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Trip Dossier

13 Day Karlamilyi (Rudall River) National Park Expedition



Camping Small Group Tour

Newman to Broome 23 May - 4 June 2019

(Max. 6 passengers in 2 lead vehicles, 4 participants in 2 tag along vehicles)

Itinerary Highlights:

- 5 nights in Karlamilyi National Park camping at two spectacular campsites,
- Visit Tjinkulatjatjarra Pool, a waterhole along the Rudall River, great spot for wildlife spotting,
- Camp at Desert Queen Bath, known for its Aboriginal art, gorge walk and water holes for swimming,
- 2 nights at Carawine Gorge, a great spot for a swim and bird watching,
- Visit and take a swim at Running Waters,
- Visit the historic Marble Bar and dine at the iconic Iron Clad Hotel,
- Camp at 80 Mile Beach

Join us as we head to the very remote, harsh, yet beautiful Karlamilyi (Rudall River) National Park, situated approximately 400 km east of Newman in Western Australia's Great Sandy Desert. This is truly one of the most remote wilderness areas in the world. At 1,283,706 hectares, the park is the largest in Western Australia, and includes the watershed of the Rudall River.

Vegetation in the park is a mixture of desert Bloodwood, Feathertop Spinifex, Kanji and Cork tree with River Red Gums and Coolabah trees found on the river flats. After a good rain there are also many wildflowers (Mulla Mullas, Grevillea's, Sturt's Desert Pea and Hakea's) that add their colours to the landscape.

Over 90 species of bird have been recorded in the park. Most are located around the river and in streams. Many of the species reflect the more arid areas of Australia - Spinifex Pigeons, Painted Finches, Peregrine and Brown Falcons plus an assortment of honeyeaters come to drink at the pools. The White-winged Fairy-wren can also be seen, and in good seasons, Crimson Chats and Button-quail are found in the area.

Seventeen different mammals have been recorded in the park, mainly small creatures such as the Hairy-footed Dunnart and the Spinifex Hopping Mouse. Camels and dingoes can be found but other larger mammals seem to have disappeared over time.

Our trip will take us eastwards from Newman and onto the national park via the Talawana Track. Entering the Karlamilyi (Rudall River) National Park from the south we head to our campsite on the banks of the Rudall River. This will be our base for the next two nights where we will explore the many natural wonders, including Kalkan Kalkan Soak, Tjingkulatjarra Pool and Curran Curran Rock hole. We then continue on to Desert Queen Baths for 3 nights. There is plenty of time here to enjoy this magnificent waterhole and its wildlife.

Leaving the national park behind we will move onto Christmas Pool. Whilst here there will be an opportunity to visit an Aboriginal rock art gallery.

Our travels then take us westwards along the Telfer Road to Carawine Gorge and the Oakover River. This will be our campsite for two nights. Whilst here we will have plenty of time to really enjoy the natural beauty and birdlife. We will visit the remote waterhole known as Running Waters. Surrounded by paperbarks, this is a fabulous spot to spend the best part of the day. Our journey from Carawine Gorge continues westwards to Marble Bar where we will explore the natural wonders found close to this historic town. Our wonderful outback adventure concludes with our arrival in Broome.



Itinerary

Day 1 Home Port to Newman

Today you'll arrive in Newman and check-in to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free to explore Newman. Dinner at the hotel is included tonight. Your guides will meet you in the dining room at 7:00pm.

Accommodation: Newman hotel D

Day 2 Newman to Talawana Track.

This morning we depart Newman heading North. We then leave the main road behind us and head East via the Talawana Track. We move into the Little Sandy Desert and its associated sand dunes. Our camp tonight is in a grove of Desert Sheoak's.

Accommodation: Bush Camp BLD

Day 3 Talawana Track to Rudall River National Park

Today we arrive in the National Park and head north along the Kintyre Track to our campsite at a water hole located on the Rudall River. This will be our camp site for the next two nights.

Accommodation: Bush Camp BLD

Day 4 Rudall River

Today we will explore areas such as Kalkan Kalkan Soak, Curran Curran Rock Hole and Tjinkulatjatjarra Pool ('T' Pool!). There will be time to take short walks along the riverbed. The residual pools and billabongs are attractive to birds and other wildlife.

Accommodation: Bush Camp BLD

Day 5 Rudall River to Desert Queen Baths

This morning we continue up the Kintyre Track and Head to Desert Queen baths - a series of pools in a spectacular rocky gorge in the Broadhurst Range. If there has been suitable recent rainfall then the wildflowers should be abundant and as usual we will stop for this and birding opportunities. On arrival at our campsite we will set up camp and then start our exploration of the area.

Accommodation Bush Camp BLD

Day 6 & 7 Desert Queen Baths

We will spend the next two days exploring the rocky pools and aboriginal art sites of the area. The main pool close to our camp is suitable for swimming.

Accommodation: Bush Camp BLD

Day 8 Desert Queen Baths to Christmas Pool Area

Today we leave the National Park behind as we head north to Christmas Pool which William Rudall visited during his search for the last members of the 'Calvert Expedition'. A two kilometre walk takes us to an aboriginal art site under a rocky overhang.

Accommodation: Bush Camp BLD

Day 9 Christmas Pool Area to Carawine Gorge

After breakfast we continue traveling north to the Telfer Road. The well maintained mine road will take us to our camp site at Carawine Gorge which is located right on the banks of the Oakover River. This will be our home for the next two nights.

There will be time this afternoon to start exploring the Gorge's wildlife.

Accommodation: Bush Camp BLD

Tour Costs

Cost:	\$5,375.00 per person in lead vehicles
	\$2,050.00 per person in tag along vehicles
	\$55.00 Single Supplement for hotel in Newman only
Departs:	Newman 23rd May 2019
Finishes:	Broome 4th June 2019
Max No. Of Participants in 6 passengers in lead vehicles & 4 passengers in tag along vehicles plus 2 crew	

Tour Payments

Deposit:	At time of booking \$500.00 per person
Final Payment:	On or before 23 April 2019

Note: The final payment is non refundable if canceled within 30 days of the departure date.
Travel Insurance covering all payments is available and is strongly recommended.

Special Offers

Early Bird Bookings

Save \$150.00 per person if booked and deposited by 15 January 2019

Group Booking

Save 7.5% per person for a group of 4 or more

Book Multiple Tours

Save 5% per person on the second and subsequent tours if more than one tour is booked in the same year.
Applies to the cheaper tours.

Please note: Discounts cannot be combined; Discounts are only available on bookings made directly with Coates.

Included

- Two well-maintained 4WD vehicles;
- Naturalist/Driver Guide;
- Driver/Cook;
- Easy-to-erect tents, camp chairs with armrests,
- Self-inflating air mattress and stretcher bed;
- All eating utensils;
- Meals as per itinerary:
- B (breakfast), L (lunch), D (dinner);
- Campsite fees;
- Morning teas;
- Fresh fruit on board daily;
- All national park entrance fees & travel permits;
- Tag Along Participants - If requested when booking we can supply tents, armchairs and eating utensils but they will need to be carried in your own vehicle.

Not Included

- Alcoholic & carbonated drinks (you are welcome to bring your own);
- Pillows;
- Sleeping bags (can be hired for \$55.00 each with prior notice);
- Travel insurance (very strongly recommended);
- Travel expenses to Newman and from Broome;
- Pre and post tour accommodation;
- All other private expenses.
- Entrance fees or activity costs other than those included above.

Tour Information

Naturalist Guide: TBA

Driver Guide: TBA

Vehicle & Equipment:

Our vehicles for the tour will consist of two 4WD's with trailers. All the necessary camping equipment is provided. Passengers are required to supply their own sleeping bags and pillows, or a sleeping bag can be hired from us for \$55.00.

Accommodation:

Accommodation on this tour is a combination of bush camps and campsites.

Bush camps are at locations chosen by the tour guide for their suitability and natural benefits. There are usually no facilities apart from a long-drop bush toilet. We carry adequate water for washing.

National Park campsites are operated by DoCBaA. They range from providing nothing to a mix of flushing or long-drop toilets; fire rings and clearly defined camping areas. Some campsites have showers.

Private campsites vary significantly. Some have full ablution blocks with showers and flushing toilets; others only provide a long-drop toilet.

Meals:

All meals are included throughout the tour - ie breakfast, lunch, dinner and morning teas. There will also be a plentiful supply of fresh fruit available throughout the day. Special dietary requirements can usually be catered for. Please contact the office if you have a dietary requirement, as a surcharge may apply.

Trek Grading:

We will undertake light bush walking on most days. All walks are optional and will be able to be conducted at your own pace. There may also be some optional rock scrambling.

Weather:

The tour has been timed to coincide with the northern dry season. Days are usually dry and hot, with temperatures around 25 degrees Celsius. The nights can be cool, with minimum temperatures around 2 to 10 degrees Celsius. It will be cooler and possibly showery at the beginning and end of the trip.

Clothing:

A suggested list of items to bring on tour will be included with our pre-departure information, sent to you on full payment of tour costs. Generally, comfortable, casual clothing is recommended. Light shirts and T-shirts are appropriate for during the day and warmer jumpers and jackets may be required for the evenings. Don't forget your bathers! Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes or boots are essential.

To make a booking or for further information please contact

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Tour participants should be in reasonable health and fitness and be carrying all required medications in ample quantities. A medical clearance from a registered medical practitioner may be required for participants wishing to join some tours. Scenic flights, boat cruises, helicopter flights etc. These activities are not operated by the tour operator, nor by persons or companies associated with the tour operator. These activities involve inherent risk of injury, death, accident and loss. Passengers assume all risks with regard to any misadventure death, injury or loss which occurs during or as a result of any such activity.

Should the tour operator deem it desirable for climatic or other reasons whatsoever to amend or vary any itinerary it may do so by shortening or varying the trip in which case no objection or claim for compensation will be made by the participant.

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The tour operator does not own or operate any third party suppliers of air transportation, hotels, restaurants, cruise craft or local sightseeing companies. The tour operator is not responsible for any loss or expense due to overbooking of flights, accommodations, default of any third parties or any other cause beyond its control. The tour operator takes all reasonable care in selecting these operators, it cannot accept responsibility for the operators conduct or the conduct of their employees or agents or for any ramifications of that conduct.

Whilst all care is taken, The tour operator do not accept liability for loss or damage to baggage, sickness or injury, or additional expenses caused by factors beyond their control.

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BOOKING DETAILS

DEPOSIT: See the relevant trip dossiers for the amount required.

FINAL PAYMENT: In most cases, final payment is required at least 30 days prior to departure. However some tours may requirement payment up to 4 months prior to departure. Please refer to the tour's trip dossier for exact details.

CANCELLATIONS

Coates Wildlife Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour in the event of minimum numbers not being reached, in which case all moneys will be refunded in full.

In respect of cancellations by a passenger, some tours have specified cancellation times and penalties, this specific information is available on the respective tours, trip dossier. Where no specific cancellation time or penalties are in place the following levies plus any costs charged by other parties involved with the tour will apply:-

Where written notice is received

- 61 days or more prior to departure; \$250.00
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure; \$500
- 30 days or less prior to departure 100%
- No refunds are considered from the day the tour starts.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that travel insurance against imposition of cancellation fees, loss or damage to baggage and extra costs arising from injury or illness be effected.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT:- Transport by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach or mini bus which ever is appropriate for the tour. Camping equipment suitable for each tour (except Sleeping bags and pillows) is provided. A second vehicle may accompany the group on tours to remote areas. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances effecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONT.

SEAT ALLOCATION:- Seats on tour vehicle are not pre allocated. To ensure all participants get to enjoy forward positioned and window seats we have incorporated a daily seat rotation system.

LUGGAGE:- Please note that due to health and safety requirements luggage on tour is limited to one medium sized, soft sided bag per person. The sum of its length, width and height is not to exceed 140 cm. The maximum weight of the bag should not to exceed 15 kilograms. A small day pack is also permitted. International tours, some island tours and the Kimberley Coastal Cruises luggage limits may vary, please see the respective tours trip dossier for specific weight maximums.

WILDLIFE:- Sighting of birds, or animals mentioned in the itineraries can not be guaranteed as they are wild and therefore free to come and go as they please.

WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS:- Can not be guaranteed as they are dependent on seasonal rains.

MEAL SYMBOLS:- B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

GROUP SIZES

Minimum and maximum numbers apply to all tours. Generally tours have a maximum of 12 passengers. A camp cook and a naturalist leader will accompany camping groups with more than 6 passengers.