



Broome & the Kimberley

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Whale Song Cafe (p218)
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- ➔ Neaps Bistro (p222)
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- ➔ Good Cartel (p216)

Best Off the Beaten Track Locations

- ➔ Mornington Wilderness Camp (p225)
- ➔ Mitchell Falls (p227)
- ➔ Pender Bay (p218)
- ➔ Kalumburu (p225)

Why Go?

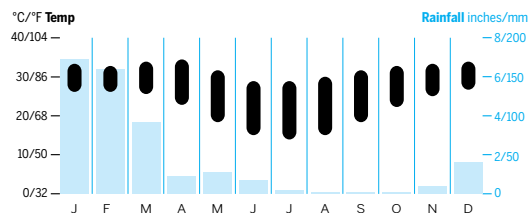
Australia's last frontier is a wild land of remote, spectacular scenery spread over huge distances, with a severe climate, a sparse population and minimal infrastructure. Larger than 75% of the world's countries, the Kimberley is hemmed by impenetrable coastline and unforgiving deserts. In between lie 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 (home to iconic Cable Beach, camel-tinged sunsets and amber-hued watering holes) and practical Kununurra (with its irrigation miracle) bookend 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.



Crocodiles can inhabit all waterways in tropical areas. Swimming is not recommended.

INDIAN OCEAN

TIMOR SEA

INDIAN OCEAN

See Enlargement



BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO

BONAPARTE ARCHIPELAGO

Horizontal Waterfalls

Aboriginal Art Cooperatives

Gibb River Road

Lurujarri Dreaming Trail

Cable Beach

Broome

Bird Observatory

Eco Beach

Barn Hill Station

Port Smith

Bidayadanga

Eighty Mile Beach (255km)

Edgar Range

Great Sandy Desert

St George Ranges

Willare

Udialla Springs

Derby

King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park

Windjana Gorge National Park

Tunnel Creek National Park

May River

Island River

Walcott Inlet

Collier Bay

Doubtful Bay

Freshwater Cove

Koolan Island

Cockatoo Island

Yampi Sound

Wotjalum Aboriginal Land

King Sound

Broome & the Kimberley Highlights

① Taking a camel ride at sunset along Broome's **Cable Beach** (p209).

② Learning about traditional culture with Aboriginal

communities on the pristine **Dampier Peninsula** (p217).

③ Tackling the notorious **Gibb River Road** (p223) on a 4WD adventure.

④ Flying over the stunning **Mitchell & King George Falls** (p229) after the Wet.

⑤ Riding the wild **Horizontal Waterfalls** (p220).