



**DISCOVERY ONE**  
KIMBERLEY CRUISES



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

**Hunter River Adventure – Broome to Darwin**

**Cruise 6: 10 night package**

**Tuesday 17 May to Friday 27 May 2022 – \$8,990 pp**

**Package includes:**

- one night's accommodation in Broome at Broome Time Resort on May 17
- a coach transfer from Broome to Derby on May 18
- cruise commences May 18
- 9 night cruise from May 18 to May 27 from Derby to the Hunter River
- seaplane flight from Hunter River to Mitchell Plateau airstrip – includes a scenic fly over the Mitchell Falls
- scenic fixed wing flight from Mitchell Plateau to Kununurra Airport Friday 27 May
- afternoon AirNorth flight from Kununurra to Darwin May 27\*

*\* or receive a flight credit to the same value and fly to 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 from Kununurra to Broome. Note flights to Broome may not be available everyday. Call to discuss options.

Experience 9 nights aboard Discovery One exploring the hidden gems of the Kimberley. At the end of your cruise, take off in a seaplane from the sheltered waters of the Hunter River and enjoy a scenic flight over Mitchell Falls. Switch to a fixed wing at Mitchell Plateau and fly over the fascinating delta country near Kununurra. Arrive in time for your afternoon flight with AirNorth to Darwin.

**Wednesday May 18: Broome & Derby**

After one night's accommodation in Broome on May 17, a coach will pick up guests early in the morning of May 18 and transfer you to Derby Jetty. After you have been welcomed on board with a drink and some information from the Captain, you can settle into your cabin, familiarise 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 should be found on an island paradise. It's a lovely place to take a dip in the shallows.

**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.

### **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.

### **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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **Friday May 27: Hunter River, Mitchell Plateau & Kununurra**

You will be greeted this morning by seaplanes which will ferry you to Mitchell Plateau via a scenic fly over the Mitchell Falls. At the Plateau you will change across to a fixed wing aircraft and then enjoy a scenic flight to Kununurra Airport and arrive in time for your afternoon flight with AirNorth to Darwin.

**Something Extra...** This itinerary lists all the places you can reasonably expect to visit on your cruise between the Berkeley River and Derby. 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 has been our Captain since 2010. He has many fabulous, lesser-known spots that he loves to share with passengers – discovered during his years of travelling the Kimberley Coast. 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.