

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EXPERIENCING BULLO RIVER STATION

What does a typical day involve?

At Bullo there are no typical days. What you do is totally up to you. There are no set schedules or daily tours, just suggestions on how to make the most of your time from your guide based on your interests.

You could start the day with a horse ride before breakfast, or have a lie in. Or you may want to spend all your time with the stockhands, getting your hands dirty with the cattle. Or perhaps you'd like to explore our property by viewing the indigenous rock art, followed by a BBQ at a lovely waterhole. Or simply laze by the pool.

Breakfast starts from 7am to make the most of the cooler mornings. We can have you back to the Homestead for lunch so you can relax by the pool during the heat of the day before heading out again before sunset. Tours can also include a packed lunch so our guests can make the most of their time out and about.

How long should I stay?

No two days are the same at Bullo, so we recommend at least three nights to allow for two full days. The longer your stay, the more you can experience.

If you want to base yourself at Bullo for a longer stay, we encourage you to explore the wider property.

An overnight stay at our Lake View Huts perched high on a range, spotting nocturnal animals at night and other wildlife during the day offers an unforgettable experience.

Our onsite helicopter can take you to otherwise inaccessible locations, landing at 'Bullo Sands'; a secluded waterfall and safe swimming spot nestled amongst the gorges; or at our special sunset spot with magnificent views in all directions whilst you sip on cold sparkling.

Ask us about exploring the broader region via helicopter - the Bungle Bungles, or a day visit to Lake Argyle are particularly spectacular.

When is the best time to visit?

Bullo River Station is open from April to September and offers different experiences depending on the time of the year you visit.

Is Bullo appropriate for family travel?

Absolutely, we cater for all ages and ensure a trip to Bullo will make family memories that will last a lifetime.

Where is the closest petrol station?

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What company can I hire a car through?

There are several options, including Budget, Thrifty and Avis at Kununurra, Darwin and Katherine airports. You will need to hire a 4WD.

Where is the closest supermarket?

Kununurra has the closest supermarket which is a three-hour drive away. Please advise us of any specific requests you may have, we will always do our best to accommodate. We keep essentials in stock at the Station but pack carefully for everything you may need for your stay.

Is there WiFi and mobile reception?

Guests have complementary WiFi in the accommodation. Away from the Homestead there is no mobile signal, so our guides have satellite phones and two-way radio.

Some mobile phones now support WiFi Calling, and if yours does, you will still be able to receive and make calls while at the Homestead but there is no standard mobile reception.

Can I go fishing? When is the best time for fishing?

You can fish year around, both in freshwater lagoons and billabongs as well as the salt water rivers. We operate on a 'catch and release' policy in all freshwater locations and allow one fish per group to have for dinner from the saltwater locations. We also adhere to recommended guidelines on sizes.

A half day fishing trip up our magnificent gorge by boat has proven popular for catching Barramundi among other species. For those who don't fish, the boat trip is a wonderful experience alone.

What are check in/out times? Can I stay late if my flight departs later / arrives earlier?

We are very flexible with check in and out times, and we can safely store your luggage if you have a later departure time.

What should I pack / wear?

Dress for adventure.

We suggest closed-in, sturdy shoes such as work boots, hiking boots or trainers while out during the day. Sandals and thongs (or flip flops) are fine for around the Homestead.

The sun can be harsh, so a long sleeve, light shirt and long shorts or pants in natural fabrics as well as a full-brimmed hat and sunglasses will do the trick. If you'd like to horse ride, long pants are a must to avoid chafing. Don't forget to bring your swimming gear but leave the towels at home, we have them for you.

Bullo is not a formal place and smart casual is suitable for dinner. It is more important that you are comfortable and feel right at home.

How can I get there?

Arriving via helicopter or chartered fixed-wing aircraft is recommended due to the shortened journey time and the opportunity to experience the property from the air. Air transfers offer better safety, as the unsealed and variable conditions on the access road can be difficult, even for experienced drivers. There is also no mobile phone coverage for the duration of the drive.

How can I get there? (cont.)

For a list of recommended charter options contact: stay@bulloriver.com.au

If you self-drive in a 4WD the distance from Kununurra is 3-4 hours, from Darwin 9-10 hours, and from Katherine is a 7-8 hours. Instructions on what to expect will be provided.

Which airlines access Bullo?

Please contact stay@bulloriver.com.au for an up to date list of recommended airlines to suit your needs.

Are all meals included?

Yes, our rates are all-inclusive of all meals prepared by our world-class chefs, all snacks and all beverages including alcoholic drinks from some of Australia's best producers.

Do you cater for dietary requirements?

Absolutely. Please advise of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

What do the Rooms include?

Inspired by our landscape, the 12 air-conditioned guest rooms are styled to provide an inviting sanctuary, perfect after a day on the station. Each room opens out onto the shady lawns and is cool and comfortable, with a king or twin-beds, air-conditioning and modern ensuite. In the comfortable communal area guests can help themselves to freshly baked goodies and enjoy a drink with fellow travelers if they choose.

WiFi is available in all rooms. Rooms are serviced daily. Laundry service is available as required.

Are all activities included?

Yes. Choose a day filled with dust, sweat and the exhilaration of station life. Or spend the day exploring stunning landscapes, waterfalls, swimming in remote waterholes, barramundi fishing and discovering Aboriginal rock art and wildlife. A short scenic helicopter flight is also included so you can see Bullo in all its glory, and the odd crocodile if you're lucky.

We will create a personalised itinerary for you to ensure you leave Bullo having created memories that will last a lifetime.

Are laundry facilities available?

Yes, we offer a complementary machine wash service every day. There is a laundry bag in each room. Just pop your dirty clothes in there and the team will wash, iron and return them. Unfortunately, we can't offer dry cleaning.

Do you have air con?

Definitely. Each room has a fan and a reverse-cycle air conditioner. The guest accommodation is fully air-conditioned so there is always a cool space inside to relax.

What sort of services should I expect?

In earlier years, outback hospitality was a lifeline for travellers, who would break a journey enroute, stopping for several days or more to recover from an arduous journey. Travellers would get to know families and workers during their visit before finally picking up their journey again. The travellers would tell the tales of their visit and those homes would become legendary.

With this spirit of outback hospitality, guests are invited to experience life on a working cattle station at Bullo.

Generous and comfortable rooms designed by Sibella Court, tasty, wholesome meals and a cold drink at the end of the day will revive guests who have spent the day enjoying the Station's many activities.

Can I camp?

We don't offer camping sites but accommodate all visitors in our guest wing at the Homestead.

Can I bring my pet?

Due to dangers posed by native animals as well as the welfare of our working animals please contact us if you would like to bring your pet so that we can discuss your particular circumstances.

Do I need to bring cash with me?

If you would like to partake in helicopter touring, or purchase our custom merchandise, you are welcome to pay via our ETFPOS facilities, so cash is not necessary.

Can I drive myself around the property?

No, you will always have a guide with you when you leave the Homestead due to the inherent dangers of being on a remote working cattle station.

If you choose to drive in and out, we ask that you stay on the main road and call us prior to leaving and when you arrive back in town. We calculate your travel time, and if we don't get that call, we send out the search party.

What is the road like?

While we have a grader on site and do our best to keep the driveway in good condition, the harsh environment takes its toll very quickly. The wet season causes the driveway to flood and turn muddy. In the dry season, the bulldust, a very fine powdery dust, accumulates quickly which can bog or cause cars to slide.

In addition to the road conditions, there is always wildlife along the way. It is not unusual to have to slow down or stop for buffalo, cattle, wild donkeys and other animals.

Do I need a 4WD to get to Bullo?

Absolutely, please do not attempt to drive in without a 4WD.

What about mosquitos?

Mosquitos are around, and while they are worse in the wetter parts of the year, we would recommend you bring your favourite repellent. If you forget, don't worry, we have plenty on hand too.

Is it dangerous?

There are inherent dangers associated with cattle station work and being in a remote location. However, we live here and know the dangers well so if you follow the instructions and advice of the team, we will ensure you are as safe as possible.

What happens in case of an accident or emergency?

We have staff who are trained in First Aid and CPR and in the unlikely event of a critical condition; during daylight hours our onsite helicopter can transport a patient to Kununurra if they need immediate hospital attention.

The RFDS and Care Flight are also able to land on our well-maintained airstrip. If you have any medical conditions that are causing you concern, please let us know prior.