



# FAR NORTH WEST DISCOVERY WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

## Aircruising Kimberley Adventure Aircruise

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### EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Experience spectacular aerial sightseeing of the rugged East Kimberley in the remote North West
- ✦ Enjoy 2 nights at the stunning Berkeley River Lodge overlooking the Timor Sea
- ✦ Spend 2 nights at the magnificently located El Questro Station
- ✦ Marvel at the towering escarpment as we cruise through the ancient Chamberlain Gorge
- ✦ Discover the natural treasures of the tranquil Berkeley River system including Casuarina Falls
- ✦ Touring of Kununurra
- ✦ A unique indigenous experience to learn about the culture and history of the Miriung people
- ✦ 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 37 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, 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 Berkeley River for a wilderness experience in refined luxury. Touring of Kununurra 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 Mantra on the Esplanade. The balance of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel overlooking the sparkling harbour 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: Mantra on the Esplanade or similar

### DAY 2 | DARWIN - EL QUESTRO

After breakfast we board our private aircraft for our flight along the East Kimberley coastline. 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. Known for sweeping landscapes defined by rugged ranges, dramatic gorges, semi-arid savanna and a largely isolated and spectacular coastline, the Kimberley is a sight to behold.

We arrive at the El Questro Station strip and are then transferred via 4WD to our riverside accommodation. This evening, as vivid orange and pinks that paint not just the horizon but the whole sky appear, we discover why Western Australian sunsets are rated as some of the most beautiful in the world.

Overnight: El Questro Station

### DAY 3 | EL QUESTRO

Today we explore the remarkable bush culture and history that surrounds us. 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. One of Australia's last frontiers, El Questro sits within what many consider to be the most spectacular rugged landscape on earth. This afternoon, we embark on a cruise through the Chamberlain Gorge. During the cruise we will enjoy 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

### DAY 4 | EL QUESTRO - BERKELEY RIVER

After a leisurely breakfast, the morning is yours to relax riverside or explore more of this fascinating property. After lunch, we re-board our aircraft and fly to Berkeley River Lodge. Be sure to look below as we fly northwest where the Cockburn Range comes into view. This spectacular range is very unique with its vertical cliff running the whole way around the range. We then cross the Pentecost River, home to many saltwater crocodiles. The flight takes in the Cambridge Gulf, used by ships to access the Port of Wyndham. Prior to landing, the Berkeley River and the Kimberley Coastline come into view.

Berkeley River Lodge is nestled on the gentle curve of Joseph Bonaparte Gulf on Australia's remote north Kimberley Coast,





a stone's throw away from some of the most spectacular untouched coastal wilderness on earth. From your dune top villa, you are just a sandy-footed stroll away from pristine wildlife, rich bushland and secluded beaches, where the only frequent visitors are dolphins, dugongs and turtles. This evening, we enjoy a 4WD and cruise as the sun sets over the ocean in the west, transforming not only the sky but the water from pastel silvery blue to deep indigo.

Overnight: Berkeley River Lodge

#### DAY 5 | BERKELEY RIVER

Spend the day taking in this extraordinary environment, one of the truly last touched frontiers. On a cruise of the Berkeley River, we will glide past towering rugged cliffs to the remotest freshwater swimming holes, stunning waterfalls and majestic gorges, where the peace and tranquillity is broken only by birdsong.

Overnight: Berkeley River Lodge

#### DAY 6 | BERKELEY RIVER - KUNUNURRA

This morning you will have the opportunity to join an activity at the lodge before flying onto Kununurra. You may enjoy one of the creek walks at Berkeley River Lodge. Nature enthusiasts and keen photographers will be captivated by the astonishing diversity of flora, fauna and geological features surrounding The Berkeley River Lodge.

Alternatively, an early morning bush or beach 4WD tour takes in sweeping ocean views, curious rock formations and native wildlife when the colours and contrasts are at their most spectacular.

Overnight: Kimberley Grande or similar

#### DAY 7 | KUNUNURRA - DARWIN

This morning we will enjoy an indigenous cultural tour to learn about the local culture, history and social norms of Miriung people. We will learn about cultural differences and gain invaluable insights into Aboriginal culture from in-depth discussions with a Miriung guide. Following, we take a commercial flight to Darwin for an afternoon at leisure prior to our farewell dinner at one of Darwin's finest restaurants.

Overnight: Mantra on the Esplanade or similar

#### DAY 8 | DEPART DARWIN

After breakfast, we transfer to Darwin airport where we will board our 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 Airruise 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 Airruise 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 37 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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