



DISCOVERY ONE
KIMBERLEY CRUISES



Early Waterfall - Darwin to Broome

Cruise 1: 13 night package

Friday March 1 to Thursday March 14 2024 - \$9,990 pp

Early Waterfall Package includes:

- Morning flight from Darwin to Kununurra on March 1 (or receive a \$250 pp flight credit and make your own travel arrangements to Kununurra)
- Coach transfer from Kununurra Airport to Wyndham on March 1
- 13 nights aboard the Discovery One cruising from Wyndham to Derby March 1 to 14
- Coach transfer from Derby to Broome on March 14

Experience the remote reaches of far-north Western Australia at its most spectacular – at the end of the wet season. Incredible waterfalls and glorious sunsets are a feature on our 13 night cruise package from Darwin to Broome.

March 1: Darwin, Kununurra & Wyndham

After a flight from Darwin to Kununurra and a bus transfer from Kununurra to Wyndham, you will board Discovery One. Settle in, become familiar with your surroundings and relax. You are about to begin the journey of a lifetime as Discovery One cruises out of Cambridge Gulf towards the Kimberley Coast.

The Berkeley River:

The stunning red ochre cliffs bordering the Berkeley River dominate the scenery as we cruise through this magical region of beautiful waterfalls and freshwater pools. The Berkeley has extensive smaller creeks feeding into it and drains the Seppelt and Collison Ranges and Gardner Plateau.

Koolama Bay:

Originally named Rulhieres Bay, Koolama Bay was re-named for the ill-fated 340ft vessel 'Koolama' that was attacked by the Japanese during WWII. After the attack she made her way into the Bay, dropped off her passengers and then travelled to Wyndham where she sank after another bombing raid.

King George River:

The King George River flows into Koolama Bay and is bordered by wonderful sandstone coloured cliffs. It is here you will see the spectacular King George Falls; the tallest falls in Western Australia. Be prepared for a shower! At this time of year the spray from the falls reach up to 500 metres down the gorge and the noise of the thundering falls adds to the excitement.

York Sound & 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, 200 years later!

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 camera 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.

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**.

Sampson Inlet:

Sampson 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:

Located at the beginning of the Buccaneer Archipelago, is Montgomery Reef. This 400 sq km reef can emerge up to 4 metres 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, the water gushes through creating whirlpools, boils and raging currents. In Cyclone Creek, the incredible marine life includes impressive Tawny Nurse sharks which often come to greet us.

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's a lovely place to take a dip in the shallows.

March 14: Derby & Broome

This morning you wake up in Derby. A bus will be waiting to take you to your chosen destination in Broome.

Something Extra...This itinerary lists all the places you can reasonably expect to visit on your cruise between Wyndham and Derby. It is likely, however, that there will be many additional tender excursions to places of interest during the actual cruise, time and tides allowing, which is why we prefer not to give you a day by day itinerary.