



GLOBAL GYPSIES PTY. LTD.

COVID-BUSTING RUDALL RIVER/KARLAMILYI 4WD EXPEDITION

July 21 –31, 2021
11 Days/10 Nights

We're not letting COVID get us down! On this exciting outback expedition, you'll explore one of WA's most remote and rugged destinations – independent but not alone. And no special permits are required!

Rudall River/Karlamilyi is Australia's second largest national park and one of the world's few remaining "Last Frontiers". If you love challenge and adventure and have a pioneering spirit, be among the fortunate few to join us as we venture into this spectacular 4WD destination.

The geography of the area is spinifex grass country bordered by the Great Sandy (NE) and Little Sandy (SW) Deserts, and includes the watershed of the Rudall River. There are several salt lakes in the area. Sand dunes cover much of the eastern and SW part of park. The central area is rocky. Main vegetation is around the water courses, this is eucalyptus savanna, tea tree scrub and some mulga (acacia).

Birds are the most common fauna, 90 species having been recorded. 37 native mammal species have been recorded including dingos, dunnarts, several species of marsupial mice and bats. Several reptile species also recorded including frogs, geckos, lizards, skinks, goannas and snakes.

The safari begins & ends in Newman. Clients should allow two days' driving from Perth each way.

Your tour leader, Jeremy Perks, is a Director of Global Gypsies, and an award-winning Tour Guide with over 20 years' remote area experience in Australia and Africa. He is a qualified mechanic, an experienced four-wheel driver, a knowledgeable bushman, and an accredited 4WD and towing instructor with a certificate in remote-area first aid.

Use your own 4WD vehicle and camping gear, or we can hire them for you at special rates (if available!). Robust 4WD vehicles and off-road camper trailers only. Sorry no pets or children under 16 permitted.

Each vehicle needs:

- Radio: a vehicle-mounted UHF two-way radio – if you don't have your own, we can hire you one for \$15 @ day.
- Tyres: two spare wheels
- Fuel: sufficient supplies for approx 1100 kms (usually need 200 litres). Be aware that water and supplies will be scarce or non-existent once inside the park boundaries – *we must be completely self-sufficient.*
- Water: 20 litres per vehicle for personal use. Please take another 40 litres if space allows!
- Towing: High clearance robust off-road camper trailers only – sorry, no caravans permitted

Note that in the escort vehicle we carry a PLB (personal locating beacon), HF radio, GPS, satellite phone, comprehensive toolbox & a St John's first aid box.

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(Please note that all kilometre counts are approximate only)

Day 1 – Wednesday, July 21

Clients make their own way to Newman.

Group meets up at Oasis Newman Caravan Park for important briefing by the Tour Guide at 4:00 p.m. (We have a similar briefing every night thereafter). We also distribute any hire radios at this time. We enjoy 'sundowners' (BYOG) followed by a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Oasis Newman Caravan Park (all facilities)

Notes:

- You may wish to arrive in Newman early & enjoy an optional tour of Mt. Whaleback Mine – the largest open cut mine in the world! Tours depart at 9:15 a.m. & there is only one tour a day - minimum numbers required; wear long pants & covered shoes. Cost is \$30 adults/\$25 seniors. Advance bookings necessary - call the Newman Visitors Centre on 9175 2888 for inquiries & bookings.
- Accommodation or campsites are at own cost for clients arriving in Newman prior to July 21. We recommend that you book in advance. If staying at Oasis Newman, say you're with Global Gypsies!

Day 2 – Thursday, July 22

Newman to Rudall River National Park (360 kms)

Drive to Rudall River via Balfour Downs Station on the Talawana Track.

Overnight at bush camp near White Gum Bore (no facilities).

Day 3 – Friday, July 23

Explore Rudall River National Park (approx 100 kms). Visit jarra pool & No. 11 pool. Optional 4WD seminar.

Overnight at bush camp (no facilities).

Day 4 – Saturday, July 24

Explore Rudall River National Park (approx 100 kms)

Bush walk in Rudall River near Lirpill Pool then travel to overnight bush camp at Desert Queen Bath.

Overnight at bush camp (no facilities).

Day 5 – Sunday, July 25

Explore Rudall River National Park (approx. 100 km)

Spend day walking & swimming at this magnificent spot. Optional stargazing after dinner.

Overnight at bush camp (no facilities).

Day 6 – Monday, July 26

Explore Rudall River National Park (approx. 100 km)

Travel north via North Bore. Optional walk to Trotman's Cave (+- 4kms return).

Overnight at bush camp near Christmas Pool (no facilities).

Day 7 – Tuesday, July 27

Christmas Pool to Carrawine Gorge (250 km)

Overnight at bush camp at Carrawine Gorge (no facilities)

Day 8 – Wednesday, July 28

Free day in camp (0 kms).

Swim in the river (bring a lilo or inner-tube!), go bush-walking, relax or go fishing - if you're a keen angler, bring your fishing gear!

Overnight at bush camp at Carrawine Gorge (no facilities)

Day 9 – Thursday, July 29

Carrawine Gorge to Marble Bar (75 kms)

Top up fuel supplies.

Overnight at Marble Bar Caravan Park (all facilities, including a community swimming pool!).

Day 10 – Friday, July 30

Free day in Marble Bar to rest or to explore the area visiting such attractions as the Comet Gold Mine, Coruna Downs Air Base, the “marble” bar & Chinaman’s Pool.
Farewell Dinner at Ironclad Hotel – don’t miss it!
Overnight at Marble Bar Caravan Park (all facilities).

Day 11 – Saturday, July 31

Marble Bar to Newman (310 kms)
Travel via Nullagine to Newman. Tours ends after lunch.
Clients responsible for own accommodation tonight.

COST: \$2100 per vehicle (1 – 2 people)

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