

# THE KIMBERLEY CRUISE

BROOME & DARWIN

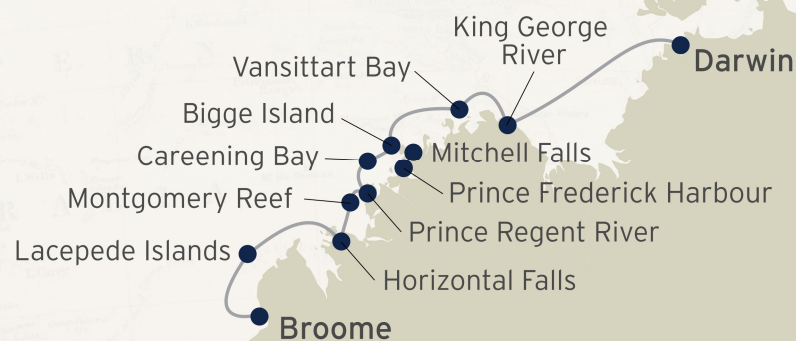
10 NIGHTS | APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2025 & 2026

42 DEPARTURES PER YEAR



## Expedition Highlights

- > Experience the thrill of riding the Horizontal Falls in inflatable Zodiac tender vessels
- > Get up close to Montgomery Reef and discover the tidal reef's diverse marine life
- > Witness King George River and 80m tall twin King George waterfalls
- > Cruise the Prince Regent River to the 'hanging garden' King Cascade waterfall
- > Encounter Indigenous rock art galleries and learn about ancient Wandjina and Gwion Gwion art
- > Spot native wildlife and birdlife in their natural habitat
- > View the Kimberley landscape by air on a scenic helicopter flight to Mitchell Falls (additional cost)
- > Enjoy sunset canapés and drinks on the beach as dusk settles over the Kimberley





## ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > BETWEEN DARWIN & BROOME

### DAY 1: DEPART DARWIN OR BROOME

Board in Darwin at 8:00am for a 9:00am departure.  
Board in Broome at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

### DAYS 2-10: KEY DESTINATIONS OF YOUR EXPEDITION

#### KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS (OOMARI FALLS)

Fed by the King George River draining across the Gardner Plateau, 80m tall *Oomari* - King George Falls are the highest twin falls in Western Australia. Cruise through steep-sided gorges carved many millions of years ago to reach the base of the falls. In waterfall season, cruise under the mist of the falls by Zodiac, while in later months view the honeycomb erosion patterns of sandstone cliffs up close. The Falls is named *Oomari* by the Balangarra people.

#### VANSITTART BAY (BANJAL)

Vansittart Bay is home to many cultural and historically significant sites like the remarkable *Ngula* - Jar Island Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) rock art galleries estimated to be up to 20,000 years old. *Ngula* is the Wunambal Gaambera name for Jar Island. Nearby on the Anjo Peninsula, we explore the well-preserved wreckage of a US Air Force C-53 Skytrooper aircraft.

#### MITCHELL FALLS, WINYALKAN, & SWIFT BAY

Carved through layers of sandstone, *Punamii-Uunpuu* - Mitchell Falls descends over four tiers, creating pools of emerald green on each level. An optional helicopter flight will provide a breathtaking view. At the top of the falls, sandstone terraces form a lookout from which to savour the serenity of this ancient landscape. Swift Bay reveals fine Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art galleries.

#### PRINCE FREDERICK HARBOUR & BIGGE ISLAND (WUUYURU)

Prince Frederick Harbour is one of the Kimberley's most spectacular locations. The harbour is dotted with islands lined with mangroves and monsoon rainforests, set against a backdrop of ochre-hued escarpments.

White-bellied sea eagles and other birds of prey are often seen here, and at low tide expansive mudflats reveal large populations of mud-skipper and mangrove crabs. Cruise up Porosus Creek to spot wildlife and later explore rock art sites at Lumbarrni Island.

#### PRINCE REGENT RIVER & CAREENING BAY (WUNBUNG-GU)

Running on a fault line, this straight river is a haven for native species. Here we visit the beautiful King Cascade, a terraced waterfall. Falling from a considerable height and around 50m across, water tumbles down a staggered terrace of Kimberley sandstone, surrounded by grasses, mosses and ferns.

See the National Heritage Listed 'Mermaid Tree' at Careening Bay. It still bears the name carved by the carpenter of Phillip Parker King's ship *HMC Mermaid* when the ship was repaired here in 1820.

### MONTGOMERY REEF (YOWJAB)

Montgomery Reef is a biologically diverse area covering over 300sqkm. Twice daily, as the sea recedes in mammoth tides, Montgomery Reef rises from the ocean in a cascade of rushing water, revealing a flat-topped reef. Opportunistic birds take advantage of the marine life left exposed in rock pools, while turtles and larger marine life may also be spotted. Get up close to witness the spectacle, as our Expedition Team share their knowledge on the reef and wildlife that surrounds you.

### DOUBTFUL BAY & RAFT POINT (NGUMBREE)

*Ngumbirri* - Raft Point guards the entrance to sheltered Doubtful Bay, which harbours significant sites such as the ancient Wandjina rock art galleries. Doubtful Bay is the traditional country of the Worrora people who follow the Wandjina. Their stories, knowledge and culture have been recorded in stone for millennia.

Visit Red Cone Creek, which flows gently downstream until it meets Ruby Falls (subject to tides). Climb up rock formations like building blocks, to reach the freshwater swimming hole. If time permits we may also do an Xplorer cruise up the mighty Sale River.

### HORIZONTAL FALLS (GARAANNGADDIM)

Due to the mammoth tides for which the Kimberley is renowned, the Horizontal Falls are created as the ocean thunders through a narrow gorge in the McLarty Ranges. As the tide changes, water is forcibly pushed through the bottleneck, creating a rushing horizontal waterfall of swiftly flowing seawater. Experience a heart-pumping ride through the rapids aboard our Zodiacs.

### TALBOT BAY / BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO

Talbot Bay is at the heart of the Buccaneer Archipelago, where rocks on the 800 or so islands are estimated at over 2 billion years old. At Cyclone Creek, you will see evidence of massive geological forces in the impressive rock formations and cruise through the Iron Islands, past Koolan Island, before enjoying sunset drinks at Nares Point.

### THE LACEPEDES

Subject to weather and tides, we visit the Lacepede Islands. The low islands are a nature reserve and Important Bird Area, supporting up to 18,000 breeding pairs of Brown Boobies and Roseate Terns, as well as a significant breeding area for the Green Sea Turtle. We explore the island's lagoon by Zodiac and Xplorer, to spot many species of birds and marine wildlife.

### DAY 11: ARRIVE BROOME OR DARWIN

Disembark in Darwin at 8:30am

Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

A post cruise transfer to the city or airport is included.

Seasons	Travel time
<b>Waterfall Season:</b> At the end of the wet season, experience rushing waterfalls and creeks, with abundant wildlife and lush greenery.	March to May
<b>Peak Season:</b> The most popular time to see the Kimberley. Enjoy optimum weather with cooler temperatures and no rain. The wildlife is abundant, and the landscape vibrant.	May to July
<b>Whale Season:</b> Humpback whales migrate to Kimberley waters and may be spotted during these months. The weather is hot and dry, with beautiful sunsets.	July to October



**Dr June Ross**  
Guest Lecturer

For over 30 years, June, an art-inspired archaeologist, delved into Kimberley rock art, leading projects like the Kimberley ARC. Her expertise spans teaching, research, and conservation collaboration with Indigenous communities, contributing significantly to academia and Australian Research Council initiatives as an Adjunct Professor at UNE.