



**DISCOVERY ONE**  
KIMBERLEY CRUISES



*\*\* new package\*\**

## Hunter River Adventure – Darwin to Broome

### Cruise 15: 10 night package

Friday 9 September to Monday 19 September 2022 – \$8,990 pp

#### Package includes:

- AirNorth flight from Darwin to Kununurra Friday 9 September\*
- One night's accommodation in Kununurra at Kimberley Grande Resort on 9 September (includes airport shuttle and breakfast)
- A shuttle will take you to the Kununurra Airport on the morning of September 10
- Scenic fixed wing flight from Kununurra Airport to Mitchell Plateau September 10
- Seaplane flight from Mitchell Plateau airstrip to Hunter River – includes a scenic fly over the Mitchell Falls
- Cruise commences September 10
- 9 night cruise from 10 to 19 September from the Hunter River to Derby
- Coach transfer from Derby to your chosen accommodation in Broome on September 19

*\* or receive a flight credit to the same value and fly from Perth or Broome*

**Driving Option:** we suggest you travel to Kununurra or Broome where you can safely store your vehicles. You'll receive a flight credit to fly between Kununurra and Broome. Note flights to Broome may not be available everyday. Call to discuss options.

*Fly over the fascinating delta country near Kununurra in a fixed wing aircraft. Swap into a seaplane at Mitchell Plateau, enjoy a scenic fly over the impressive Mitchell Falls and land on the Hunter River where Discovery One will be waiting to meet you. Experience 9 nights aboard Discovery One exploring the hidden gems of the Kimberley.*

#### **Friday 9 September: Darwin & Kununurra**

Fly from Darwin to Kununurra on September 9. An airport shuttle will take you to your accommodation at Kimberley Grande Resort.

#### **Saturday 10 September: Kununurra, Mitchell Falls, Hunter River**

After an early breakfast you will be shuttled to the Kununurra Airport. Board the plane and enjoy a scenic flight to Mitchell Plateau and then a seaplane flight to the Hunter River. Your 9 night cruise from the Hunter River to Derby is about to begin.

#### **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.

### **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.

### **St 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 eroded remains of the longest single straight lineament in Australia, making it yet another geological wonder. Get your cameras ready as you experience some magnificent 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.

### **Sampson 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!

### **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 the two chasms creating 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.

### **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 should be found on an island paradise. It's a lovely place to take a dip in the shallows.

### **Monday 19 September: Derby, Broome**

This morning you will arrive in Derby, say your goodbyes and board the coach to your chosen destination in 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.