

# KARUNJIE-COCKBURN 4WD LOOP (DF3)

DRY SEASON - FULL DAY 4WD TOUR – JUL to OCT

10 hours – 7am to 5pm – approx. 280km

Minimum 2 – Maximum 6

## Summary

This full day four-wheel-drive tour is designed for those with a true spirit of adventure and the desire to tick the infamous Karunjie Track off their 'bucket list'. Often described more like a 'ride' than a drive, we traverse a variety of terrain including: gum-lined river roads, shimmering mudflats, scoured creek beds and rocky spinifex plains; with the iconic Cockburn Ranges as a most spectacular backdrop.

## Highlights

- Serious four-wheel-drive experience across multiple terrains
- Aboriginal Rock art hidden in the cliffs of the Tier Ranges
- Commentary on local history, flora and fauna
- Enjoy the rugged remoteness of the Karunjie 4WD track and tidal mudflats
- Spot for giant saltwater crocodiles in the King and Pentecost Rivers
- Photograph a variety of birds, boabs and billabongs along the way
- Late afternoon colour changes over the Cockburns and along the Gibb River Road

## Itinerary – approx. timeframe

Pick-up from your accommodation or meeting point before tour commences.

**7:00am:** Leaving Kununurra via the Ord River Diversion Dam, we'll head toward Wyndham and drive to the historic Port and jetty. We'll then call in to the infamous Croc Cafe to purchase your morning tea to take up The Bastion to the Five Rivers Lookout. Here you'll take in the views of the country we are about to traverse and learn a little more about the area. Note: this is your last opportunity to use the facilities before we head down and across the tidal mudflats to the tree-lined King River Road, stopping in at some Aboriginal art sites, prison Boab tree and King River viewpoints. The excitement begins as we start our journey along the bumpy but beautiful Karunjie Track, with stunning views of the Cockburn Ranges it's entire length.

**12:30pm:** Our lunch stop will be somewhere along the track under a Boab or by a billabong where you can watch for broлга, jabiru and a multitude of waders. As we continue west along the track we'll poke in to a few vantage points along the mighty Pentecost River with its huge tidal variations and maybe spot one its giant estuarine crocodiles.

**3:00-4:00pm:** On reaching the Gibb River Road, we'll cross the Pentecost River for some postcard-worthy photographs looking back across the river to the Cockburns bathed in orange afternoon light. As we set off along the Gibb, we follow an endless seam of golden ramparts with their hidden maze of gorges and creeks, best explored by air or foot. With the setting sun behind us, we'll aim to be back in Kununurra by **5:00pm** to drop you off at your accommodation or meeting point.

## Inclusions

- Lunch and afternoon tea, coffee, cold water, light refreshments
- Esky for snacks and additional drinks to put on ice

## What to bring

- Bring money to purchase morning tea at the Croc Cafe
- Sun protection: Hat, sunscreen, ideally long-sleeved shirt
- Sturdy footwear, camera and binoculars
- Refillable water bottle (chilled water and cups available)

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## IMPORTANT!

This tour operates for a limited time due to the vulnerability of the track after any rain. Itinerary and timing may vary depending on station activities such as mustering, or on weather and road conditions (particularly early or late in the season). In these situations we may offer alternate routes or an alternate tour date.

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