

# The Greatest Escape!

AirAdventure



14 days

2023

NEWHAVEN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY | EL QUESTRO HOMESTEAD | KIMBERLEY COAST | THE PAINTED DESERT



## SEAMLESSLY LINK THE BEST LOCATIONS ACROSS THE OUTBACK...

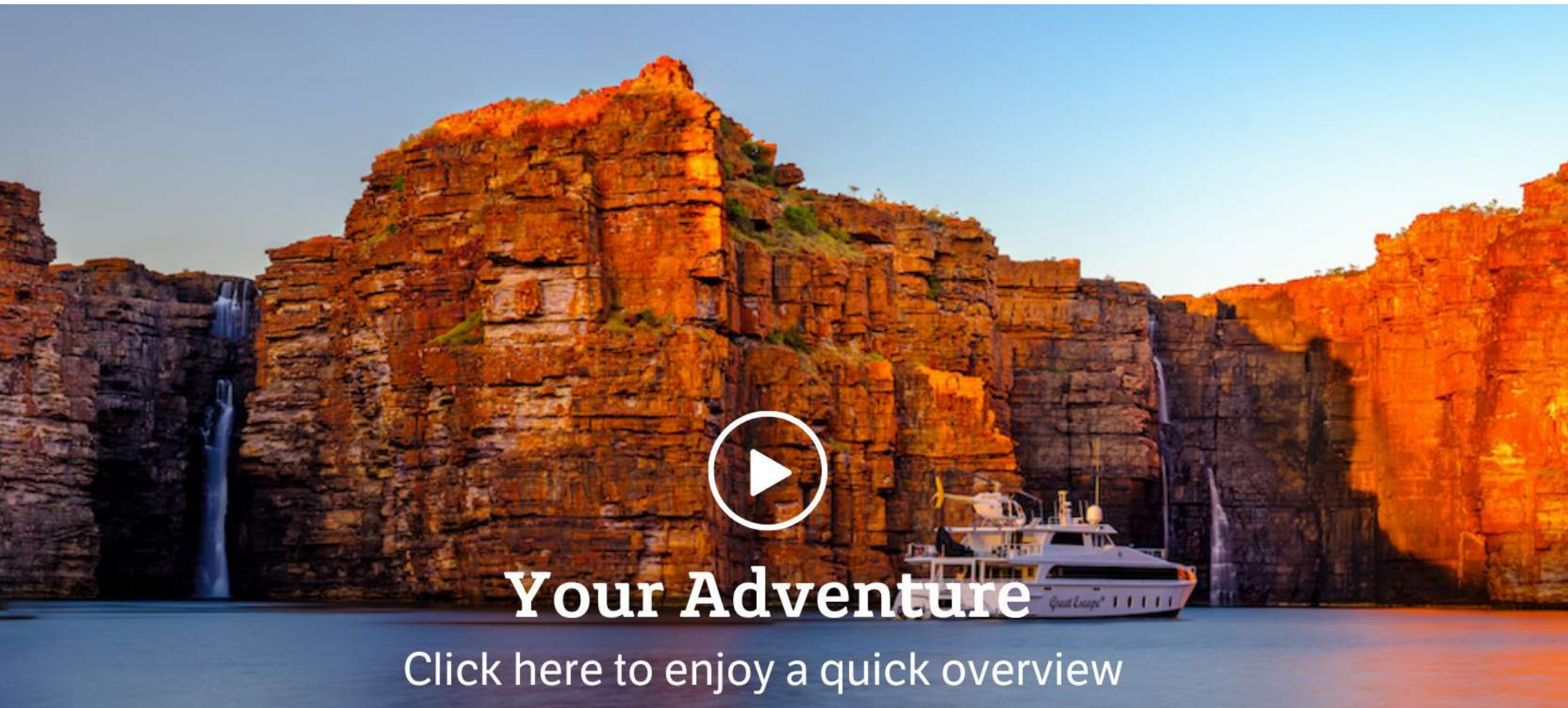
Spend less time on the road and more time exploring on an adventure curated by experts. By flying private, you don't need to worry about airport chaos or cancelled flights.

## YOU'RE IN SAFE AND EXPERIENCED HANDS...

We've been flying the outback skies since 1977. All our pilots are highly experienced, each with thousands of hours in the air. You'll fly in safety and comfort on board a multimillion dollar, Swiss-built Pilatus PC-12 (the same aircraft that the RFDS use).

## TRAVEL AS PART OF A GENUINELY SMALL GROUP...

We carry a maximum of 8 guests who are accompanied by our full time pilot as well as a tour leader, this team is dedicated to making your experience in the outback unforgettable.



# Your Adventure

Click here to enjoy a quick overview

For over 45 years  
Air Adventure  
has been delivering  
truly authentic  
outback encounters.



## Time to get excited...

### A RARE OPPORTUNITY PRIVILEGED ACCESS

Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary is located in central Australia. Covering almost 262,000 hectares you will gain not only privileged access but enjoy a unique stay that very few travellers get to experience. The Sanctuary is one of Australia's largest non-government protected areas and the scenery is spectacular: dramatic quartzite mountains overlook extensive parallel sand dunes and shimmering salt lakes and clay pans. Decorated by mulga woodlands, rich spinifex sandplains and large areas of bloodwood and desert oak, Newhaven is also a hotspot for the wildlife of central Australia. Threatened species include the Black-footed Rock-wallaby, the Brush-tailed Mulgara and an important population of the Great Desert Skink.

### CRUISE IN LUXURY TO HIDDEN PLACES

Experience a stunning section of the Kimberley coast on board the luxury MV Great Escape – showing you the places that those in large ships never see and equipped with a full-time on board helicopter.

### UNIQUE HOMESTEAD STAY EXPERIENCE

Perched on a cliff face, fringed by lush lawns El Questro Homestead - a cattle station - is one of the most talked about jewels in the Kimberley. A virtual oasis with 1 million acres of gorges, hot-springs and escarpment to explore and the finest accommodation.

### PAINTED DESERT

Gain access to a truly spectacular Restricted Area on Anna Creek Station in remote South Australia. The Painted Desert is an area of spectacular colourful hills a superb example of the forces of nature weathering and eroding the desert landscape.

We focus on flying you  
to the little known  
and seldom visited  
locations.



There is no better way  
to visit remote  
Australia than by  
private aircraft.



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**1hr 25mins**

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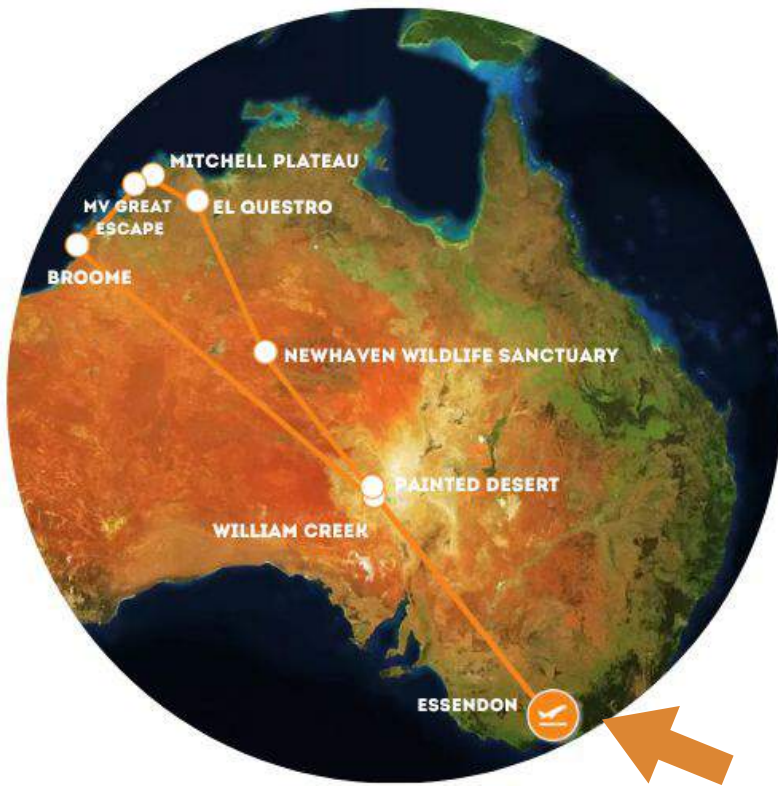


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GROUP SIZE



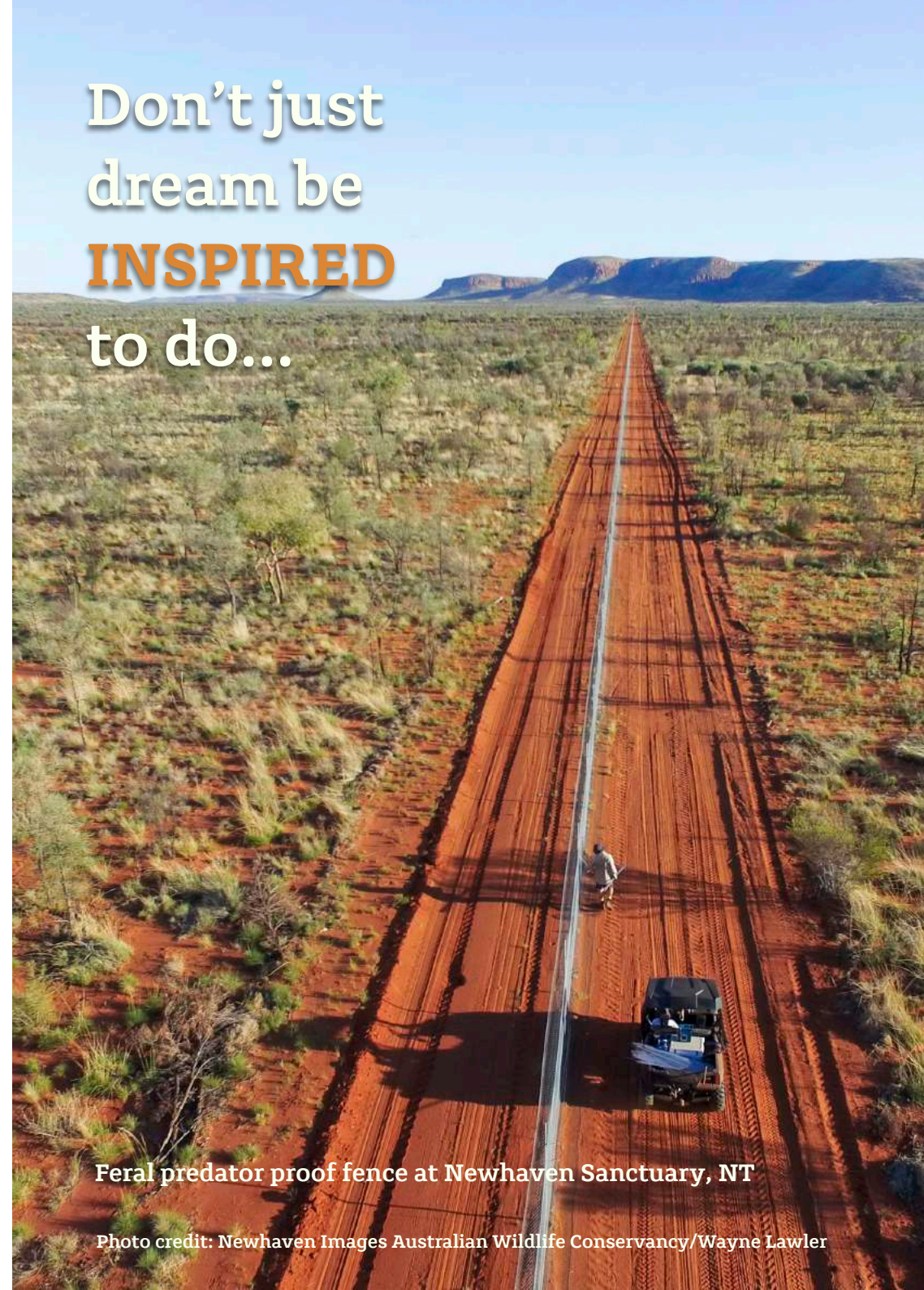
# Your Adventure Starts Here...



## Day 1: Essendon - Newhaven via Leigh Creek and Alice Springs

This morning jet off for the outback and beyond, over the next 14 days you are going to experience parts of Australia that most travellers only dream about. Throughout the morning we will fly deeper into outback Australia - with a couple of fuel and refreshment stops. By early afternoon you will be landing on the private runway at Australian Wildlife Conservancy's Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary - here, we have been given the rare opportunity to access one of Australia's largest feral predator free fenced areas, encompassing 9,400 hectares. This safe haven will protect populations of 10 nationally threatened and locally extinct mammal species that AWC is working to restore to the area.

Don't just  
dream be  
**INSPIRED**  
to do...



Feral predator proof fence at Newhaven Sanctuary, NT

Photo credit: Newhaven Images Australian Wildlife Conservancy/Wayne Lawler



# ACCESS remote outback Australia...



An endangered Mala at Newhaven Sanctuary, NT

Photo credit: Newhaven Images Australian Wildlife Conservancy/Wayne Lawler

After a welcome and settling into your basic but comfortable safari tents, enjoy a guided excursion through lakes, landscapes and ecosystems with sunset drinks, before returning to camp for dinner prepared by your personal chefs. Air Adventure guests have been granted privileged access to this remote camp where you will be guided by AWC's ecologists to educate you on the conservation mission at Newhaven - learn of their wins, losses and challenges in this beautiful but fragile environment.



## AWC's Newhaven Sanctuary (2 nights)

Well equipped but basic safari tents with stretcher beds in an idyllic location. Detached en suite toilet private each room. There are well designed and appointed communal hot showers. The camp is staffed by expert ecologists as well as a hospitality team to ensure meals are of a high standard and that you don't have to lift a finger to enjoy premium 'camping'



Flight time 5hrs 10mins total (3 flights)

## Day 2: Newhaven Sanctuary

Enjoy a full day out in the field with your expert ecologists - their depth of knowledge on the fauna in this arid environment will captivate you and give a greater appreciation of the work that AWC does. Today you will learn about Newhaven's biodiversity restoration project and hear about AWC's science and land management programs. The landscape and environment here is truly breathtaking - you'll leave here having witnessed conservation in action. There is also the opportunity to venture out after dark to see what nocturnal species may be out. No flight today.



### Day 3: Newhaven Sanctuary - Kununurra via Hooker Creek

The final morning at your private, ultra-remote camp your ecologist guides will take you to explore Potato Gorge with opportunities to spot desert birdlife such as zebra finches. After lunch, rejoin your aircraft for the flight northbound to Kununurra, calling in at Hooker Creek for fuel. This afternoon check in and relax at your accommodation, with some time to visit the galleries and jewellers in town - or laze by the pool.



Kimberley Grande (1 night)



Flight time 2hrs total (2 flights)

### Day 4: Kununurra - El Questro Homestead

This morning take a guided tour of the Ord River Valley irrigation scheme before returning to your waiting aircraft for the short hop to El Questro's private runway. Met at the airstrip and whisked away to the luxurious grounds of the Homestead in time for welcome orientation and lunch.

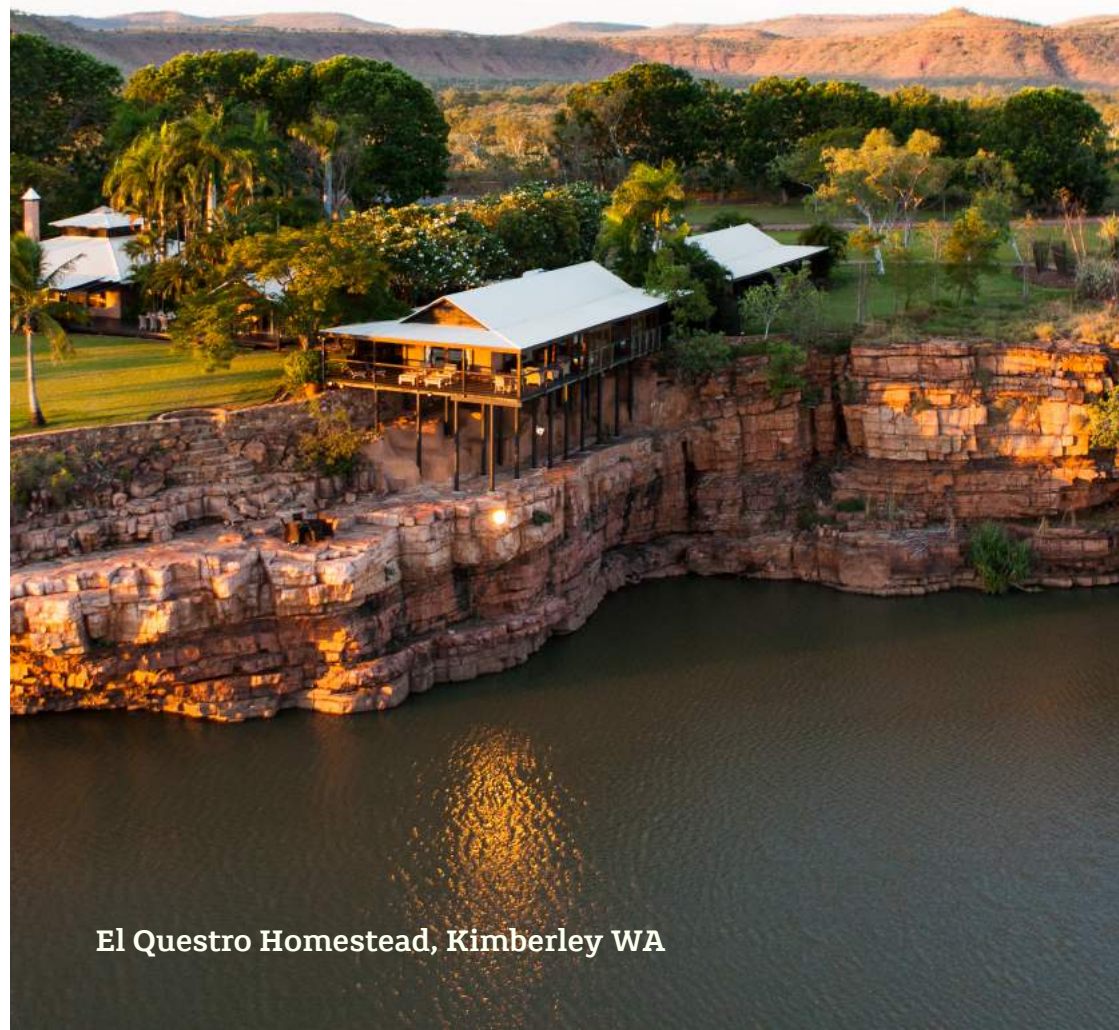


El Questro Homestead (2 nights)



Flight time 20 mins

# Stay in **LUXURY** Accommodation



El Questro Homestead, Kimberley WA



# EXPLORE remote country ancient landscapes...

Cockburn Range, El Questro Station, WA

## Day 5: El Questro Station, Kimberley

El Questro Homestead is just about the finest accommodation in the entire Kimberley region, perched on the cliffs overlooking spectacular vistas. With our former station 'Ellenbrae' a nearby neighbour, we are very familiar with the area. Today the Wilderness Park is yours to explore. Those lucky guests that stay in the Homestead get to experience the highlights such as Chamberlain Gorge, Zebedee Springs and at times when it is closed to the general public.

No flight today.

## Day 6: El Questro Station, Kimberley - The Great Escape, Southern Kimberley Coastline

Following breakfast, it is time to commence your Kimberley Coastal cruising adventure! Fly in your luxury aircraft to the Mitchell Plateau, board a helicopter and land on the ships helipad. Your crew will welcome you aboard and provide a light brunch before we set off for the Hunter River, an incredibly scenic waterway rich with fat barramundi, succulent mud crabs and castaway island beaches.

We can either stay here and have a fire on the beach for sunset drinks or cruise over to historic Careening Bay.



The Air Adventure crew farewell guests here and will rejoin them in Broome. While on the Great Escape you are looked after by the specialist onboard crew (skipper, guides, chef and stewardess).



MV Great Escape (7 nights)

Horizon View Room upgrade to Panoramic View  
subject to availability.



Flight time 45mins

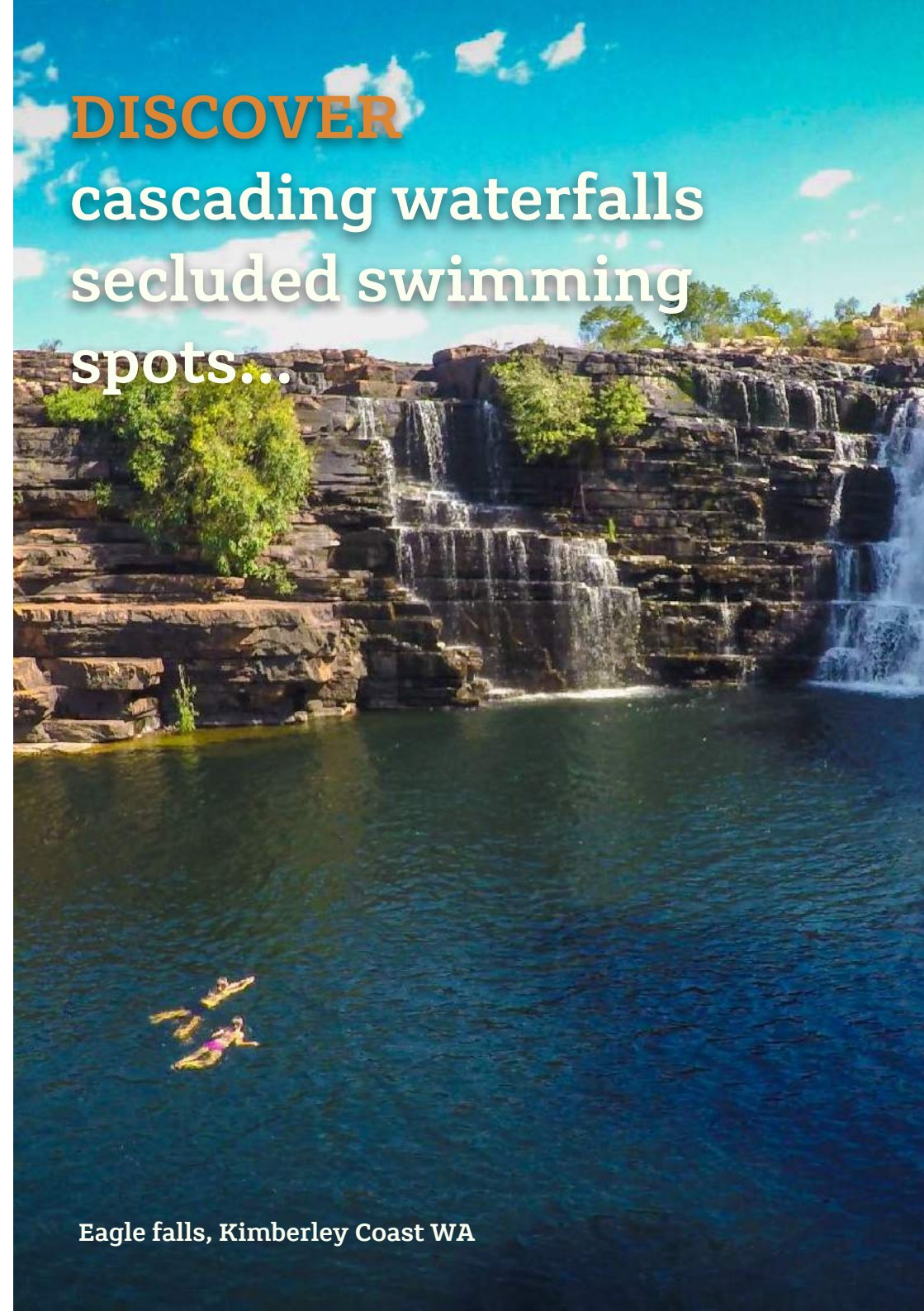
*The Kimberley has some of the largest tidal movement on the planet. This itinerary is very much guided by the tides and weather conditions, so may vary.*

#### **Day 7: MV Great Escape: Kings Cascade**

After visiting the Mermaid Tree, we'll cruise through Saint George's Basin to the mouth of the Prince Regent River and the infamous Kings Cascade. This cruise passes Mount Trafalgar and Mount Waterloo. With luck, the tide will allow us the chance to drop a line for a spot of fishing. If not, we'll cruise straight up to Kings Cascade to explore the amazing natural gardens, freshwater pools and falls. Your vessel will then depart for Camp Creek.



MV Great Escape



**DISCOVER**  
cascading waterfalls  
secluded swimming  
spots...

Eagle falls, Kimberley Coast WA



# VENTURE beyond ordinary...



MV Great Escape, Montgomery Reef WA

## Day 8: MV Great Escape: Camp Creek

We'll spend the morning fishing, or croc-spotting and generally exploring. After lunch, we'll head down Camp Creek for a trek to a beautiful waterfall and swimming hole. Upon returning to the boat, we'll cruise towards Camden Harbour to anchor up for the evening.



MV Great Escape

## Day 9: MV Great Escape: Camden Harbour

Camden Harbour is steeped in history as the first attempted European settlement in the Kimberley. We'll delve into that history as we explore the old settlement. Tide permitting, we'll gather a sumptuous feast of Kimberley rock oysters and then cruise through Kuri Bay – the Kimberley's first pearling settlement. We can then try our hand hunting for reef fish before cruising down the coast to Langii, an Aboriginal Dreaming site.

Here we'll see the mystical 'Petrified Warriors' and spend time relaxing on the silicon beach, while the evening will be spent cruising to Doubtful Bay.



MV Great Escape



### Days 10 & 11: MV Great Escape: Montgomery Reef

A true wonder of the Kimberley with a rich cultural history as well as an abundance of marine life. We'll spend the next two days exploring waterfalls and fishing with one evening spent under the magnificent Raft Point. Raising the anchor early, we'll cruise to Montgomery Reef that creates spectacular cascading waterfalls in the middle of the ocean. This reef has all kinds of aquatic life including turtles and dugongs, which we'll search for in the dinghies. The late afternoon will be spent cruising into Dugong Bay to anchor for the evening.



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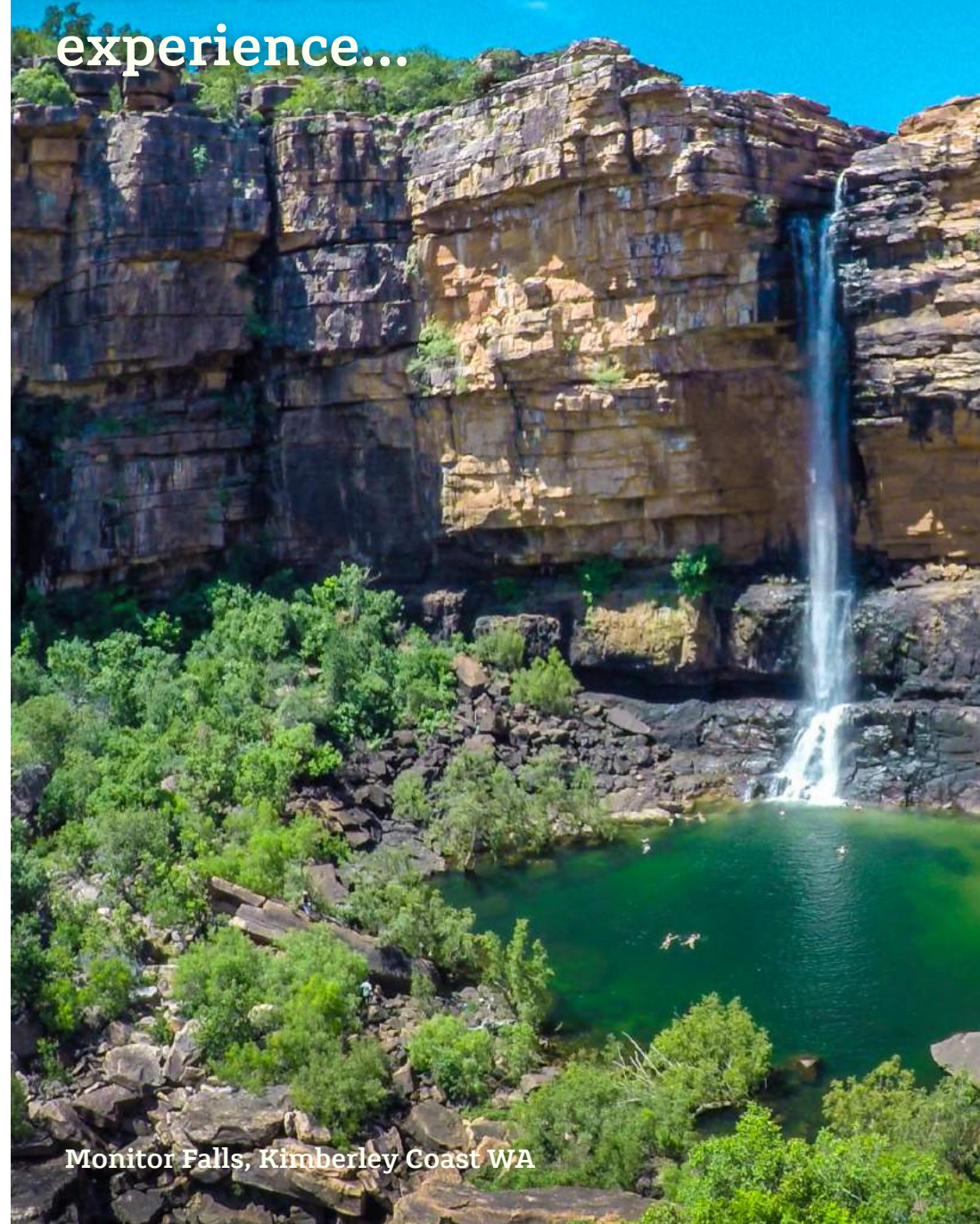
### Day 12: MV Great Escape: Buccaneer Archipelago

We'll start the morning with a scenic walk through a rainforest canopy to a stunning hidden rock pool for a refreshing dip. Here you'll also have the opportunity to see the Horizontal Falls from the air or via tender if the tides are right. Back on the boat, we'll cruise toward the Buccaneer Archipelago where we can stop over at Crocodile Creek for a swim and a BBQ lunch. In the afternoon we'll cruise past Cape Leveque on our way back to Broome.



MV Great Escape

A once in a  
**LIFETIME**  
experience...



Monitor Falls, Kimberley Coast WA



# Go on **TREAT** yourself **YOU** deserve it!

The Tirari Desert, SA

## Day 13: Broome - William Creek via Balgo Hill

Disembark the Great Escape after breakfast and rejoin your aircraft. Today fly south east calling in at Balgo Hill for fuel and a visit to the thriving Warlayirti artist workshop. Airborne once more your pilot will fly you across the NT and SA borders, landing at the tiny outpost of William Creek in time to check in and relax in the quaint outback bar before dinner.



William Creek Hotel (1 night)

Basic but modern and comfortable en suite cabins.



Flight time 4hrs 45mins total

## Day 14: William Creek, Lake Eyre - The Painted Desert - Lake Eyre - Melbourne, Essendon

This morning board a light aircraft for the flight within Anna Creek Station and touch down at the seldom visited Painted Desert for a guided walk and picnic lunch. Continue on to a recently restored mustering strip right on the shores of Lake Eyre North and be one of the few to ever set foot here. This afternoon your pilot will set course southward for home.



Flight time 3hrs total



## Our Story...



In the early 1960s the north of Western Australia was still considered by many to be the end of the world. Then along came Rod Dyer (1925-2008)- Pioneering Pastoralist and Bush Pilot - with a vision. Air Adventure Australia was founded by Rod having clocked up over 10,000 hours as a bush pilot he pioneered 'Ellenbrae' cattle station in the Kimberley back in the 60s.

It was the combination of Rod's knowledge, love of the outback and flying that led him to launch Air Adventure. Since 1977, thousands of travellers have chosen to fly with Air Adventure to the Australia less-travelled.

Today, the company is guided by Rod's son, John Dyer who is also a pilot and very passionate about creating high quality travel experiences spanning the entirety of the Australian continent. His team at Air Adventure, including his wife Alyson, share his enthusiasm and dedication to create unforgettable travel for their guests.

**Don't just take it from us... here's what our previous travellers say:**

"Our tour leader Diana was outstanding - she was great company, and an unobtrusive carer of us. The whole trip was truly wonderful." -  
Elizabeth, Heathmont, VIC

"A wonderful adventure! Living up to expectations and beyond." -  
Pam, South Yarra, VIC

# We can't wait to **WELCOME YOU** onboard...



Alyson and John Dyer





# FLY PRIVATE

save time  
avoid crowds...

## No devil in this detail...

### Your aircraft:

Travel is in the privately chartered Air Adventure Outback Jet, Pilatus PC-12. This prop-jet aircraft is a fast, reliable outback machine capable of landing on gravel and remote airfields where others in larger aircraft can't. The Outback Jet is operated by Armada Aviation, which holds an Air Operators Certificate issued by CASA. All pilots are highly experienced and carry a Commercial Pilots License. It's equipped with state-of-the-art avionics and is all weather rated with impressive safety features. The interior is spacious with custom leather seating, climate control and clear windows (every seat is the window seat) making in flight viewing a joy.

### Tour Departs

Essendon Airport, Melbourne on the 8 August, 2023

### Cost

AUD 33,979 per person (no single supp available), double or twin share, truly all inclusive (Horizon View room on Great Escape).

\*Room upgrade (Panoramic View) AUD 3,768 per room.

\*Room upgrade Cliff Side Retreat at El Questro AUD 2,350 per room

\*Room upgrades available at El Questro and onboard MV Great Escape, subject to availability..

**20% deposit is required to confirm your reservation.**

**Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date.**



## ...we promise.

### Price Inclusive of:

- All private charter flights crewed by our highly experienced Commercial Captain.
- Hosted by an experienced Air Adventure Tour Leader.
- All accommodation, double or twin share
- All meals (except breakfast on day one & dinner on final day). Morning tea on most occasions.
- All drinks (bottled water through to alcohol with dinner).
- All entries, permits, admissions, gratuities/tipping.
- All trips, tours, transfers and excursions as outlined in itinerary.
- Qualified local and indigenous guides along the way.
- Australian GST.

### Not included:

- Items of a personal nature eg. phone calls, internet, travel insurance

Note: There are no fixed departure times for flights conducted on any day of this tour. Departure times will be determined on a day by day basis by discussion between the pilot, tour guide and participants.



Private Flights



Safe Hands



Toilet onboard



Window Seat

## Sit back **RELAX** you're in safe hands...







**[CLICK HERE](#) TO TAKE A 360° TOUR OF THE PC-12**





# READY to take off?

## All Aboard...

### Need More Info: **Get In Touch:**

We're a friendly bunch here at Air Adventure and we know how important it is to be able to have your questions answered by a 'real' person.

You can contact John Dyer direct by email

[john@airadventure.com.au](mailto:john@airadventure.com.au) and he will be happy to give you a call.

### Ready To Pack Your Bags?

If you're ready to GO booking is simple follow this link:

[Reserve Seat | The Greatest Escape!](#)

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