



3 Day Bungle Bungle 4wd Self-Drive Extension

This trip cannot be done on a stand-alone basis, but only as an extension of a longer hire from Broome or Darwin. The relocation fees would make it uneconomical.

When the scale of the previously unknown Bungle Bungle Range was first shown on TV, adventurers immediately made a bee-line for these bee-hive shaped rock formations. You will be amazed at the expanse of rounded, tiger-striped domes that form deep chasms and gorges and shelter palms clinging to the rock. This is surely one of the scenic wonders of the world and Four Wheel Drive Hire Service will show you the way with their unique rooftop camping.

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1: Kununurra to Bungle Bungle

Departing Kununurra early morning, travel 45 km back to the Great Northern Highway turn-off and turn left. After 50km, you come to the Ragged Range lookout to the left (signposted) for a detour down the old highway. Continue on to Warmun (Turkey Creek) and make a stop at the roadhouse. If you wish, ask directions at the roadhouse to the Warmun Aboriginal Art Centre. 52km along the Great Northern Highway turn left to the Purnululu National Park (signposted) before hitting the dirt to head west 55km to the Bungles. This road has many rough wash-aways (holes) at creek crossings. Travel through the Osmond Ranges to Calico Springs, with permanent water, which makes a pleasant stop. Stop at the Ranger Station and pay camp and entry fees. Turn left at 3 ways and make your way to Kurrajong Camp. Walk up the limestone ridge behind the camp for sunset.

Overnight camping, Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park. (Toilet facilities.) (6 hours (322km) driving.)

Day 2 Bungle Bungle

Head off in the morning to the southern side of the massif to allow time to fully explore and appreciate the magnificent domes area of Piccaninny Creek. On the way, drop into the airstrip (signposted) to the right and arrange a time for optional helicopter flights, preferably lunchtime. An easy-paced walk up the creek flanked by the curious, striped Beehive domes brings you to hidden gorges and a wide array of vegetation. Time can be spent wandering around these awe-inspiring, striped, beehive-shaped domes before an optional helicopter flight (app \$190) and lunch. This afternoon you can travel around to the northern side of the massif and explore Echidna Chasm. If time allows, also visit Froghole Gorge.

Overnight camping Kurrajong Camp, Purnululu National Park. (Toilet facilities.) (3.5 hours (80 km) driving, 4 hours (8 km) walking.)

Day 3 Bungle Bungle to Kununurra

This morning you revisit the northern side to Minipalms Gorge. The longish walk is rewarded with an amazing gorge blessed with an abundance of small palms in the gorge floor. Retrace your tracks to the Great Northern Highway and turn right and continue on to Turkey Creek. Retrace your tracks to Kununurra and return to Kimberleyland Caravan Park. (7 hours (492km) driving and 1/2 hours (1km) walking)

Recommended References

The above itineraries are not intended as the sole guide to the details of your route. Four Wheel Drive Hire Service recommends the following references be consulted or purchased prior to departure.

Map

Hema Maps – The Kimberley, Great Desert Tracks of Australia NW

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Guide Book

The Kimberley- An Adventurers Guide by Ron and Viv Moon
Discover Australia by 4WD by Ron and Viv Moon.

Background Reading

Kings in Grass Castles by Mary Durack
The Australian Geographic Guide to the Kimberley.
The Explorers by Tim Flannery

Websites

Moon guide books- www.guidebooks.com.au

Hema Maps for an idea of the range of maps and information on suppliers -

www.hemamaps.com.au

NRMA website- www.mynrma.com.au/travel/go/outback_tracks/index.shtml

WA National Parks- www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/index.html