

D2: TREK MITCHELL FALLS

SMALL GROUP ADVENTURE TOUR: GUEST BRIEFING NOTES

D2 Tour Schedule

Meet pilot at Drysdale Stn airfield	0715 latest
Flight: Drysdale Stn to Mitchell Plateau	0730 - 0815
4WD to Mertens Campground	0815 - 0900
HeliSpirit check-in and briefing	0900 - 0915
Hike to Little Mertens Falls (Rest Stop)	0915 - 0945
Hike to Rock Art (Rest Stop)	0945 - 1030
Hike to Big Mertens Falls (Rest Stop)	1030 - 1100
Hike to Mitchell River, cross river.	1100 - 1130
Lunch and free time at Mitchell Falls	1130 - 1330
Heli Transfer from Mitchell Falls	1330 - 1400
4WD transfer back to airfield	1400 - 1430
Comfort Break	1430 - 1500
Direct Flight: return to Drysdale Station	1500 - 1545

Picnic lunch, trail snacks and fruit provided.
Bring own backpack and chilled water (1.5L pp minimum recommended).

Please Note: It is sometimes necessary to reverse the ground component (ie Heli transfer IN then hike **OUT** if the helicopter is not available in the 1330-1400 timeslot)

When Booking: Please advise weight of each guest and details of any food intolerances or health/mobility issues.

Please Consider: The 4.5km hike is classed as level 5, requiring a level of exertion, fitness and agility.

While the itinerary allows for a comfortable pace and ample rest stops, all guests must be capable of maintaining the itinerary schedule.

Optional 2 way heli Transfer is available for an extra \$190pp. Please consider this option if you have any doubts concerning your hiking ability.

Punamii-unpuu Hiking Trail (Campground to Mitchell Falls)

As there are several creek and river crossing we recommend sturdy, good grip, hiking footwear or sneakers. You may consider a hiking pole, and to leave your footwear ON when crossing rivers and creeks (slippery rocks!).

Wear comfortable and loose fitting garments that are also suitable for swimming, or bathers under. (NB: Your clothes and footwear will dry very quickly once back on the trail) Bring sunscreen and hat, but otherwise try to keep it light.

Please bring a small shoulder bag or backpack for the carriage of your lunch and water. Valuables including phones and cameras should be wrapped in a water tight plastic bag.

We ask guests to be mindful of the times indicated above. Your guide will accompany you at all times and we must stay together as a group on the hike.

The very latest departure time (for a single engine aircraft) from Mitchell Plateau airfield is 4:00pm. Any later, then the flight cannot be completed in daylight hours in your single engine tour aircraft. A twin engine aircraft may need to be sent for you ... (additional costs may apply)

Incapacitation of any hiker (sprained ankle etc..) will require the combined effort of the group to assist. Special assistance if called for (ie helicopter extraction) is at your cost. Travel insurance is always recommended.

Helicopter return flights from the Falls are strictly scheduled and pre-booked. Your pilot will advise you of the time to report to the heli-base. It is often difficult or impossible to alter or defer helicopter bookings so please be punctual.

Please bring 1.5 to 2 litres of chilled bottled water for the hike, which is generally sufficient for the day. Bring more if you think you will need it.

Please swim only in areas advised by your pilot/guide. And PLEASE stay well clear of cliff edges. We are in an extremely remote area where rescue resources are limited or non-existent. Your pilot/guide carries a basic first aid kit and a satellite phone.

Please be respectful of the rock paintings and cultural significance of the area. The Wunambal Gambera people welcome you to this special place, and request your respect for their heritage and home.

