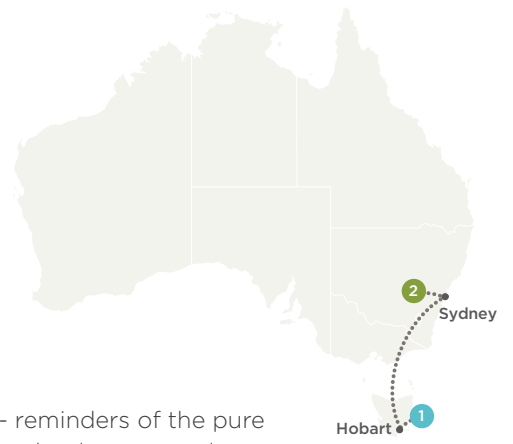


Wilderness Short Break



Suggested itinerary duration:

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

Connect with uniquely Australian wildlife in the Top End and Kimberley wilderness - reminders of the pure wonder of nature. Australia is a place of exceptional natural beauty where our diverse landscapes and waterways provide sanctuary for Australia's wondrous wildlife. With the continent accommodating more than 20,000 plant species and 2,300 animal and bird species, many of these endemic, this itinerary encourages complete immersion in Australia's pristine natural environments and the ability to get up close and personal with our unique wildlife.

From Darwin Airport, 20min private flight to private airstrip, 15min hosted drive to Bamurru Plains.

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Bamurru Plains

Top End, Northern Territory

3 nights

Bamurru Plains on the Mary River floodplains is Australia's answer to the Okavango Delta. These coastal floodplains are home to prolific bird and wildlife, with almost a third of Australia's species present, whilst nearby Kakadu and Arnhem Land are cultural strongholds for Aboriginal peoples. This is an extraordinary safari-style experience of Wild Bush Luxury. Some people refer to it as 'glamping' but with a focus on environmental sustainability this wilderness camp and its passionate hosts showcase Australia's unique style of sophisticated, barefoot, experiential luxury.

The Top End includes spectacular wetlands and waterfalls, awe inspiring rocky outcrops and Precambrian escarpments up to 1.6 billion years old. The abundant wildlife includes freshwater and saltwater crocodiles and a wealth of Aboriginal rock-art that is amongst the oldest on earth.

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 and the prolific bird and wildlife it hosts.
- 4WD Safaris - with the recession of the waters from much of the floodplain in the dry season, the plains become accessible to 4WD vehicles and an afternoon out with one of the guides will provide a unique insight to this fragile yet very important environment.
- Birdwatching - the Mary River catchment is home to some 236 species of bird, many of which are found at Bamurru Plains. It is breeding ground for many including the magpie geese. Even in the dry season the floodplains on the property still retain large areas of water to which the birdlife congregates in extraordinary numbers rarely seen elsewhere in Australia.
- Fishing - with the camp being located on the edge of the floodplains it is the ideal place to hook one of Australia's great sports fish, the mighty barramundi.



15min hosted drive to private airstrip, 20min private flight to Darwin Airport. Connect to 1hr flight to Kununurra Airport, 2hr drive to El Questro Homestead or arrange to arrive via scenic flight.

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El Questro Homestead

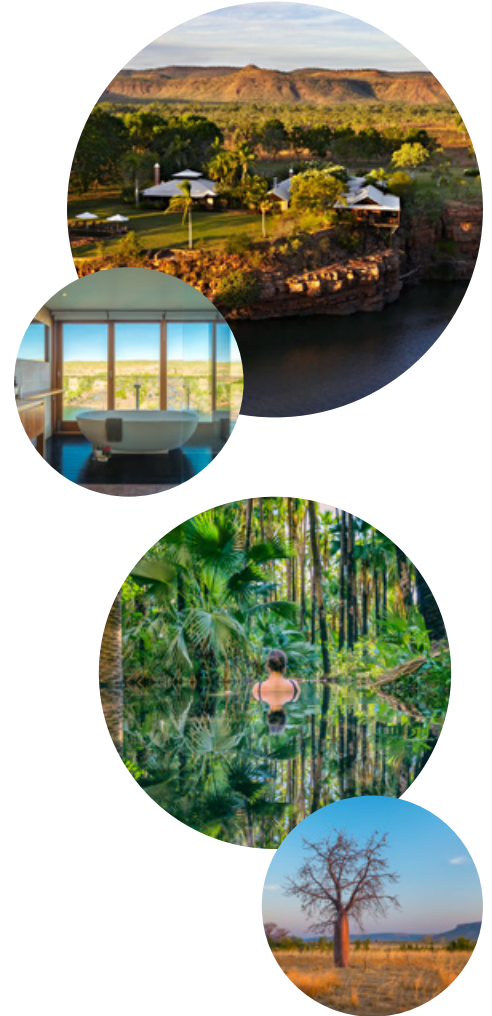
The Kimberley, Western Australia

3 nights

In the middle of almost one million acres of wilderness park and 100km from the nearest town, the luxury and warmth of welcome of **El Questro Homestead** sits in stark contrast to Western Australia's rugged **Kimberley** landscape. Perched on a cliff top, with vistas across the Chamberlain River, the Homestead is a relaxed retreat catering for just a small number of guests, with exclusive and intimate access to the surrounding wilderness in the hands of the Homestead's dedicated Guides.

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.
- Birdwatching Tours - let the dedicated Field Guides show you the best spots to observe brolgas, jabiru, eagles, kites and cockatoos - the birdlife here is diverse and prolific.
- Spend an afternoon at the Zebedee Thermal Springs relax and rejuvenate among the lush Livistona palms after a busy day hiking in the gorges to the rockpools and waterfalls.
- Private Chamberlain Cruise - an El Questro Homestead Ranger will take you on this 3km fresh waterhole cruise in the Homestead's private dinghy to view the diverse flora and fauna.
- Horse Treks are a great way to sneak up on all types of Kimberley wildlife and see the countryside from a new vantage point. Abundant wildlife includes fruit bats and wallabies, crocodiles and an incredible array of reptiles.
- Relax on the peaceful return journey at dusk when the colours of the Kimberley shine on the towering cliffs. The Homestead is renowned for serving gourmet cuisine in dramatic locations. Request an intimate dinner beneath the stars.



Travel tip -this itinerary works equally well in reverse.

The **Luxury Lodges of Australia** are more than just a place to stay. They are devoted to connecting their guests with an experience of place, reflecting their region and the depth and diversity of Australia's luxury. These **itineraries** are a guide only as transport options and desired number of nights may vary. Prior to or upon arrival, a personalised itinerary can be created by expert lodge hosts. **Planning Tips:** Take a look at these resources to assist with planning: **what's included** at each lodge, **what to do when** at specific times of the year and to identify additional **experiences** available. **How to Book:** For availability, rates and to book, contact each lodge individually or speak to your trusted travel advisor. Find out more at luxurylodgesofaustralia.com.au