

## **Kimberley Watercolour Workshop with Wyn Vogel, August 7 – 13, 2024**

### **ITINERARY^**

*For the first two nights of the workshop, you'll have your own fully equipped tent in a beautiful Aboriginal Community and for the next four nights you'll stay on a working cattle station in a Bush Hut or a Bunkhouse room.*

#### **Day 1 August 7**

On The Verandah guides will pick you up in four wheel drive vehicles between 9 and 9.30am from your accommodation in Kununurra. We drive out to the Aboriginal community where you'll have the rest of the morning to settle in and set up your work area. We have a spacious, open-sided facility flanked by pandanus trees and salmon gums to work in in comfort. After lunch you might opt for a cooling swim in the natural spring-fed waterhole before taking a wander with your tutor, Wyn Vogel to explore and get a feel for the landscape. Later we'll be joined by a resident of the community and formally welcomed to their idyllic home before dinner then gathering around the fire under the clearest field of stars.

#### **Day 2 August 8**

Take a pre-breakfast hike with Wyn and your On The Verandah guide up the gorge to the source of the community spring or savour a quiet cuppa with the sights and sounds of morning in the valley. Spend the day exploring and capturing the surroundings, immersing in painting demonstrations and activities with Wyn. Enjoy a mid-afternoon break and swim and a sunset hike to the lookout is a must. Complimentary welcome bubbles and nibbles will be waiting on your return! Sit around the fire after dinner, enjoying the stars then hit the hay in your cosy dome tent.

#### **Day 3 August 9**

We pack up this morning and leave for our next venue via the world class Ramsar wetlands known as Marlgu Billabong. A lookout with views of the five mighty rivers that flow into the Cambridge Gulf sits high above Wyndham and is the perfect spot for our picnic lunch. Five Rivers Lookout and is regarded as one of the best lookouts in the north. Remember reading "Kings in Grass Castles" by Mary Durack? After lunch we wind our way to Wyndham and the historic port area, past Paddy Durack's 1885 store site, the old hospital and Lee Tong's store. The road to the station traverses a variety of landscapes including vast sweeps of marsh, savannah dotted with boab trees and intermittent glimpses of the twists and turns of the King River where brolga and jabiru are sometimes seen. At the station, we meet the owners and have a cup of tea before showing you to your accommodation for a freshen up before dinner.

#### **Day 4 August 10**

We leave very early this morning 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. See if you can spot a nesting Brown Falcon, or one of Australia's most beautifully coloured birds – the Gouldian Finch among the many finches. You'll spend the rest of the morning in painting mode with Wyn under the shady verandahs at the station. Painting continues until mid afternoon then we take a drive for sunset drinks where you can capture some classic golden hour photos (or a quick painting) before we head back for dinner.

### **Day 5 August 11**

The day begins with an exploration of the local cave paintings and the historic Wyndham prison tree followed by an art session beside a water lily billabong. We'll head back to the station for lunch and 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 Wyn.

### **Day 6 August 12**

It's a day to consolidate all that you've been working so far. Continue painting with Wyn until after lunch, wrapping 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 variety of works created by the group.

### **Day 7 August 13**

You'll have an easy morning to capture those last photos, say goodbyes and write on the bar wall! We leave at 9.30am to ensure we are in Kununurra by midday. We'll go for lunch at one of Kununurra's picturesque cafes\*\* then drop you at the airport for your afternoon flight\* or at your accommodation for the next part of your Kimberley adventure.

^Itineraries are provided as a guide. We reserve the right to vary the itinerary. \*\*Café lunches are at the guest's expense. \*Select a flight that leaves Kununurra after 1pm.