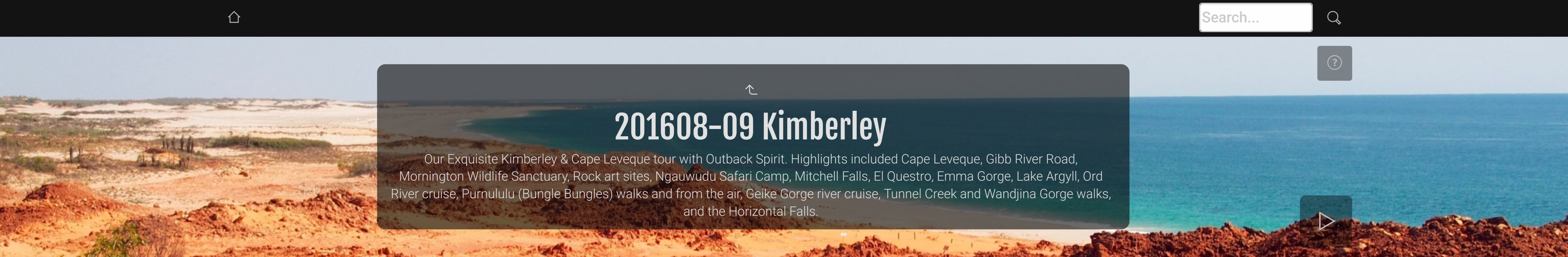




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Days 14-15 – Geike Gorge cruise, Tunnel Creek and Wandjina Gorge walks

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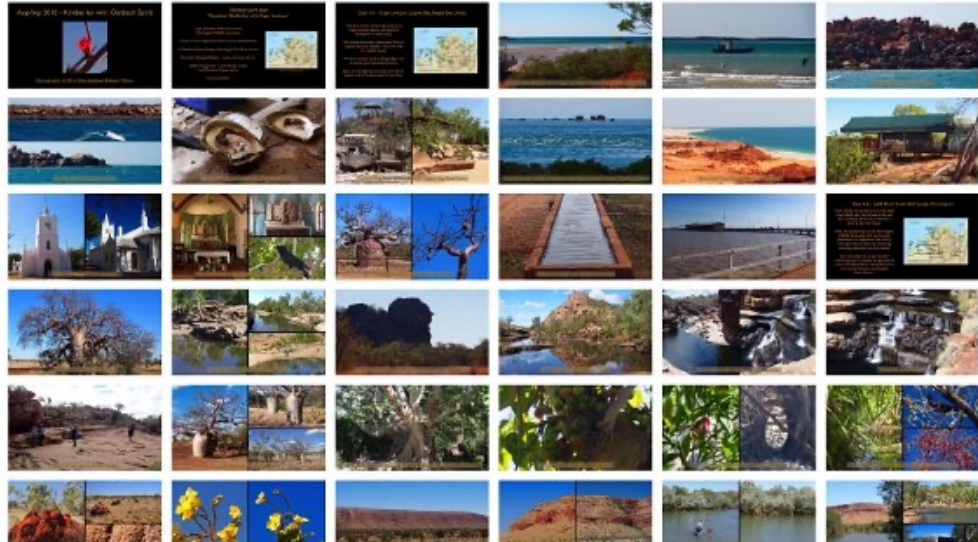


Days 16-17 – Horizontal Falls, Broome

We then took a flight from Broome to Talbot Bay to see the Horizontal Falls (which we had visited before but well worth a return trip). The boat ride through...

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Outback Spirit's Exquisite Kimberley with Cape Leveque
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Tour Map for Days 1 to 3
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Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm at Cape Leveque - Australia's oldest pearl farm



Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm adventure boat



Cygnet Bay to One Arm Point



Cygnet Bay to One Arm Point



Cygnet Bay to One Arm Point



Opening pearl shells at Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm



Old pearling boat and lookout at Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm



Gardens at Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm



Tide race near Trochus Hatchery and Aquaculture Centre, One Arm Point



The beach from Kooljaman, Cape Leveque



Safari tent at Kooljaman, Cape Leveque



Beagle Bay Church, Cape Leveque



Beagle Bay Church, Cape Leveque



Interior of Beagle Bay Church



Black crow at Beagle Bay Church



Pearl shell altar at Beagle Bay Church



Boab Prison Tree at Derby



Seedpods on Boab Prison Tree



Watering trough near Boab Prison Tree



Circular jetty at Derby

Days 4-6 – Gibb River Road, Bell Gorge, Mornington, Galvans Gorge

From Derby we started out on the Gibb River Road with lots of boab trees and river crossings. Some of us went for a swim at the Bell Gorge. Then we headed east to the Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary with its dramatic landscapes and vegetation. The Fitzroy River provided a welcome swimming, canoeing, whatever you like respite. Our next stop was at yet another swimming spot at Galvans Gorge with its tame crocodiles before we headed off to our accommodation at Drysdale River Station.



Tour Map for Days 4 to 6

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Boab Tree on Gibb River Road



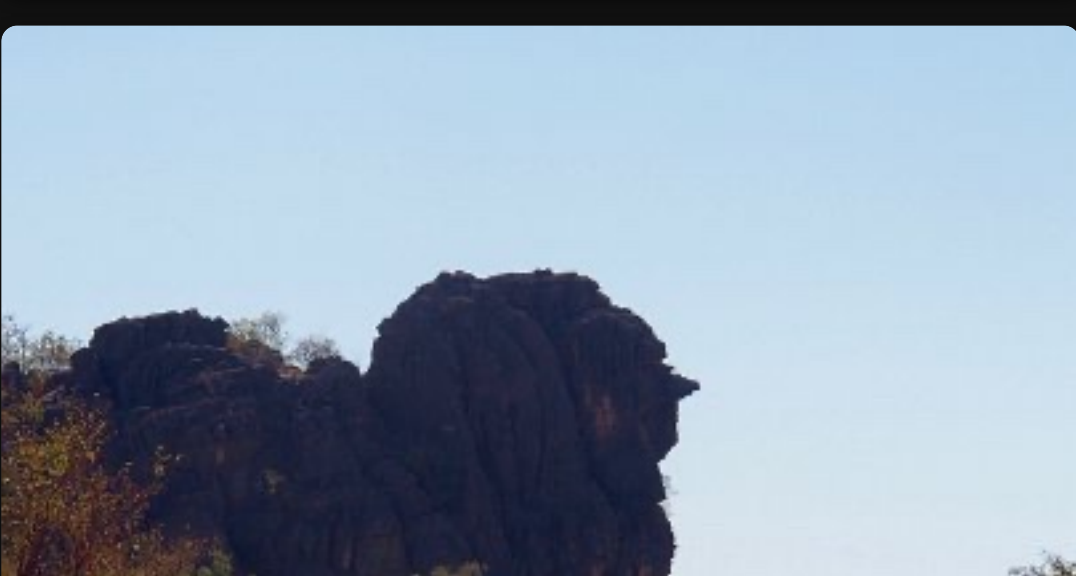
Lennard River crossing Gibb River Road



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"Queen Victoria" pass Napier Range on Gibb River Road



Bell Gorge near Gibb River Road



Swimmers at Bell Gorge



Waterfall at Bell Gorge



Waterfall at Bell Gorge



Some of our group at Bell Gorge



Boab Tree on Mornington track



Boab Trees on Mornington track



Boab Trees on Mornington track



Cluster Fig tree on Annie Creek walk, Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary



Cluster Fig fruit on Annie Creek walk



Crimson Finch on Annie Creek walk



Bower on Annie Creek walk



On Annie Creek walk



Black Cockatoo on Annie Creek walk



Vegetation on Annie Creek walk



Termite mounds on Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary



Termite mound close-up



Kapok tree flowers



Termite mounds on Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary



Kapok tree fruit and flowers



Fitzroy Bluff



Fitzroy Bluff



Fitzroy Bluff



Canoeing on Fitzroy River



Swimming in Fitzroy River



Our bus at the Fitzroy River



Fitzroy River and Bluff



Fitzroy River



Our safari tent at Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary



Reception and dining area at Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary



Precipice part of Leopold Range near Glenroy Station on Mornington track



Water lily at Galvans Gorge near Gibb River Road



Water lily at Galvans Gorge



Palms at Galvans Gorge



Galvans Gorge swimming hole



Grevillea at Galvans Gorge



Galvans Gorge swimming hole



Galvans Gorge swimming hole



Freshwater crocodile in Galvans Gorge creek

Day 7 – Drysdale River Station, Mitchell Plateau, Rock art sites

From Drysdale we head off along the Kalumburu Road towards the Mitchell Plateau. We explored glorious Wandjina and Gwion rock art sites before crossing the King Edward River and seeing large stands of Livistonia Palms. Arriving at Outback Spirit's Ngauwudu Safari Camp we were greeted by Penny, our guide on a previous trip to Lake Eyre.



Tour Map for Day 7
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Accommodation at White Gum Lodge, Drysdale River Station



Waiting for the bus at Drysdale River Station



Drysdale River crossing, Kalumburu Road



Wandjina rock art site, Kalumburu Road



Wandjina rock art, Kalumburu Road



Wandjina rock art, Kalumburu Road



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Wandjina rock art site, Kalumburu Road



Wandjina rock art, Kalumburu Road



Wandjina rock art, Kalumburu Road



Gwion rock art, Kalumburu Road



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Gwion rock art, Kalumburu Road



Gwion rock art site, Kalumburu Road



Gwion rock art, Kalumburu Road



King Edward River at Kalumburu Road



Polished rocks at King Edward River



Polished rocks at King Edward River



Livistonia Palms from lookout on Kalumburu Road



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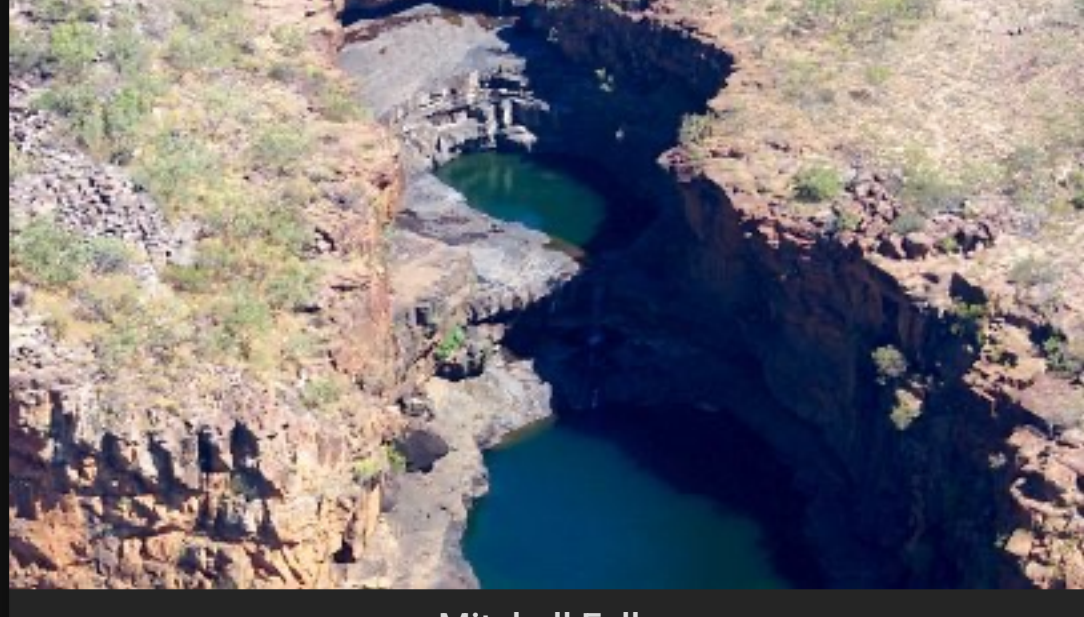
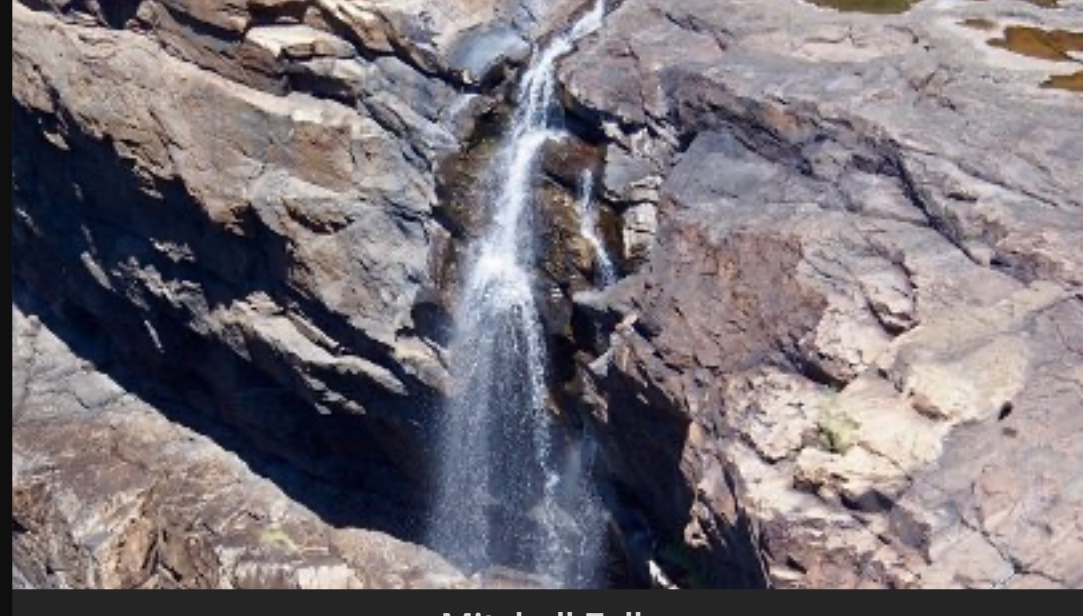
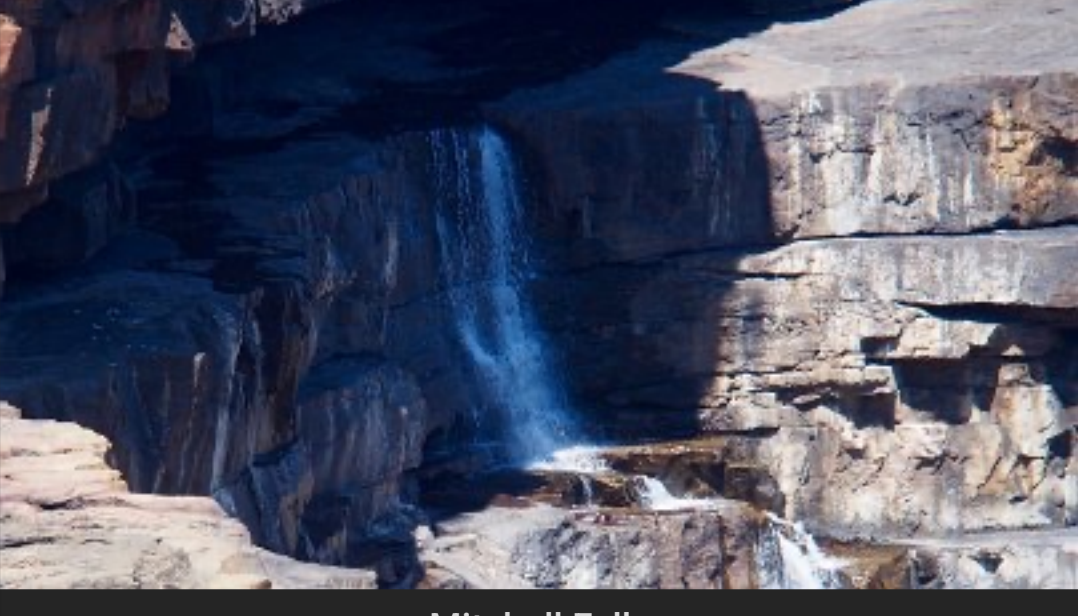
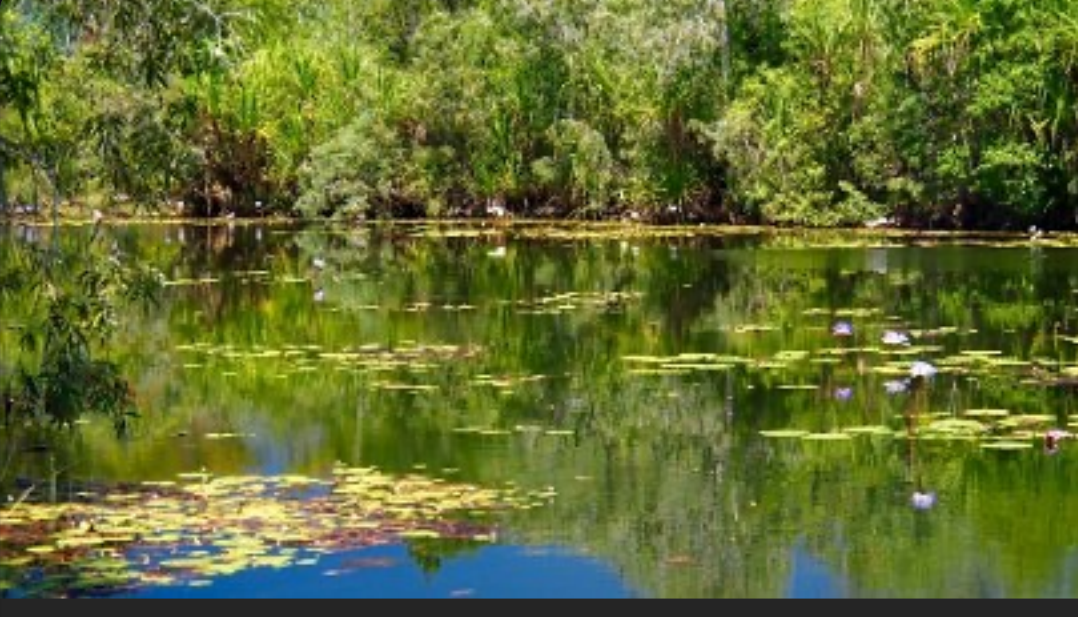
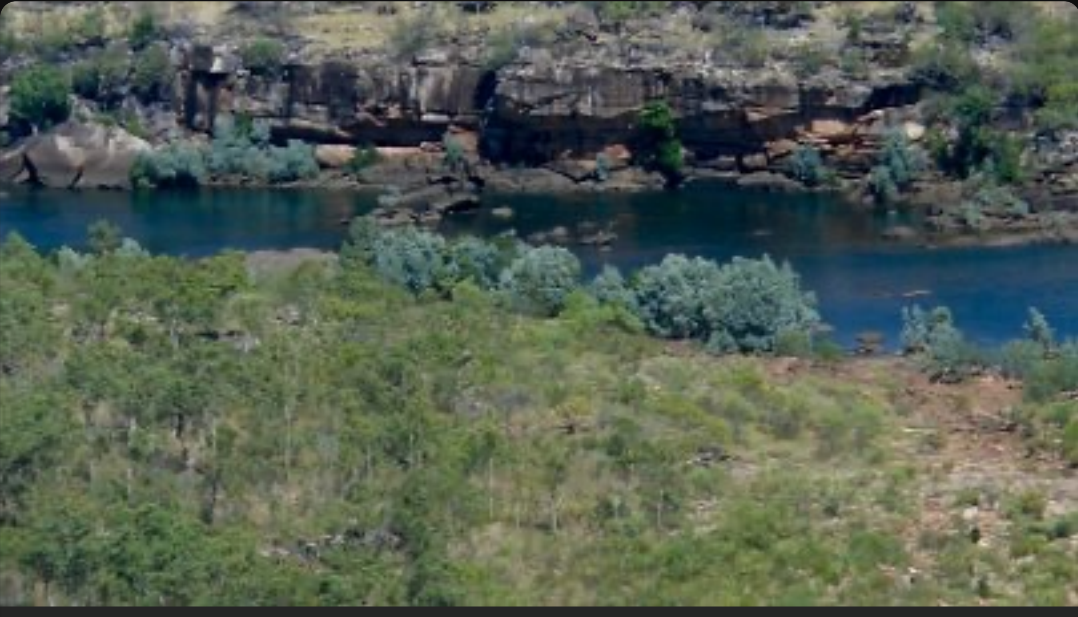
Livistonia Palms from lookout on Kalumburu Road



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Day 8 – Ngauwudu Safari Camp, Punami-Unpuu (Mitchell Plateau), Punami-Unpuu walk, Mitchell Falls

Dave joined the Punami-Unpuu walk down from the camp to the Mitchell River Falls. Gorgeous waterfalls and examples of Gwion and Wandjina rock art as well as lots of flora and fauna made for an interesting and rewarding experience. Anne took the helicopter route down to the falls which did not contain much water as it was quite late in the season. We all enjoyed a bird's eye view from a helicopter on our return to the camp where Henrietta the Falcon greeted us.



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Days 9-10 – Zebedee Springs, El Questro, Emma Gorge walk

We returned along the Kalumburu Road to Drysdale Station where our bus received a new battery and then north on the Gibb River Road. The road crosses the Durack and Pentecost Rivers before our accommodation at Emma Gorge. Our next visit was to El Questro and the gorgeous Zebedee Springs. Dave then walked up the Emma Gorge track (in spite of huge boulders from recent flooding) which ends in a huge pool surrounded by steep cliffs.

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Tour Map for Days 9 to 10

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King Edward River polished rock surface (return trip)



King Edward River polished rock surface (return trip)



King Edward River (return trip)



Drysdale River Station waiting for bus to be fixed



Drysdale River Station waiting for bus to be fixed



Durack River, Gibb River Road



Cockburn Range from Gibb River Road near Pentecost River



Pentecost River from Gibb River Road



Accommodation at Emma Gorge, El Questro



View from accommodation at Emma Gorge



Spiral Palm at Zebedee Springs, El Questro



Livistonia Palms at Zebedee Springs



Dave and Anne at Zebedee Springs

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Dave M and friend at Zebedee Springs



Mick at Zebedee Springs



Ann and others at Zebedee Springs



Livistonia Palms at Zebedee Springs, El Questro



El Questro exclusive accommodation on Chamberlain River



Chamberlain River view



Yellow flowering plant at Chamberlain River



Chamberlain River



Swimming hole near El Questro township



Swimming hole near El Questro township



"Reverance" by Coralie McCarthy at El Questro



Pentecost River at El Questro



El Questro sign



Emma Gorge walk cliff view



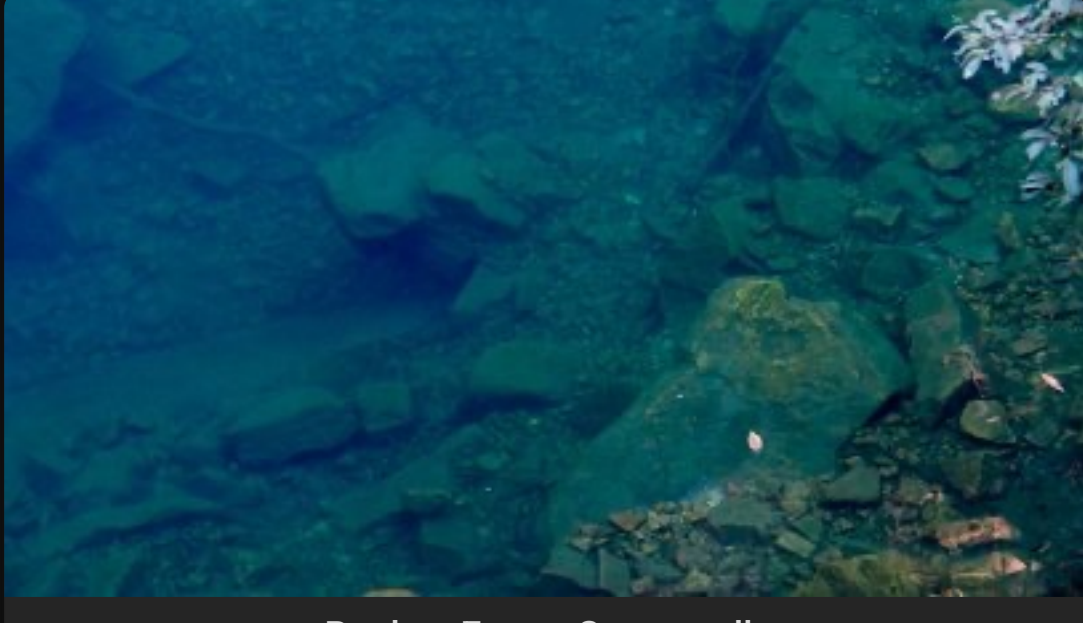
Emma Gorge walk cliff view



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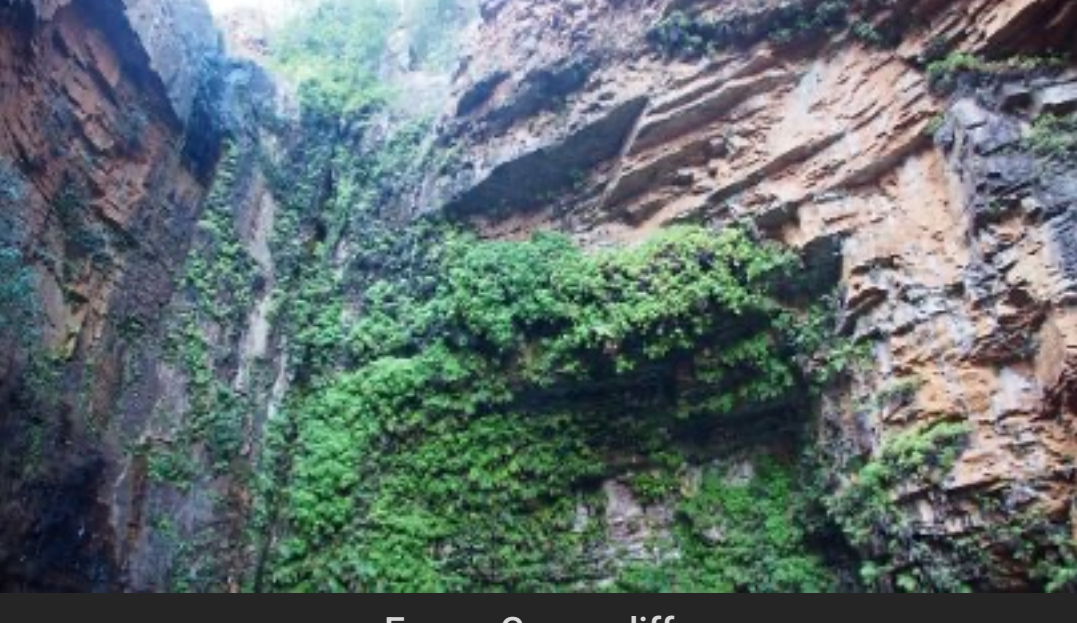
Emma Gorge walk boulders and pool



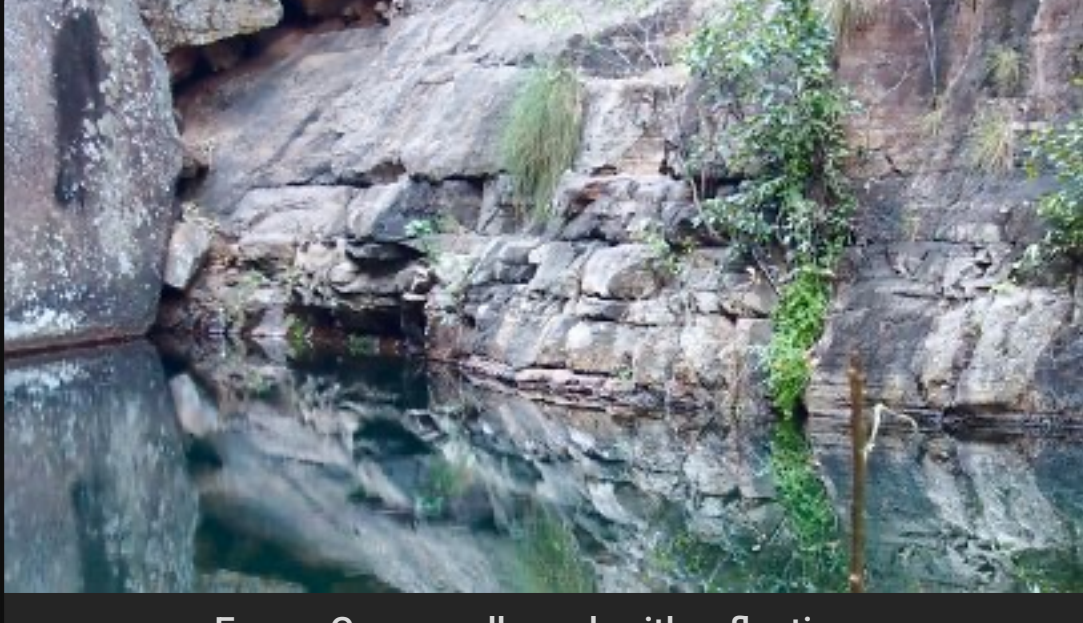
Pool on Emma Gorge walk



Emma Gorge pool and cliffs



Emma Gorge cliffs



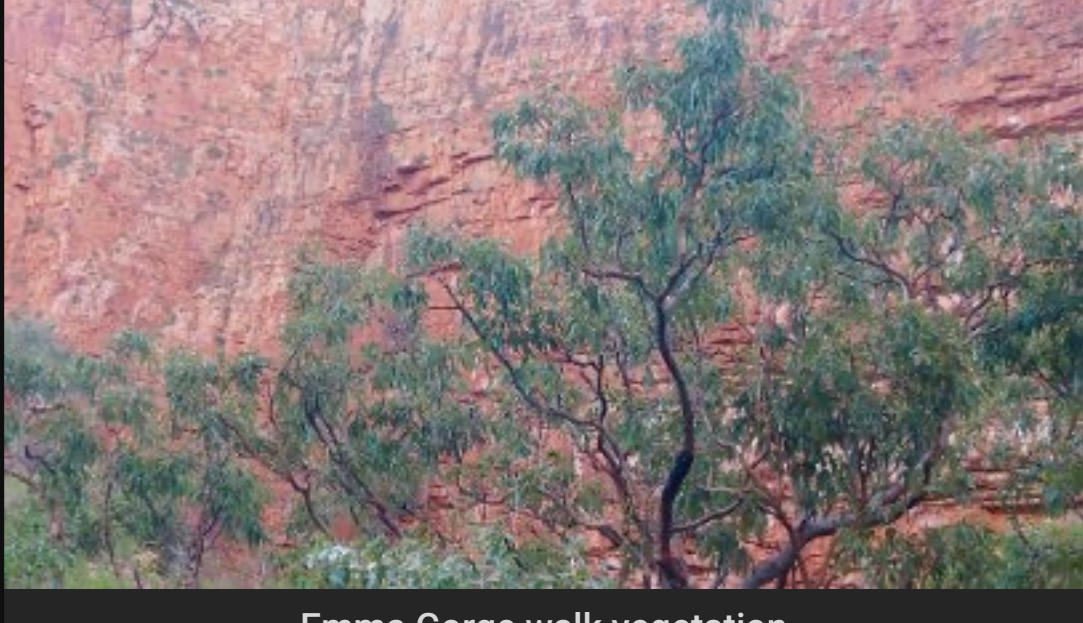
Emma Gorge walk pool, with reflections



Emma Gorge walk pool, with reflections



Emma Gorge walk vegetation



Emma Gorge walk vegetation

Days 11-12 – End of Gibb River Road, Wyndham, Lake Argyll, Ord River cruise, Kununurra

After departing from Emma Gorge we reached the end of the Gibb River Road and headed north to Wyndham with the Five Rivers Lookout and some beautiful flowering Kimberley Rose. We then went to Lake Argyll (with a relocated Durack Homestead) and then downstream on an Ord River cruise to Kununurra.



Tour Map for Days 11 to 12

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"End of the Gibb River Road" sign plus Greg our driver



Kimberley Rose at Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham



View from Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham



View from Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham



Kimberley Rose at Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham



View from Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham



Kimberley Rose tree at Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham



Lions Club plaque at Five Rivers Lookout, Wyndham



The Big Crocodile at Wyndham



Durack Homestead at Lake Argyll



Durack Homestead at Lake Argyll



Durack Homestead at Lake Argyll



Double-barred finch at Durack Homestead



Lake Argyll and dam wall



Downstream view from Lake Argyll dam wall



Lake Argyll dam wall with our bus



Ord River freshwater crocodile



Ord River black bird



Ord River bird



Ord River scenery



Ord River scenery



Ord River jacanas walking on water



Ord River rock wallaby



Ord River birds



Ord River fruit bats



Ord River scenery



Ord River darter drying its wings



Ord River scenery



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Ord River cruise cafe



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Ord River scenery



Ord River birds on tributary



Ord River jabiru



Ord River sunset (end of cruise near Kununurra)



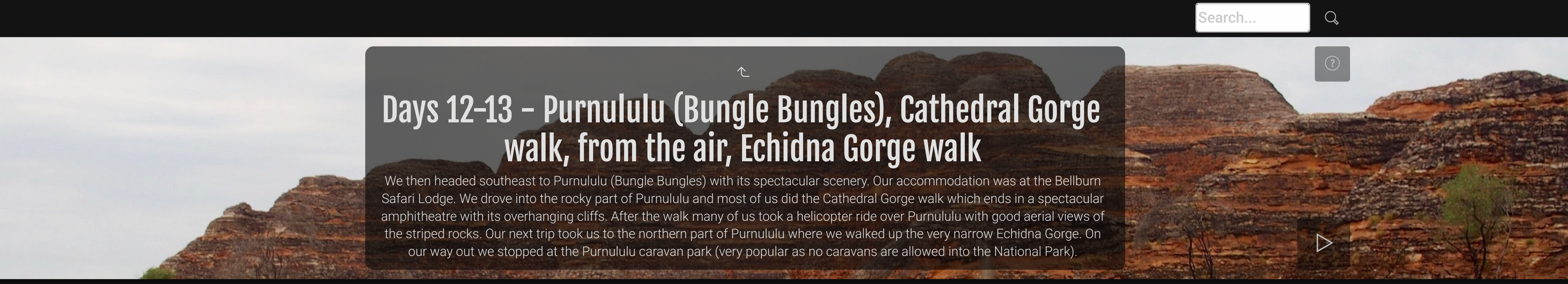
Frog at Warmun Art Centre south of Kununurra



Ngalangangpum School at Warmun Aboriginal Community



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Days 12-13 – Purnululu (Bungle Bungles), Cathedral Gorge walk, from the air, Echidna Gorge walk

We then headed southeast to Purnululu (Bungle Bungles) with its spectacular scenery. Our accommodation was at the Bellburn Safari Lodge. We drove into the rocky part of Purnululu and most of us did the Cathedral Gorge walk which ends in a spectacular amphitheatre with its overhanging cliffs. After the walk many of us took a helicopter ride over Purnululu with good general views of the striped rocks. Our next trip took us to the northern part of Purnululu where we walked up the very narrow Echidna Gorge. On our way out we stopped at the Purnululu caravan park (very popular as no caravans are allowed into the National Park).



Tour Map for Days 12 to 13
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Bushfire evidence on Sping Creek track



Bushfire evidence on Sping Creek track



Elephant Rock at Purnululu (Bungle Bungles)



Yellow flowers at Purnululu



Purnululu scenery



Purnululu scenery



Purnululu old termite mound



Purnululu scenery



Purnululu scenery



Purnululu scenery



Yellow flowers at Purnululu



Purnululu scenery



Purnululu beginning of Cathedral Gorge walk



Cathedral Gorge walk scenery



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Cathedral Gorge walk scenery



Cathedral Gorge amphitheatre



Cathedral Gorge amphitheatre



Cathedral Gorge amphitheatre plus some of our people



The Cathedral Gorge walkers in the amphitheatre
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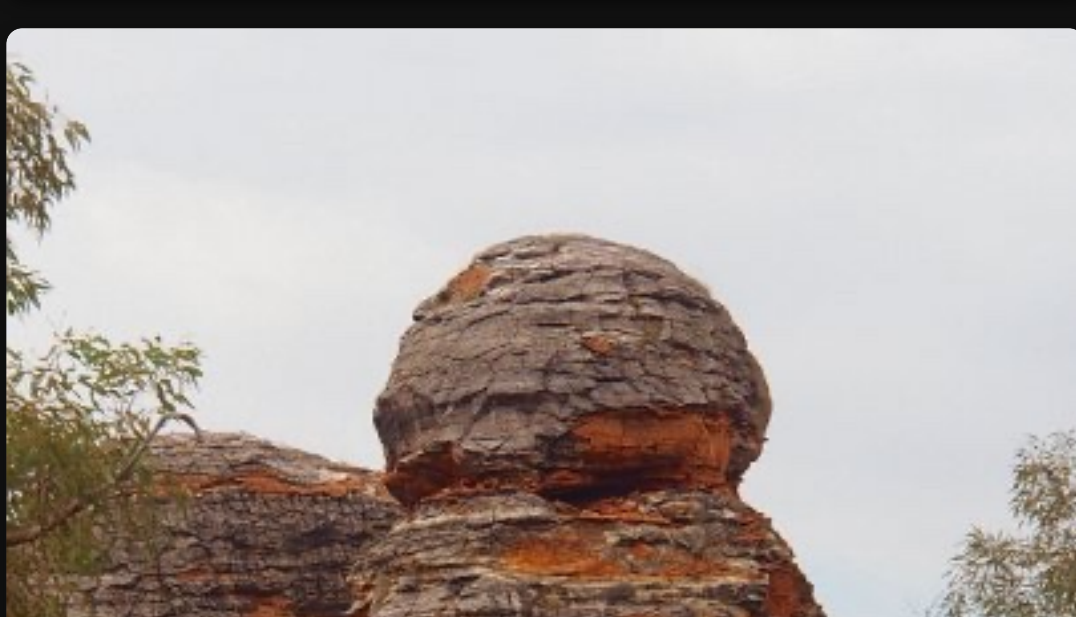
Returning from Cathedral Gorge walk



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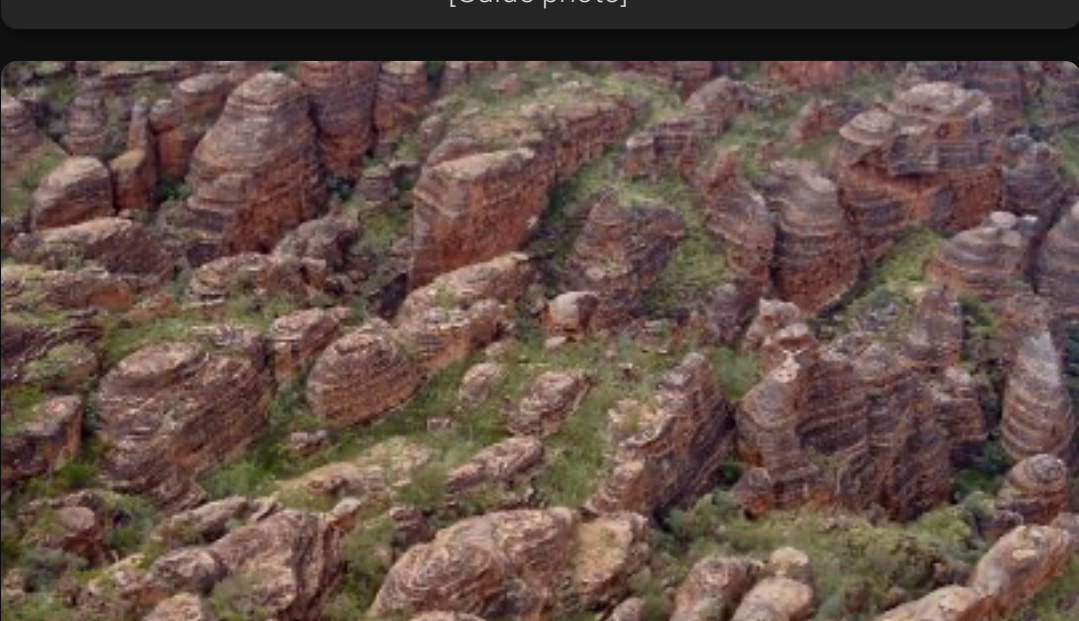
Our group with Purnululu (Bungle Bungles) backdrop
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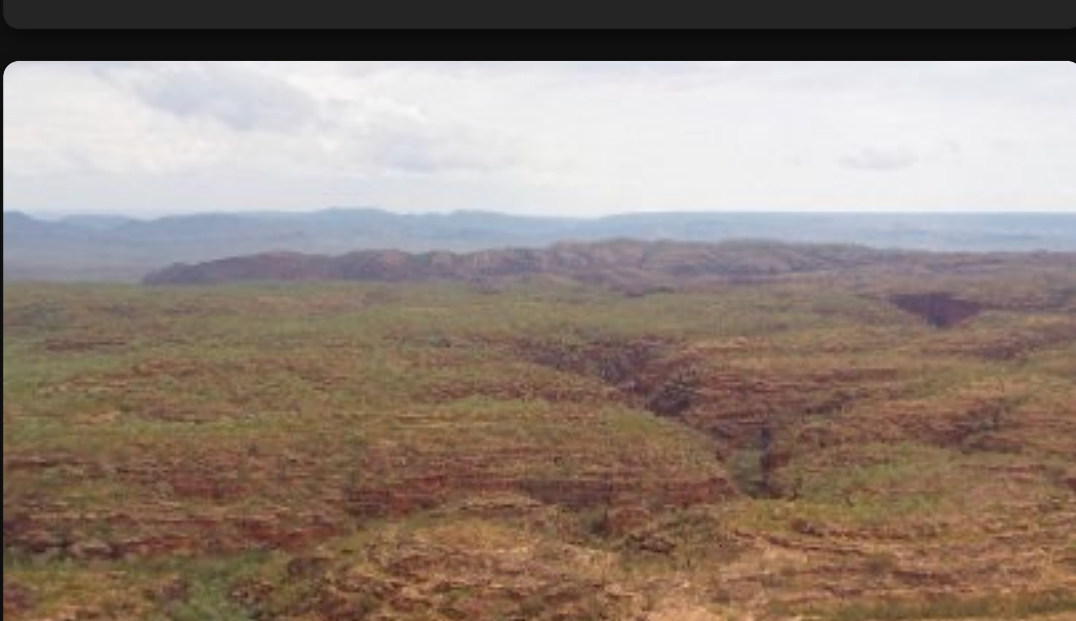
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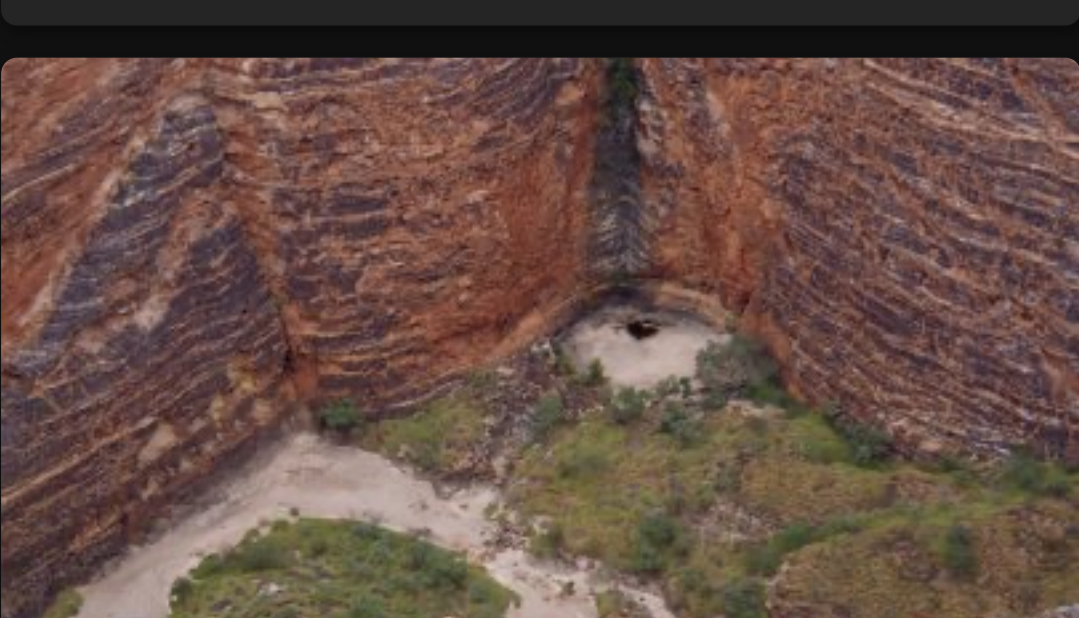
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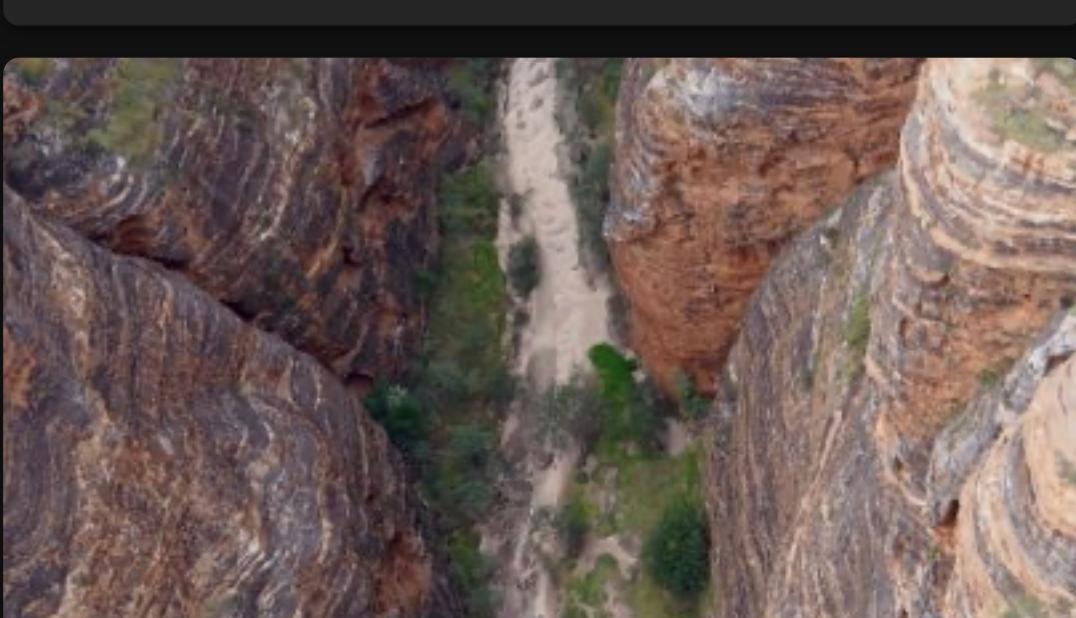
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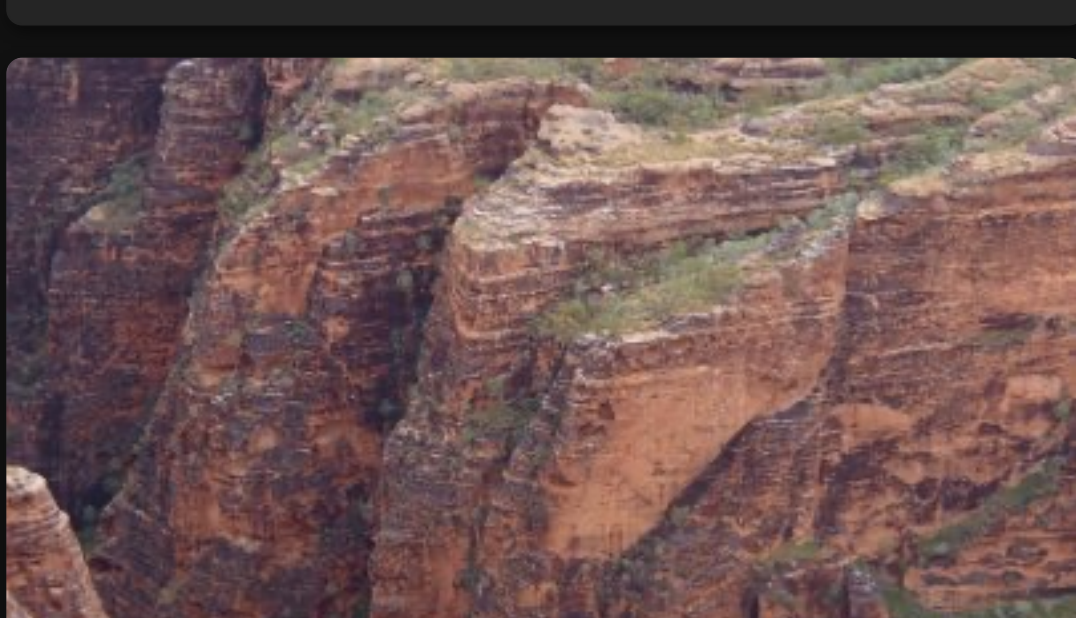
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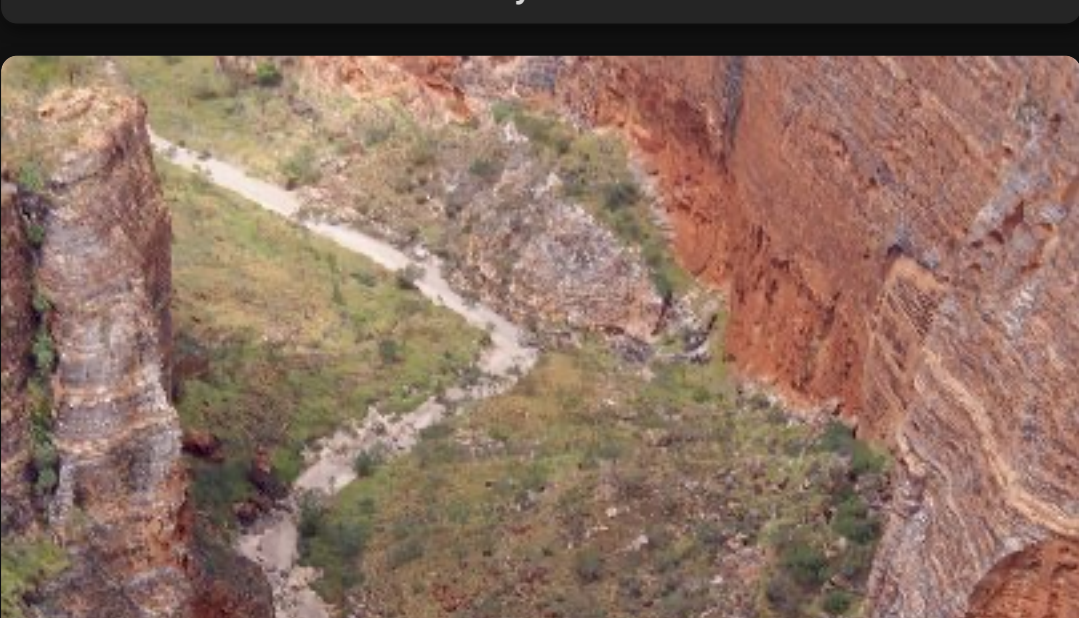
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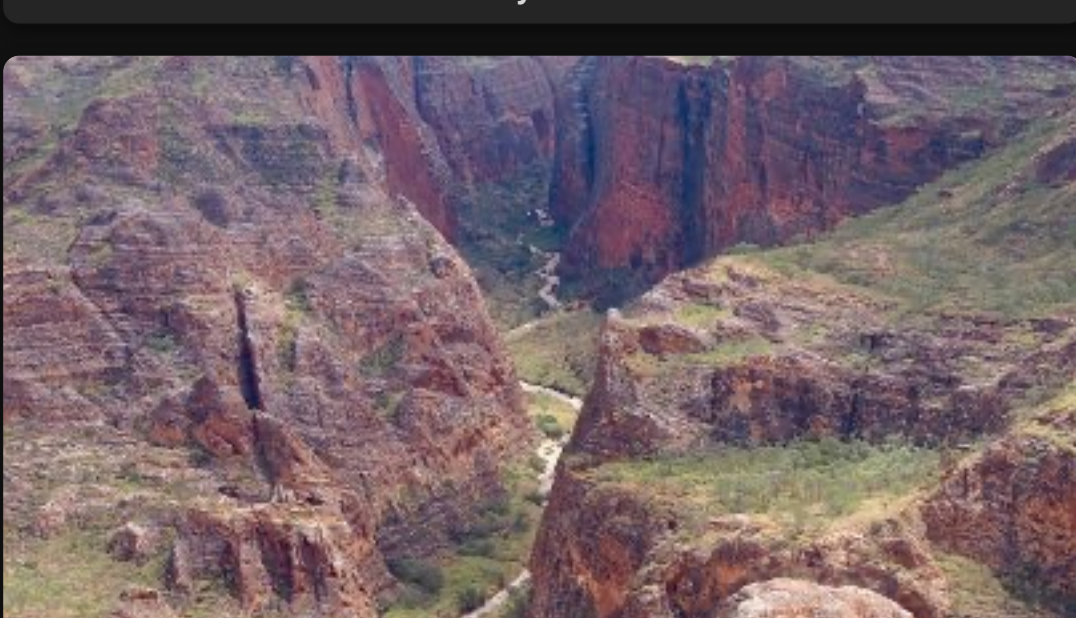
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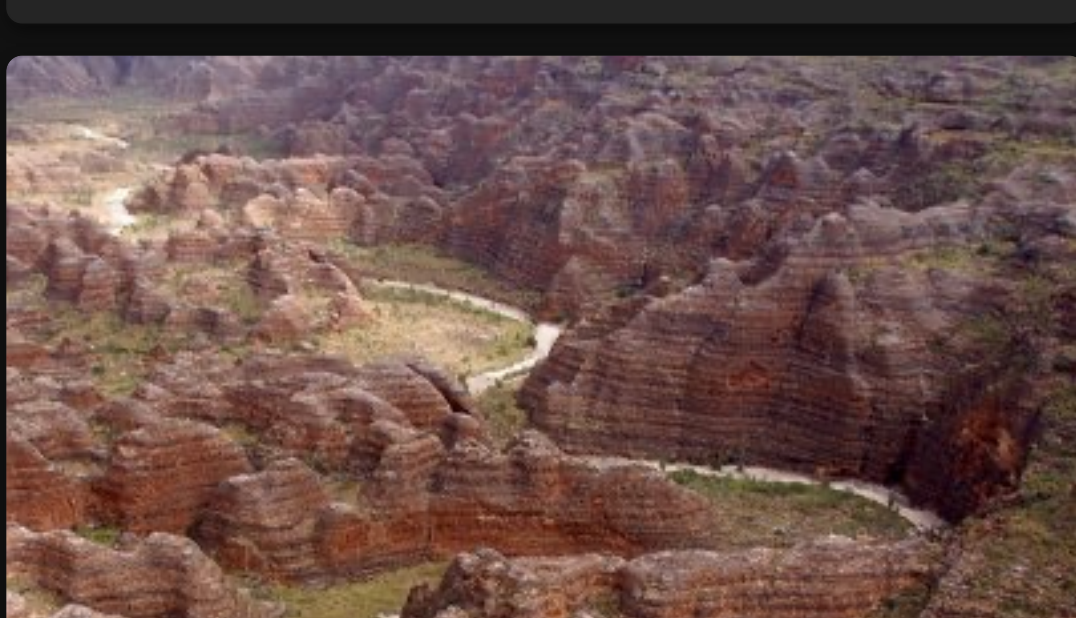
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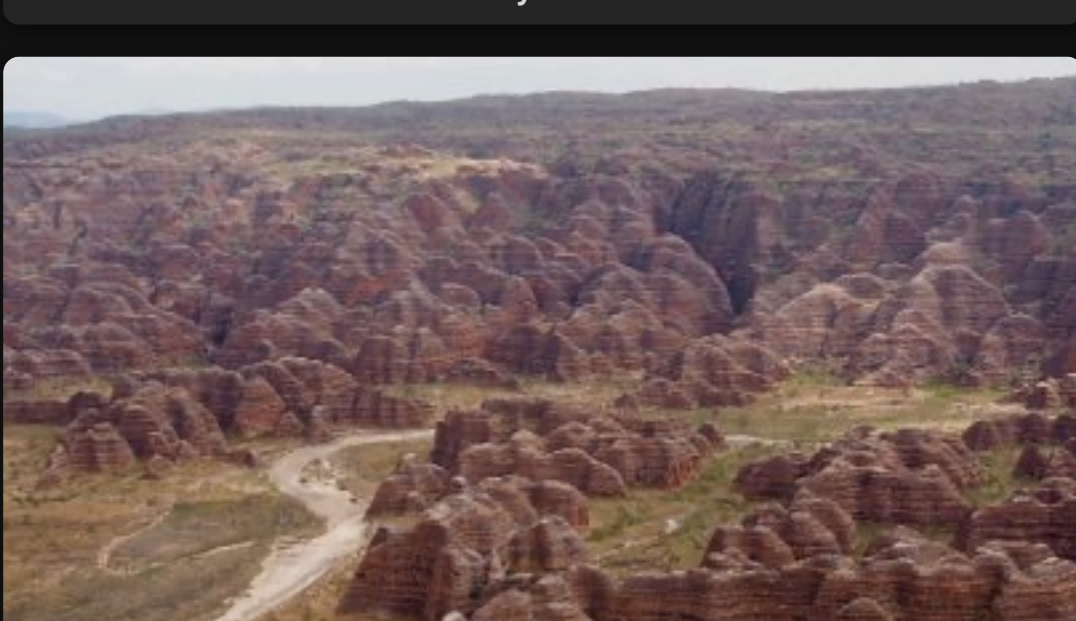
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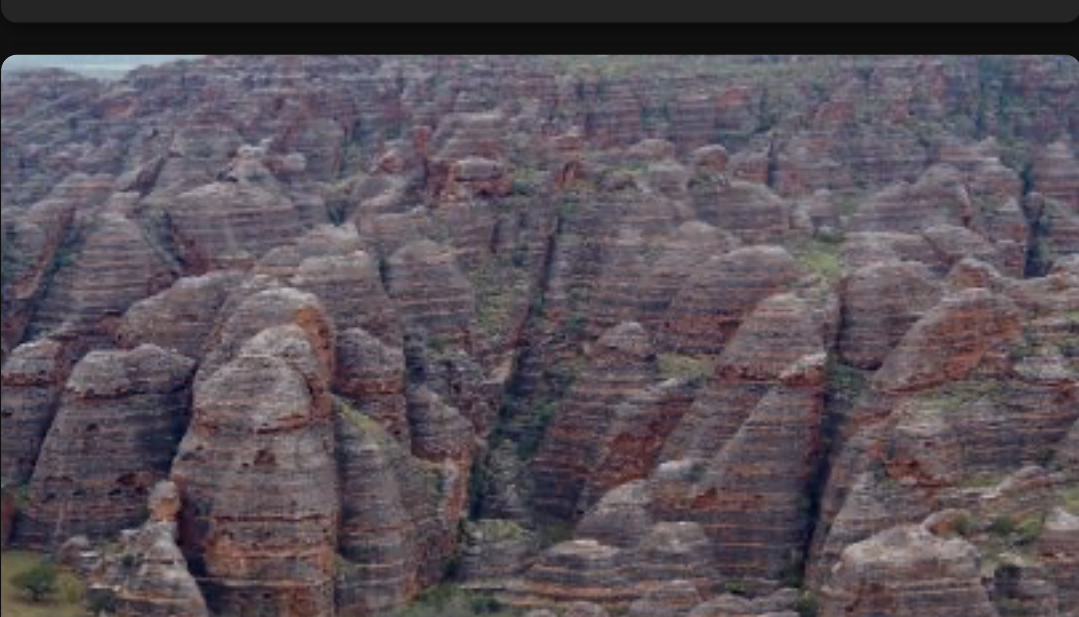
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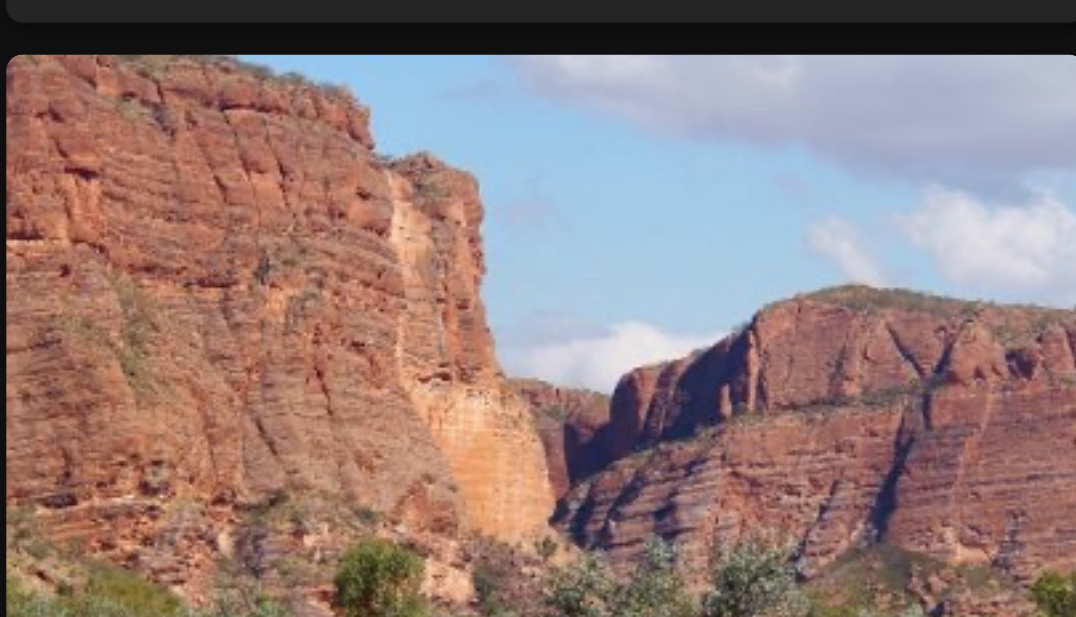
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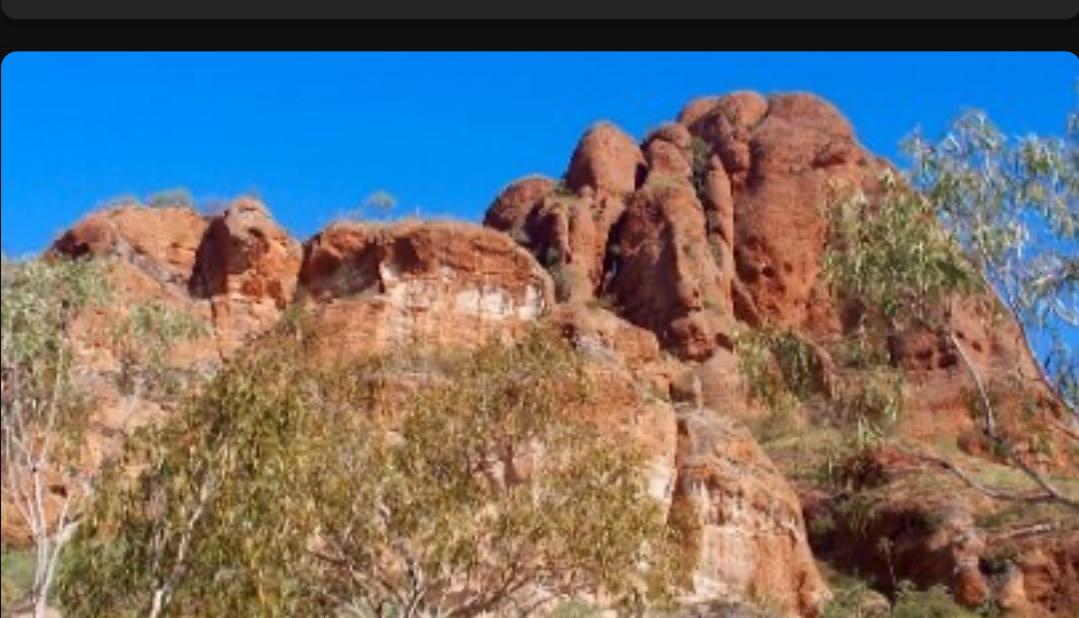
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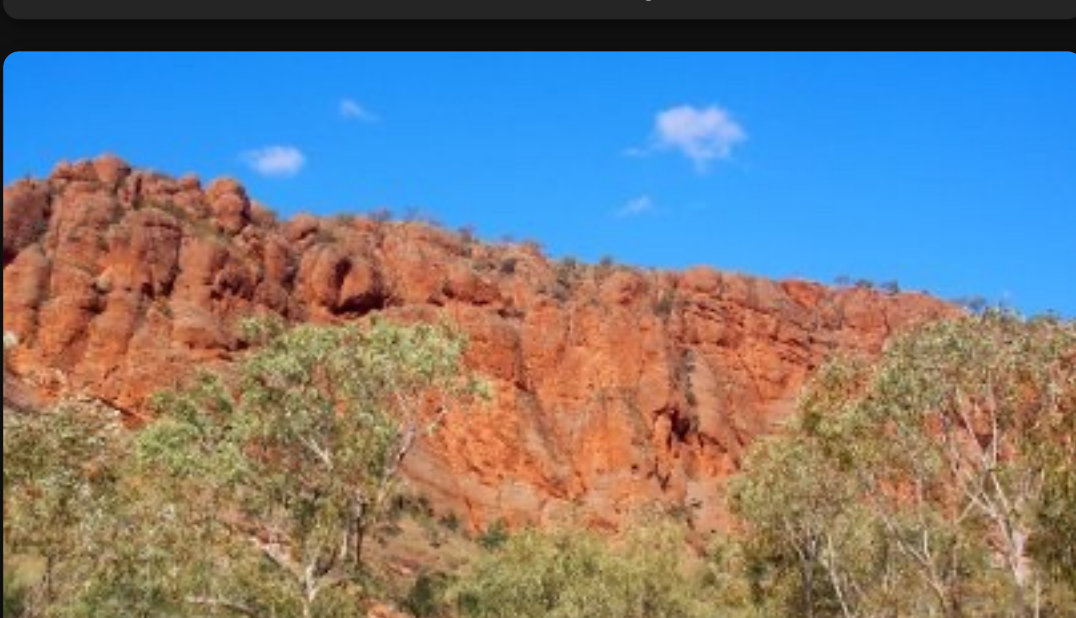
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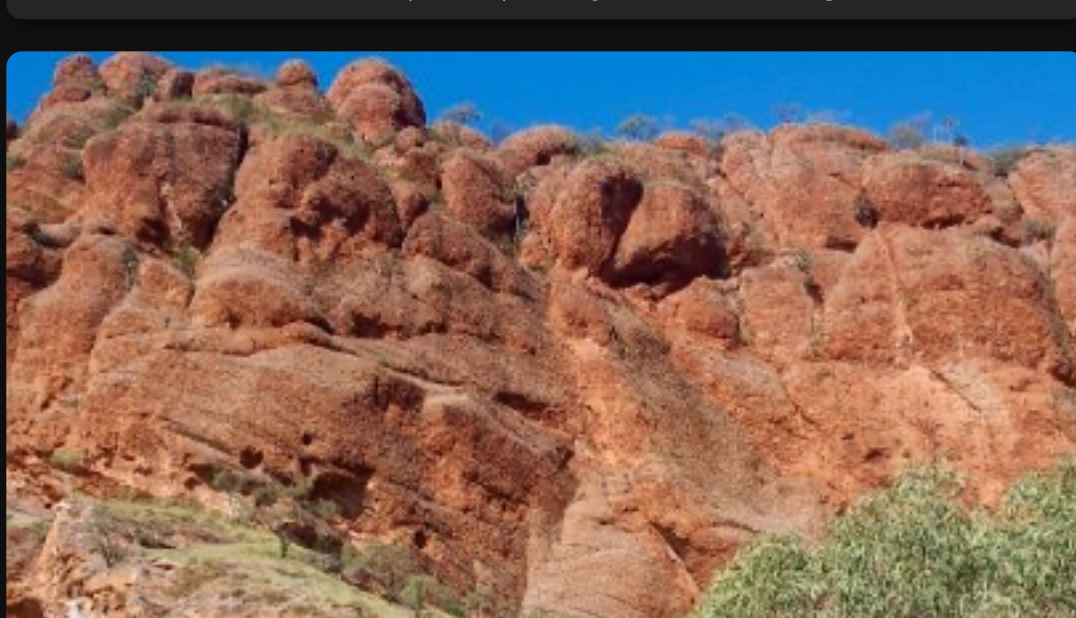
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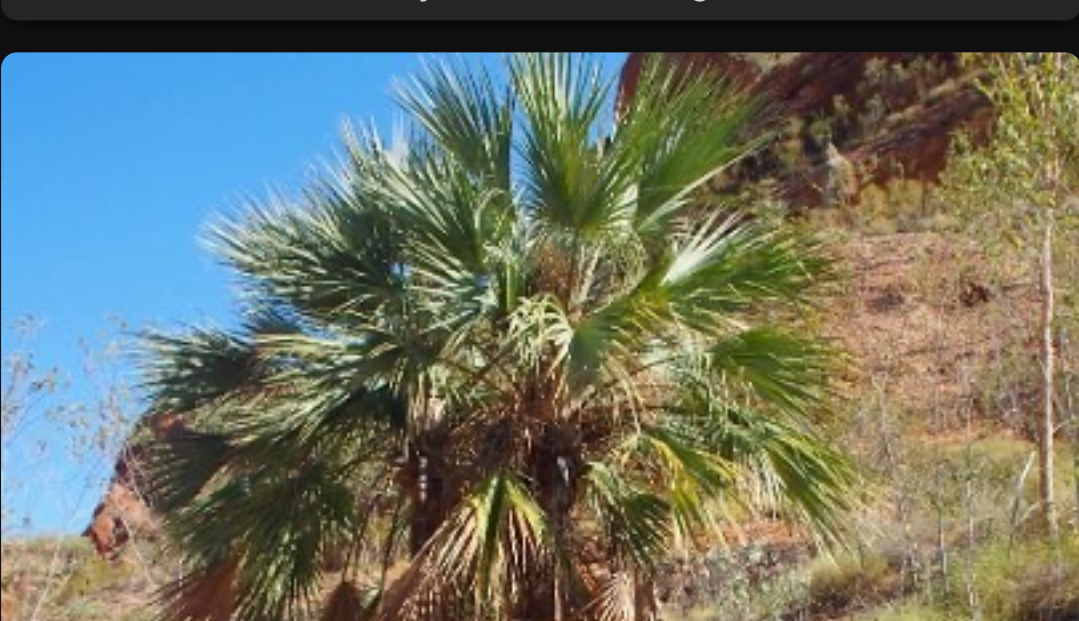
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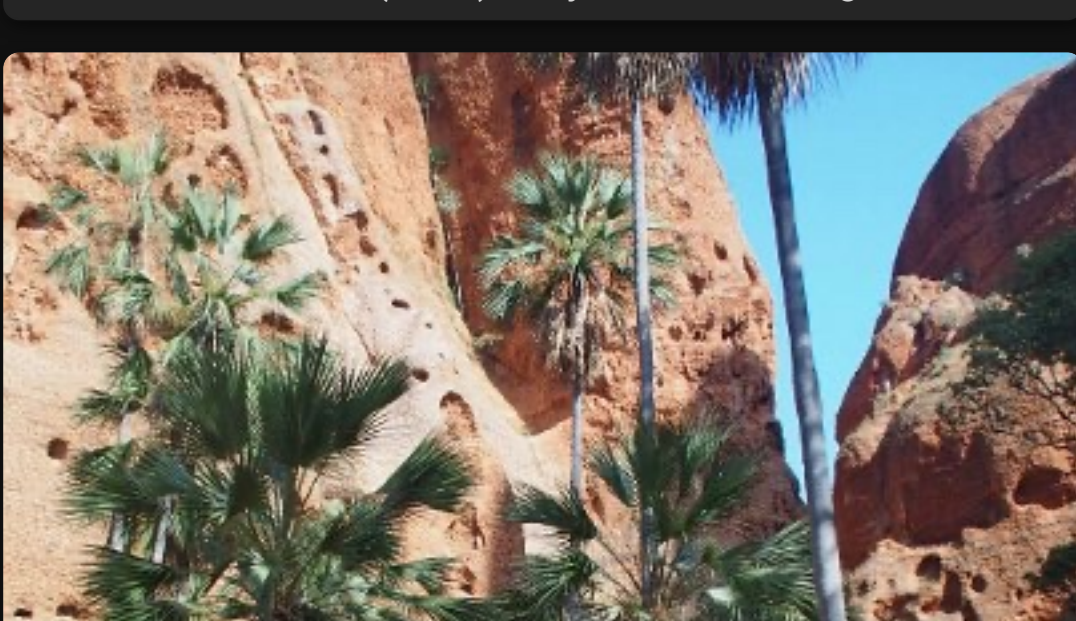
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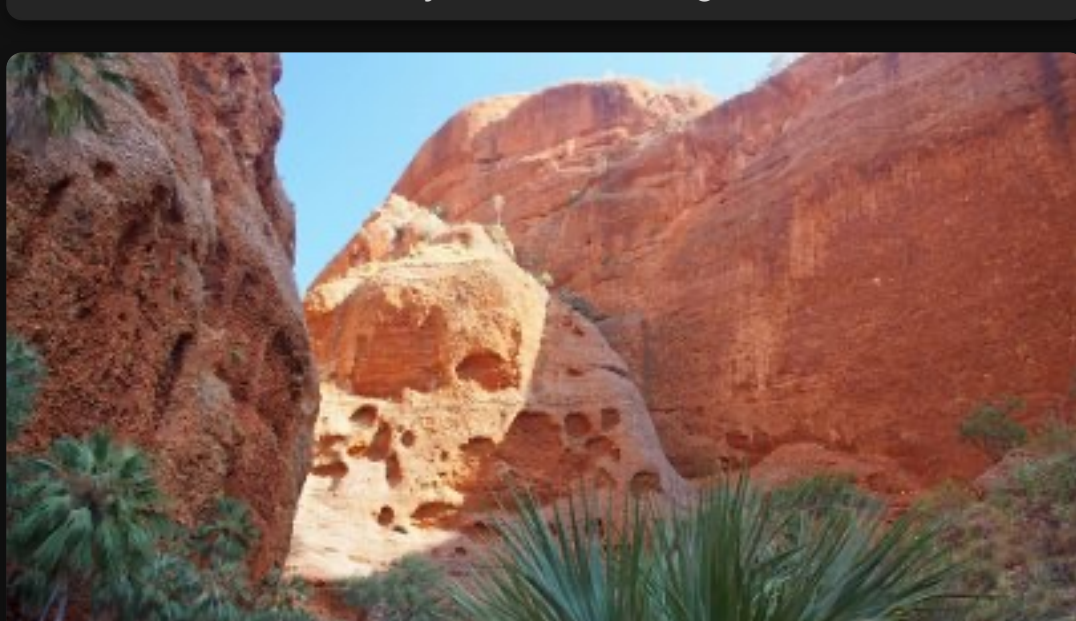
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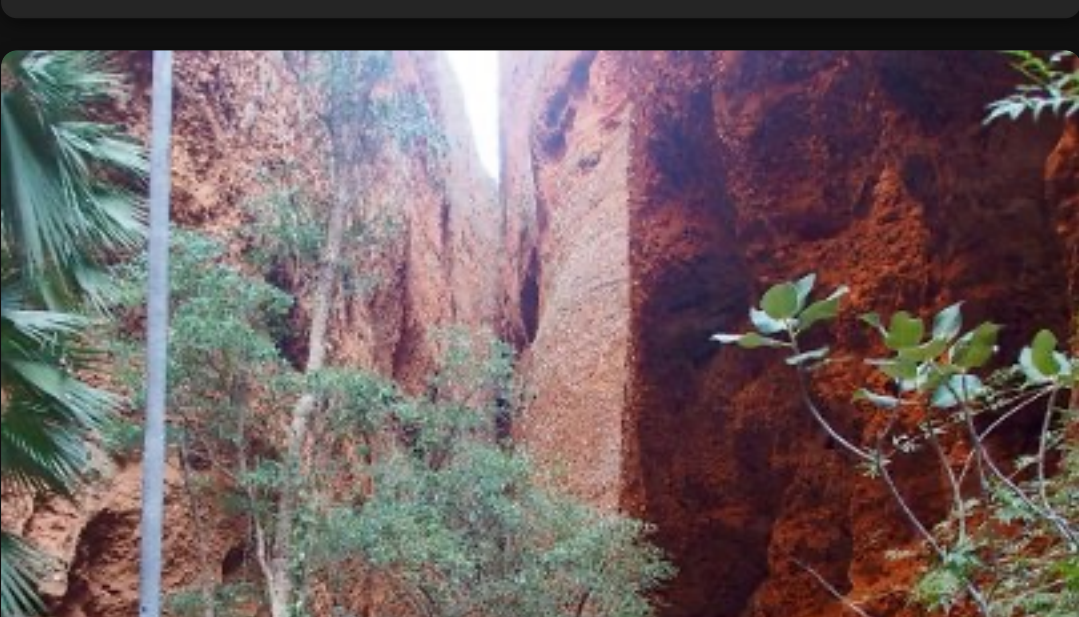
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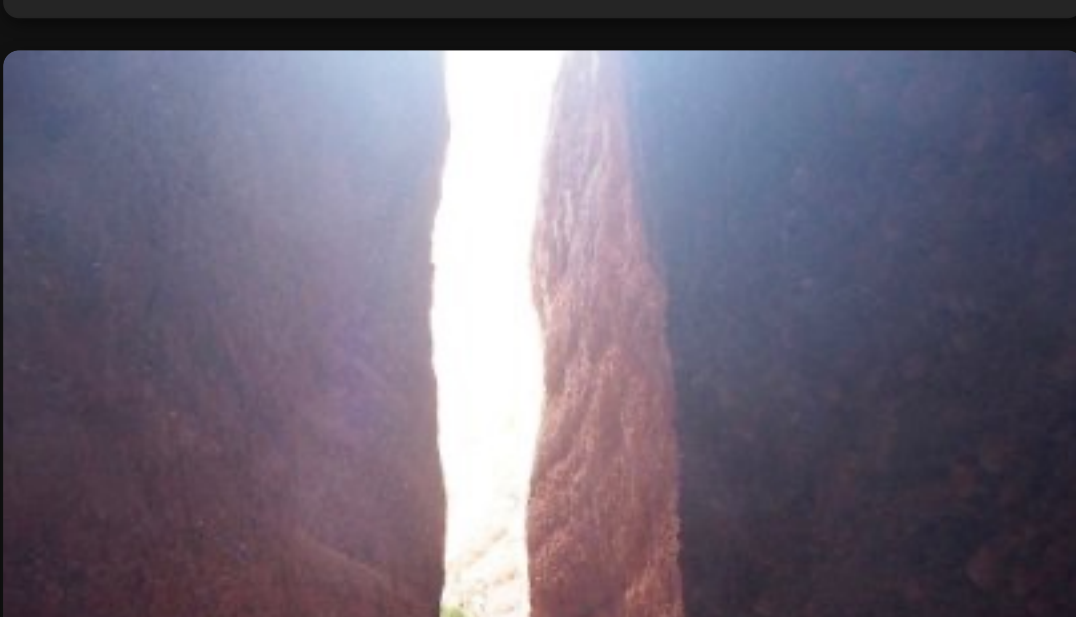
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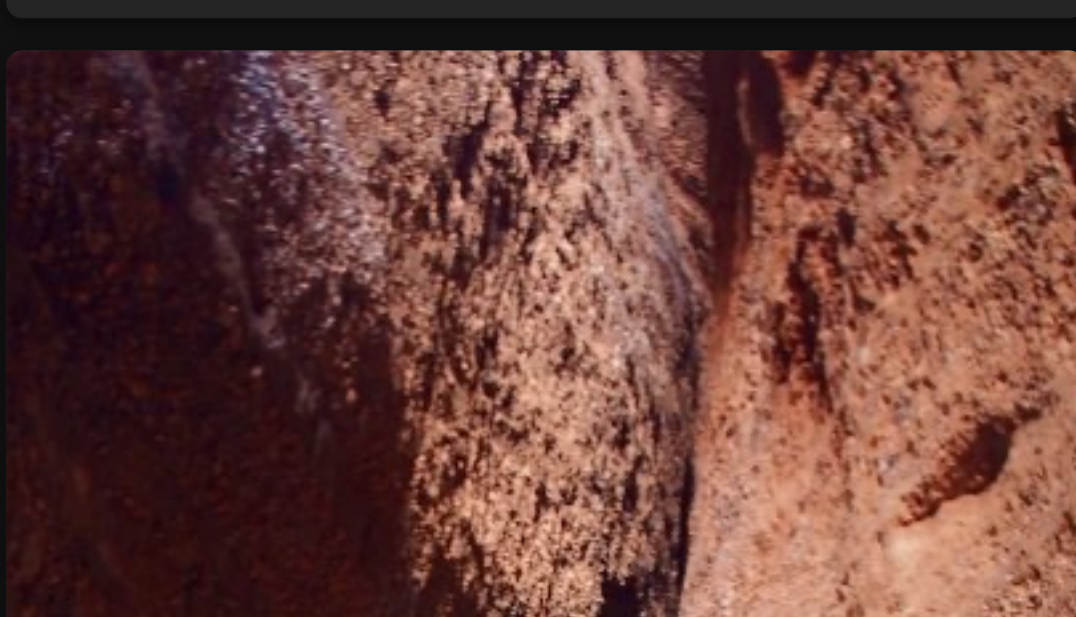
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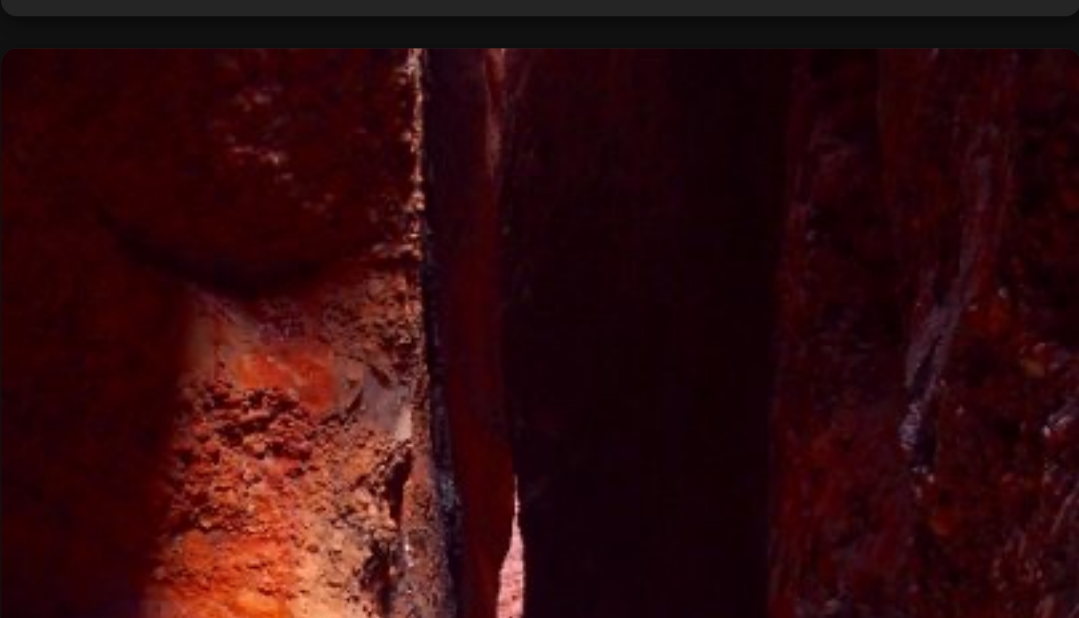
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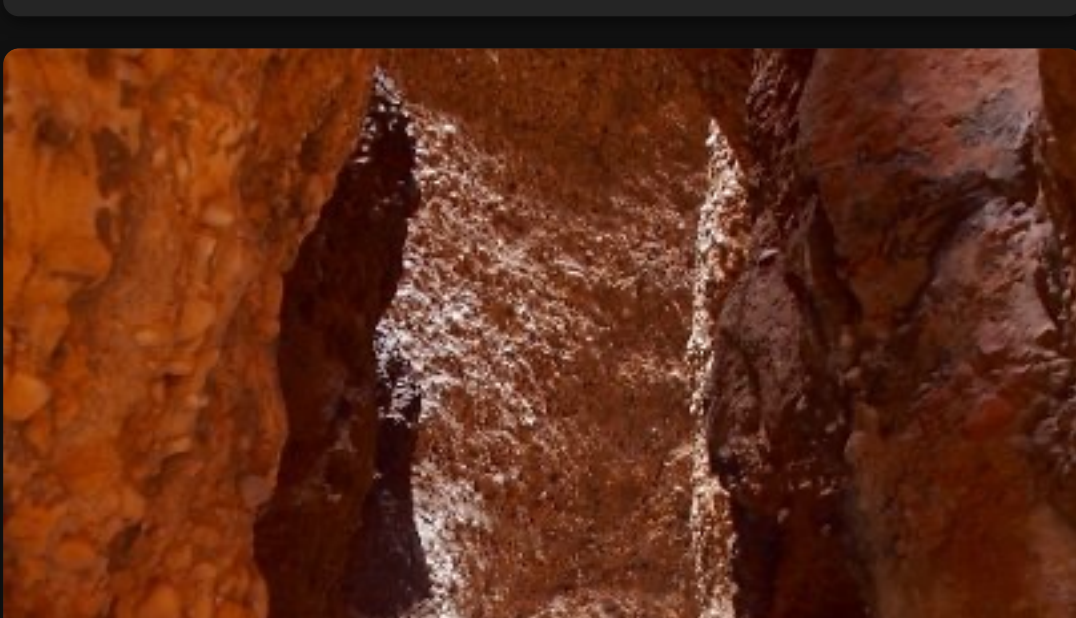
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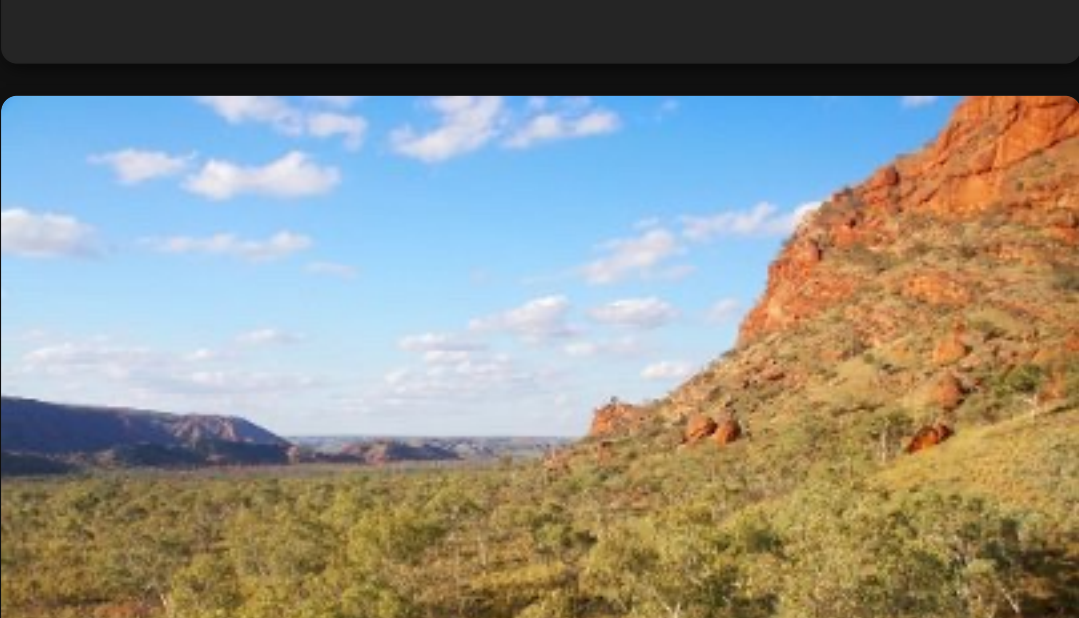
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Echidna Gorge looking into cavern



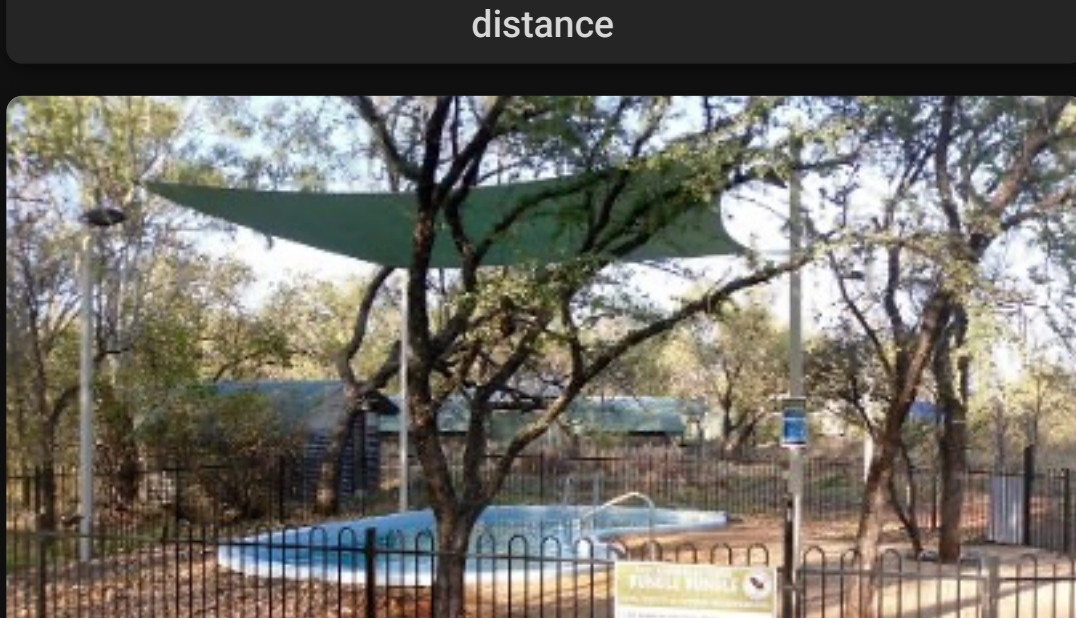
View from Echidna Gorge lookout with Osmond Range in distance



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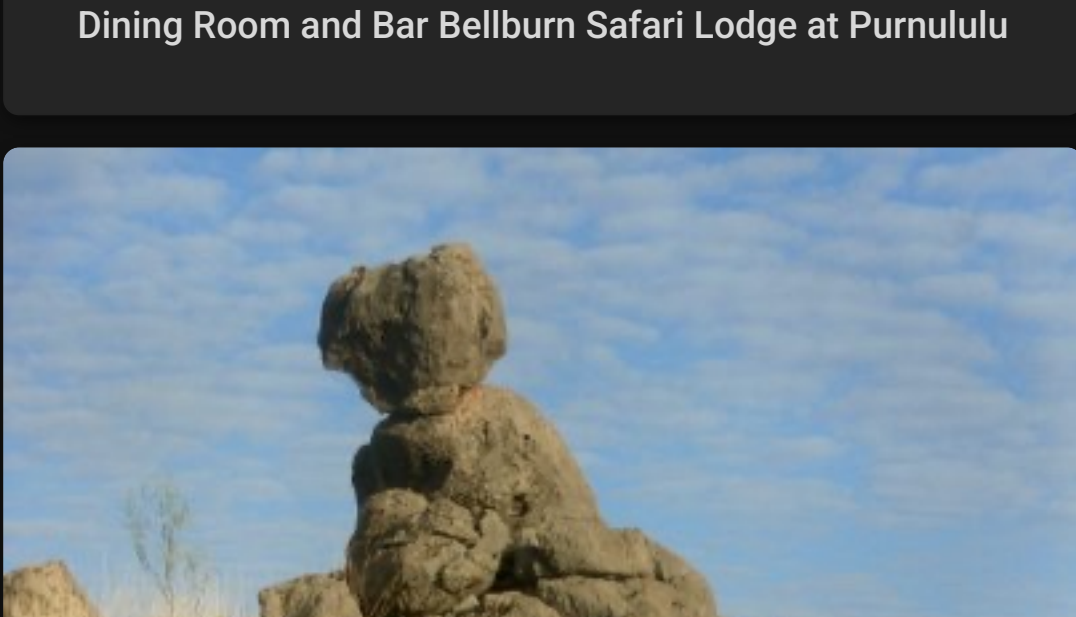
Dining Room and Bar Bellburn Safari Lodge at Purnululu



Swimming Pool Bellburn Safari Lodge at Purnululu



Accommodation at Bellburn Safari Lodge at Purnululu



Is that a bear?



Purnululu caravan park cooking spot



Tour Map for Days 14 to 15
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Pioneer Memorial at Halls Creek



Blue-winged cockatoo at Fitzroy River Lodge



Geike Gorge river cruise



Geike Gorge river cruise



Monitor lizard Geike Gorge



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Darters on a tree Geike Gorge



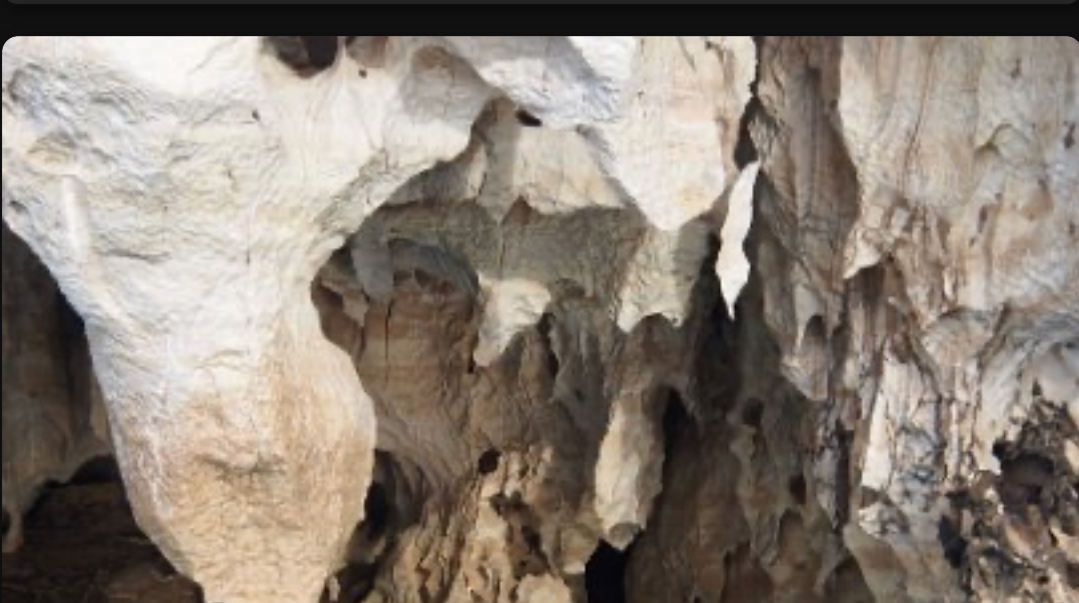
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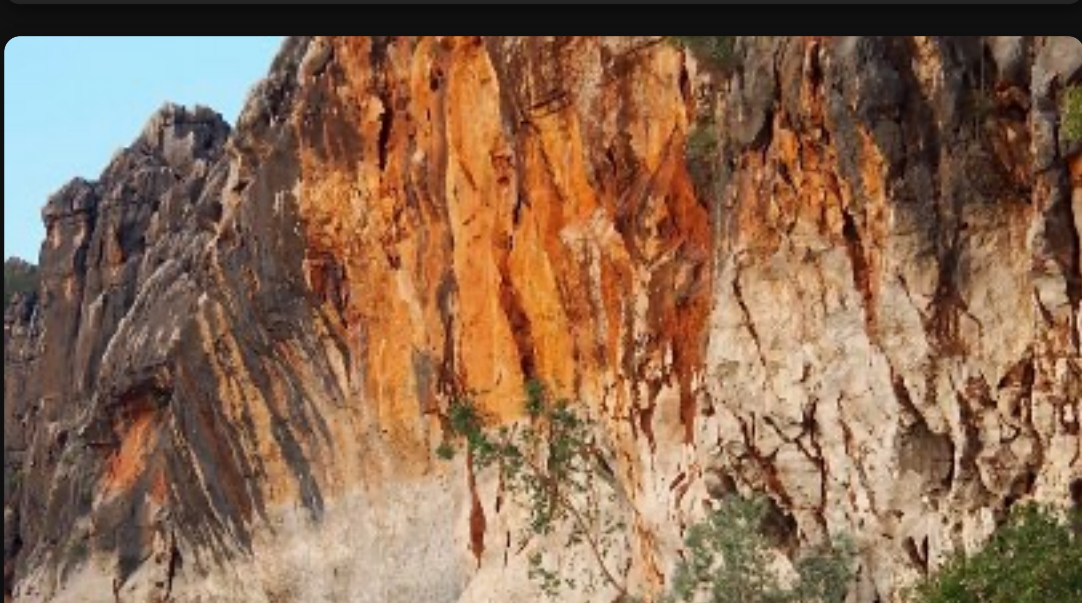
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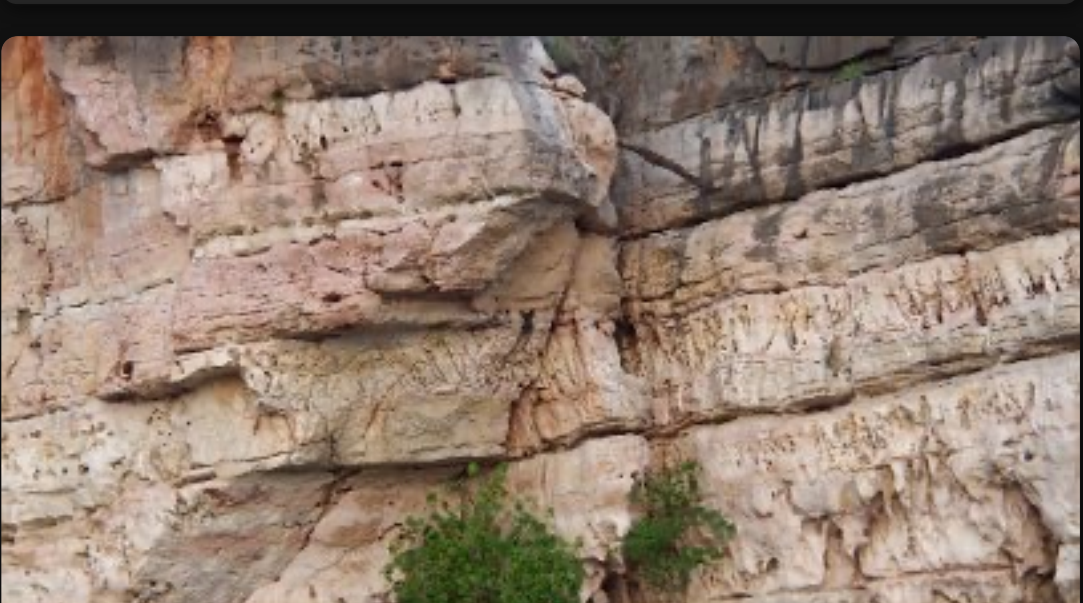
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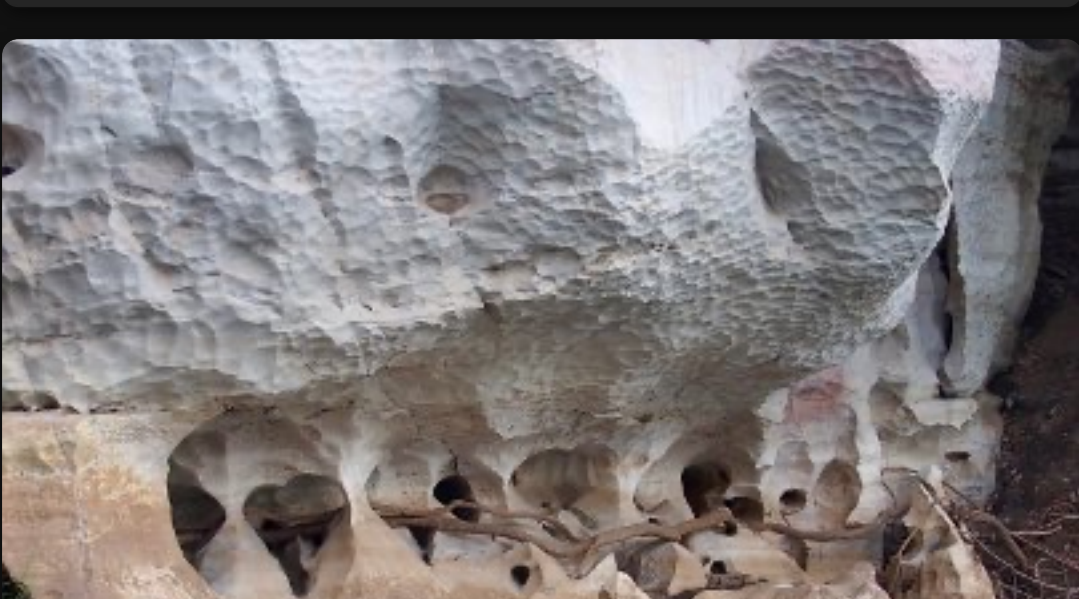
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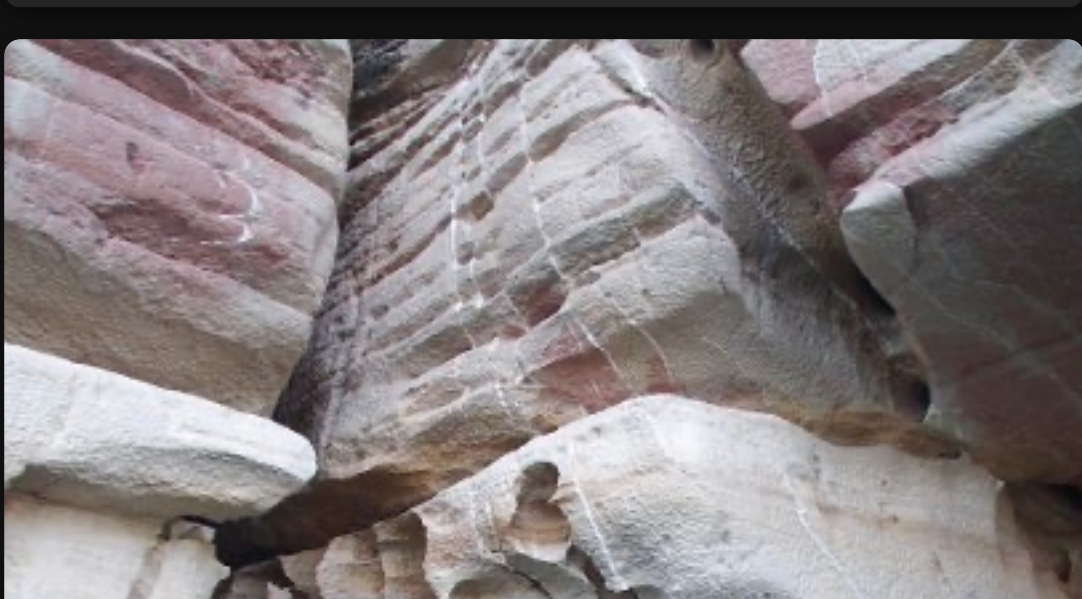
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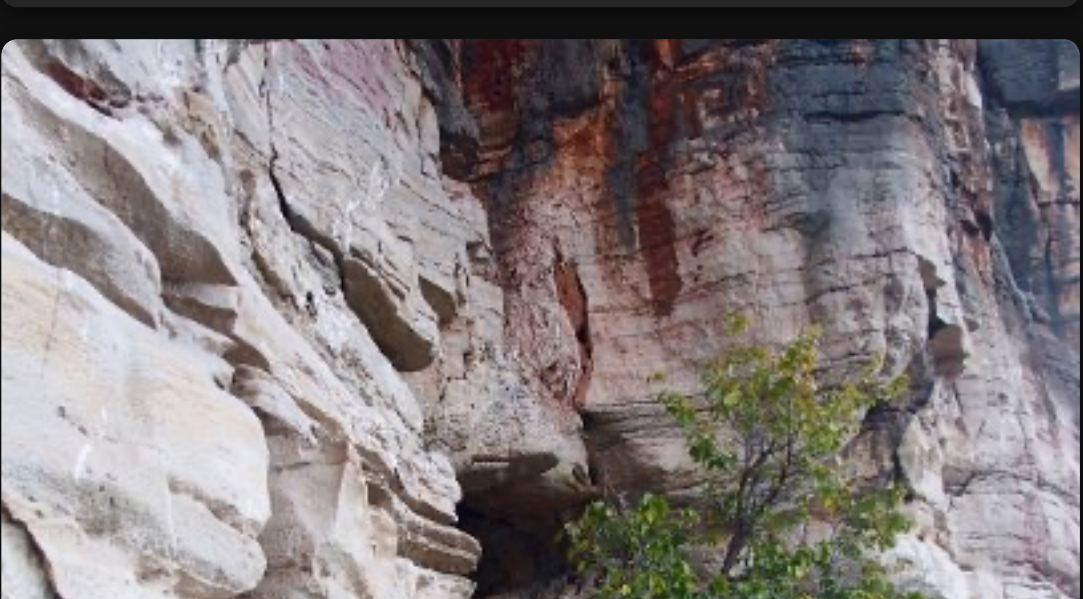
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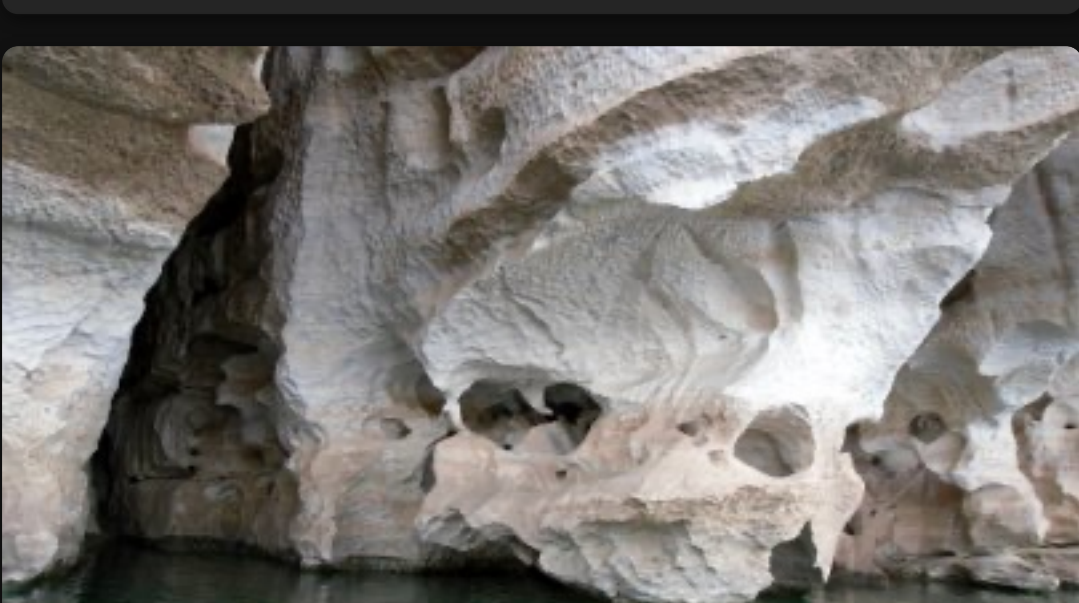
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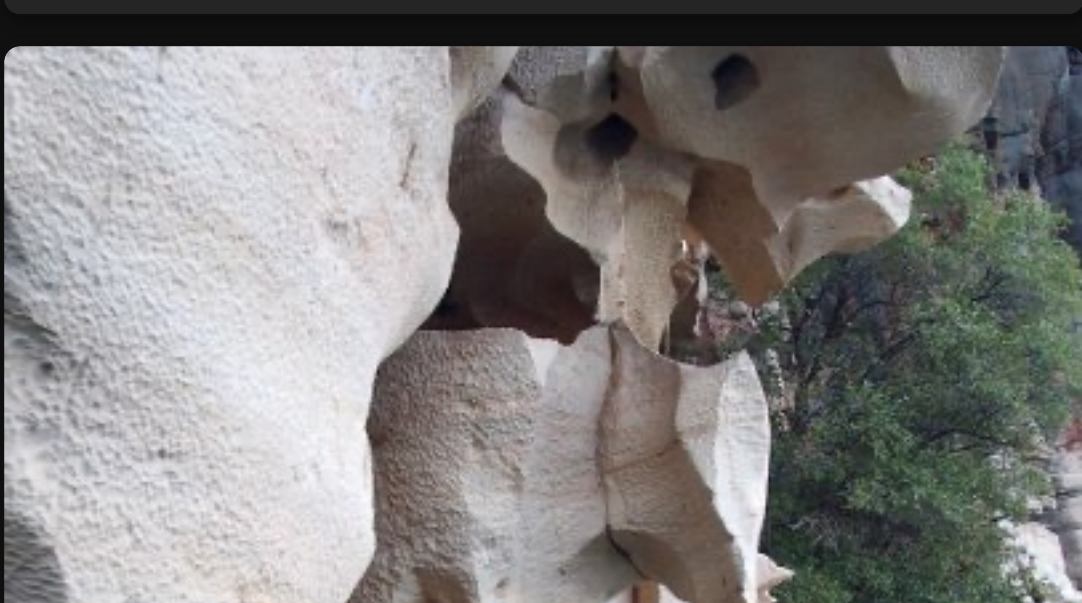
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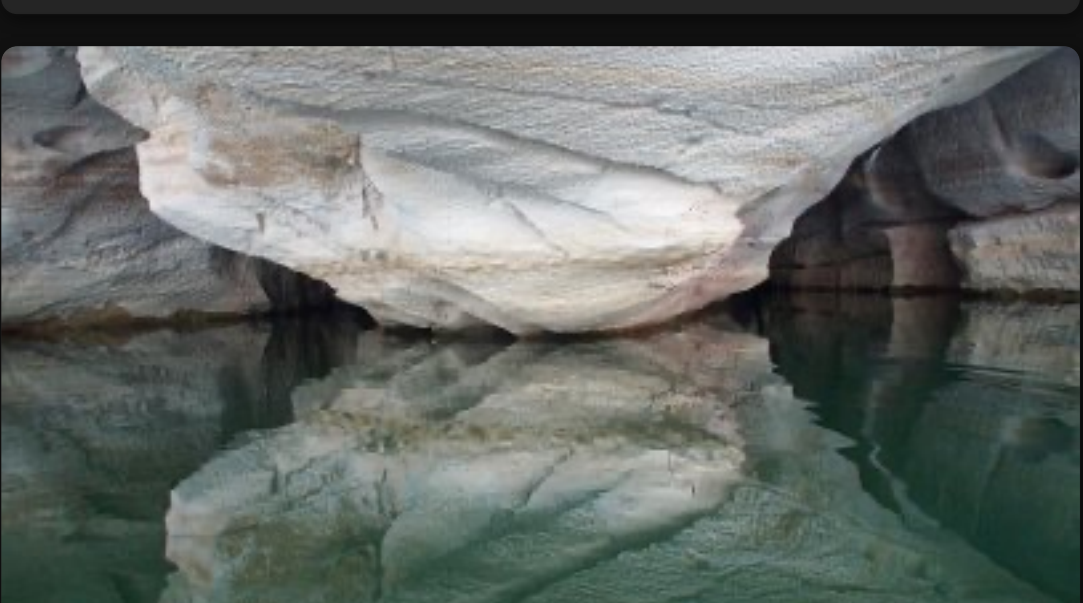
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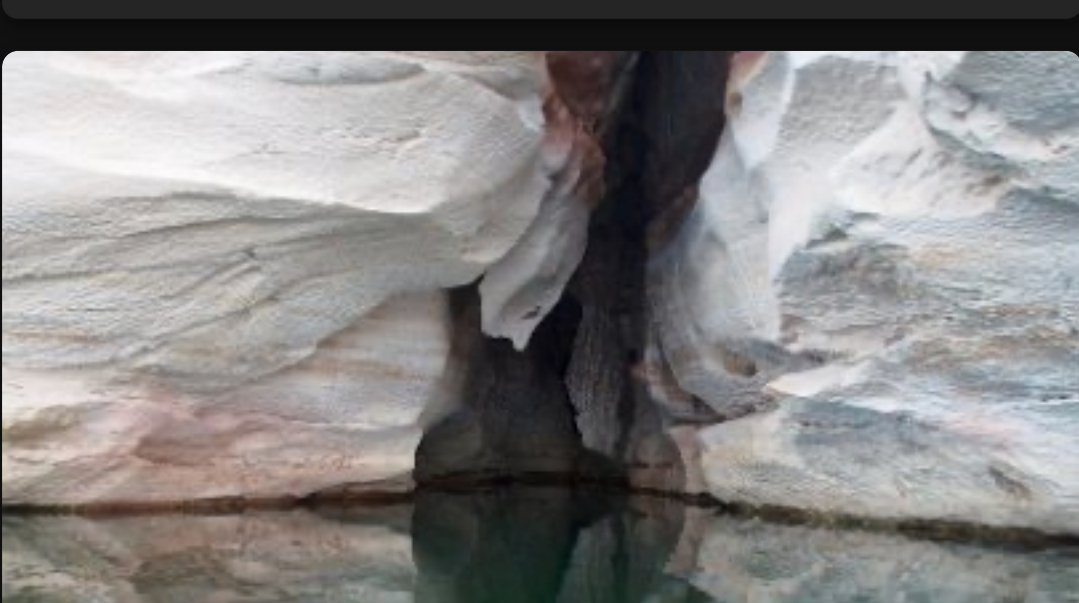
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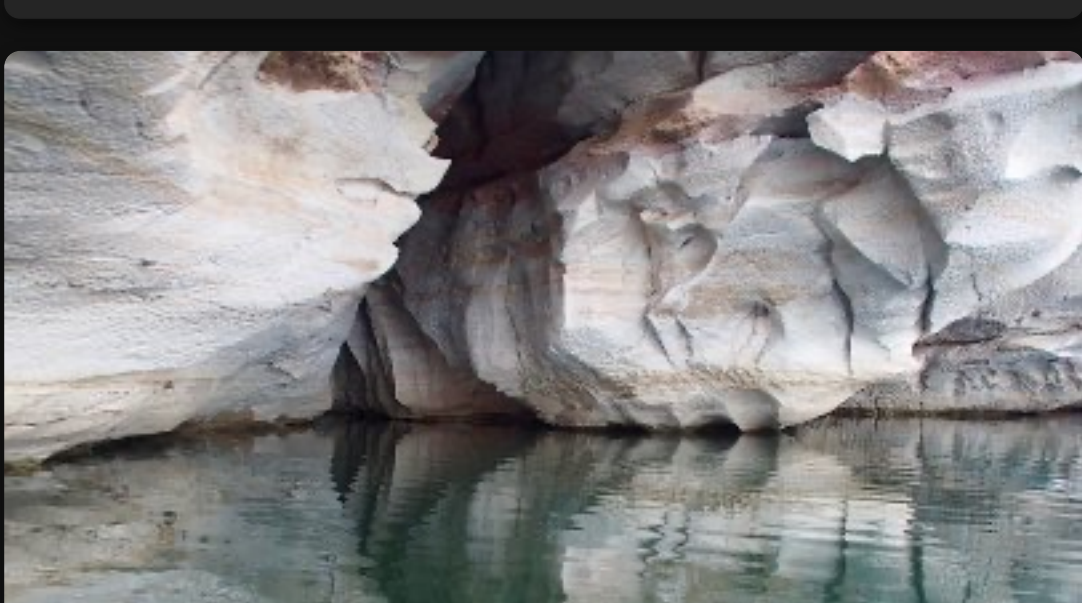
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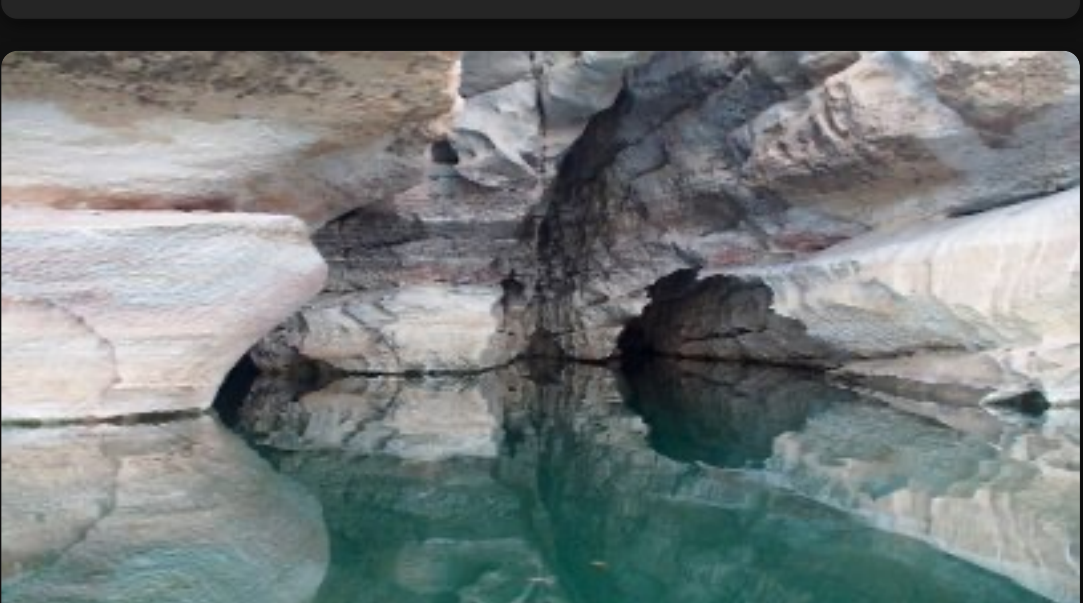
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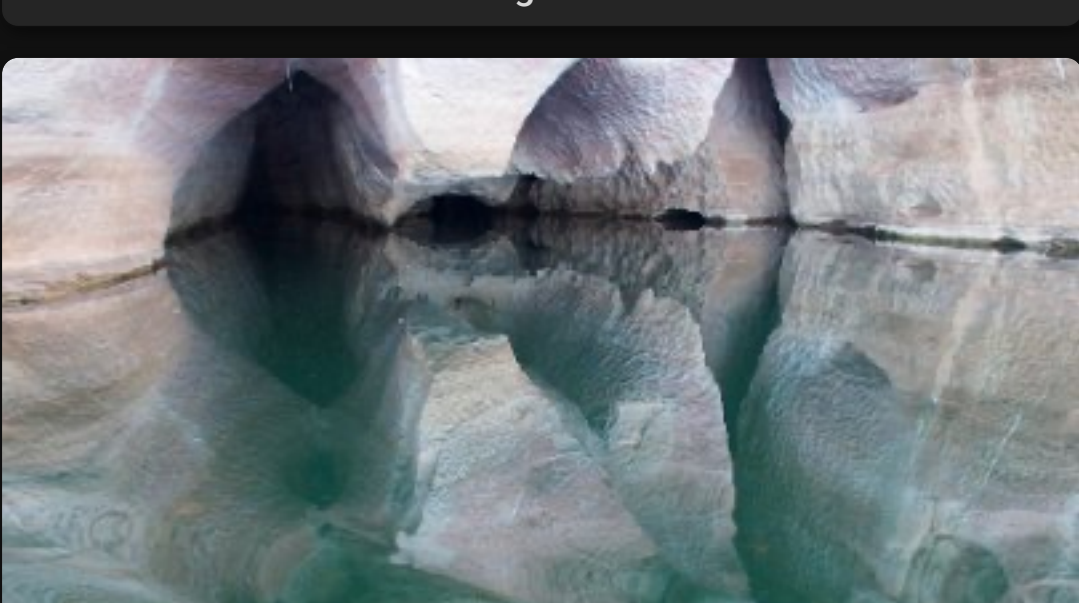
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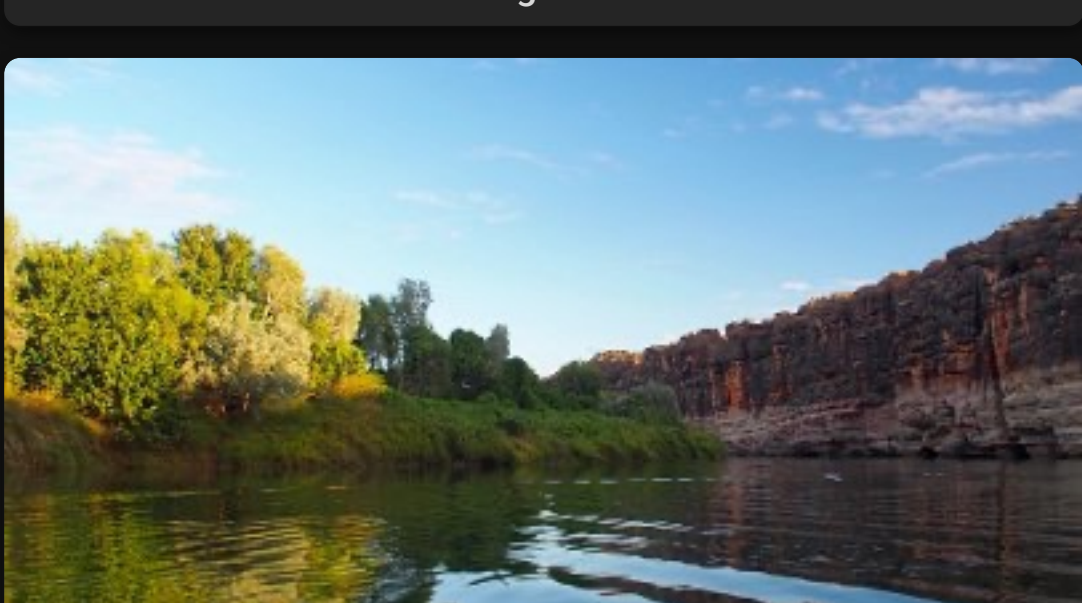
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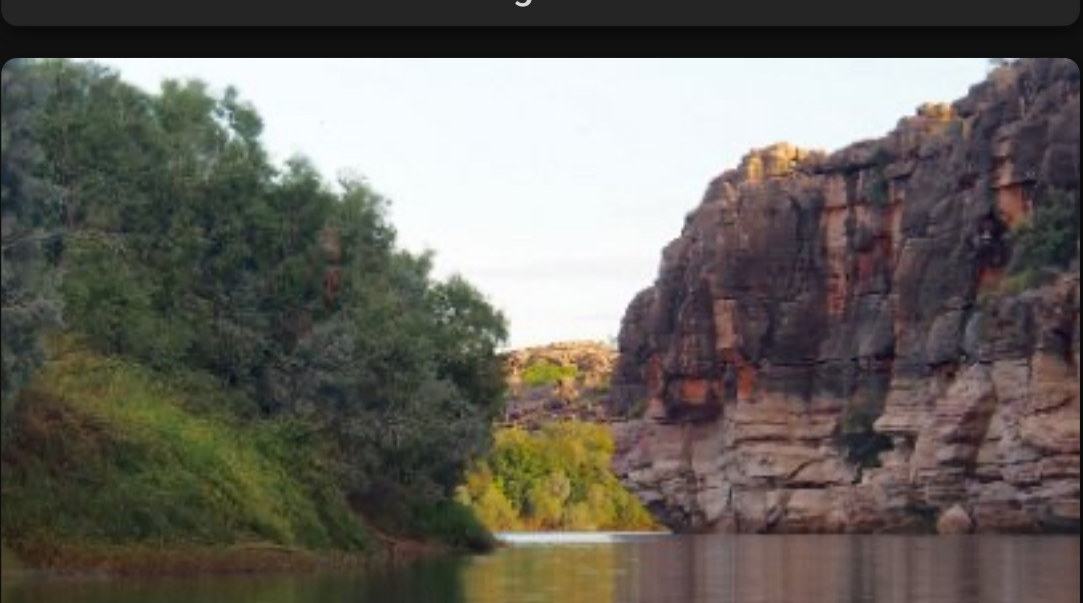
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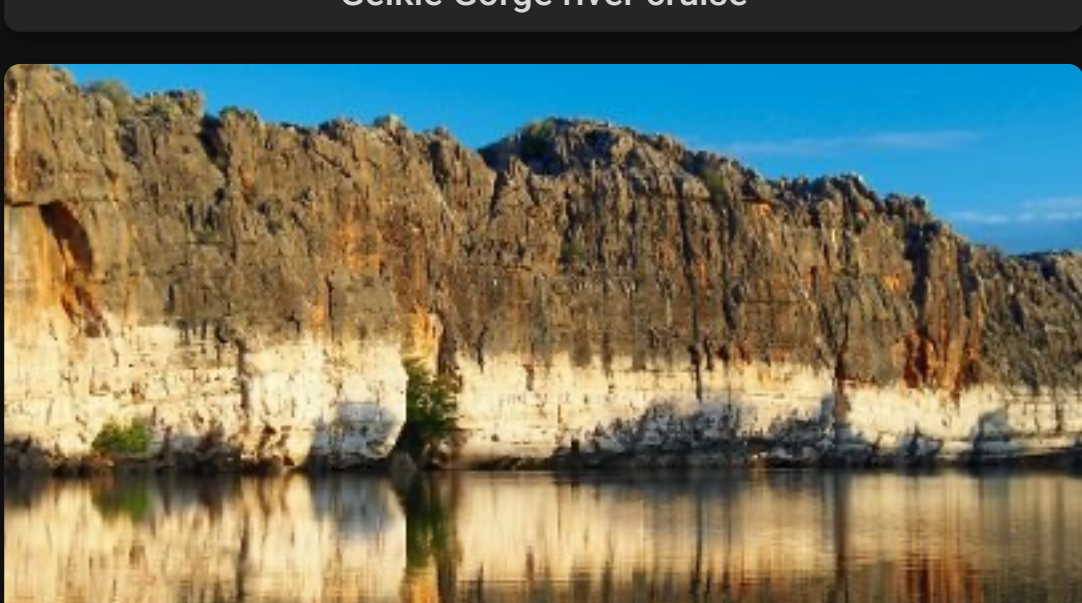
Geike Gorge river cruise



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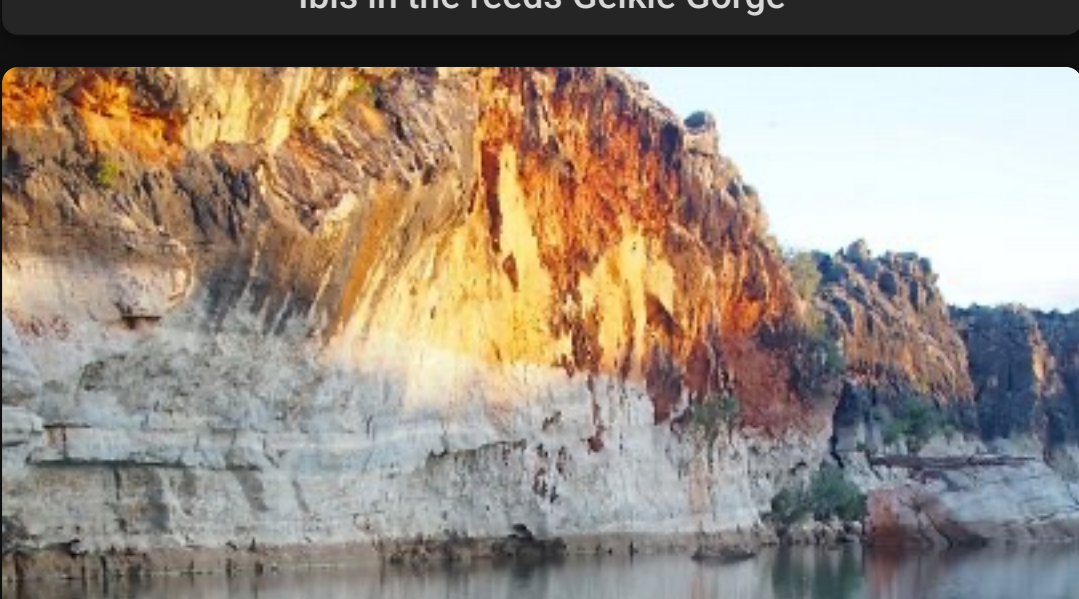
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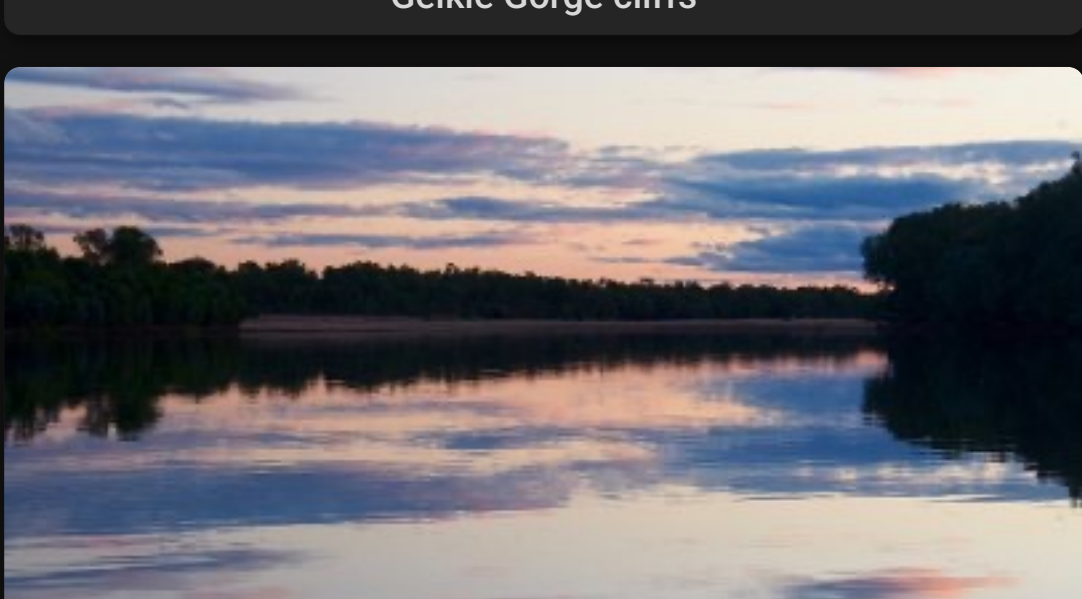
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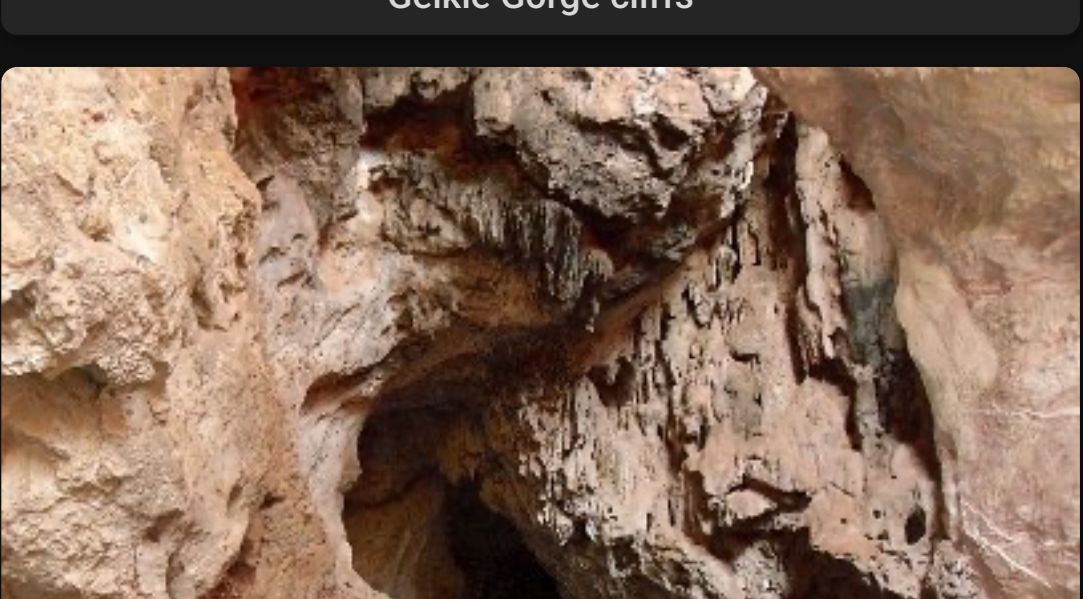
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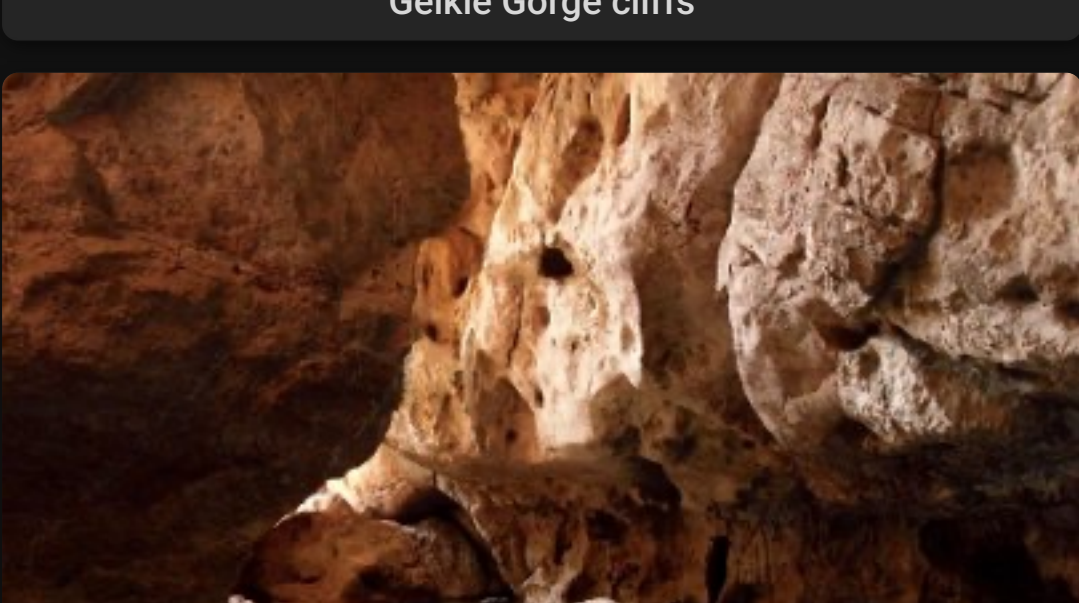
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Geike Gorge sunset on the river



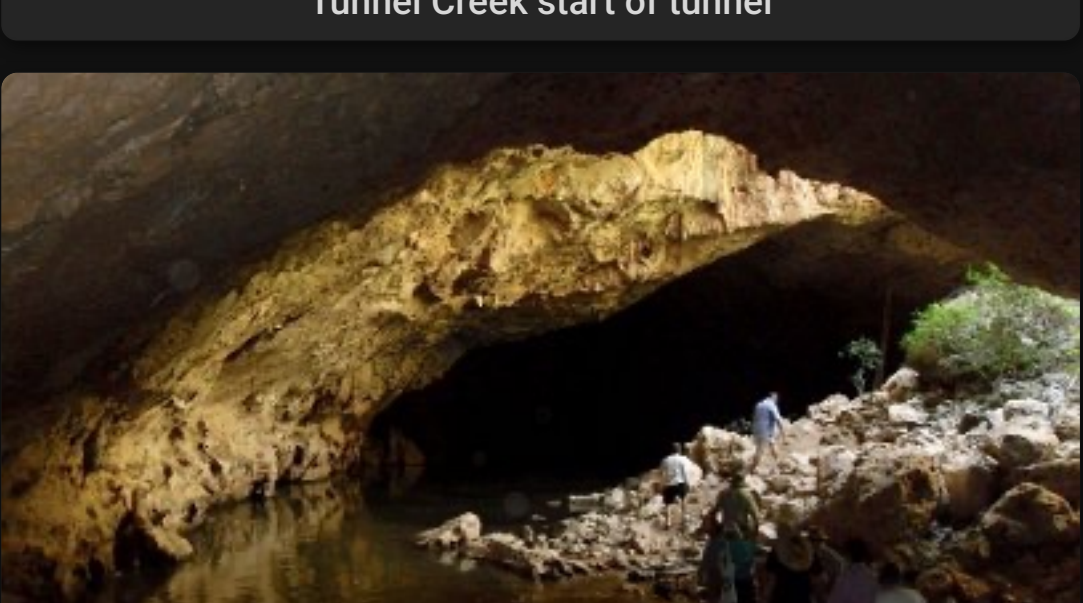
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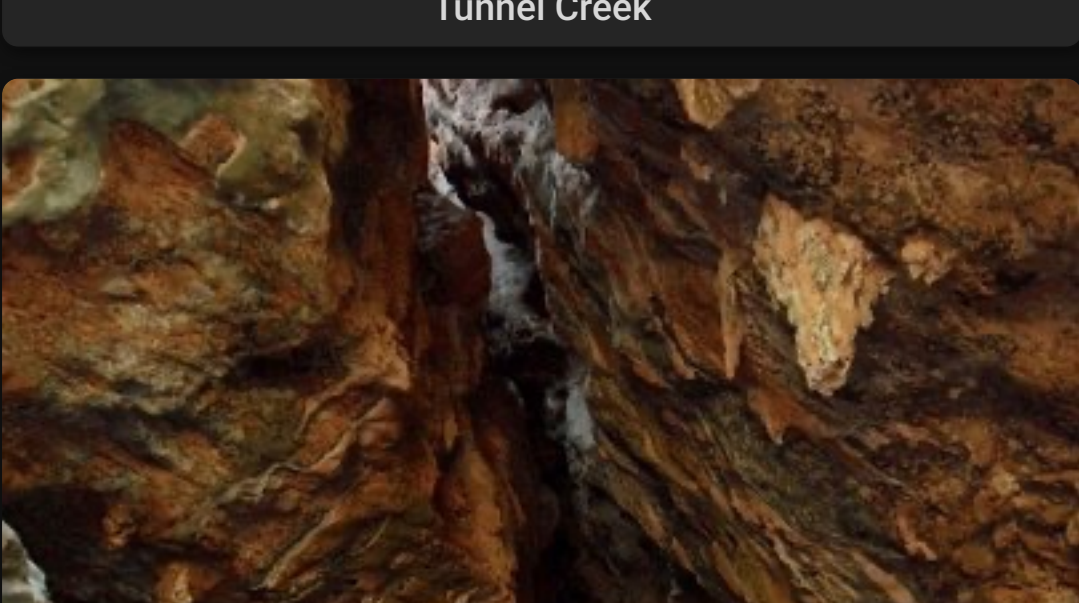
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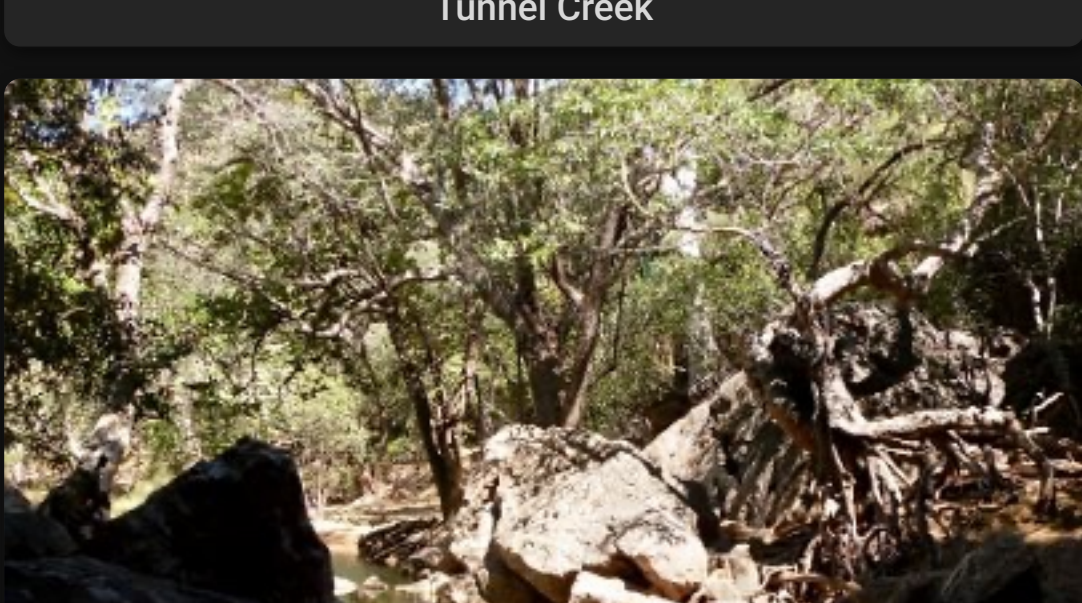
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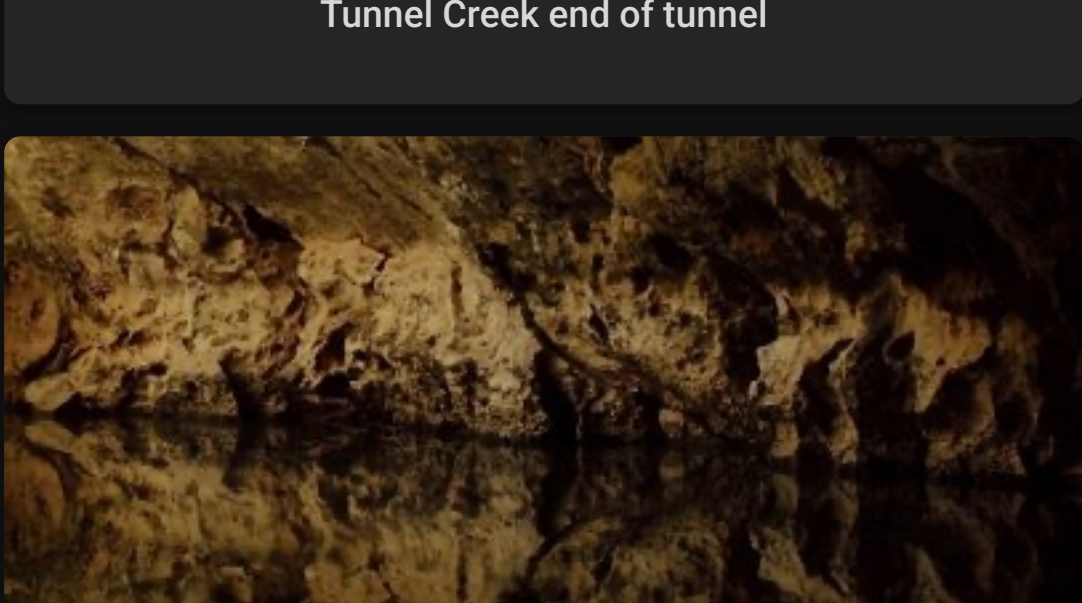
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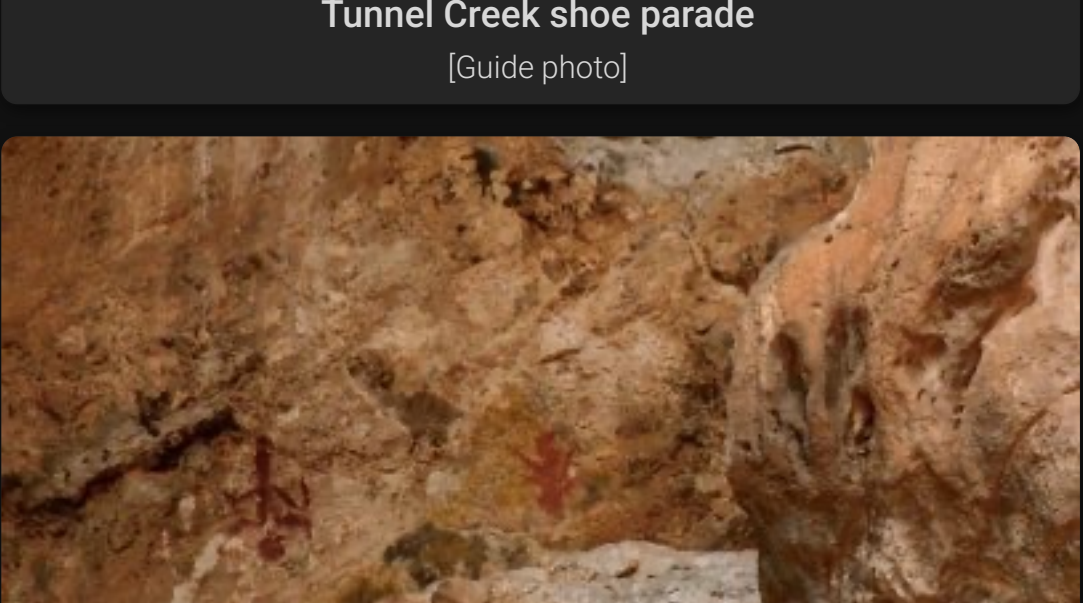
Tunnel Creek shoe parade
[Guide photo]



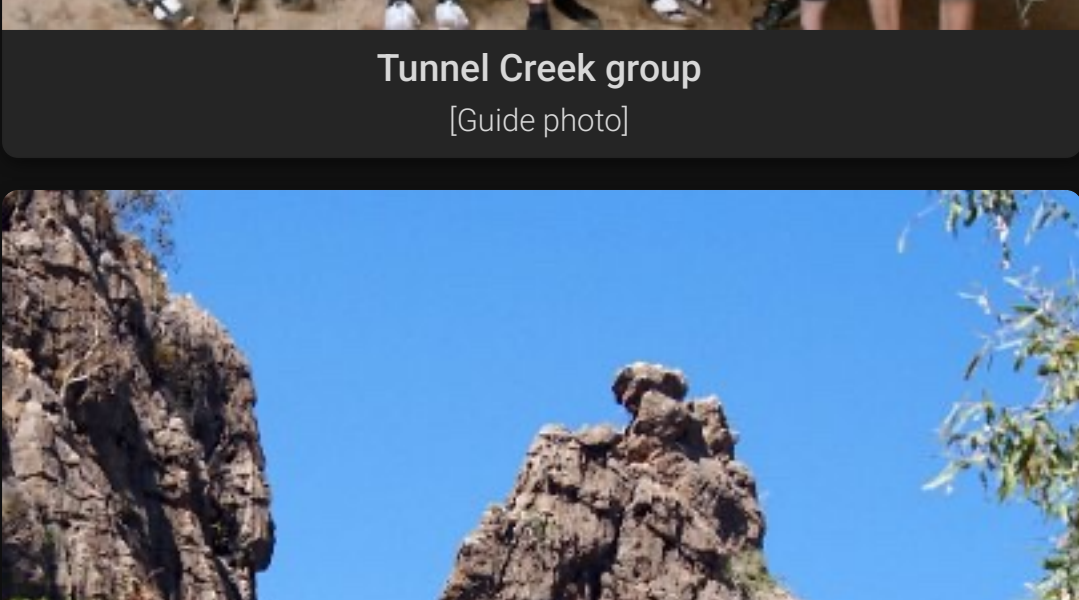
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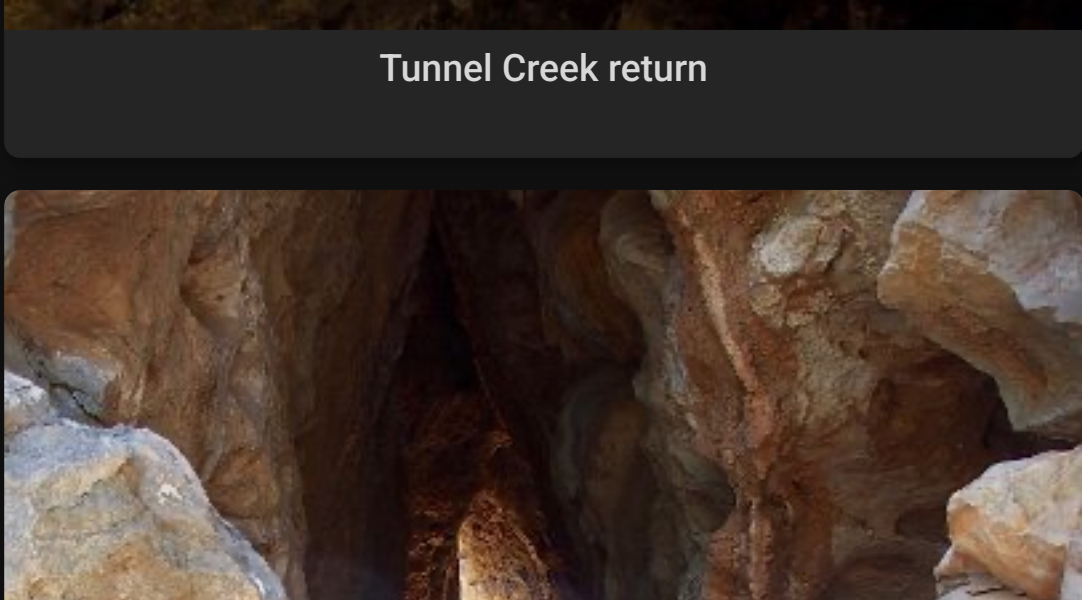
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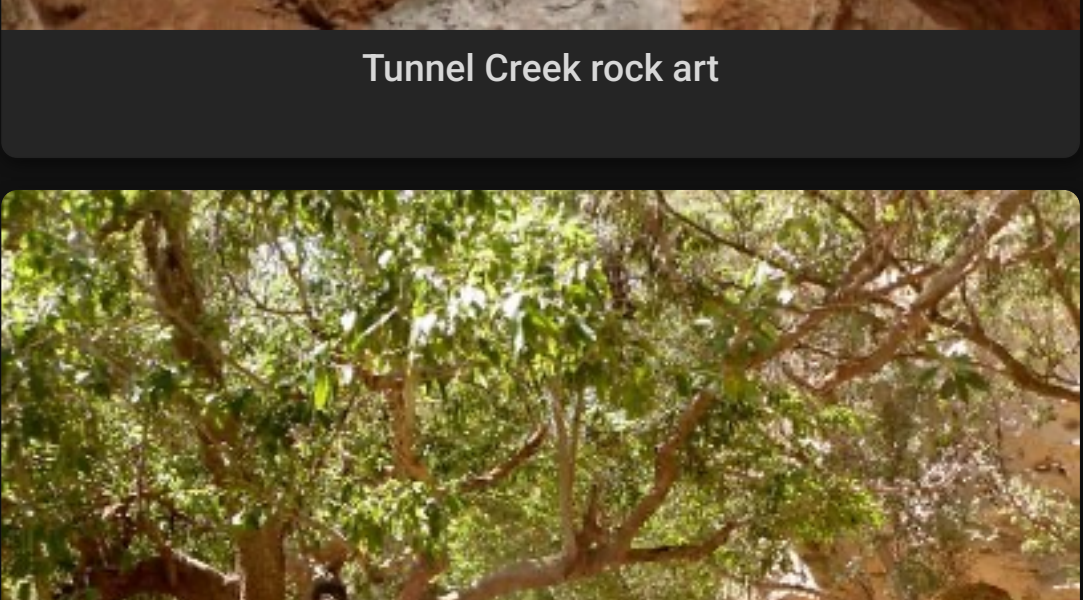
Tunnel Creek rock art



Windjana Gorge pinnacle



Windjana Gorge entry



Windjana Gorge - a lovely shady spot



Windjana Gorge cliffs



Windjana Gorge corellas



Windjana Gorge darter



Count the crocs in Windjana Gorge



One of the crocs in Windjana Gorge



After Windjana Gorge walk

Days 16-17 – Horizontal Falls, Broome

We then took a flight from Broome to Talbot Bay to see the Horizontal Falls (which we had visited before but well worth a return trip). The boat ride through the lower falls is quite an adventure and then we explored the much calmer waters of Cyclone Creek. Our return flight gave us some wonderful views including Kooljaman on Cape Leveque where we had stayed on the first night of our tour. A quick tour of Broome included Roebuck Bay, Gantheaume Point (with ospreys) and Cable Beach.



