

Kimberley

The "last frontier" in Australia.

That Kimberley is considered the "last frontier", is to say, that it is one of the last barriers of true wildness on our planet. Kimberley is one of the most remote, isolated and least populated areas of Australia. This immense landscape of savannah and baobab trees has kept its original wild beauty punctuated at times by a harsh tropical climate. Explore its vastness in your motorhome, but avoid travel during the wet season when monsoons can make many roads completely inaccessible.

Between **April and September** is a good time to explore **Kimberley**. Enjoy the spectacular landscapes of gorges and lakes, the **rugged mountain** ranges that absorb the red light of the sunset and the vast semi-arid desert plains dotted with spinifex and baobab trees. You will come across small, isolated villages and there are three important towns in the area: **Broome, Derby** and **Kununurra**.

The main road, the **Great Northern Highway**, connecting **Broome** to **Kanunurra**, is ideal if you are not in a 4x4 vehicle. All other routes are only for 4x4s. You can also travel part of the Outback by 4x4 on the **Gibb River Road**.

Don't miss **Mitchell Falls**, the **Wolfe Creek National Park, Windjana** and **Geiki Gorges** near Derby, the **Purnululu National Parks** which are UNESCO World Heritage sites and **Bungle Bungle** which offers dreamlike landscapes of orange, anthracite domes. On the **Dampier** side enjoy the beautiful beaches and also discover the fascinating Aboriginal culture on **Mitchell Plateau**.

A trip to the **Kimberley** must be well planned. It is important to consider the season of travel and to be aware of the wildlife in the area. Warm temperatures and rocky terrain attract large numbers of lizards (blue tongue or flange), monitor lizards, snakes and crocodiles. Do not swim in undesignated areas. You may also cross some kangaroos, wallabies, dingoes and parrots.