

Kimberley Watercolour Workshop with Jude Scott, June 8 – 14, 2024

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Day 1 June 8

An On The Verandah vehicle will pick you up from your accommodation in Kununurra in the morning between (will advise) and drive to our base for the week, the cattle station Digger's Rest. We travel via the RAMSAR wetlands known as Marlgu Billabong to delight in some world class bird watching, spot crocodiles and other wildlife. We'll stop for a cafe lunch in Wyndham and visit a lookout with unbelievable views of the five mighty rivers that flow into the Cambridge Gulf. The lookout and is without doubt one of the best in the north.

We visit Wyndham's historic port area, pass the site of Paddy Durack's 1885 store (remember "Kings in Grass Castles") where boab trees grow out of the main street near Lee Tong's store. We travel a variety of landscapes en route to the station including vast sweeps of marsh, savannah dotted with boab trees with intermittent glimpses of the King River. At the station, you'll meet the owners and have a cup of tea before we show you to your Bush Hut or Bunkhouse room accommodation. After dinner it's time to sit around the fire and share a yarn.

Day 2 June 9

You have a full day to paint with Jude, warm up with some of her painting exercises and explore the area and scenery around the station. Mid afternoon we drive out to enjoy the sunset and some complimentary Welcome bubbles with a panoramic view of the famous ranges. You can capture classic golden hour photos (or a quick painting) before we head back for dinner. After dinner, have a yarn around the fire and marvel at the stars before hitting the hay.

Day 3 June 10

We leave super early to catch the light at an en plein air site 10 minutes from the station, where Boab trees of all ages fringe a slatey creek bed. Grab yourself a hot billy tea to drink while you paint as the landscape comes to life for another day. Spot a nesting Brown Falcon, or one of Australia's most remarkably coloured birds – the Gouldian Finch. Spend the rest of the morning with Jude under the shady verandahs at the station enjoying her demonstrations and expanding on your works. Take the opportunity to pick her brains! Jude often throws in another creative activity like mini printmaking to keep those creative minds firing with ideas and inspiration.

Day 4 June 11

After breakfast we climb up the rocks to view a large gallery of Aboriginal rock paintings. Jude will lead a painting session beside a waterlily-filled billabong then it's back to the station for lunch - you'll find by this stage you have loads of reference material to keep you going well into the afternoon in the bush studio with Jude.

Day 5 June 12

Portraiture could be on the cards today with Jude, or you might be immersed in fleshing out your paintings. In the afternoon we'll take to you one of our favourite places, where you can paint, or just sit back and take it all in!

Day 6 June 13

We take a very early walk to a grand old lady of a boab tree, which in 2023 was blessed with two baby Jabirus in a nest balanced high in it's boughs. Could we be so lucky again this year to witness this rarity? Back in the bush studio, it's a day to consolidate all that you've been working on so far. Continue painting with Jude until after lunch and wrap up mid-afternoon to hang the informal exhibition. Come dressed in your "Kimberley finest" for a final night party with complimentary bubbles and nibbles to celebrate and enjoy the wonderful variety of works created by your group.

Day 7 June 14

We'll leave in time to ensure you get to your flight in Kununurra on time. We can also drop you at your accommodation in Kununurra.

NOTE: If you are flying Kununurra to Perth and need to book the early flight, we CAN can get you back to Kununurra in time for the 10.20am flight on the 14th.

For those flying out a later, or checking into a hotel in Kununurra – we'll stop somewhere interesting en route then all go to lunch together.

^Itineraries are provided as a guide. We reserve the right to vary the itinerary.