

TRIPLE J TOURS

ORD RIVER CRUISES

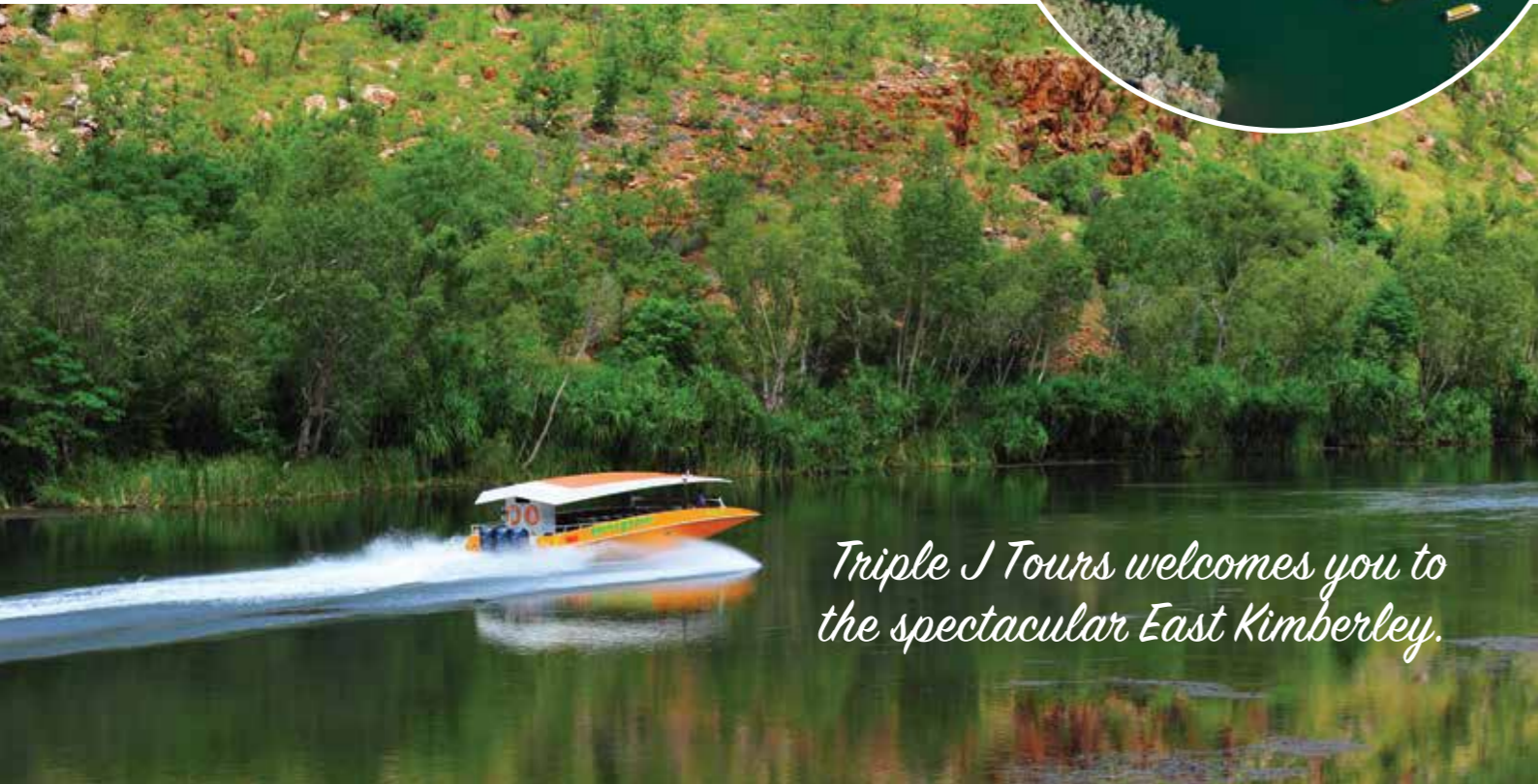
Australia's Longest Daily River Cruise

Kununurra, Western Australia



2019/2020

Welcome



Triple J Tours welcomes you to the spectacular East Kimberley.

The beauty of *Australia's longest continuous daily river cruise* is how it passes through a variety of landscapes, from the wide expanse of Lake Kununurra through the magnificent Carlton Gorge along the age-old Ord River – 55kms in total, from Kununurra to the Ord Top Dam.

Since 1988 it has been our vision to make this extraordinary trip accessible to anyone visiting the East Kimberley. Over the years, we've developed and grown the experience to showcase the best the Kimberley has to offer in one unforgettable day.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ROUGH IT TO SEE OUTBACK WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We've assembled a robust fleet of modern watercraft and coaches to take good care of you. The fleet began with a 15-seat jet-powered boat, the *Melaleuca*. From here we dedicated ourselves to growing our capabilities, to the stage where our most recent vessel the *Peregrine*, seating 50 passengers, was constructed on-site at Triple J Tours.

WE RECOGNISE THE NEED TO CONSERVE AND THE FUNCTION OF SUSTAINABILITY

The RAMSAR Convention is an international treaty that recognise Wetlands of International Importance, their function, conservation and sustainability. The area between Kununurra and the Ord Top Dam is RAMSAR listed. Our job as ambassadors of the Ord and its wildlife includes the best practice for protecting and preserving its nature. As a member country we are entrusted to plan for the wise and sustainable use of the wetlands in our territory. We want this to be a bird-lovers paradise for generations to come.

AMBASSADORS OF THE ORD RIVER IRRIGATION AREA

The other sanctuary that we take pride in is a naturally occurring ecosystem created by humans and thriving in is the remote region of Western Australia.

The completion of the Diversion Dam across the Ord River near Kununurra in 1963 signalled the start of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. In 1972, when the Ord River Dam was completed 55kms upstream, Lake Argyle was formed. With a permanent water source between the two dams this vast area was quickly adopted as a new and constantly evolving ecosystem of such scale and significance it is a must-see.

IT'S THE LOOK ON PEOPLE'S FACES

If we had to identify one constant delight in what we do it would be the look people get when faced with the natural beauty of Australia's uniqueness. You're never too young or too old to experience it and you want to see the Kimberley through the eyes of its most passionate supporters and experienced operators.

Tours



(J3) ORD RIVER DAY TOUR

Our most popular tour lets the day unfold.

Collected from your accommodation by your Triple J coach, travel 70kms across Durack country to Lake Argyle in comfort, enjoying the vast East Kimberley landscape. Stretch your legs near Lake Argyle when we stop at the new site of the original Durack family homestead, rebuilt stone by stone and now housing the historic Argyle Downs Homestead Museum.

After a short drive to the Ord Top Dam, be amazed by the views of Lake Argyle and the view back towards Kununurra.

Board our boat for a scenic cruise 55kms back to Kununurra. The first 15km is an exhilarating ride through the narrowest section of fast-flowing water. Along the way, another layer of the outback unfolds, its waterways, another kind of spectacular scenery in an eco-environment thriving with birds and wildlife, including freshwater crocodiles.

Relax riverside for afternoon tea and closer to town, stop for a famous East Kimberley sunset, the perfect end to your day.

Tour code: J3

Adult: \$185 Senior: \$175 Child (3-15yrs): \$145

Infants (0-2yrs): travel free on parents lap.

Pick-ups commence: 11.30am Drop-off: 5.30pm

Operates: April to September.

Includes: afternoon tea at a secluded riverside location.

Note: please have lunch before departure.



(J2) ORD RIVER DAY TOUR & RIVERSIDE LUNCH

Weigh anchor at the river's edge.

The Ord River Day Tour in reverse with an additional highlight. After collection from your accommodation at 9am, board our boat at the Marina before setting out on Australia's longest continuous daily river cruise.

Enjoy the scenery, spotting wildlife on the way to our riverside camp before disembarking for a buffet lunch in the midst of all the beauty.

Back on the boat, the last 15km ride is an exhilarating one with fast-flowing water and narrow sections before arriving at the Ord Top Dam. A Triple J Tours coach will give you an entirely different perspective, crossing the top of the dam, marveling at the Ord Hydro-Power Station and enjoying the breathtaking views of Lake Argyle.

Leaving the Lake Argyle township, stop at the historic Argyle Downs Homestead Museum, the new site of the original Durack Homestead, rebuilt stone by stone.

The afternoon is spent travelling back to Kununurra through Durack country, taking in the vast Kimberley wilderness scenery and arriving at around 3.30pm.

Tour code: J2

Adult: \$185 Senior: \$175 Child (3-15yrs): \$145

Infants (0-2yrs): travel free on parents lap.

Pick-ups commence: 9.00am Drop-off: 3.30pm

Operates: June to August.

Includes: buffet-style lunch at a secluded riverside location.



See more for less with a combo tour



To book, phone **9168 2682**



(J4) ORD RIVER CRUISE

A unique day on the water.

If you've been fortunate enough to visit Lake Argyle already, or you are an avid photographer chasing incredible scenery in changing light, take a cruise up and down the river on the Ord River Cruise.

Be taken by coach at 11.30am to the Marina and one of Triple J's modern vessels. Then it's out into the East Kimberley wilderness, 55kms gliding over an iconic outback waterway, scanning the landscape for birds and wildlife, maybe a freshwater crocodile sunning itself on a rock.

The last 15km of the cruise is an exhilarating one with fast-flowing water and narrow paths before arriving at the Ord Top Dam (& you get to experience this twice!). Gaze in awe at the man-made spectacle that made this thriving ecosystem possible, before turning and heading back downstream to a riverside camp for afternoon tea.

Nearing Kununurra, appreciate the immense beauty of a Kimberley sunset whilst still out on the water.

Tour code: J4

Adult: \$185 Senior: \$175 Child (3-15yrs): \$145

Infants (0-2yrs): travel free on parents lap.

Pick-ups commence: 11.30am Drop-off: 5.30pm

Operates: year round (subject to minimum numbers October to March).

Includes: afternoon tea at a secluded riverside location.

Note: please have lunch before departure. This tour does not include the Argyle Downs Homestead Museum.



(JBBQ) LAKE KUNUNURRA SUNSET BBQ DINNER CRUISE

Triple J Tours also operate Kununurra Cruises Lake Kununurra Sunset BBQ Dinner Cruise. Combine one of our Triple J cruises (J2/3/4) with the Lake Kununurra Sunset BBQ Dinner Cruise and end your day with a unique dining experience in Packsaddle Lagoon. With wild caught Barramundi, steak, salads and dessert – the Sunset BBQ Dinner Cruise is the perfect way to end a day exploring the East Kimberley.

Tour code: JBBQ

Adult: \$252 Senior: \$239 Child (3-15yrs): \$194

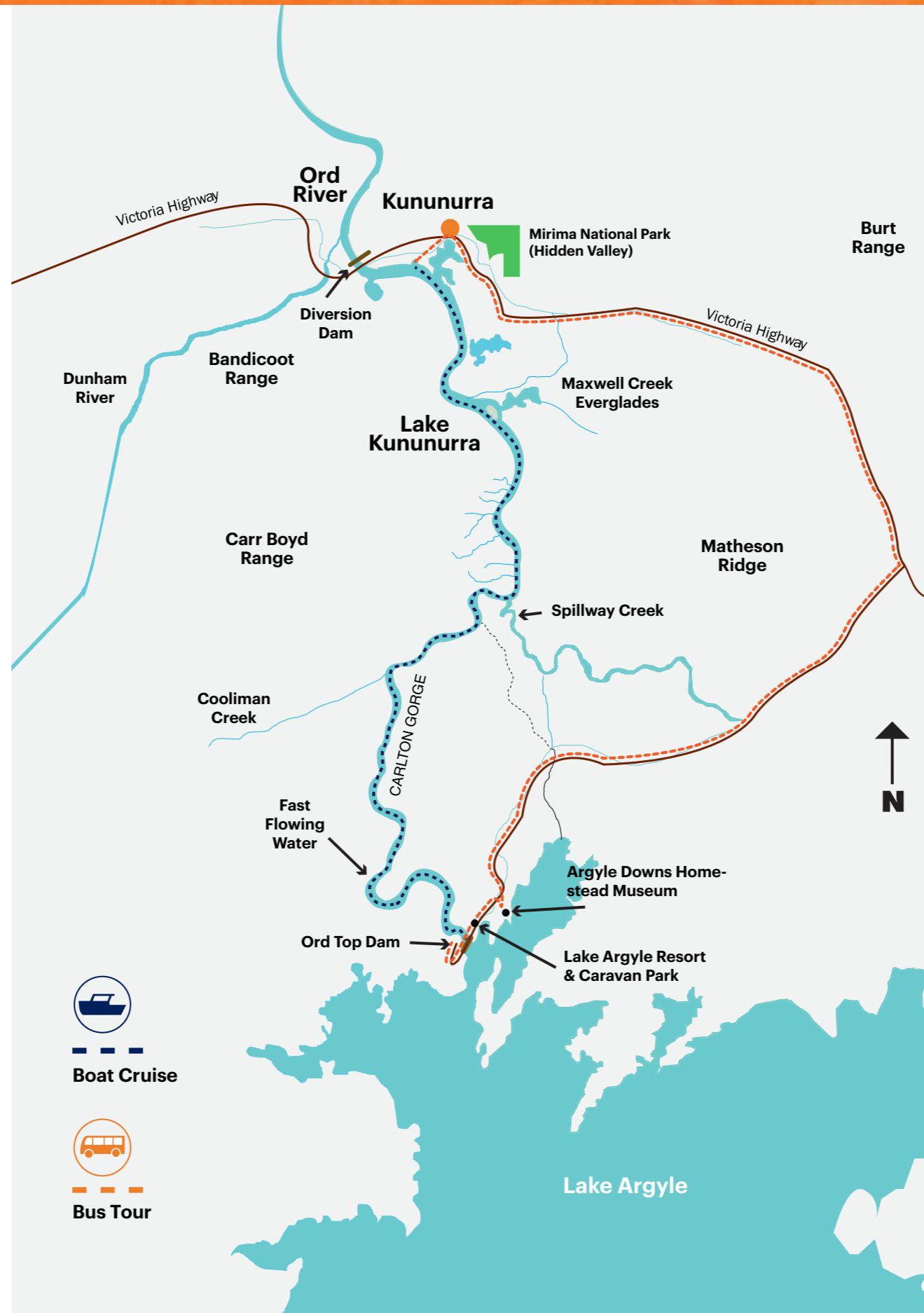
Infants (0-2yrs): travel free on parent's lap.

Pick-up: advised at time of booking.

Operates: May to August. Includes: dinner & licensed bar.

To book the JBBQ, please call Kununurra Cruises on 9168 2882.

SAVE: \$28



(J2LA) LAKE ARGYLE SUNSET TOUR

Combine our Triple J Tours Ord River Day Tour & Riverside Lunch (J2) with a sunset cruise on Lake Argyle with Lake Argyle Cruises. Your Lake Argyle Cruise will have you heading out to sea - an inland sea, that is! At full capacity, Lake Argyle is 21 times the size of Sydney Harbour and is known as an inland sea. We'll cruise through 'the Heads' and enter the northern end of Lake Argyle, meeting our resident wildlife along the way. Learn the amazing history of this magnificent lake before settling in for a swim and some complimentary nibbles, accompanied by beer or bubbly. As the sun sets and the sky turns orange, we'll raise our glasses to an unforgettable day. The coach will drop you back to your Kununurra accommodation at around 7pm.

Tour code: J2LA

Adult: \$295 Senior: \$285 Child (3-15yrs): \$205

Infants (0-2yrs): travel free on parent's lap.

Pick-ups commence: 9.00am Drop-off: 7.00pm Operates: June to August.

Includes: lunch, visit to the Argyle Downs Homestead Museum, sunset nibbles, complimentary beer & wine and a swim.

SAVE: \$15



(J3LA-LAJ) LAKE ARGYLE LUNCHEON TOUR

Combine our Triple J Tours Ord River Day Tour (J3) with lunch on Lake Argyle with Lake Argyle Tours and get a full overview of all things 'Ord River Irrigation Area'! Your 3 hour Lake Argyle cruise will include a stop on one of the many islands on Lake Argyle plus lunch and a swim in the pristine waters of Australia's largest man-made, freshwater lake. A personalised commentary from your tour guide/skipper will include information about the history of the area and you will also see amazing wildlife including crocodiles, birdlife, rock wallabies and more!

Tour code: J3LA-LAJ

Adult: \$320 Senior: \$315 Child (3-15yrs): \$215

Infants (0-2yrs): travel free on parent's lap.

Pick-up: advised at time of booking. Drop-off: 5.30pm

Operates: April to October. Includes: buffet lunch & a swim.

SAVE: \$10



(CJ2/3/4) BUNGLE BUNGLE ADVENTURER

Combine a Triple J Tour (J2/3/4) with a spectacular scenic flight over the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle). The Bungle Bungle is one of the most fascinating geological landscapes in Western Australia. From an aircraft it is an imposing sight. This 2 hour air safari takes you on an unforgettable flight over the Bungle Bungle Range, Lake Argyle, the Argyle Diamond Mine and the Ord River Irrigation Area.

Tour code: CJ2/3/4

Adult: \$573 Senior: \$553 Child (3-15yrs): \$523

Infants (0-2yrs): travel free on parent's lap.

Pick-up: advised at time of booking.

Operates: CJ2 June to August. CJ3/4 April to October.

Note: Cruise and flight do not have to be taken on the same day.

To book the CJ2/3/4, please call Aviair on 9166 9300.

SAVE: \$37



(BLJ) BUNGLE BUNGLE & LAKE ARGYLE EXPERIENCE

Combine a Triple J Tour (J2/3/4) with an awesome float plane experience! Make your World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle) experience even more memorable with the added thrill of landing on Lake Argyle for a remote island stop over. On return from your scenic flight over the Bungle Bungle you will follow the western shoreline of Lake Argyle before coming in for a graceful water landing and step off the floats onto a secluded island. Enjoy a selection of locally made cakes and a cup of tea or coffee while taking the opportunity to spot some local wildlife.

Tour code: BLJ

Adult: \$655 Senior: \$625 Child (3-15yrs): \$560

Infants (0-2yrs): travel free on parent's lap.

Pick-up: advised at time of booking.

Operates: April to October. Includes: afternoon tea.

Note: Cruise and flight do not have to be taken on the same day.

To book the BLJ, please call Kimberley Air Tours on 9168 2653.

SAVE: \$15



(B45J/A30J) BUNGLE BUNGLE HELI EX-WARMUN (B45J) OR BUNGLE BUNGLE (A30J)

Combine a Triple J Tour (J2/3/4) with an exhilarating helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungle from either Warmun (Turkey Creek) or from within the Bungle Bungle. Whether you are driving past the Purnululu National Park or driving into it, a helicopter flight is one of those 'must-do' items for seeing the Bungle Bungle from the air. Flying at a lower level to aeroplanes, these helicopter options are awe-inspiring.

Tour code: B45J or A30J

Per Person: \$605

Operates: April to October.

To book the B45J, please call HeliSpirit (Warmun) on 9168 7337.

To book the A30J, please call HeliSpirit (Bungle Bungle) on 9168 7335.

SAVE: \$29

Celebrating 30 Years - 1988 to 2018

In 1988, together with his (then) wife Jenny and her brother Jamie, Jeff Hayley commenced Triple J Tours (not to be confused with the radio station, Triple J Tours name is because of the first initial of the founding Directors names). Triple J's tour is one of the longest daily river cruises in Australia, traversing the 55km stretch of river between Kununurra and the Ord Top Dam at Lake Argyle. Combine the tour with a 70km coach trip through 'Durack country' and a visit to the Durack Homestead Museum and you have what has become one of the most popular touring options for visitors to Kununurra. The tour highlights the development of the ambitious Ord River Irrigation Scheme, the resulting agriculture and the eco-system that has flourished after the Kununurra Diversion Dam was constructed in 1963.

For the past 30 years, Triple J Tours has provided well over 350,000 passengers with one of the most exhilarating and educational tours in Western Australia. Together with business partner Grant Lodge, Jeff ensures that skippers are trained and educated on the Ord River system to the point of what they don't know about the river system probably isn't worth knowing! Triple J Tours offer a range of experiences including wildlife interpretation, photography, bird-watching, geology appreciation, cultural interpretation, history and agriculture.

Back in 1988 when first cruising in this river system, Triple J Tours was operating in a pure wilderness area and navigating a section of water fraught with hazards - sand banks, submerged logs, treacherous overhangs. It was incredibly hard work in the early days but here they are, 30 years later, and their efforts have been unequivocally worth it. Join the Triple J Tours team for a truly remarkable river cruising experience.



REMEMBER TO BRING



All year around



October - March



June - August

CONDITIONS

Prices valid: 01 April, 2019 to 31 March, 2020.

Departure: is subject to availability, river and weather conditions.

October to March: please book in advance to guarantee departure. Minimum numbers apply.

Wildlife/birdlife: whilst Triple J Tours specialise in observing wildlife/ birdlife, numbers and varieties will vary with each tour.

Cancellation: less than 24hrs notice will be non-refundable.

Senior discount: available to persons aged 60+ years. A Seniors Card must be presented at time of booking.

Savings: are based on the full adult rate.



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