



# Broome & the Kimberley

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## Why Go?

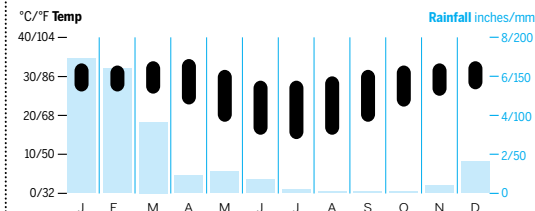
Australia's last frontier is a wild land of remote, spectacular scenery spread over huge distances, with a severe climate, a sparse population and minimal infrastructure. Larger than 75% of the world's countries, the Kimberley is hemmed by impenetrable coastline and unforgiving deserts. In between lie vast boab-studded spinifex plains, palm-fringed gorges, desolate mountains and magnificent waterfalls. Travelling here is a true adventure, and each dry season a steady flow of explorers search for the real outback along the legendary Gibb River Road.

Aboriginal culture runs deep across the region, from the Dampier Peninsula, where neat communities welcome travellers to Country, to distant Mitchell Plateau, where ancient Wandjina and Gwion Gwion stand vigil over sacred waterholes.

Swashbuckling Broome and practical Kununurra book-end the region. Both are great places to unwind, find a job and meet other travellers.

## When to Go

### Broome



**Apr** Fly over thundering Mitchell and King George Falls.

**May** Broome's at its greenest right before the tourist tide.

**Sep & Oct** Hit Purnululu and the Gibb River Road as the season winds down.



## Broome & the Kimberley Highlights

- ① Taking a camel ride at sunset along Broome's **Cable Beach** (p211).
- ② Learning about traditional culture with Aboriginal

communities on the pristine **Dampier Peninsula** (p218).

- ③ Tackling the notorious **Gibb River Road** (p200) in a 4WD adventure.

- ④ Flying over the stunning **Mitchell and King George Falls** (p206) after the Wet.

- ⑤ Riding the wild **Horizontal Waterfalls** (p199).