

Kimberley Experience Package - Broome/Derby to Broome/Derby

Cruise 7: 12 days/11 nights

Thursday May 28th to Monday June 8th 2020 - \$8,490 pp

Kimberley Experience Cruise Package includes:

- One night's accommodation in Broome on May 28th
- A bus transfer from Broome to Derby on May 29th
- Cruise commences May 29 Derby to Derby
- 11 days/10 nights cruise from May 29th to June 8th (see details below)
- A bus transfer from Derby to Broome on June 8th

For those with a vehicle, 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 May 28th.

This exciting 11 day/ 10 night exploration cruise departs from and returns to the township of Derby. Meander along the breathtaking coastline and take in the sights and sounds of the Kimberley as Captain Lennie shares some of his favourite places - the hidden gems of this special land.

Friday May 29th 2020: Broome & Derby

A bus will pick up all passengers in Broome and/or Derby 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.

Silvergull Creek & Squatters Arms:

Travelling down Silvergull Creek brings you to Squatters Arms, where an intriguing couple, Phil & Marion, made their home for around 20 years after they sailed in and discovered this beautiful spot with its freshwater springs.

Yampi Sound & Crocodile Creek:

Within Yampi Sound are the islands Irvine, 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. The pools are a great 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 10m of height difference between the waters of each of the two inland bays and the sea, water gushing 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.

Montgomery Reef:

NW of Raft Point 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.

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 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.

Monday June 8th 2020: Derby & Broome

This morning we wake up in Derby. After goodbyes, you will be transferred by bus back to your chosen destination in Derby or Broome.

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. 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 by viewing sites at the best time; so he will decide when and where he will take you during your 11 days on the Kimberley coast. In this sense, every cruise is a little different and each passenger's experience is unique.