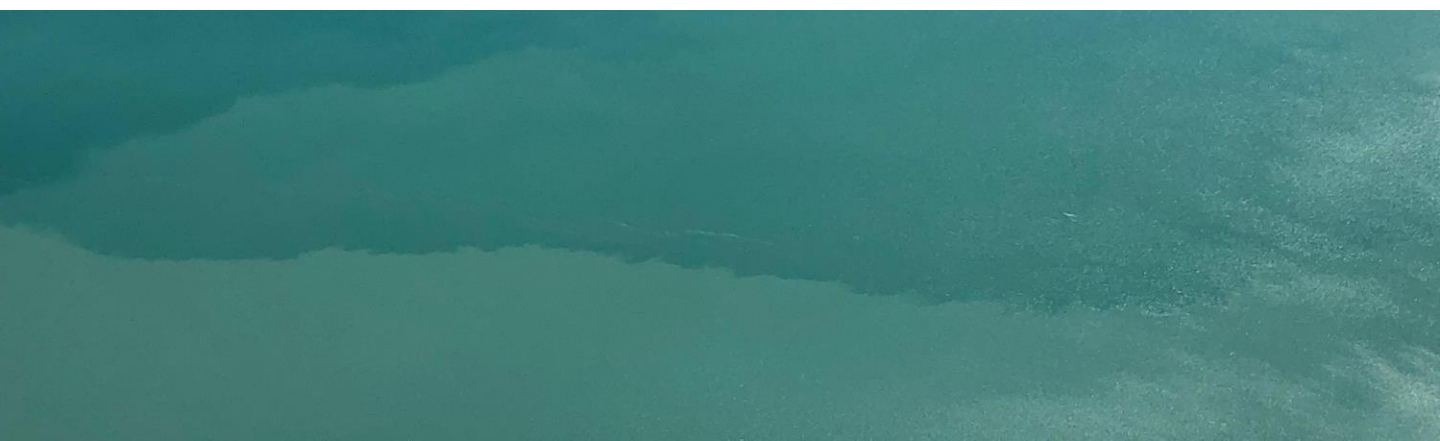


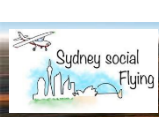
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13 Night Flying Adventure



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Route Map



Accommodation



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Date	Routing	Distance (nm)	Stops
01-May-23	Arrive YDRD		
02-May-23	YDRD-YMIP-YDRD	128	2
03-May-23	YDRD-Mount Hann-Kings Cascade-Mount Trafalgar-YKRI- Montgomery Reef-HZWF-YKLI- YCTI-YCYG	257	1
04-May-23	YDBY-YBRM-JMPI-OZBBP-YCYG	210	2
05-May-23	Non Flying Day		
06-May-23	YCYG-YWDJ-YDBY-YCYG	265	3
07-May-23	Non Flying Day		
08-May-23	Non Flying Day		
09-May-23	YCYG-OZEES-YPKU	331	2
10-May-23	YPKU-YWYM-OZBVO-King George Falls-YPKU	273	2
11-May-23	Non Flying Day		
12-May-23	Non Flying Day		
13-May-23	YPKU-YBEB	108	1
14-May-23	Depart YBEB for return		
Totals		1,572	13



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Getting There Example

Date	Routing	Dist (nm)	Stops
29-Apr-23	YSBK-YKAT-YBKE-YQLP	583	2
30-Apr-23	YQLP-YBOU-YBKS	623	2
1-May-23	YBKS-YHOO-YPKU-YDRD	629	3
Totals		1,835	7

Returning Example

Date	Routing	Dist (nm)	Stops
14-May-23	YBEB-YHOO-YBAS	517	2
15-May-23	YBAS-YBDV-YTGM	592	2
16-May-23	YTGM-YWRN-YKAT-PSP-YSBK	516	2
Totals		1,625	6



Accommodation

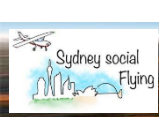
Price Summary (excludes Activities)

	Single Occupancy	Twin / Double Least Expensive	Twin / Double Most Expensive
	\$6,300	\$4,900	\$5,100
(1)	Bayview Safari Tent	Bayview Safari Tent	Deluxe Bayview Safari Tent

(1) Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm

- Prices are quoted ***per person***.
- Accommodation prices, exclude getting to and returning from the Kimberley's are for 13 nights.
- ***Pricing includes*** nine breakfasts, four lunches and nine dinners.
- ***Pricing includes*** airport transfers at Kununurra.
- ***Pricing excludes*** Activities. A list of optional activities can be found on the Activities page towards the end of this document. The total price of the likely most popular Tours and Activities would be an additional \$2,402 per person. Please note lunch is inclusive with some activities.

Kimberley Air Safari Participants will be advised their total cost by end of March, with with payment expected during April



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Itinerary Monday 1 to Sunday 14 May

DAY ONE - Monday 1 May

Welcome to the Kimberley Air Safari 2023; where we start at the Drysdale River Station. It is quite an adventure just getting here!

For example, coming from Brisbane, Melbourne or Sydney, expect a three-day journey in a Cessna 172 or Piper PA28 type aircraft.

Your route will take you through the outback and over the Tanami Desert. The name Tanami is thought to be an anglicisation of the Warlpiri name for the area, "Chanamee", meaning "never die". This referred to certain rock holes in the desert which were said never to run dry

After a few days flying, you will be welcomed with a cool drink under the shade of an Australian Morton Bay fig tree. Meeting everyone for the first time, starting memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Communication is possible via an Optus 3G mobile, Satellite phone or a payphone housed in a small fridge!



Drysdale River Station

DAY TWO - Tuesday 2 May

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Dyrsdale River Station (YDRD)	Mitchell Plateau Airstrip (YMIP)	328	64
Mitchell Plateau Airstrip (YMIP)	Dyrsdale River Station (YDRD)	148	64



Mitchell Falls

Early start today for a visit to Mitchell Falls, one of the Kimberley's iconic waterfalls.

Also known as Punamii-Uunpuu to the Wunambal people, the falls were carved through sandstone by the waters of the Mitchell River, producing layers of mesmerising emerald water pools from which the waters tumble from one to the next.

A relay of helicopters will transfer the group from the Mitchell Plateau airfield (YMIP) to Mitchell Falls. A short hike from here will take you Little and Big Mertens Falls, with some fine examples of early Aboriginal rock art.

One rock in the Wandjina complex in the Mitchell Plateau area, is known as the Thylacine rock and depicts Tasmanian tigers, extinct on mainland Australia for 3,000 years. The return helicopter trip will orbit Mitchell Falls.

DAY THREE – Wednesday 3 May

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Dyrsdale River Station (YDRD)	Mount Hann	255	33
Mount Hann	Kings Cascades	292	33
Kings Cascades	Mount Trafalgar	325	25
Mount Trafalgar	Kuri Bay (YKRI)	248	34
Kuri Bay (YKRI)	Montgomery Reef	206	35
Montgomery Reef	Horizontal Waterfalls (HZWF)	213	28
Horizontal Waterfalls (HZWF)	Koolan Village (YKLI)	323	19
Koolan Village (YKLI)	Cockatoo Island (YCTI)	280	10
Cockatoo Island (YCTI)	Cygnets Bay (YCYG)	237	40

The flight to Cygnets Bay, today, promises spectacular scenic flying. Starting from Mount Hann follow the Prince Regent River and its many gorges to the spectacular Kings Cascades waterfall, where the Prince Regent River water cascades over ancient terraced rock formations.

The distinctive Mount Trafalgar is only a short distance from here. The track can then take you over Kuri Bay Pearl Farm, Montgomery Reef which at 300 square kilometres the world's largest inshore reef, Horizontal Waterfalls and Buccaneer Archipelago for a truly memorable flight.



Mount Trafalgar

DAY FOUR - Thursday 4 May

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Cygnets Bay (YCYG)	Broome (YBRM)	205	101
Broome (YBRM)	Cygnets Bay (YCYG)	025	101

Today is an opportunity to visit Broome, which is only a short flight away from Cygnets Bay.

The Broome tour will take you to Cable Beach, Gantheaume Point, Broome Wharf, Town Beach, Japanese Cemetery and Chinatown, providing an excellent overview of Broome's history - particularly its pearling industry.

Lunch overlooking Cable Beach has been arranged at Zanders.



Sun Picture Gardens, Broome

DAY FIVE – Friday 5 May (Non Flying Day)

The stay at Cygnet Bay has been timed to coincide greatest tidal ranges, which in turn is the best time to enjoy “Sea Safaris”.

The Waterfall Reef Sea Safari will take you to a reef where you will witness the spectacle of water cascading of an exposed reef at low tide.

With the Giant Tides Sea Safari you cruise amongst the giant whirlpools and standing tidal waves which are powered by the world’s largest tropical tides.

On both sea safaris, experience boarding your amphibian vessel from a "land dock", which subsequently transfers you to a moored boat offshore that will do the tour.



Waterfall Reef



Amphibian Transfer

DAY SIX - Saturday 6 May

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Cygnet Bay (YCYG)	Windjana Gorge (YWDJ)	116	1q25
Windjana Gorge (YWDJ)	Derby (YDBY)	270	73
Derby (YDBY)	Cygnet Bay (YCYG)	325	67

The day trip, today, will take us to Windjana Gorge about 70 nautical miles east of Derby. The airstrip is a short walk to the start of the Gorge.

The Gorge Trail follows the long languid pools and sandy riverbed of the Lennard River, surrounded by 300 metre high walls, where you are likely to see numerous fresh water crocodiles.

The return can take you via Derby, and the option to see Derby Wharf and the Prison Boab Tree.



Windjana Gorge

DAY SEVEN AND EIGHT - Sunday 7 and Monday 8 May (Non Flying Days)

For the remaining two days at Cygnet Bay, one suggestion is to go on Terry Hunter's enjoyable Borrgoron Coast to Creek Tour. Learn traditional methods how to find fresh water and food on the tidal flats, as well as being regaled with a few stories.

Find some time to learn about Pearling, by going on the Pearl Farm Discovery Tour, or just relax by the pool with its stunning outlook. As it is full moon during your stay, there is a chance to observe the Staircase to the Moon from the Luna Bar,



Cygnet Bay Restaurant Outlook



Staircase to the Moon

DAY NINE - Tuesday 9 May

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Cygnet Bay (YCYG)	Ellenbrae Station	081	235
Ellenbrae Station	Kununurra (YPKU)	081	96

Today's flight will take you from Cygnet Bay to Kununurra. If you haven't managed to top up your tanks on one of the day trips, you may need to detour via Derby.

The eastbound track out of Cygnet Bay should provide another chance to see the Horizontal Waterfalls.

Lunch, accompanied by scones has been arranged at Ellenbrae Station, a 400,000 hectare (1 million acre) property, which has become a popular Gibb River Road stopover for travelers.

The short flight into Kununurra will take you over the majestic orange cliffs of Cockburn Range.

The Cockburn Range is shaped like a vast round fortress and rises more than 600 metres above the plains.



Cockburn Range

DAY TEN – Wednesday 10 May

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Kununurra (YPKU)	Wyndham (YWYM)	294	36
Wyndham (YWYM)	Berkley River Lodge	340	74
Berkley River Lodge	King George Falls	302	32
King George Falls	Mount Elizabeth (YMTZ)	140	131

The activity for this day, is a scenic flight to the mighty King George Falls, which is Western Australia's highest twin waterfall. First stop is Wyndham about a half hour flight from Kununurra for lunch at the Croc Café and Bakery

The scenic route to get to the falls is to track up the Cambridge Gulf and then follow the coast in a north westerly direction.

The flight Wyndham to King George Falls and back to Kununurra should take about three hours, getting you back around mid afternoon.



King George Falls

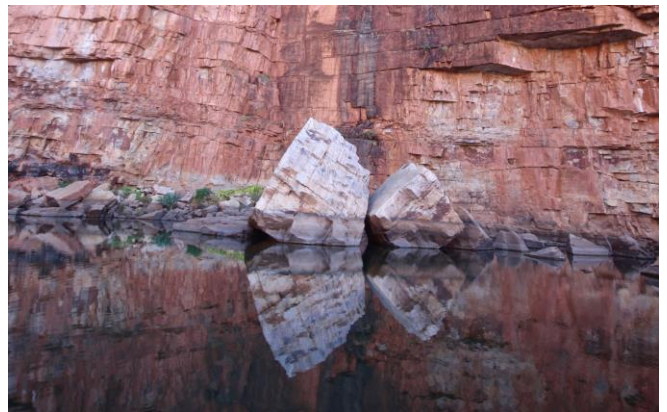
DAY ELEVEN - Thursday 11 May (Non Flying Day)



Freshie in the Waterhole before Emma Gorge

A ninety minute road trip from Kununurra gets you to El Questro. Before reaching El Questro, we will stop off at Emma Gorge, which is set beneath 65-metre cliffs with a droplet waterfall. Lunch will follow at the Emma Gorge resort.

During the afternoon, cruising on tranquil Chamberlain Gorge, you are likely to come across see cheeky spitting Archerfish and large Barramundi swimming near the boat.



Chamberlain Gorge

DAY TWELVE - Friday May 12 (Non Flying Day)

Today in Kununurra is an opportunity for a full day tour of the Ord River and Lake Argyle.

Starting out, the cruise navigates the narrow, fast-flowing sections to the Ord through many gorges.

You may spot a myriad of bird and marine life along the way, including freshwater Crocodiles – there are over 5,000 in Lake Kununurra.

Later in the day, you cross the dam wall enroute to Lake Argyle Village and the historic Durack Homestead Museum.

Then board another boat for a cruise of North Lake Argyle, which is often referred to as the inland sea – being 21 times the size of Sydney Harbour at full capacity.

While on Lake Argyle, there will be time for a swim and being able to enjoy watching the sunset on the water.



Lake Argyle



DAY THIRETEEN - Saturday 13 May

Depart	Arrive	Track (Mag)	Dist (nm)
Kununurra (YPKU)	Bellburn (YBEB)	166	94

The final day of the 2023 Kimberley Air Safari will be spent at the Bungle Bungles, about a 1 hour flight from Kununurra.

The highlight for today is the Cathedral Gorge and Domes Guided Walk. The track into Cathedral Gorge follows the sandy bed of Piccaninny Creek, which flows only in the wet season.

The Bungle Bungles, noted for its distinctive striped beehive domes, is known officially as the Purnululu National Park, was "discovered" by a film crew in 1983. It is one of the only nineteen heritage listed locations in Australia.



**Distinctive striped beehive domes
of the Bungle Bungles**

DAY FOURTEEN - Sunday 14 May

Some aircraft may find it convenient to continue travelling as a group for the long journey home. The nearest fuel stop to start this journey is likely to be Hooker Creek.

Accommodation

Date	Destination	Accommodation	Web Site	Phone
Mon May 01 Tue May 02	Drysdale River Station	Travellers Rest <i>Note (1)</i>	http://www.drysdaleriver.com.au	(08) 9161 4326
Wed May 03 Thu May 04 Fri May 05 Sat May 06 Sun May 07 Mon May 08	Cygnets Bay	Bayview Safari Tent Family Safari Tent Deluxe Bayview Safari Tent Skippers Pearlers Shack <i>Note (1)</i> Stone Pearlers Shack <i>Note (1)</i>	https://www.cygnetsbaypearlers.com.au	(08) 9192 4283
Tue May 09 Wed May 10 Thu May 11 Fri May 12	Kununurra	Kimberley Croc Motel	https://kimberleycrocmotel.com.au	(08) 9168 1411
Sat May 13	Bellburn	Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge	https://www.bunglebunglesavannahlodge.com.au	(08) 9168 2213

Notes: (1) Shared Bathroom

Activities

Date	Location	Start	Duration	Details	Cost
Tue May 02	Mitchell Falls	09:00	7:00 hours	* Helicopter transfers to start of walk and return from falls	\$900
Thu May 04	Broome	10:00	4.5 hours	* Broome Panoramic Town Tour and Lunch at Zanders	\$140
Fri May 05	Cygnets Bay	10:00	2.0 hours	Giant Tides Sea Safari	\$220
Fri May 05	Cygnets Bay	15:00	2.0 hours	* Waterfall Reef Sea Safari	\$220
Sat May 06	Windjana Gorge	11:00	3.0 hours	* Windjana Gorge – includes lunch and National Park Fees	\$50
Sat May 06	Derby	15:00	1.0 hours	* Derby Town Tour	\$25
Sun May 07	Cygnets Bay	09:00	2.0 hours	* Borrgoron Coast to Creek tour with Terry Hunter	\$85
Mon May 08	Cygnets Bay	11:00	1.0 hours	* Pearl Farm Discovery Tour	\$37
Mon May 08	Cygnets Bay	15:00	1.0 hours	Pearl Grading Session	\$37
Thu May 11				* Emma Gorge and Zebedee Springs, Emma Gorge Resort Lunch, afternoon Chamberlain Gorge Cruise	\$360
Fri May 12	Kununurra	09:00	10.5 hours	* Ord River and Lake Argyle Sunset Cruise Combination	\$340
Thu Jun 23	Bungle Bungles	10:00	5.0 hours	* Cathedral Gorge and Domes Guided Tour	\$335
Totals (Likely Most Popular)					\$2,402
* Likely Most Popular					

Lunch is included with Mitchell Falls Helicopter Transfers, Broome Panoramic Town Tour, Windjana Gorge, Emma Gorge, Ord River and Lake Argyle Cruise and Cathedral Gorge and Domes Guided Tour



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Catering

Location	Meal	Dates
Drysdale River Station	Breakfast	May 02,03
	Dinner	May 01,02
Cygnet Bay	Breakfast	May 04,05, 06,07,08,09
	Lunch	May 05,,07,08
	Dinner	May 03,04,05,06,07,08
Ellenbrae Station	Lunch	May 09
Bungle Bungles	Breakfast	May 14
	Dinner	May 13
Totals: 9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches and 9 Dinners		

Kimberley Airfields

Name	ICAO Code	Fuel Provider	Phone	Payment Method	Self Service	Landing Fee
Kununurra	YPKU	Kimberley Aviation Refuellers	08 9168 1210	Viva Carnet, Visa or Mastercard	No	Yes
		Air BP	08 9168 1810	Air BP Carnet, Visa or Mastercard	No	
Drysdale River Station	YDRD	Drysdale River Station	08 9161 4326	Pre Order Drums	No	No
Mitchell Plateau	YMIP					No
Mount Elizabeth Station	YMTZ	Zenith Australia Group	08 9191 4644	Visa or Mastercard	No	Yes
Derby	YDBY	Air BP	0456 051 988	Air BP Carnet, Visa or Mastercard	Yes	Yes
Broome	YBRM	Air BP	0436 412 616	Air BP Carnet	No	Yes
		Viva Energy	0439 078 085	Fuel2Sky Carnet, Viva or Mastercard	No	
Dampier Peninsular / Cygnet Bay	YCYG					No
Kalumburu	YKAL	Kalumburu Mission	08 9161 4333	Visa or Mastercard	No	No
El Questro	YEQO					No
Bellburn	YBEB					No
Halls Creek	YHLC	Air BP	0437 170 638	Air BP Carnet	Yes	Yes

Maintenance Organizations

Organisation	Location	Web Site	Phone
Beal Aircraft Maintenance	Dubbo		(02) 6884 1000
Western Qld Air Maintenance	Charleville		(07) 4654 2074
Longreach Aircraft Maintenance Pty Ltd	Longreach		(07) 4658 2211
Marker Aviation Services Pty Ltd	Mount Isa	www.markeraviation.com.au	(07) 4743 5306
Coomalie Air Maintenance Pty Ltd	Batchelor	www.coomalieair.com.au	(08) 8976 0080
Katherine Aircraft Maintenance Services	Katherine		(08) 8971 1243
Shoal Air	Kununurra	www.shoalair.com	(08) 9148 2600
Broome Air Maintenance	Broome	www.broomeairmaintenance.com.au	(08) 9192 8064
Alice Aircraft Maintenance and Service (Northern Territory Air Services)	Alice Springs	www.antas.com.au/aircraft-maintenance	(08) 8953 1444
Consolidated Aviation	Broken Hill	www.consolidatedaviation.com.au	(08) 8088 4307



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