

Welcome to your best holiday yet.

Ah, the Kimberley: is there any other place that inspires such a mixed bag of emotions? For some, it is a place of untold wealth and resources, for others, a last stretch of untouched wilderness. Many have no idea where it is, or what it is, while a select few dream of making it here... or are lucky enough to have already been. Regardless of where you fall on the spectrum, we guarantee that there is something you'll fall in love with in this part of the world – it's like nowhere else on Earth, and we really mean that.

But (and there's always a 'but', isn't there?) for all its allure, the Kimberley is also rather difficult to research. Its remoteness, its small visitor numbers, the seasonally changing landscapes and a lack of 'regular' infrastructure, all make up-to-date information a bit of a challenge to find. (Making

a map like this is no easy feat, either: many of the places we've featured here aren't even recognised by Google Maps.) So to help de-mystify the area for you, we took several trips there (don't ever say we don't love you), chose a few experiences that best summarise the area, then put them together to create this guide.

And this map. As you can see, we've marked out a few of the better-known accommodation sites and campgrounds in the area (though you'll note that we didn't bother doing so for any major towns). It's by no means an exhaustive resource – you could never fit that on two magazine pages! – but what it does show is that there is plenty to see, and do, and plenty of creature comforts about the place, too. So really, you've got no choice but to start planning. Enjoy.

You can download and print a copy of this map at australiantraveller.com/thekimberley/map



National Geographic Orion Cruise, p100

Kimberley Coastal Camp, p96

Gibb River Road, p70

Mornington Sanctuary, p84

- ★ Just some of the accommodation sites in the area
- ★ Or you can camp at these sites, if you'd prefer
- 🌴 A few of our favourite waterholes (Pack swimmers!)
- 🛢️ Refuel here (Though it's diesel only at Imintji)

You can now fly here direct from Sydney and Melbourne (with Qantas)

Plenty of freshwater crocs to be seen here

One of our cover girl's favourite waterholes

This road for experienced 4WDs only

You must try the scones here

A properly unforgettable road trip

Save up for a stay at El Questro's luxe Homestead

This gorge is particularly stunning

Look out for the rope swing at this waterhole

Book one of the safari tents here (they come with gourmet picnic hampers!)

A beautiful (but underrated) drive

