

# TRAVEL PLANNER FOR EL QUESTRO HOMESTEAD GUESTS



A million acres in size, El Questro is located on the eastern perimeter of the Kimberley Region, and extends for approximately 80 kilometres into the heart of the region, most of which has never been explored. It is one of the last true frontiers. Go barramundi fishing, set out on a horse trek, or explore remote areas by helicopter that only a lucky few have ever seen.



#### GETTING TO KUNUNURRA, WA:

Regular flights are available from all major Australian cities to Kununurra via Darwin, Broome and Perth with Qantas, Air North or Virgin Australia.

If staying overnight in Darwin, Kununurra or Broome, please be advised that during the busy months accommodation can be fully booked. Advance reservations are strongly recommended.

#### LUGGAGE

Please seek advice regarding your airline's luggage allowance, as it can be quite limited on certain flights.

#### **SELF DRIVERS**

In order to welcome you in a suitable fashion, self-drivers are asked to make contact the day prior or morning of arrival to advise their approximate arrival time. We will provide directions to the Homestead from your point of origin and through the El Questro property.

Lunch is normally served at the Homestead at 1:00pm with latecomers being catered for on arrival. Afternoon tours commence at 2:30 and 3:00, be sure not to miss out.

### CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

Check- in to the Homestead and use of the facilities is available from 9:00 am with accommodation being accessible by noon.

Due to the boutique nature of the Homestead check-out from your accommodation is at 10:00 am. Guests are welcome to use the resort facilities until their designated transfer time.

When possible, every effort will be made to offer an early check in or late check out from your accommodation.

#### DINING

All meals are served outdoors. In keeping with the "Homestead" theme, dining is done mainly at a communal table. Private dining requests are easily accommodated, please advise us on arrival. A small number of spectacular cliff side tables are available at dinner time. For important celebrations, guests are encouraged to pre-book one of these tables so as not to miss out

Lunch and dinner at the Homestead is from a set menu but most dietary needs, allergies, personal likes and dislikes can be catered for. Please provide your requirements at least 2 weeks prior to arrival to ensure availability of products.

On occasion, a small number of guests from El Questro Station can be invited to the Homestead for dinner. If you have friends staying there please check with us for availability of this service (charges apply)

#### CLIMATE

From May through to the beginning of October, El Questro very rarely gets rain and enjoys warm, sunny days.

The winter months of June, July and August see daytime temperatures between the high 20's and low 30's and the nights cool off to between 8 and 18°C.

April, May, September and October have warmer temperatures all around, when day time highs can be in excess of 35°C and night time lows are between 15 and 25°C. April and October can be particularly humid with some chance of rain.

#### **INSECTS**

Mosquitoes are present in April and early May. They do not pose a problem again until the rain starts in October. Sand flies occur in certain areas year round and repellent should be used; seek advice from our tour guides.

El Questro is home to a large variety of harmless insects that come and go throughout the year. We suggest leaving very few lights on in your accommodation so as not to attract these insects indoors.



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#### WHAT TO BRING

Guests wishing to partake in our wide range of outdoor activities should bring appropriate clothing and footwear.

Running shoes are the minimum requirement for the basic gorge walks. For harder treks, good hiking shoes or boots are recommended.

- Agua shoes or Crocs can be handy in some of the swimming holes if you have very sensitive feet or feel unbalanced, but are not a necessity for most.
- If horse riding, boots or running shoes as well as long trousers are mandatory.
- Guests are advised to bring a hat, sun glasses and sunscreen.
- The Homestead has an outdoor swimming pool and many of the tours allow for swimming in natural waterholes so please don't forget your bathing suit.
- Those visiting in the winter months of late May, June, July and August should bring jackets or sweaters and long trousers for the evening as it is quite
- Shorts and/or lighter clothing are most comfortable for day time activities.
- The dress standard for dinner is smart casual. We request that guests refrain from wearing t-shirts, singlets, thongs and sports shorts however polo shirts and tailored shorts are acceptable. At the communal lunch table we request that guests do not wear bathing suits or singlets.

- Our shop carries only a small range of toiletries and remedies. If you require special items it is best that you bring them with you.
- The Kimberley offers stunning scenery and you can easily fill your camera's memory card. Bring an extra card or means with which to transfer your photos.

#### **TOURING**

We have an extensive range of tours and activities and are here to help you plan your time so that you may best experience what El Questro and the East Kimberlev have on offer.

While most tours do not require that you book in advance of arrival, some take limited numbers or sell out in peak season and pre-booking of the following is highly advisable: Horse riding, Explosion Gorge and Branco's Lookout, all Helicopter tours and scenic flights. El Questro's Big Day Out and all tours or flights to the Bungle Bungles, Mitchell Falls, Please contact elquestrohomestead@delawarenorth.com

to discuss your touring options.

#### TIME ZONE

Kununurra is on Australian Western Standard Time Zone UTC+8

#### **ELECTRICITY**

Australian electricity is 220-240 volts. Adapters can be provided.

A Safe is available for the storage of quest valuables.

#### LAUNDRY SERVICE

Valet Laundry service is offered daily. Charges apply.

#### PAYMENT

We accept EFTPOS, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Card. Please note that most banks have a daily limit on EFTPOS transactions. If you do not wish to use a credit card, pre-payment by Direct Debit is available though our reservation office.

### COMMUNICATION

The phone number to the Homestead is 61 8 9161 4042. Faxes can be sent to 61 8 9161 4043. Mobile telephone coverage is unavailable on all of El Questro and your accommodation does not have a phone or television.

A telephone for guest use is available in the Homestead library. Outgoing call charges apply. A television with Foxtel coverage and local stations is also located in the library along with the guest computer. For those travelling with mobile devices, a wireless internet connection is available throughout most public areas of the Homestead. All internet use is complimentary.

We hope that any questions you had have been answered. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any requests or queries pertaining to your stay. We look forward to welcoming you to El Questro Homestead.