

# Cruising The Outback



## Suggested itinerary duration:

13 nights, plus a night or two at your arrival or departure destination as desired.

The Outback is a complex range of environments that exist within the inland and tropical regions of the Australian continent. This itinerary encompasses three distinct and diverse Outback regions, each home to an exceptional luxury lodge or camp experience that offer a very personal connection to this vast land, the wilderness, its wildlife, the culture and the people of the Australian outback.

Refer to the True North sailing schedule for current scheduled departures.

## 1 True North

The Kimberley, Western Australia

7 nights

**The Kimberley** outback is a panorama of rugged mountains, spectacular gorges and majestic waterfalls. With daily excursions, an on-board helicopter and 6 adventure boats, **True North** has been designed to go where other ships cannot, accessing remote and wild coastal regions.

### What will I do there?

- Horizontal Falls – experience the awesome power of the region’s huge tidal range in an exhilarating adventure boat ride and then climb aboard your air-conditioned helicopter for a view of the falls that very few experience.
- The Eagle Falls heli-picnic – enjoy a breathtaking helicopter flight and indulge in the True North’s mouth-watering fare alongside a picture-perfect waterfall in remote far-north Western Australia. Only accessible by helicopter.
- Catching a barramundi – visit Mitchell River for opportunity to ‘land a barra’.



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## 2 El Questro Homestead

The Kimberley, Western Australia

3 nights

In the middle of almost one million acres of wilderness park and 100km from the nearest town, the luxury of the **El Questro Homestead** sits in stark contrast to Western Australia’s rugged **Kimberley** landscape. Perched on a cliff top, with vistas over one of the most picturesque outback locations, the Homestead is a relaxed retreat catering for an exclusive number of guests.

### What will I do there?

- Take off on a Helicopter Tour to The Lost City and Miri Miri Falls. Explore the Lost City with an El Questro Homestead Ranger, followed by a cool dip in the pristine Miri Miri Falls while you enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch.
- Spend an afternoon at the Zebedee Thermal Springs – a magical place to relax and rejuvenate after a busy day.
- The Homestead is renowned for serving gourmet cuisine in dramatic outback locations. Request an intimate dinner beneath the stars, or a table set on the cliff side.



2hr transfer to Kununurra Airport, 1hr flight to Darwin Airport, overnight Darwin. Next day, private 20min flight to private airstrip (or 2.5hr road transfer) 15min hosted drive to Bamurru Plains.

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## Bamurru Plains

Top End, Northern Territory

3 nights

Passionate Field Guides at **Bamurru Plains** focus on immersing guests in the story of the bush while the lodge provides 'Wild Bush Luxury' - a haven from which to closely connect with unique **Top End** wilderness experiences on the Mary River floodplain - Australia's answer to the Okavango Delta.

### What will I do there?

- Airboat tour - a morning trip out on the floodplain wetlands of the Mary River catchment in an airboat is utterly exhilarating and the only way to truly experience this achingly beautiful natural environment with its prolific bird and wildlife.
- Take a scenic flight into Kakadu National Park, and enjoy a bush picnic lunch and the chance to spend time with a local Aboriginal Guide on the waters of the East Alligator River.
- Quad Bike Safari - gain exclusive access to areas inaccessible by the camp's regular 4WD vehicles. Cruise alongside buffalo and brumbies, criss-crossing between floodplain savannah, monsoonal forests and dry, open areas dotted with termite mounds characteristic of the Top End.



*Optional* - a natural extension to this outback experience would be a stay at the luxe lodge, Longitude 131°. From Bamurru Plains, 15min hosted drive to private airstrip, private 20min flight to Darwin Airport, overnight Darwin. Next day 2.5hr flight to Uluru (Connellan Airport), 15min hosted drive to Longitude 131° or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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## Longitude 131°

Uluru, Northern Territory

3 nights

**Longitude 131°** is a gathering of luxury tented pavilions nestled among the rust red landscape of the outback that offers jaw-dropping views to **Uluru** and Kata Tjuṯa National Park.

### What will I do there?

- Uluru Sunrise Guided Base Walk - experience the changing colours of the desert landscape and the spectacular sight of Uluru and Kata Tjuṯa at dawn.
- Prepared on a remote dune top and served under a glittering kaleidoscope of stars, Table 131° is a world renown dining experience for you to discover the wonders of the southern skies and the stories that connect us to the Milky Way.
- Discover the massive conglomerate domes of Kata Tjuṯa with a guided tour of Walpa Gorge.



*Did you know?* Only 10% of Australia's population live in the millions of square miles that make up the outback.

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