



THE BERKELEY RIVER LODGE

EXPERIENCE THE KIMBERLEY COAST



Welcome!

In one of the last true wilderness areas on Earth, between Timor Sea sunrises and Berkeley River sunsets, the ultimate Kimberley adventure and refined indulgence is yours.

Now that you have arrived, your time will be filled with a range of extraordinary experiences that will delight both your senses and taste for adventure!

Leave modern life far behind and relax into the rhythms of nature in your villa floating atop the coastal dunes. Be one of the privileged few to set your eyes upon breathtaking wilderness landscapes by river cruise or helicopter flight.

Enjoy barefoot luxury on secluded white sand beaches. Explore rugged river gorges and some of the most ancient wonders of the Kimberley. Swim in crystal clear pools beneath thundering waterfalls. Chase the mighty barra in the most remote fishing spots. Sample flavours as rich as the scenery and service as peerless as the coast-to-outback panoramas.

We trust you will enjoy your stay with us and if there is anything that we can do to enhance your experience please do not hesitate to ask.

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AIR CONDITIONER

The air conditioner is preset to 24°C.

Please ensure that all windows and doors are closed prior to switching on the air conditioner.

The air conditioner switch is located near the entry lights on your right immediately as you enter the villa.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the case of any emergency, contact the manager on duty immediately.

We have satellite phone, UHF and VHF radios onsite. Identify your nearest emergency assembly point highlighted on the evacuation map in your villa.

Overnight there will be a radio located at the entrance way to the Lodge - location will be shown upon arrival. Push and hold down the large button on the side and speak into the radio to contact the managers. When you have finished speaking remove your finger from the button.

DRINKING WATER

The Lodge has its own bore, which is naturally sand filtered providing you with some of the best drinking water in Australia. This water flows through all taps onsite; all water is drinkable.

Each villa is provided with its own chilled water cooler. Chilled drinking water is also readily accessible in the main lodge.



ROOM KEYS

If you would like a key to your villa please ask the manager, they will provide one for the duration of your stay.

BEACH / RIVER SWIMMING

There is NO SWIMMING on the beach or in the river due to crocodiles.

Some freshwater swimming holes may be safe to swim in however should only be accessed in the presence of a guide.

BEACH WALKING

If you choose to walk 'unguided' on the beach then please advise a staff member of your intended time of return and route that you plan on taking. Our staff will be happy to pick you up or drop you off to a nominated place if you choose.

Beware of crocodiles along the beach and if you see something that may be a crocodile do not approach it under any circumstances and return to base, reporting the sighting to management. For your own safety, please do not walk in or near the water's edge.

CREDIT CARDS

VISA, Mastercard and American Express are all accepted.

A credit card surcharge of 1.5% applies for VISA & Mastercard.

A credit card surcharge of 3.3% applies for American Express.

BEVERAGE INCLUSIONS

Our standard rates include all beers, soft drink & juices, a select range of wines, and standard spirits.

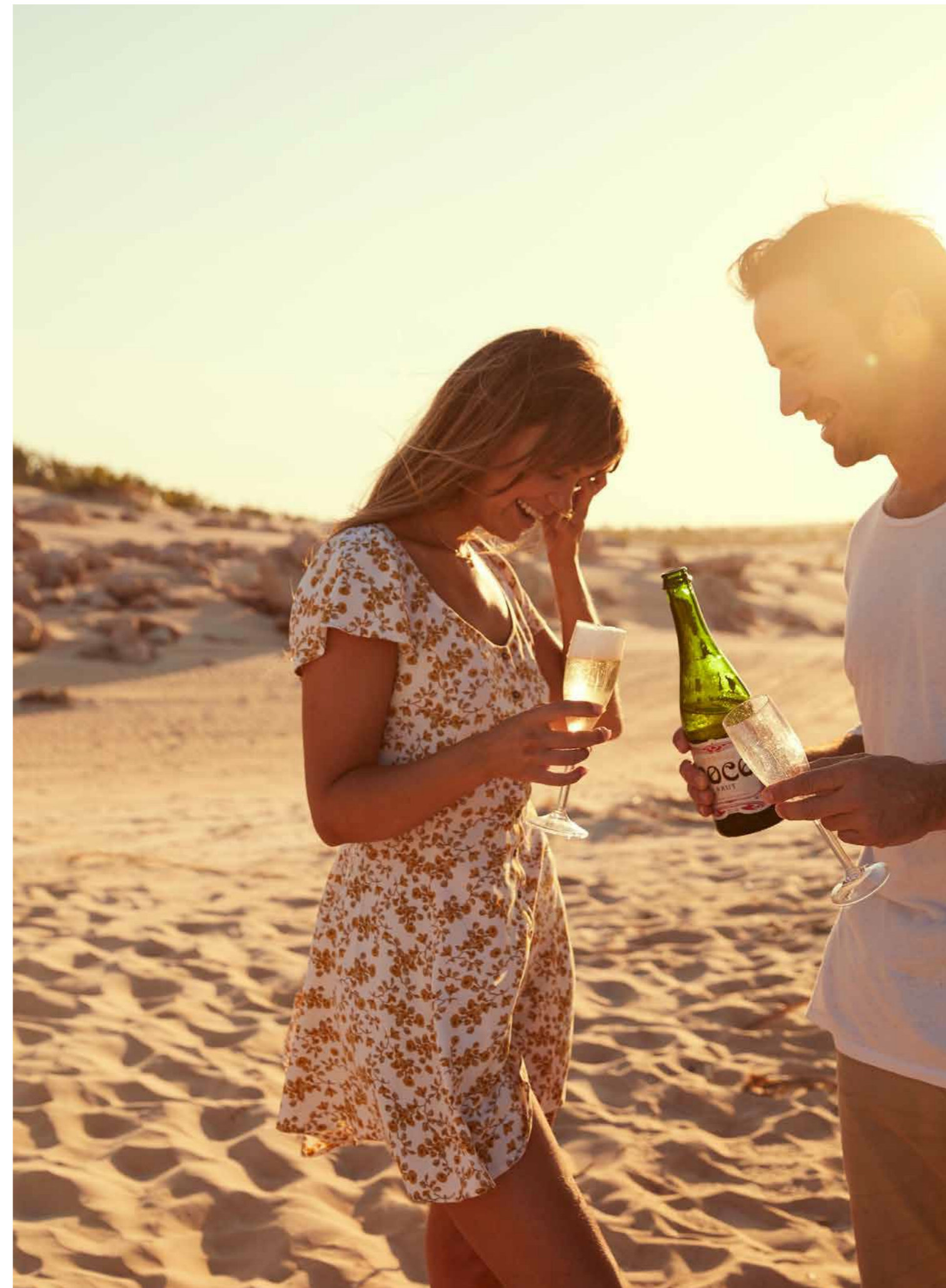
A reserve wine list is also available for purchase as are cocktails and top-shelf spirits for an extra cost.

COOLER BOX / ESKY

To minimise our power consumption we have opted not to include bar fridges in individual villas.

We do however provide a cooler box should you wish to take some cold beverages to your room.

*Please note: eskys are limited and only available upon request.



HOUSEKEEPING

Your villa is serviced daily during your stay and sheets changed every three days unless otherwise requested.

Housekeeping will try and service your room when it is unoccupied however this may not always be possible.

IRON / IRONING BOARD

Iron & ironing boards are available from housekeeping.

Please ask at the main lodge and our friendly staff will be more than happy to arrange for one to be delivered to your villa.

LAUNDRY

A guest laundry is not provided, however we are more than happy to launder your items for you upon request.

A blue bag is located in your luggage rack for soiled items and can be left outside your villa door for collection.

OPEN AIR ENSUITE

Certainly a favourite amongst our guests, the outdoor bathrooms allow you to take in the amazing night skies that we witness so far away from city lights.

Please take everything inside during the day to prevent cosmetics / toiletries / amenities from becoming sun damaged. The towel rack is movable so feel free to place it inside or out, depending upon weather.

AMENITIES

Complimentary eco friendly shampoo, conditioner, body wash and hand wash are provided for your convenience.

COMPOSTING TOILETS

Our composting toilets operate with a split system flush, designed so that not too much water enters the system.

Please remove your foot off the pedestal immediately after the bowl is clear. Please do not flush sanitary items or any other items.





TORCH

A torch is provided for your convenience.

Please ensure that you use this during the evenings to avoid any unnecessary interactions with wildlife.

TELEPHONE

A telephone is available in the main lodge and is provided via a satellite link.

Please ask at the main lodge and our friendly staff will provide the phone for your use.

Coverage is restricted to the main lodge.

SWIMMING POOL

A 20m swimming pool is located at the main lodge and is open year round.

Pool towels are found by the pool or are provided upon request.

WI FI

Wifi is available in the main lodge only. A card with log in information can be found in your villa. If you require assistance logging in please see staff at front desk.

Please be mindful that our communication system operates via satellite and therefore download and transfer times are often quite slow.

Should you require the use of a computer, the office computer is available to use upon request (subject to availability).

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted inside any villa.

Ashtrays are provided in the desk drawer and should be taken onto the verandah outside to use. Please exercise extreme caution and dispose of butts properly to minimise the risk of fire during the dry season.

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles are provided in your villa. These water bottles are yours to take with you at the end of your stay.

We strongly urge you to carry these with you at all times you are outdoors and on activities.

The Kimberley sun is extremely strong and dehydration is a serious health risk.

SECURITY

No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage of property - a safe is available in the main office for the safe keeping of any valuables.

WILDLIFE

A vast array of wildlife is found throughout the Kimberley coastal and inland region.

Some of these may be harmful and are best avoided. When walking around the property please walk on clearly defined tracks and use a torch in the evenings.

If you see a snake, spider or any other wildlife please exercise caution, avoid the area and immediately report the sighting to management.

Experience

BERKELEY RIVER & BEYOND

There are many ways to immerse yourself in the rich natural beauty of Berkeley River and the Kimberley wilderness beyond - some adventurous, some enriching, some romantic and all led by our resident specialist guides.



NOTE: All activities are subject to weather conditions, tide times, vehicle and vessel availability. Tour durations and scheduled times are confirmed the night before, unless pre-arranged prior to arrival.



RIVER CRUISES

Take in the natural treasures of this tranquil river system on our signature river cruise.

As you meander through towering gorges look out for rock wallabies and birds of prey - your guide will inform you of the different flora and fauna. Depending on the time of year, you may spot prehistoric saltwater crocodiles or stop under powerful waterfalls.

CREEK NATURE WALKS

Nature enthusiasts and keen photographers will be captivated by the astonishing diversity of flora, fauna and geological features surrounding The Berkeley River Lodge

Most of our guided hikes are led by our resident nature enthusiast, providing an introduction to the trees, plants and wildlife that inhabit the dunes, grasslands, mangroves and creeks.

4WD ADVENTURES

A MUST for photography enthusiasts!

Our beach drive takes in sweeping ocean views, curious rock formations and native wildlife.

A leisurely drive along the beachfront. Marvel at the beautiful light, cool sea breezes and a chance to spot local residents such as saltwater crocodiles, seabirds, and sometimes even sharks that swim close enough to the tideline!!!

FISHING

Here at Berkeley River Lodge, you have the opportunity to fish where only the privileged few have ever cast a line, with some locations so remote, they can only be reached by helicopter.

What's more, the incredible diversity of habitats offer the chance to chase an impressive array of species; from queen fish, threadfin salmon and mulloway to the elusive barramundi.

HELICOPTER TOURS

If your hunger for the ultimate adventure is even more than our all-inclusive Berkeley experiences, we have partnered with Truenorth Helicopters to take you on the journey of a lifetime.

Your flight to The Berkeley River Lodge will no doubt whet your appetite for more aerial adventures, so why not let Truenorth take you to the skies in their luxurious Bell 407 helicopter to discover natural treasures hidden deep within one of the last true wilderness areas on Earth.

**Helicopter flights are NOT included in complimentary guest activities. Additional costs apply.*

SUNSET DRINKS

We've searched near and far to find some of the best spots to view ocean and outback sunsets in the Kimberley, and you can drink them in one sip at a time as you enjoy your favourite drink at dusk with your loved ones.



Dunes

RESTAURANT

BREAKFAST - A LA CARTE

Served from 7:00am until 9:00am
or subject to your morning activities schedule

LUNCH

Lunch is provided during all off-site activities
or at a pre-arranged time in 'Dunes' restaurant

DINNER - DEGUSTATION STYLE (3-5 COURSES)

Commences between 6:30pm and 7:30pm in 'Dunes' restaurant
Canapes will be served at 6:30pm and the degustation will
commence thereafter

BAR HOURS

We are licensed to serve drinks from 10am

Please ask staff if we can provide a cooler with beverages to your villa

*We regularly cater on our activities so you may find yourself enjoying a
delicious snack on an early morning fishing charter, a scrumptious buffet
lunch on the river cruise, or an antipasto plate on a sunset drive.*



THE LAND

Jiamiddie Aboriginal Corporation (JAC) was granted a lease over a portion of Crown Land at the Berkeley River by the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) on 1st January 2003.

Kimberley Accommodation PTY LTD and Jiamiddie Aboriginal Corporation then developed a sub-lease agreement, and an environmental management plan was binding on the lessee in regards to permitted land use and environmental management practices within the sub-lease for the duration of the lease.

THE BUILDING

The development footprint on the dune system is absolutely minimal and can be seen from the air. The natural layout of the dunes was complementary to the direction the architect was given to maximise views from all buildings and harness prevailing breezes minimising the need for air conditioning throughout most of the year.

A specialised anchoring system was employed in place of cement to secure the building foundations. Not only is traditional concrete an unsustainable building product, the physical disruption to the dune environment using it out here would have been unmanageable and led to erosion. Recycled plastic timber decking is employed in the harsh external environment, and sustainable growth bamboo flooring throughout the villas and main lodge. An extensive solar system has been installed to complement diesel generators - the end target is for 80% of our power needs to be derived from solar.





OUR COMMITMENT

The Berkeley River region is considered an important part of Western Australia's environment. The Berkeley River itself is seen by many as a pristine and unique environment of biophysical and cultural features.

Environmental considerations were given top priority in decision making from the outset of the project, with the overriding objective being to create a lodge which will provide comfortable accommodation while preserving and protecting the natural surroundings and cultural significance of the Berkeley region.

Our aim is to provide a unique experience for visitors, by assisting you to see, enjoy and appreciate the remarkable environment features of the area. Prior to our opening, we commissioned the development of an Environmental Management Plan in cooperation with the Jiamiddie Aboriginal Corporation. The outcome of this included:

FLORA & FAUNA MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

To improve the overall vegetation health and maintain habitat value for flora and fauna within the sub-lease area:

- Removal of cattle from the sub-lease area - feral cattle currently wander through the sub-lease area grazing on vegetation and sourcing water from freshwater seepage areas near the beach. These animals have no economic or environmental value and are the source of erosion and habitat destruction.
- Implementation of a weed eradication program - ongoing monitoring and coordination of weed removal is essential for several years until weed seed in soil is depleted. An annual weed mapping activity is conducted and photo monitoring of specific areas is undertaken.
- Re-vegetation using local provenance species - this has included seed collection from local plants, direct seeding, and the establishment of our own native plant nursery to grow plants to a seedling stage before planting.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

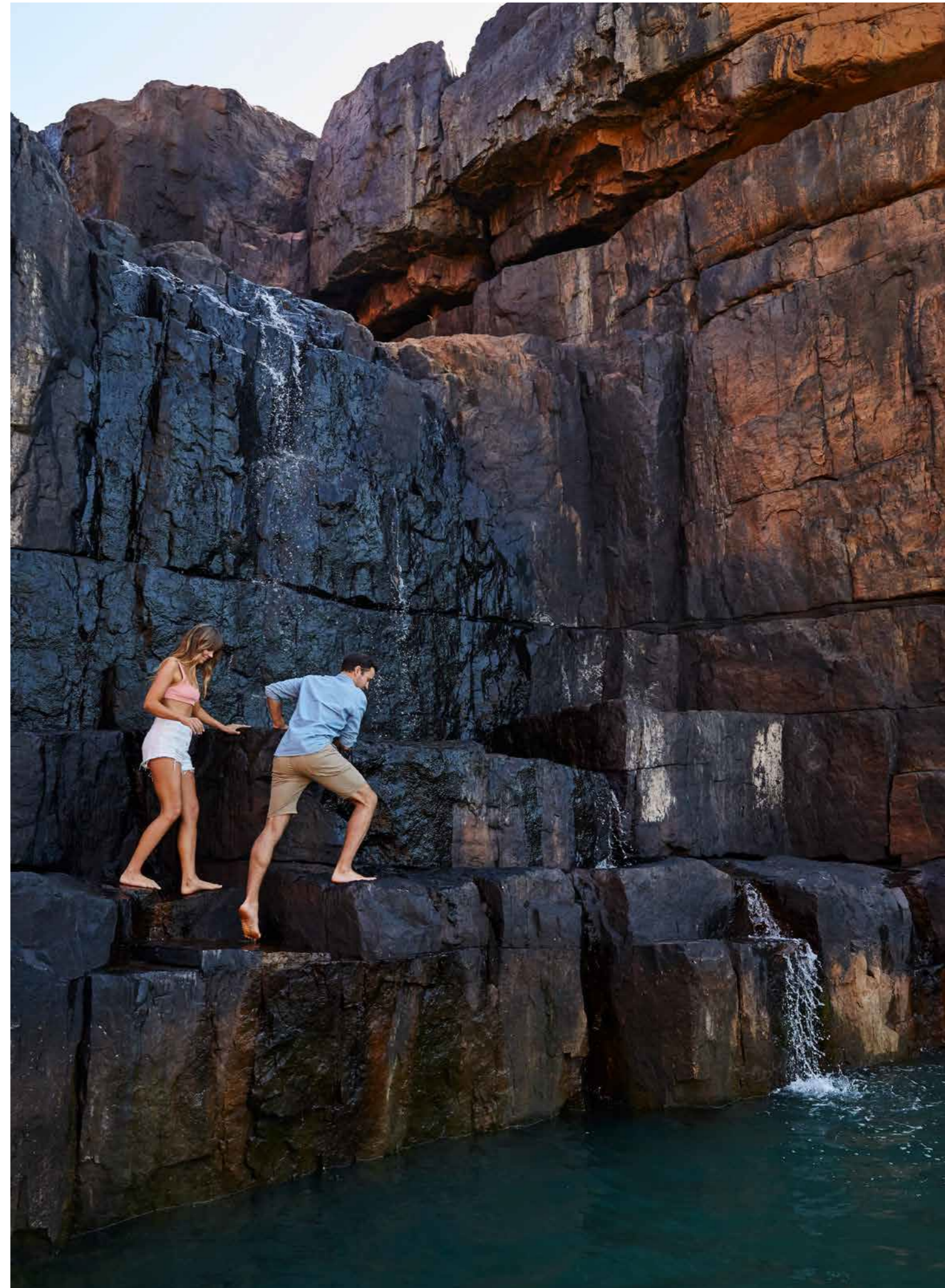
SUPPLIERS

Suppliers are encouraged to operate in an environmentally friendly manner. Our policy is to only use representatives from responsible companies to work within our organisation. These suppliers are encouraged to be active participants in providing sustainability and have environmental awareness, and to also have an active environmental policy. Where possible, we encourage local sourcing of products and services.

ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Energy consumption and CO2 emission is a large environmental issue and listed are some energy efficiency programs we have in place to help reduce our global impact:

- Electrical fittings and consumables are purchased with regard to "efficiency".
- Lights and other electrical equipment are switched off when not required.
- To reduce energy, each villa has a separate air conditioning unit, rather than a central system. This ensures they are only in use when the villas are occupied.
- Air conditioning is preset to 24°C for cooling.
- All guests villas are fitted out with louver windows to capture the prevailing winds thus reducing the needs for air conditioning use.
- All villas are provided with double glazed large windows to allow natural lighting.
- Regular villa audits are undertaken which involves communicating any maintenance issues to maintenance which is promptly followed up.
- Windows are cleaned regularly to help improve natural lighting.
- Computers are switched off completely when not in use or required.
- Where possible, appliances are turned off when not in use saving up to 50% per day.
- Maintenance conduct routine checks of all equipment to ensure it is not faulty.





CONSTRUCTION CONTROLS

To control the environmental impact of construction activities onsite, whilst maintaining safe working practices we undertook the following controls:

- Vehicle movements - were limited to access tracks and beach only, limited vehicle movements were planned, and an adoption of careful driving practices to minimize damage to tracks and vegetation implemented.
- Pedestrian movement - staff were instructed to keep to existing tracks at all times.
- Planning and construction process - walkways were built immediately; remaining materials were carried along the newly established walkways, prefabrication of materials occurred offsite where possible, use of non-enamel based paints.
- Onsite - excess packaging was removed prior to arrival onsite, all waste put in the receptacles provided, no waste was disposed of on site, littering was and still is unacceptable. All waste products were placed into appropriate bins.
- Pets onsite - no pets; dogs or cats, were allowed onsite at any time.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

To undertake environmentally sustainable practices relating to waste management, the hierarchy of Avoid, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle during both construction and ongoing operation of the lodge was implemented.

- Staff are trained in separating wastes correctly, reducing packaging prior to transport to the site, composting food waste, and maintaining ATU (aerobic treatment units) toilet systems, etc.
- Waste management is stipulated in contracts with sub-contractors.
- Ongoing checks are undertaken by management.
- Separate areas have been set aside for sorted wasted and recyclable waste, and taken away via boat to the approved waste management facility in Wyndham.
- All toiletries, cleaning agents, and laundry soaps used within the lodge are biodegradable and low in phosphorus.
- Kitchen scraps are composted onsite and used as mulch or chicken feed.



WATER

Using water in an efficient manner is another key part of our environmental program.

- Water saving shower heads and tap flow regulators are used throughout the lodge, with no reduction in water pressure.
- Maintenance procedures ensure regular audits and infrastructure checks are undertaken.
- Villa toilets are composting and only require 500mL water per flush.
- Hand basins are equipped with restrictor water flows.
- Both staff and guests are encouraged to participate in water-saving measures.
- Both staff and guests are encouraged to turn off taps and report any leaks immediately.
- Water tank is checked weekly to ensure appropriate levels are held.

WASTE

We strive to minimise the waste we produce and we are continually looking for new and innovative ways of reusing and recycling. A recycling system is in place where these items are recycled on a daily basis - office paper and printer cartridges, old towels are reused as rags, partially used toilet rolls are used in staff areas, and kitchen oil is collected and recycled by a local organisation.

Every effort is made to reduce waste, for example:

- Food is stored in reusable plastic containers to reduce the use of plastic film.
- All food compost fed to chickens.
- Printer/fax/copier cartridges are sent to Planet Ark for recycling.
- Computers are set to photocopy on both sides of paper.
- Where possible we store information in electronic form rather than paper.

*We hope you enjoy
your stay!*