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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Crocodiles** The Upper Ord River (Lake Kununurra) is the only river in Northern Australia that is protected from Saltwater crocs. The Department of Environment has the responsibility to keep the area between the Ord and Diversion dams free of salties. If there is a confirmed sighting they trap the animal and remove it to Wyndham Crocodile Farm. You'll see heaps of Freshwater (Johnson) crocs. There are about 7000 in the Upper Ord, or one every 20 metres.

**Ice** You can get ice at the BP Roadhouse in the morning.

**Drinking Water** You'll be floating in it! You can drink the water straight from the Ord. Lake Argyle is big enough to dilute just about anything. Pollution in this respect usually comes from domestic animals, like cattle, but in the Kimberley the country cannot sustain more than about 15 beasts per hectare, which is not enough to pollute our waterway. The water on tap at Cooliman Camp is siphoned from a freshwater spring, which tastes even better, and the water at Stonewall Camp is pumped up from the Ord.

**Distances** The first day is 23kms, the first half of which has the fastest flow to help you along. This takes 4-5 hours to paddle on average. The second day is only 9kms, or 2-3 hours paddling, to give you the chance to have a good look around in that fantastic area that you can only access from the river. The last day is another 23kms. It is the longest day, the one to get home, with less flow but usually the dry season wind will help to push you home.

**Equipment** Two-person Canadian canoe, 55 litre Esky, 30 litre barrel, 5 litre Dry Bag for a one day tour, plus for camping a 60 litre barrel to share for clothes and bedding (pillows supplied), Self-Inflating Mattress per person, Dome Tent (2 person) and Kitchen Bucket with plates, cups, bowls, cooking/eating utensils, frypan and billy for everyone. There is a BBQ plate on the fire, we supply wood, and gas BBQ & cookers at both camps.

**Single Paddlers** We have a boat suited for single paddlers, with a large bouyancy chamber at the rear to help balance the boat. One person can't go alone. An odd group may take a kayak, but these are harder to paddle and can't carry much gear, the accompanying canoe will have to carry extra.

**Fishing** Sooty Grunter (Black Bream), Silver Cobbler (Catfish), Redclaw (Freshwater Cray). Handlines available on the bus at no cost. BYO bait

**Kids** Everybody has to be able to swim unassisted. We have a larger canoe manufactured to sit an extra smaller person who would travel at no cost.

Kids occupying a full seat receive a 50% discount. Three kids sleep sideways on two mattresses. We have small child lifejackets, and small adult jackets.

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