



DISCOVERY ONE
KIMBERLEY CRUISES



Hunter River Adventure - Darwin to Broome

Cruise 17: 10 night package

Friday 20 September – Monday 30 September 2024 - \$9,490 pp/twin share

Package includes:

- Flight from Darwin to Kununurra 20 September (or receive a \$250 pp flight credit and make your own travel arrangements to Kununurra)
- Airport transfer to your accommodation
- One night's accommodation in Kununurra on 20 September
- A shuttle will take you to the Kununurra Airport on the morning of September 21
- Scenic fixed wing flight from Kununurra Airport to Mitchell Plateau September 21
- Seaplane flight from Mitchell Plateau airstrip to Hunter River - includes a scenic fly over the Mitchell Falls
- Cruise commences September 21
- 9 night cruise from September 21 to 30, from the Hunter River to Derby
- Early morning Coach transfer from Derby to your chosen destination in Broome on September 30.

Driving Option: we suggest you travel to Kununurra or Broome where you can safely store your vehicle. You'll receive a \$250 pp flight credit to arrange your own travel between Kununurra and Broome. Note flights to Broome are available most days. This route is covered by Air North and Nexus. Alternatively, there is a Greyhound bus.

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.

Saturday 21 September: Kununurra, Mitchell Falls, Hunter River

This morning you will be shuttled to the Kununurra Airport. Board a plane and enjoy a scenic flight to Mitchell Plateau and then a seaplane flight over Mitchell Falls and then onto 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 splendor.

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 30 September: Derby, Broome

This morning you will arrive in Derby, say your goodbyes and board the coach to your chosen destination in Broome. You'll be back by late morning.

Something extra:

The 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.

The Captain aims 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.