

# EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

## **ASTRO TOURS:**

Enjoy a delightful guided evening under the stars using powerful telescopes to view the moon, planets, stars and more. A very popular evening tour on the Camp School oval .

## **BROOME CROCODILE PARK:**

This is a one hour tour of the park. Learn to understand and respect these ancient reptiles. Tour includes feeding of the crocodiles and other wildlife. Gift shop/small tuck shop available.

## **MALCOLM DOUGLAS WILDERNESS PARK:**

The Malcolm Douglas Wilderness Wildlife Park and Animal Refuge is a unique experience in the bush, only 12 minutes from Broome. Stroll along the tracks past the animals and birds, sit under the Spinifex shade house beside the Long Lake and watch the crocodiles (over 70).

## **BROOME HOVERCRAFT:**

A unique hovercraft experience cruising over the mudflats of Broome. You can observe dinosaur footprints (tide dependant) and marine life.

## **BROOME BIRD OBSERVATORY:**

Broome is recognised as one of the best places to view migratory water birds which arrive each year from the breeding grounds in Siberia. Over 310 species have been recorded around Broome. The Camp School can also provide a bird Quiz sheet to be used on site at the Camp School (ask the Manager)

## **BROOME RECREATION AND AQUATIC CENTRE (BRAC):**

Swimming pool and indoor sports complex providing a variety of activities. Nautilus available for hire. Lifeguards also available if required.

## **BROOME TOP DECK TOURS:**

Relax and soak up the tropical atmosphere of Broome from open top of a beautifully restored Double Decker bus.

## **BUREAU OF METEROLOGY:**

Tours are done at lunch time when the weather balloon is released. N.C.

## **CAMEL RIDES:**

Ride on the camels along beautiful Cable Beach. **Tours are early morning.** Groups walk to the beach and head north approximately 100m.

## **HISTORICAL MUSEUM:**

Step back in time. A pearling display, shells, a large collection of photographs and literature piece together Broome's fascinating past.

## **FIRE STATION:**

Spend an hour with a volunteer fire officer learning all about this lifesaving and exciting community group.

## **DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES WORKSHOPS:**

Learn about the amazing sea creatures found in the Pilbara/Kimberley by participating in programs such as making Origami Sea Creatures; Fishing for fun and the future; Saving our seas; Beach Business The art of marine life; Sharks.

**Dependant on staff availability.**

## Excursions and Activities cont....

### **MINYIRR PARK:**

A natural coastal area covering both the land and sea. Informative walks with guide can be arranged. Or follow the sign posted self guided cultural walks through the bush and beach. Enjoy the view from Minyirr Park.

### **MINI GOLF:**

Located five minutes from the Camp School near the Palm Grove Caravan Park. Play mini golf and/or enjoy a meal.

### **PEARLING LUGGERS:**

Visit Broome's restored luggers in Chinatown and be whisked back in time to the high seas of the early pearling days. The times of the Broome pearl divers are brought to life through their guided tours and enthralling stories.

### **CULTURAL TOUR:**

Come on an exploration and take the opportunity to experience Aboriginal culture. Let an Aboriginal guide tell you about the Bugarregarre (Dreamtime) and how it continues to shape lives today. Includes smoking ceremony, damper and bush tucker.

### **RADIO GOOLARRI:**

Is a company 100% owned by Broome Aboriginal Media Company, which provides avenues for Indigenous people to establish communication links through media, music and events. Radio Goolarri allows visiting groups to view their station and students at suitable times can sometimes be part of the show!

### **SHELL HOUSE:**

Established in 1978 and is now one of the largest shell displays in WA. The collection includes more than 6000 shells and a wide range of shell and shell products. Also visit the Dampier Terrace Showroom while in Chinatown [N.C.](#)

### **SUN PICTURES:**

The world's oldest operating outdoor picture gardens, built in 1916. There's nothing like watching a movie under the stars relaxing in a deck chair! **Historic Tours** available during the day.

### **SUN CINEMAS:**

Indoor movie theatre. Screenings day and night.

### **THE MANGO PLACE BROOME:**

Come and see how versatile the magnificent mango is! A tropical oasis located near Malcolm Douglas Wilderness Park.

### **WILLIE CREEK PEARL FARM:**

Daily tours provide a remarkable insight into how some of the world's largest and most prized gems are produced. Learn about the process of cultured pearl farming, including a demonstration of seeding live pearl shells. Also includes short boat tour– calm seas.

# INCURSIONS

## **BIG MAMA PRODUCTIONS:**

Offer activities such as puppetry, kite making, drama, and costume design. Activities designed to promote self esteem, teamwork, gross and fine motor skills and creative development.

## **CREATE WITH ME! 'NEW'**

Relaxed, interesting and fun short workshops designed to introduce children to card making, painting on canvas, beading and some interesting techniques using wire, sand and dirt

## **KIMBERLEY WILDLIFE CARER'S & ASSOCIATES**

An Informative relaxed talk and display of snakes and other wildlife by Chris Mitchell. Students can get up close to wildlife. Recommended as an afternoon activity.

## **OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST AND TOURS (FREE):**

**Chinatown:** Wander around Chinatown, or browse through pearl showrooms and art galleries. Discover the unique characters and buildings on display. Visit the Cultured Pearl and Hard Hat Monument statues (grassed area on Carnarvon Street) which pay tribute to the early pearling industry.

**Gantheaume Point:** Visit the home of the 130 million year old Dinosaur Footprints which can be seen at very low tides. While there look at Anastasia's Pool, a round rock pool was hand built by a former lighthouse keeper for his wife, Anastasia. She was crippled with arthritis. Take some time to read about aboriginal and dinosaur history.

**Japanese cemetery:** the final resting place for over 900 Japanese pearl divers, this site is a testimony to the perils of the early pearling days when many divers were lost to the bends, cyclones or sharks in their search of the elusive pearl.

**Town Beach:** Offers a playground, shaded bench seating, toilet amenities by the calm waters of Roebuck Bay. Look at the ever changing colours of Roebuck Bay or visit on a negative tide and view the Dutch Flying Boat wrecks. Located 1km offshore, these boats were sunk during the Japanese air raid on Broome during WWII in 1942.

**"NEW" Water Playground due for completion early 2010.**

**Broome Post Office:** a great way to show kids what happens when they post a letter.

**Broome Police Station:** available for tours by appointment.

**Broome Library:** tours can be arranged by appointment. A library staff member will visit students at the Camp School before the tour if required.

**The University of Notre Dame:** by appointment.