



Explore the Kimberley: Broome to Broome (or Derby to Derby)

Cruise 11: 13 night Package scenic flights with return cruise

Monday 18 July to Sunday 31 July 2022– \$10,490 pp

Explore the Kimberley Cruise Package includes:

- one night's accommodation in Broome at Broome Time Resort on July 18
- a taxi/shuttle transfer from your accommodation to Broome or Derby Airport on July 19
- a light air scenic flight from either Broome or Derby to the Mitchell Plateau on July 19
- a scenic helicopter flight from Mitchell Plateau Airstrip to Naturalist Island on July 19
- Cruise starts July 19
- 12 night cruise from Naturalist Island to Derby from July 19 to July 31
- a coach transfer from Derby jetty to your chosen destination in Derby or Broome on July 31

Driving Option: we suggest you travel to Derby where you can store your vehicle at our expense for the duration of the cruise. This replaces the accommodation in Broome on July 18.

Experience The Kimberley by air and then explore by sea. This fabulous package includes a thrilling helicopter flight over the spectacular Mitchell Plateau and a scenic light air flight between the Mitchell Plateau and Broome. This package starts from and returns to Derby and Broome.

July 19: The Mitchell Plateau

This morning you will be picked up by taxi/shuttle from your accommodation and taken to the airport for a scenic light air flight from Broome or Derby to the Mitchell Plateau. This is followed by a helicopter flight over the Mitchell Plateau and the spectacular Mitchell Falls. The helicopter will land on Naturalist Beach where the crew will transport you to the boat. You will be welcomed on board Discovery One and then it's time to settle in, get acquainted with the boat and relax as you take in the beauty of the Kimberley. Your cruise of a lifetime begins.

York Sound and the Hunter River:

Prince Frederick Harbour lies within York Sound and it is here that we find the Roe and Hunter River estuaries. This area boasts sensational scenery, with cathedral-like gorges and eroded sandstone features such as the Indian Head at the entrance to the Hunter River.

Careening Bay:

Careening Bay is within the southern part of Nelson Bay where, in 1820, Phillip Parker King careened the vessel HMC 'Mermaid' for repairs whilst surveying the Australian coastline. His carpenter carved the vessel's name into an ancient boab tree which is still visible today.

Saint George Basin and 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 splendour.

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.

Samson Inlet:

Samson Inlet 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.

Montgomery Reef:

At the beginning of the Buccaneer Archipelago, is Montgomery Reef. This 400 sq km reef can emerge up to 4m 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.

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 10m of height difference between the waters of each of the two inland bays and the sea, water gushes through creating a mass of whirlpools, boils and raging currents. In Cyclone Creek, the incredible marine life includes impressive Tawny Nurse sharks which often come to greet Discovery One.

Silica Beach:

Silica Beach, on Hidden Island, boasts pure white sands and clear blue water. It's the kind of beach one imagines should be found on an island paradise. It is a lovely place to take a dip.

Sunday 31 July: Derby & Broome

This morning we wake up in Derby. Here the crew will bid you farewell. A bus will be waiting for you at the jetty to take you to your chosen destination in Derby or Broome.

Something Extra... This itinerary lists all the places you can reasonably expect to visit on your cruise between Derby and the Berkeley River. 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. Captain Lennie joined the Discovery One crew in 2006 and became Captain in 2010. It is his aim to maximise the cruising experience for all passengers, so he will decide when and where he will take you during your 13 nights on the Kimberley coast. In this sense, every cruise is a little different and each passenger's experience unique.

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