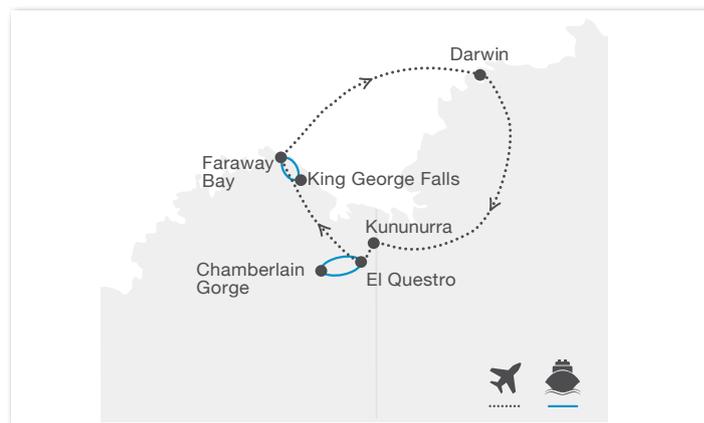
## EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Experience spectacular aerial sightseeing of the rugged East Kimberley in the remote North West
- ✦ Spend 2 nights at the remarkable El Questro Station on the banks of the Pentecost River
- ✦ Enjoy 2 nights at the magnificently set Faraway Bay overlooking the sparkling emerald Timor Sea
- ✦ Marvel at the towering escarpment as we cruise through the ancient Chamberlain Gorge
- ✦ Be awed by the breathtaking King George Falls as it plunges over soaring red sandstone cliffs
- ✦ Touring of Kununurra and the remarkable Ord River Irrigation Scheme
- ✦ Exploring Darwin including the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Military Museum
- ✦ All touring, transfers and meals included
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

*"Each day there was another highlight. Visiting remote places made possible via small aircraft access. The remoteness of the Kimberley.... delightful."*

Margaret Haggarty, NSW

Bill Peach Journeys has been revealing the mysteries of The Kimberley region for over 38 years. Located in Western Australia's sparsely settled Far North West, The Kimberley is known for large swaths of wilderness defined by rugged ranges, awe-inspiring escarpments, dramatic gorges, semi-arid savanna and a largely isolated coastline that shimmers every shade of indigo and emerald. Join us to experience incredible 'flightseeing' of one of Australia's last true frontiers as we access these remote regions few get the chance to see. Amid the vast and ancient landscape of the East Kimberley region sits the untamed natural beauty of El Questro. Here we cruise Chamberlain Gorge, view majestic mountains, Zebedee Thermal Springs, mud and salt-flats, rainforests and cascading waterfalls. From the rich red landscape of El Questro Wilderness Park, we fly to the rugged coastline of Faraway Bay for a wilderness exploration few have the privilege to experience. Be fascinated by ancient rock art and awed by the majesty of King George Falls, undoubtedly a spectacular jewel of the region. Touring of Kununurra and the Ord River Scheme compliments this Kimberley adventure. This will be the journey of a lifetime!





## THE PRISTINE NORTH WEST BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

### DAY 1 | ARRIVE DARWIN

Upon arrival in Darwin, the capital of Australia's Northern Territory and a former frontier outpost, your private transfer will take you to the Adina Darwin. The balance of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel overlooking the Darwin Waterfront Precinct or perhaps explore tropical Darwin and its fascinating history. From ancient Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and the pioneering spirit of the early settlers, to survival stories of WWI, the bombing of Darwin and Cyclone Tracy, Darwin's history and heritage is vast, diverse and captivating in every way. This evening, join our Journey Director and fellow travellers at a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Adina Apartment Hotel or similar

### DAY 2 | DARWIN - KUNUNURRA

Following breakfast, we visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to enjoy heroic tales and history of the RFDS. Board our flight to the heart of the Kimberley. Below us passes a land of breathtaking contrasts covering billions of years in history. Comprising in total over one million square kilometres, Australia's North West is one of the last true wilderness areas on Earth.

Arriving in Kununurra, we tour the Pumphouse, once an integral part of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme before visiting the Diversion Dam, which today harnesses the massive volume of water that flows down the Ord River for use in farming. After viewing the Ivanhoe Crossing, a flowing causeway built over the mighty Ord River, we learn about a local success at the Sandalwood Factory, the world's largest distiller of sandalwood oil, an important ingredient in perfumery since Egyptian times.

Overnight: Kununurra Country Club Resort or similar

### DAY 3 | KUNUNURRA - EL QUESTRO

This morning we visit the Waringarri Art Gallery, a living, growing art centre celebrating the uniqueness of Miriwoong cultural identity before being transferred to Kununurra Airport for our scenic flight to El Questro. From the horizon emerges an ancient land of sweeping vistas and rugged natural wonders, a frontier of deep gorges and majestic mountains. Landing at El Questro Station in the heart of the Kimberley, we transfer via 4WD to our accommodation. This afternoon we tour the Station.

Overnight: El Questro Station or similar

### DAY 4 | EL QUESTRO

El Questro Wilderness Park extends for approximately 80 km north-south and 60 km east-west, totalling one million acres in size. Its landscape offers outstanding diversity - from rugged sandstone ranges and broad tidal flats, to rainforest pockets, gorges and permanent waterfalls. Today we explore the remarkable bush culture and history that surrounds us.

We begin with a visit to Zebedee Springs, a serene oasis of thermal pools and waterfalls set in the prehistoric forest of Livistona and Pandanus palms. Unwind in the inviting surrounds and for those interested, an opportunity to enjoy a soothing soak. This afternoon, we embark on a cruise through the Chamberlain Gorge.

During the cruise we will discover the diverse flora and fauna, resident rock wallabies, Johnston crocodiles and the always cheeky Archer fish, which are all familiar inhabitants of the gorge. Relax on the peaceful return journey at dusk when the colours of the Kimberley shine on the towering cliffs.

Overnight: El Questro Station or similar





### DAY 5 | EL QUESTRO - FARAWAY BAY

We begin today by exploring the remarkable bush culture and history that surrounds us. Learn about the pioneering heritage and characters that ran El Questro when it was a working station. Discover the Indigenous people's use of different bush plants, including uses for medicine and remedies, weapons and even fish poison. Leaving the remarkable El Questro behind, we re-board our private aircraft for the flight to Faraway Bay. Gaze below as we cross over the mighty Ord River, mangroves and expansive rugged coastline. Look out for dugongs, sea turtles, sharks and massive saltwater crocodiles. Most importantly, eyes peeled for aerial views of the iconic King George Falls. Upon arrival we explore an extraordinary and diverse range of Indigenous rock art including some of the most unique examples of Bradshaw rock art. Transfer to our accommodation, Faraway Bay, one of the world's most isolated wilderness retreats, nestled on a rocky hilltop overlooking the shimmering turquoise waters of the Timor Sea.

Overnight: Faraway Bay or similar

### DAY 6 | FARAWAY BAY

Spend the day taking in this extraordinary environment. Cruise by boat along the sweeping Kimberley Coastline to King George River spotting turtles, manta rays, flying fish and an array of sea birds. Admire the ancient rock-lined gorges and towering cliffs before arriving at the Kimberley's stunning natural wonder, the breathtaking twin King George Falls. Soak in the splendour of nature's cathedral in this pristine environment, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Overnight: Faraway Bay or similar

### DAY 7 | FARAWAY BAY - DARWIN

Bidding adieu to the Kimberley after breakfast, we board our private aircraft for the flight to Darwin. This afternoon enjoy a tour of the Darwin Military Museum and discover the city's historical and turbulent past. Learn about the first and largest foreign attack ever mounted on Australia when more than 188 Japanese aircraft attacked Darwin's harbour and airfield. Savour a farewell dinner at one of Darwin's finest restaurants this evening.

Overnight: Adina Apartment Hotel or similar

### DAY 8 | DEPART DARWIN

After breakfast, we transfer to Darwin Airport where you will board your flight home. Say a fond farewell to new friends and take away memories of an unforgettable Kimberley adventure.

*"I think the whole tour was fantastic. Everything was excellent and the crew were so pleasant, helpful and obliging. In all a wonderful holiday. I am sure I will only travel in future on a Bill Peach holiday. As I am on my own I feel well looked after, fellow companions are very pleasant and easy to get on with."*

*Patricia Barton, Vermont, VIC*





## ABOUT AIRCRUISING

An Air Tour with Bill Peach Journeys is the perfect way to explore these hard to reach destinations in the style, speed and comfort of your own private aircraft. Travelling by private aircraft means that we can land directly in each location ensuring time on the ground is spent discovering each region. The style of aircraft is chosen to provide the best possible access into remote locations.

When you travel on an Air Tour everything is included. This means not only does your holiday include accommodation, dining and all excursions but every one of these elements is the finest in its class. Throughout the journey you will have a Journey Director on hand to look after each detail.

### FITNESS LEVEL - MODERATE

*"The tour deserves special applause, it was a piece of art, flawless and exquisitely executed with first class care for the travellers... The Journey directors were superb, calm, totally in control, cheerful and knowledgeable."*

Kai Woehler, California, USA

## WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name you can trust with over 38 years of experience in the luxury travel industry
- ✦ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, portage taxes and luggage
- ✦ Travel throughout the outback requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- ✦ A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- ✦ Local professional guides at every location
- ✦ 70% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey

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