



# DISCOVERY ONE

## KIMBERLEY CRUISES

### CRUISING GUIDE

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## ONBOARD DISCOVERY ONE:

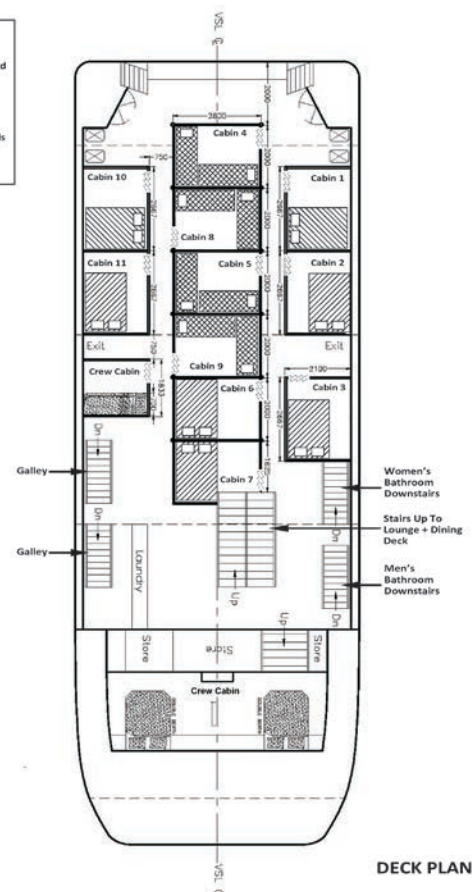
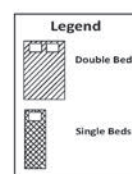


### CABINS:

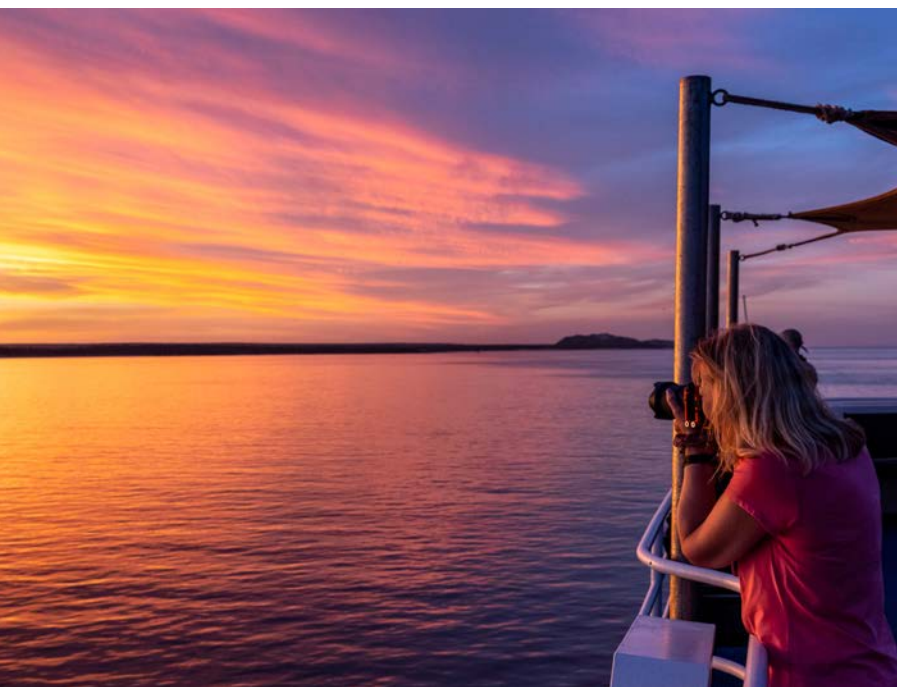
Discovery One has 11 comfortable and individually air-conditioned cabins. Each cabin is fitted with a standard 240V power point. The cabins offer a range of sleeping configurations – doubles and twin singles. Cabins are allocated at the time of booking. We aim to provide a quiet and restful night's sleep for all. For this reason, we don't travel at night and the cabin deck is carpeted with thick curtains across the doorways to absorb any noise (no banging doors). We also have shared bathroom facilities – no noisy showers and flushing toilets through the cabin wall.

Passengers don't tend to spend time in their cabins during the day as the scenery is spectacular while we travel. Most people prefer to be on the top deck enjoying the 360 degree views. Your cabin will be cleaned and your linen will be changed half way through the cruise. If you wish to have your cabin cleaned or fresh linen and towels supplied at any time during the cruise, please ask one of the crew.

Note: We have never had any issues with security on the boat, but if you're at all concerned about your personal items please speak to the Captain who will happily organise for these to be stored safely.







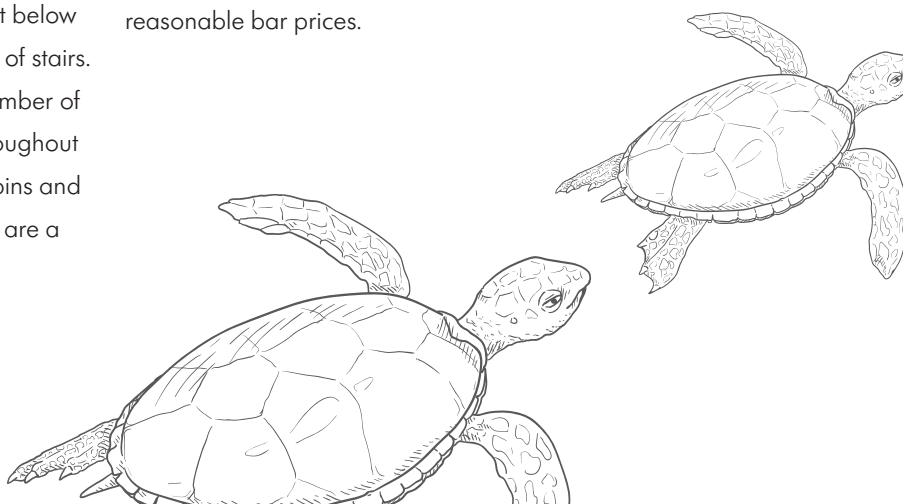
## NIGHT TIME NOISE:

The boat is usually anchored at night so you can get a peaceful and uninterrupted sleep. Occasionally the Captain may decide to travel part of the night to catch a tide for the following day's excursion. There is a hum from the night time generator which usually doesn't concern anyone but we keep a supply of disposable ear plugs for any passengers' who are light sleepers.

**Bathrooms:** Male and female bathrooms are located just below the cabin deck and are easily accessed via a short flight of stairs. There are sufficient facilities in each bathroom for the number of passengers we carry and they are cleaned regularly throughout each day. The bathrooms are not far from any of the cabins and the lights are always on for night time visits. The showers are a comfortable size - plenty of room for elbows!

## LOUNGE AND CROCODILE BAR:

A range of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks, including soft drinks and freshly ground coffee, are available onboard 'Discovery One' from the Crocodile Bar in our air conditioned lounge. We stock a reasonable selection of red and white wine and beer, as well as spirits and liqueurs. Most of our wines come from the Margaret River region in WA and our beer includes the popular brands. Wines are available by the glass or bottle at reasonable bar prices.





## BOAT ACCOUNT:

A Boat Account will be kept for the duration of your cruise. All purchases from the Bar will be kept on this account, as well as any souvenirs you might wish to buy. We ask that you finalise your Boat Account before leaving the boat, using Visa or MasterCard. There is no surcharge on this credit card transaction. (No cash please! The crew have no access to a bank).

## MEALS:

At the rear of the Lounge is the outdoor dining deck and barbeque area. Breakfast is continental style, with cereal, milk, fruit, yoghurt, juice, toast and a variety of spreads. These are all laid out so you can serve yourself when you are ready. Coffee, tea, water and fresh fruit are available in the lounge throughout the day for you to enjoy whenever you wish. Lunch is buffet style with several dishes to choose from which cater for various tastes. The evening meal is served banquet style at long shared tables on the alfresco deck. Our cook makes sure that there are plenty of fresh salads and vegetables at each of these meals. Morning tea is also supplied with something delicious and freshly baked from the galley and 'nibbles' are provided for you to enjoy with your pre-dinner drinks.

If you have specific medically required dietary needs or food allergies, please let us know as soon as possible (if you haven't already provided these details on your Booking Form). The cook does a wonderful job and will make sure you are well catered for; however, she can't cater for diets that are based on personal preference. The meals are varied, nutritious and appetising so you should have no problem selecting foods that

suit your requirements. We are also happy to provide gluten free bread and cereal, lactose free milk, soya milk etc, upon request for those who prefer it, provided this doesn't involve our cook making separate meals where there is no food allergy or medically required diet.

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (IF AVAILABLE):

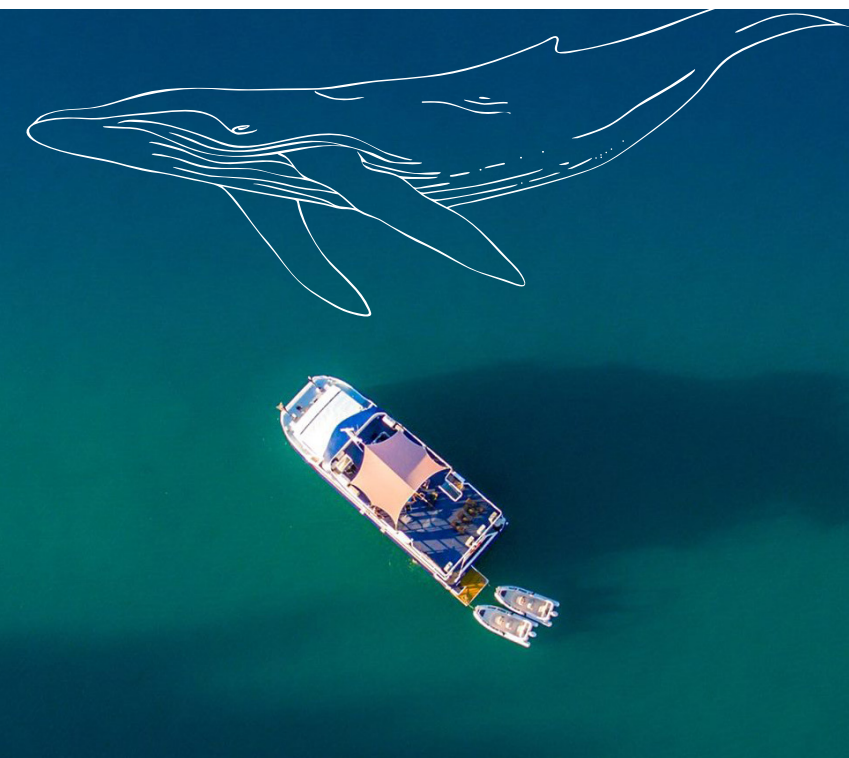
While all our tender excursions are included in your fare, there are a few companies which operate specific excursions on the Kimberley Coast and charge for their services. These excursions include a speedy jet boat ride through Horizontal Falls and scenic helicopter flights. If you wish to participate in additional excursions, you can let the crew know once you're on the boat. Bookings cannot be made prior to the cruise as the Captain decides the best day and time of these excursions and will facilitate if sufficient passenger interest.

## THE TOP DECK:

The top deck of Discovery One is entirely for our passenger's enjoyment and gives you undisturbed 360 degree views of the coast, islands and gorges. There are tables and chairs, sun lounges and a spa where you can relax once the boat has anchored for the evening. It's the perfect spot for sunset drinks.

## SMOKING POLICY:

All interior areas of Discovery One are strictly non-smoking. A smoking area is designated at the rear of the top deck where environmental care and respect is essential. An ashtray is provided for your convenience.





## ENTERTAINMENT:

Books on the local history, flora and fauna are available to read. Please make sure you return these once you have finished with them. There is also a selection of novels, board games and playing cards to keep you entertained. We suggest you bring some reading material of your own or crossword puzzles, knitting, etc, for any quiet times. We also have a DVD of the Kimberley which the crew will play in the lounge, as well as maps of the coastline which you can view.

## MOBILE PHONE AND INTERNET RECEPTION:

Mobile phone and internet reception is not available on the cruise. If there is an emergency at home, friends and family can make contact with you via the booking office on 1800 996 717 or 0455 042 924.

## FISHING:

Most of the cruise is spent travelling and taking you on excursions, so we don't have time for fishing. Nevertheless, we have a restricted fishing licence to enable you to use handlines on board once Discovery One anchors for the night. Please ask a member of the crew about this facility. Fishing rods, lures or other fishing equipment cannot be brought onboard under any circumstances. Handlines and bait are provided onboard for those that wish to drop a line.

## SEA SICKNESS:

Discovery One spends a large part of the time travelling amongst islands, bays and inlets where it is fairly protected from the weather and the water is calm. Most people are not troubled by sea sickness. We do however recommend that you bring some sea-sickness medication with you.



## WHAT TO BRING:

### **We ask that you limit your total luggage to 10kgs per person packed in a soft duffel bag.**

These are easier for the crew to transport to and from the boat in the small tenders and for you to store in your cabin. The weight limit is an OH&S requirement – also required where seaplane, helicopter and light planes are included in your package.\* Overweight luggage or luggage in rigid suitcases will not be transported. You may also bring a handbag, camera case, CPAP machine or backpack which you can keep with you when boarding or disembarking from the boat. **Your combined luggage - backpack, duffel bag etc needs to weigh no more than 10kg.** \* If doing the Early Waterfall or Great Rivers tours you are not restricted to 10kg of luggage as you have no light plane transfers.

#### TO HELP KEEP YOUR LUGGAGE WEIGHT DOWN, WE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING ONBOARD:

- Towels
- Linen
- Hair dryers
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body wash
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Collapsible walking sticks (available from crew prior to excursions)
- Beach Towels

### **FREE DAILY LAUNDRY SERVICE:**

We have a laundry service on board which greatly reduces the amount of clothes you need to bring. Laundry will be done for you by the crew, free of charge, and will be delivered on the same day. Clothes will be tumble dried so please try to avoid bringing clothes which need to be line dried or spread flat for drying.

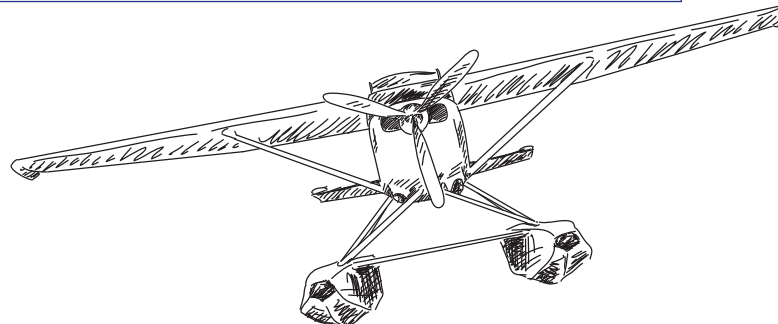
### **FOOTWEAR:**

It is very important that you bring some suitable footwear for excursions on shore. They should have plenty of under-sole grip for rough terrain but be able to dry out quickly if your feet get wet when boarding or leaving the tenders. Sand shoes, Keens style sandals or footwear that dries quickly are recommended. Some people use reef walkers but these are not always suitable for rough terrain. You will not need hiking boots. We suggest that you wear this footwear on the first day of your cruise as you will be boarding Discovery One via the tenders.

Please be aware that we are an eco-friendly cruise and we ask you not to bring hair dyes or any other strong chemicals onboard.

#### YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:

- Very casual clothes
- Swimwear - togs, rashie
- Refillable water bottle + Electrolytes
- Long sleeved sun smart shirt
- Sandshoes or Keen style sandals for excursions
- Thongs, sandals or similar footwear for the boat
- A wide brimmed hat
- A light sweater or jacket for the occasional cool evening
- Personal toiletries
- Camera with battery charger
- A memory stick (USB) to upload photos (optional)
- Sunglasses
- A good book
- A lingerie bag for washing underwear
- A complete list of all medications you are currently taking
- Small/lightweight binoculars
- A sense of adventure!
- This is a relaxed cruise - dressing up in the evening is not required.



# TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION INSURANCE:

## DOMESTIC TRAVEL INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that all domestic passengers purchase insurance as protection against any circumstance which may force the cancellation of your cruise, between now and when your cruise commences, or if you must leave a cruise while in progress. We never leave Australian waters so you do not need a policy with a medical component as you will be covered by Medicare at the nearest hospital on the Kimberley Coast. The type of policy you require is usually called Domestic Travel Insurance and will cover you only for the cost of the cruise and associated costs.

We are not Insurance experts and are not licensed to recommend any particular Insurance Company. If you are finding it difficult to find the type of Insurance you need please call and we will endeavour to help you by giving you some examples of companies that previous passengers have told us they have used, however, this does not come with any recommendation whatsoever.

If you believe you are covered by the free travel insurance offered on your credit card you should check with your bank to make sure it will cover you for domestic travel. This is often International Travel Insurance and it may not cover you for cancellation or interruption to your cruise as we do not leave Australian waters or travel to any international ports.

## SEAPLANE EVACUATION FUND:

If you are required to be evacuated from the boat during a cruise due to a medical emergency, this will be done by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). While their service is free, the RFDS do not have a seaplane so one may have to be chartered for you. This cost is usually not covered by Private Health Insurance or your Domestic Travel Insurance. This means that you will be invoiced for the charter (up to \$8,000 depending on the location of the boat at the time). Our concern about our passengers being charged for this has prompted us to start a Seaplane Evacuation Fund specifically to pay the full cost of a seaplane charter for any contributing passenger.

Contributions are optional and you are under no obligation to participate, however, we do urge you to consider that an accident or sudden illness during your cruise could put you in the position of not only missing part of your holiday but also coming

home to a considerable bill. Optional Evacuation Fund \$50 per person – you can nominate to pay this on your booking form, or call us to make late arrangements.

## POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- Contributions to the Seaplane Evacuation Fund are \$50 per person which can be added to your Invoice
- There are no special requirements or forms to complete to join in our Seaplane Evacuation Fund except that you are a passenger on one of our cruises. Age, pre existing medical conditions etc are irrelevant.
- Contributions to the Fund are not insurance cover or a donation, so are not tax deductible. It is simply a group fund which constitutes an agreement between Discovery One Pty Ltd and contributing passengers that the cost of a seaplane charter for a medical emergency will be paid for from the fund.
- There are no fees, charges or administrative costs associated with this fund, nor does Discovery One Pty Ltd make any profit. We donate our services in collecting contributions, administering the fund and paying for any seaplane charters.
- The amount of the contribution from passengers is calculated on the cost of two evacuations in a Cruise Season. If there are more evacuations and the fund has insufficient money to cover the cost of a seaplane charter, the Directors of Discovery One have agreed to make up the shortfall.
- Contributions must be made prior to the cruise. The crew will not accept payments.
- Please call 1800 996 717 if you wish to contribute.
- If there are no seaplane evacuations in a season, half of the funds will be donated to the RFDS or another local charity. The remaining monies will be kept for the start of the following season.



## PRIOR TO YOUR CRUISE

Once your booking has been confirmed we will usually not contact you until 8-10 weeks before departure, unless we need to book flights or we require any further information or clarification regarding your travel plans.

Please contact us if you have any questions, change your postal or email address or any other contact details, or wish to book extra accommodation in Broome. Please keep in mind that if you wish to book extra accommodation you need to consider this earlier rather than later, as accommodation can book very quickly during the season.

Your final payment is due 6 weeks prior to the cruise. We will email through receipt of payment. We will also email final notes and pre-cruise arrangements a week or so prior to departure. This will include bus pickup time, flight reservations (if applicable), transfers etc. Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 5.00pm (AEST)

We are also available evenings and weekends for any urgent calls or in an emergency. Please leave a message if the phone is unattended and we will get back to you as soon as possible T: 1800 996 717 or SMS Paige on 0455 042 924

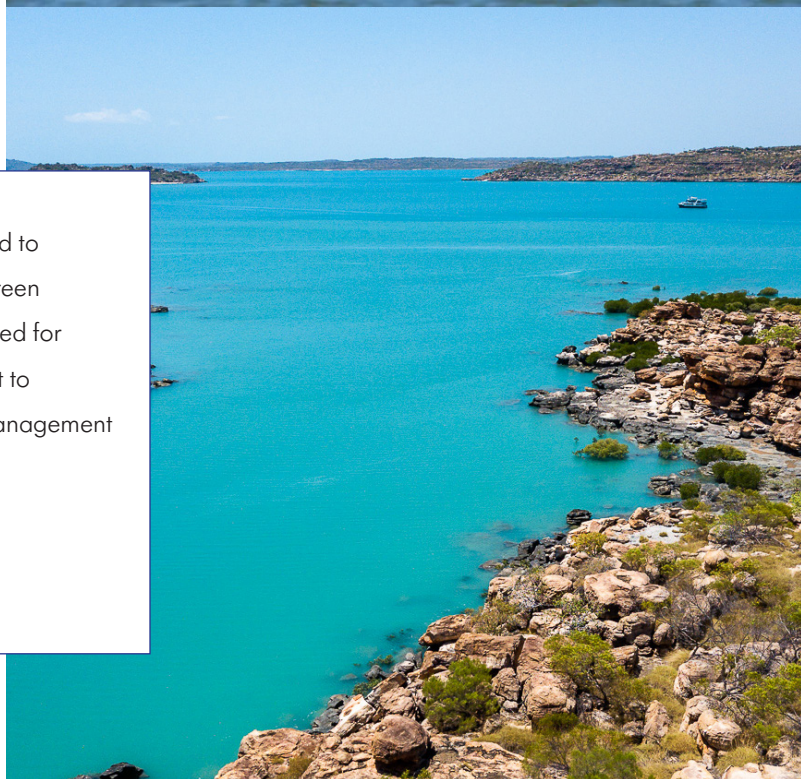
Social Media: you may like to join the Discovery One family by following us on Facebook and liking and sharing posts and pictures.

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THE KIMBERLEY WITH YOU!



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