



DISCOVERY ONE
KIMBERLEY CRUISES



Hunter River Adventure - Broome to Darwin

Cruise 16: 10 night package

Wednesday 11 – Saturday 21 September 2024 - \$9,490 pp/twin share

Package includes:

- One night's accommodation in Broome on September 11 at Broome Time Accommodation
- A coach transfer from Broome to Derby on September 12
- Cruise commences September 12
- 9 night cruise, 12 to 21 September, 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 Saturday 21 September
- Afternoon group flight from Kununurra to Darwin 21 September *(or receive a \$250 pp flight credit and make your own travel arrangements from Kununurra)*

Driving Option: we suggest you travel to Kununurra or Broome where you can safely store your vehicle. You'll receive a \$250pp flight credit to fly between Kununurra and Broome. Note flights to Broome are available most days. This route is serviced by Air North and Nexus. There is also a Greyhound bus. In Broome we recommend leaving vehicles at Broome Caravan Park, Wattle Drive. In Kununurra we recommend Kimberleyland Waterfront caravan park. You need to arrange stay and storage directly with the Park.

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 to Darwin.

Thursday 12 September: Broome & Derby

After one night's accommodation in Broome, a coach will pick up guests early on the morning of September 12 and transfer you to Derby Jetty. After you have been welcomed on board 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.

Saturday 21 September: Hunter River, Mitchell Plateau & Kununurra

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

Something Extra:

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. It is the Captain's aim to maximize 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 9 nights on the Kimberley coast. In this sense, every cruise is a little different and each passenger's experience unique.