



Explore the Kimberley Package 7: 13 days/12 nights

Saturday June 8th to Thursday June 20th, 2019 - \$7,990 pp

The Explore the Kimberley Cruise Package includes:

- A night's accommodation in Broome on June 8th
- A bus transfer from Broome to Derby on June 9th
- A 12 days/11 nights cruise from June 9th to June 20th
- A bus transfer from Derby to Broome on June 20th

For those with vehicles, we suggest you travel to Derby where you can store your vehicles at our expense for the duration of the cruise. This replaces the accommodation in Broome.

Cruise 7: 12 days/ 11 nights: Derby to Derby

Sunday June 9th to Thursday June 20th, 2019

This exciting 12 days/ 11 nights exploration cruise departs from and returns to the township of Derby. It takes you into the amazing Buccaneer Archipelago which is undeniably the jewel of the Kimberley Coast.

Sunday June 9th: Broome & Derby

A bus will be organized to pick up all guests in Broome for transfer to Derby Jetty. If you are staying in Derby, you will be picked up on the way to the jetty. After you have been welcomed on board you can settle into your cabin, familiarize yourself with the boat and enjoy the scenery as we cruise to the top of King Sound.

Silica Beach:

Near the entrance to King Sound lies Silica Beach which boasts pure white sands and clear blue water. It's the kind of beach one imagines can be found on an island paradise and is a lovely place to take a dip in the shallows.

Silvergull Creek & Squatters Arms:

Travelling down Silvergull Creek brings you to Squatters Arms, where a unique couple, Phil & Marion, made their home for around 20 years after they sailed in and discovered this beautiful spot with its freshwater springs. They created a wonderful rain forest in this remote location.

Yampi Sound & Crocodile Creek:

Within Yampi Sound are the islands Iron, Koolan and Cockatoo, which boast some of the richest iron ore deposits in the world. When mining operations existed on Koolan Island, the miners would get away to Crocodile Creek with its beautiful rock pools fed by fresh waterfalls. Situated above the creek, access is via a ladder bolted into the rock. This means that, despite the name of the creek, the pools are usually too high for crocodiles to reach so are an ideal place for a refreshing dip.

Talbot Bay & the Horizontal Falls:

Talbot Bay is home to the famous Horizontal Falls. The region's massive tides create a spectacular scene, sending huge volumes of water pouring through two narrow chasms in the land formation when the tides reach peak flow in both rising and falling conditions. With up to 10mts of height difference between the waters of each of the two inland bays and the sea, the water pushing through the two chasms creates a mass of whirlpools and raging currents. In Cyclone Creek, the incredible marine life includes impressive Tawny Nurse sharks which often come to greet Discovery One.

Raft Point:

Raft Point was so named because of the Indigenous people who were spotted with their rafts used for hunting turtles, rays and dugongs. This is home to some ancient and well preserved Wandjina cave paintings. We walk to the caves, where you will take in the breathtaking views over Doubtful Bay and Steep Island. This walk is approx 300mts with a relatively steep gradient.

Montgomery Reef:

North West of Raft Point is Montgomery Reef. This 400 sq km reef can emerge up to 4mts above the waterline at low tide, creating a visual spectacle of waterfalls and sea life. Several small islands dot the reef and support rich mangroves, crocodiles, turtles, birds and fish.

Langgi Beach:

Travelling NE we reach Langgi Beach – a very significant Aboriginal site. Kimberley sandstone has eroded into amazing rock formations that nature has carved over millions of years with a multitude of shapes and colours. Wander among these natural sculptures and hear the ancient stories associated with the site.

Samson Inlet:

Further north is Sampson Inlet which leads into a monsoonal rainforest pocket with almost permanent fresh water. Many previous passengers have called this the most beautiful spot on the Kimberley coast. Keen photographers should remember their cameras!

Hanover Bay & Camden Harbour:

Within Hanover Bay are the pristine sands of Hanover Beach. It is here, in 1838, where Lt. George Grey unloaded his Timor ponies and began the first land based expedition of North West Australia in search of the great inland sea. The journey soon ended when he was speared by Aborigines. Despite this, Lt Grey reported back positively describing the area as 'lush and fertile'. This glowing report encouraged a group of optimistic farmers to establish a new settlement in Camden Harbour in 1864. This was a total disaster from the start. The ruins of that settlement, which lasted only 9 months, can still be seen and the graves of some of these tough pioneers can be found on nearby Sheep Island.

Saint George Basin & the Prince Regent River:

Within the St George Basin are two flat topped hills, Mt Trafalgar and Mt Waterloo, which provide a spectacular backdrop as you cruise to the mouth of the Prince Regent River. This river is the remains of the longest single straight lineament in Australia, making it yet another geological wonder. Get your cameras ready as you experience some spectacular scenery, flora and fauna on our journey down this remote and pristine waterway, concluding at the majestic King Cascade Falls. This spectacular site is where American model, Ginger Meadows, was fatally attacked by a crocodile in 1987, a horror story which has been retold around the world! Keep an eye out for crocodiles as you view these magnificent falls which cascade over fern covered tiers in breathtaking splendor.

Thursday June 20th – Derby & Broome:

On our last morning we head back to Derby, through King Sound, where you will be transferred by bus back to Broome, taking with you memories to last a lifetime.

Please Note:

This itinerary lists all the places you can reasonably expect to visit on your cruise in no particular order. It is likely, however, that there will be additional places of interest visited on the actual cruise, time and tides allowing, which is why we prefer not to give you a day by day itinerary. Some of these places are well known, but others have been charted by our Captain during his 12 years of travelling the Kimberley Coast. It is his aim to maximize the cruising experience for all passengers by viewing sites at the best time; so he will decide when and where he will take you during your 12 days on the Kimberley coast. In this sense, every cruise is a little different and each passenger's experience is unique.