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WILDERNESS HELI FLIGHTS



Direct from the deck of True North

HELICOPTER TRANSFERS TO AND FROM THE TRUE NORTH

If you're arriving or departing the True North then do it in style and comfort. Get picked up or dropped off at Kununurra, Elquestro Station and Home Valley Station. This is the perfect way to start or finish your True North experience with a stunning scenic flight over the East Kimberley region.

Helicopter transfers to other destinations can be organised through the North Star cruises office including such places as The Bungle Bungle, Argyle Diamond Mine, Lake Argyle, Berkley River Resort, Faraway Bay Lodge and much, much more. Please book in advance for this service to avoid disappointment.



KALUMBURU MISSION EXPERIENCE

DURATION: 30 MIN FLIGHT / 2 HRS GROUND

Take a scenic flight to Kalumburu Aboriginal community and Mission. Here we will visit the remarkable museum of Father Anskar McPhee. He amassed a truly amazing museum collection whilst living here for more than 25 years. View the array of local and international cultural artefacts that will have you fascinated for hours, and take the opportunity to wander around the mission grounds visiting the church and the Old Bakery.



MONTGOMERY REEF SCENIC FLIGHT

DURATION: 20 MINS

You'll awake to the sight of the True North manoeuvring ever so carefully along a channel that dissects the Montgomery Reef. The reef, covering an area in the region of 300sq km, is some 80km long, and contains large areas of shallow lagoon and seagrass beds. Due to 10m+ tides that occur along this region of the Kimberley, the whole reef emerges up to 5m out of the sea at low tide, with vast sheets of water pouring off the reef in waterfalls. As the tide ebbs, we'll head for the skies to marvel at this jewel of the Kimberley. Hoping to catch a glimpse of Dolly the Dugong, we meander our way above the reef, losing count of the number of turtles and various marine creatures in the local population. Viewing the reef from the air is a must on the Kimberley to-do list!



KING GEORGE FALLS SCENIC FLIGHT, TAXI AND GROUND TOUR

DURATION: 30 MIN FLIGHT/ FLEXIBLE TIME ON GROUND

After sitting on the bow of the True North as she meanders her way up the King George River, smacking you in the face with metre after metre of magnificent towering cliffs either side of the boat, it's time to step aboard the helicopter and see what the eagles see! We spend time marvelling at the King George Falls from the air, before heading down stream, zigzagging our way along the river. Keep your eyes open as dugong often frequent this area. Onwards to the Fountain of Youth (don't get any ideas) and out to Cape Bernier, where you will learn the story of the German aviators that lost their way on this coastline in the 1930's. We then head along the coast spotting other marine life on our way to Cape Rulhieres, and then into Koolama Bay. This is the site where the state ship, MV Koolama, was savagely attacked by the Japanese in 1942. From here we climb up high and take in the coastline running up to Cape Londonderry, the northern most point of Western Australia. Heading past Tranquil Bay and up the river, we land at one of the most spectacular spots in the Kimberley- the top of the King George Falls! After spending some time exploring or maybe having a refreshing dip, the helicopter will make it's way back to the True North. For those who like a good walk, you can meet the helicopter at the top of King George Falls to begin your scenic flight there, and after your flight you can be dropped back at the True North.



BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO SCENIC FLIGHT

DURATION: 45 MINS

Depart the True North amongst the maze of 800 islands that make up the Buccaneer Archipelago. The archipelago is located at the end of a major tectonic fault line, and as you will see, it is a tortured yet stunning landscape that is sure to impress. A highlight of this flight is our bird's eye view of the unique Horizontal Waterfalls and the razor back ranges that form this spectacle. We then fly over Cockatoo and Koolan Islands. Both of these islands are riddled with rich deposits of Hematite (iron ore), and consequently are heavily immersed in mining history since the 1890s. The two islands are a hive of activity, ships are being loaded and unloaded, haul packs and dozers are scurrying about, and on occasion a cloud of dust signals the latest deposit being blasted. Keep an eye out for Humpback whales as we explore this amazing coastline.



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SALE RIVER SCENIC FLIGHT AND SWIM

DURATION: 30 MINS

Follow the Sale River upstream with its endless winding gorges leading you inland to a private swimming hole. Experience the true remoteness of the Kimberley as you enjoy a swim in this secluded location. Take in the scenery while the billy boils and enjoy a delicious morning or afternoon tea. There's even time to take a walk and look for any native critters that may be basking in the Kimberley sun! We'll fly back to the True North over Doubtful Bay with Raff Point and Steep Island in the distance.



HUNTER RIVER SCENIC FLIGHT

DURATION: 45 MINS

We find ourselves today anchored in Prince Frederick Harbour, one of the most beautiful coastal regions of Australia. We depart the True North and follow a series of stunning gorges that make up the Hunter River and Porosus Creek. Nestled at the end of one of these narrow gorges is Donkin Falls, a sight to behold from the helicopter. From here we go cross country, spotting wild cattle left over from a failed cattle industry in the area, to the mouth of the Roe River. We climb high over the harbour and spot Mount Trafalgar in the distance. Spellbound by a truly magnificent coastline, we slowly descend and skirt the cliff-lined coast past Naturaliste Beach and Indian Head back to our floating home.



SWIFT BAY SCENIC FLIGHT

DURATION: 20 MINS

Get airborne over the startling Montague Sound, from our anchorage in Swift Bay we take to the air and immediately you are taken back by this stunning coastline. Experience peach coloured sandstone cliffs, shaped into enormous column structures. These gigantic building blocks give the impression of a once great Roman Empire in ruin while numerous islands protrude from the ocean like lopsided cities sinking into the sea. The contrast of colours between the sky, sandstone cliffs, water and vegetation set an amazing picture from above. Winyalkin Island, Mudge Bay, Bigge Island and many more make up a list of stunning locations not to be missed from this unique perspective.



HEARTBREAK HARBOUR SCENIC FLIGHT AND GROUND TOUR

DURATION: 45 MIN FLIGHT/ 35 MIN ON GROUND

In 1864, three ships headed for Camden Harbour: the Calliance, the Stag and the Helvatia, all of which had excited investors on board to establish a new pastoral empire. A tale of hardship and sorrow unravels on this flight as we discover and explore this country some 146 years later. Lives were lost, ships sank, and most people lost everything. We visit the remains of their settlements and the lonely grave sites they left behind. We also see the remnants of a once Anglican mission from the early 1900's, and the pearl farm of Kuri Bay.



MITCHELL FALLS SCENIC FLIGHT AND GROUND TOUR

DURATION: 30 MIN FLIGHT/ 35 MIN ON GROUND

From our anchorage at the mouth of the Mitchell River, we depart the True North and track south along the river. It is lined with vast mangrove forests that dissect the surrounding Spinifex-covered sandstone escarpments. We come to the Lower Mitchell Falls, a series of waterfalls carving its way through the sandstone to salt water below. Onwards to the mighty Mitchell Falls, some 10km upstream, it is a magnificent gorge system at the junction of the Mitchell River and Merton's Creek. We see four waterfalls drop one into the other until finally reaching the river below. Here we land and jump out of the helicopter to join one of our crew on a leisurely stroll around the top of the falls. Back in the helicopter and we head east past the public camp ground and on to the Mitchell Plateau. A large deposit of Bauxite was discovered here in the 1960's, and an observant eye will pick up the numerous scars on the plateau from mineral exploration days of years gone by. Finally we head north and spy Port Warrender and Crystal Head in the distance. Then we leave the plateau and head over the black soil plain towards the Mitchell River and onto our home away from home, the True North.



PRINCE REGENT RIVER SCENIC FLIGHT

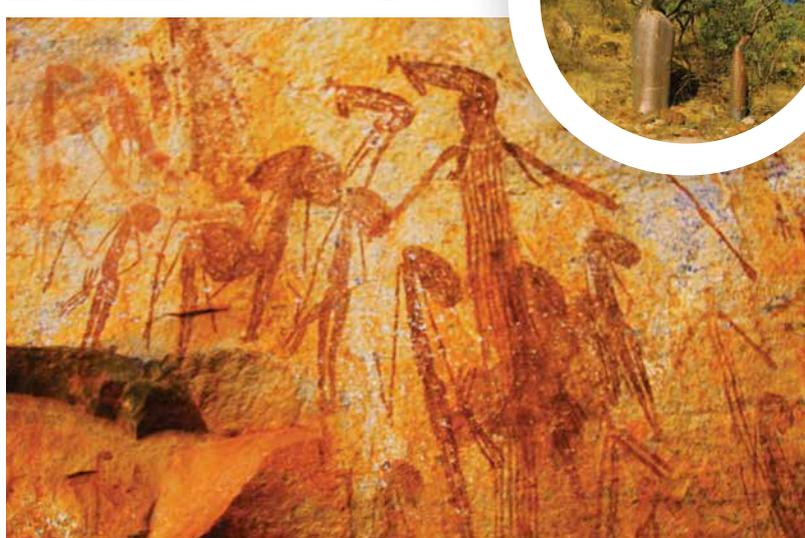
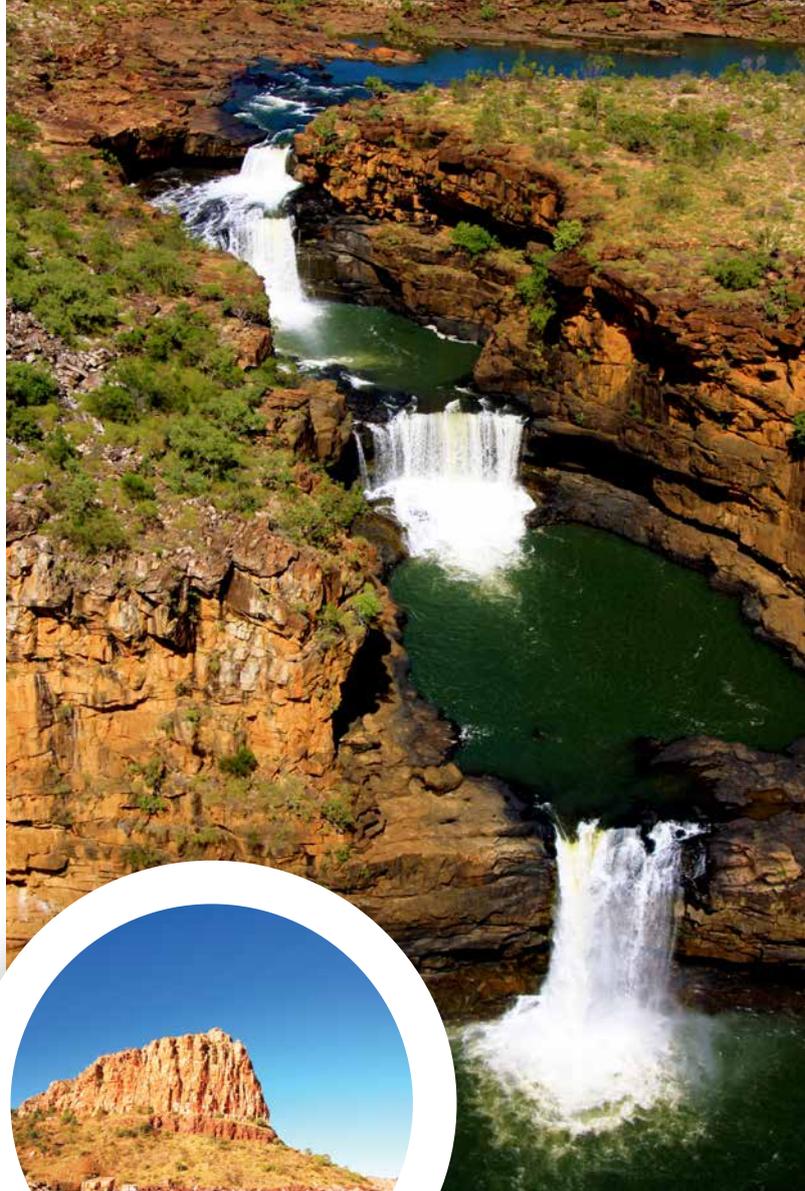
DURATION: 1 HOUR

Head upstream the Prince Regent River branching off to follow sandstone valleys that have been forgotten in time. View endless gorges and breath-taking waterfalls as we reach the headwaters of the river in the Princess May Ranges near Mount Hahn and Mount Agnes. Fly over Jurassic Park and Quail Creek, and snap a photo or two of the Amphitheatre Falls. Finally, view the spectacular Kings Cascades from above as we climb up high to appreciate the full extent of the Prince Regent River.



ROCK ART EXPLORATION

Board the Heli and head off in search of ancient rock art in an ancient landscape. Examples of the Kimberley Bradshaw art are something not to be missed, and the rock art sites we visit rival some of the best in the world! Sit where indigenous man sat around 30,000 years ago to leave his impression on the rock. Learn about "Clothes Pegs" and "Tassles", and the different theories behind the origin of this mysterious art form.



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MITCHELL FALLS & HUNTER RIVER SCENIC FLIGHT

DURATION: 1 HOUR + GROUND TOUR

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From here we go cross country, spotting wild cattle left over from a failed cattle industry in the area, to the mouth of the Roe River. We climb high over the harbour and spot Mount Trafalgar in the distance. Spellbound by a truly magnificent coastline, we slowly descend and skirt the cliff lined coast past Naturaliste Beach and Indian Head back to our floating home.



ST GEORGE BASIN SCENIC FLIGHT

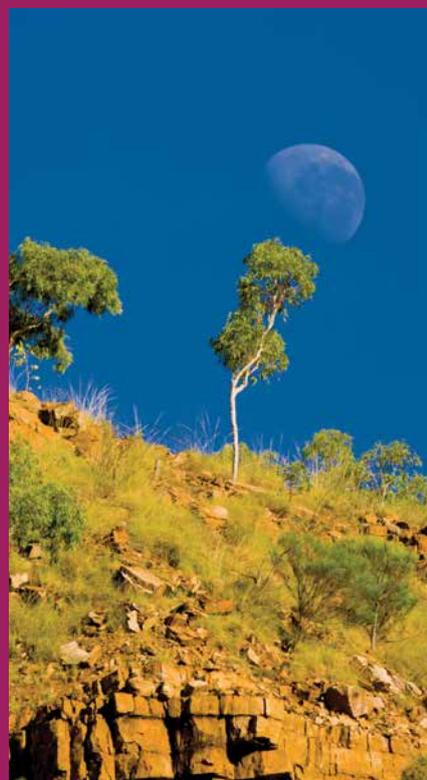
DURATION: 45 MINS

Departing the mouth of the Prince Regent River we fly across the St George Basin to view the unique and imposing Mount Trafalgar. Towering above the surrounding landscape, this Kimberley landmark dominates the St George Basin and demands your attention. Learn about the British Spitfire pilot that crash landed his plane at the base of this stunning hill in 1942, and on the opposite side learn about the failed attempt by pastoralists at building a cattle property in 1891. We will fly past the Python Cliffs and St Andrews Island, over the Marique Promontory to the stunning Rothsay Water. After exploring Rothsay Water we head for Uwins Island in Hanover Bay, and find a deep and narrow channel leading us into the St George Basin. Here the massive tide forces its way through this narrow channel creating a powerful body of turbulent water with numerous whirlpools. Heading upstream we fly over the beautiful Lushington valley and over the basalt cliffs back to the St George Basin. Keep your eyes down as we search for giant saltwater crocodiles sunning themselves on the muddy banks before landing back to the True North.



CAMP CREEK FALLS AND KING GEORGE FALLS HELI-TAXIS

Both Camp Creek Falls and King George Falls are accessible by foot and should not be missed. We understand the walk is not for everyone which is why we offer a Heli-taxi option ensuring you don't miss any of the action. Ask one of our pilots for more information on this service.





HELI-SUNRISE

Start the day by waking early and taking a Heli flight to a magnificent hill top location while the colours of the sunrise appear over the rugged Kimberley coastline. Pop the cork on a bottle or two of bubbly, and enjoy a cheese and fruit platter as a new day dawns. The view from our vantage point is sure to leave you with memories to last a lifetime.



HELI-CAMPING

Fly to a secluded location and relax with an afternoon of swimming and exploring. Enjoy a Kimberley sunset in the bush with a few mates, and sit around the camp fire after dinner with a cool beer or a glass of red. Retire for the night to the sound of the Kimberley bush under a sea of stars unaffected by city lights or pollution. Wake up to the birds and the sound of the billy boiling, and the aroma of bacon and eggs on the barbie! A morning swim will start the day before we pack up camp and head back to the True North. Past guests have noted this experience as one of the most memorable in their life.



HELI-PICNICS

If your usual picnics consist of massages at the base of waterfalls, lolling about in swimming holes and searching for ancient rock art, then this one may not be for you. After a short flight across the rugged Kimberley landscape you'll arrive at a secluded location where our friendly crew will lead you to what will be your paradise home for the day. Enjoy the many activities on offer while our talented chefs work away at bringing you a tasty bush barbeque. Finish the perfect day with a refreshing drink before heading back to the boat.



HELI-SUNSET

Take the Heli to an exciting hilltop location and watch the sun sink into the ocean. Raise your glass to the end of yet another amazing day in the Kimberley as the surrounding landscape and sky puts on a show of endless changing colours. Take in the last few rays of light, as we swoop back to the True North in time to discover what culinary delights the chef'S have ready.



HELI-FISHING

Why not take the Heli and a few mates fishing for the arvo! With the Heli loaded (hooks optional), your pilot will introduce you to one or two of his favourite fishing locations hidden within the magical Kimberley. Our chefs on board the True North will be eagerly awaiting your return.



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