

SMALL SHIP CRUISE

KIMBERLEY COMPLETE AND KIMBERLEY COASTAL EXPEDITION

2025

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24 days / 23 nights Small Ship Cruise



Broome to Darwin

ITINERARY

To view the itinerary in greater depth, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list to unveil its details. Discover daily activities, immersive experiences and insider local tips that make your travel unforgettable.



BROOME TO DARWIN

24 days / 24 nights Small Ship Cruise

DAY 1

Arrive Broome

Arrive in Broome, where we meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. This evening, a relaxed dinner gives you the chance to meet your fellow travellers.



Stay: Broome, Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa

Daily: • Dinner

DAY 2

Gibb River Road, Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek

Leave Broome this morning and head to the Boab Prison Tree, believed to be 1,500 years old. Continue along the Gibb River Road to Windjana Gorge, where ancient marine fossils lay embedded in the gorge walls. Next, it's on to Tunnel Creek, which flows through Western Australia's oldest cave system. Wade through the cool waters that fill the tunnel and emerge on the other side to discover a serene oasis.

Stay: Fitzroy River Lodge, Fitzroy Crossing

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 3

Mimbi Caves, Purnululu National Park

This morning travel towards Mimbi Caves and immerse yourself in culture on your Signature Experience. Afterwards, head to Halls Creek, before arriving at Purnululu National Park. Settle into your lodge before an open-air dinner tonight.

Signature Experience – Mimbi Caves Guided Tour

The Gooniyandi people share a strong connection with Mimbi Caves and the surrounding country. It has been both home and a place of spiritual significance for thousands of years. Your guide will share traditional knowledge of local bush tucker, bush medicine and the native flora and fauna found around the cave system as well as ancient dreaming stories about the caves. The walls of the cave are abundant with marine fossils, layers of sedimentary limestone and richly coloured ochres that stain the walls. View ancient rock paintings, each of which has its own unique connection to the caves and local people.

Signature Experience:

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Stay: Two Nights, APT's exclusive Bungle Bungle Wilderness Lodge

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner



DAY 4

Purnululu National Park, Piccaninny Creek, Cathedral Gorge

A full day has been set aside for you to explore Purnululu National Park today, starting with a walk along Piccaninny Creek. This winding gorge is set deep within the Bungle Bungle Range, offering unparalleled views of the beehive domes. Your next stop is Cathedral Gorge, a natural red rock amphitheatre created by millions of years of water erosion. This spacious cavern is renowned for its acoustics, and you'll see why as you wander through it. You may like to experience an optional scenic helicopter flight over the domes.

Signature Experience – Sunset Drinks at the Bungle Bungle Range

End your day of discovery by watching the sunset over the Bungle Bungle Range. The massive beehive-shaped domes are cast in a golden glow at this time of day. Enjoy such an epic sight with a glass of bubbly in hand, of course.

Enrich Your Experience - Bungle Bungle Helicopter Flight

Experience breathtaking views of World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park from above on a scenic helicopter flight (own expense).

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DAY 5

Purnululu National Park, Echidna Chasm, Kununurra

Set out on a hike to Echidna Chasm, a natural cleft in the rock that reaches a staggering 200 metres in height while only being one metre wide at certain points. Later, travel along the Spring Creek Track to Kununurra.

Stay: Two Nights, Kununurra Country Club Resort

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 6

Lake Argyle, Ord River, Kununurra



Travel to Lake Argyle and join a wildlife cruise on the mighty Ord River. From a modern shaded vessel, discover the area's ecological system that has developed from the damming of the Ord River at two locations. Later, enjoy the sunset while cruising on Lake Kununurra. Keep an eye out for wildlife and soak up the views as your boat makes its way through winding creeks and picturesque lagoons.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 7

Parry's Lagoon, Wyndham, El Questro

Witness the breathtaking vistas of the Cambridge Gulf as you travel to Wyndham, where the Five Rivers Lookout offers an unparalleled panoramic view. Become immersed in the natural splendour of Parry's lagoon, and have lunch at Parry Creek Farm, serenaded by the melodious chorus of birdsong. Conclude your day by arriving at El Questro Wilderness Park, where your resort awaits, promising an unforgettable retreat amidst untamed wilderness.

Stay: Two Nights, El Questro - Emma Gorge

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 8

El Questro

This morning hike to Emma Gorge where you'll be rewarded with a swim beneath a towering droplet waterfall. Enjoy lunch at El Questro Station, before relaxing at Zebedee Springs. Enjoy dinner this evening back at Emma Gorge Resort.

Signature Experience – Zebedee Springs

Venture through a pre-historic forest of Livistona and pandanus palms before arriving at a true oasis, Zebedee Springs. This permanent natural thermal spring is tucked away in a secluded pocket of El Questro's wilderness. Enjoy time to relax as you soak in the hot springs and leave feeling refreshed.

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DAY 9

Gibb River Road, Mitchell Plateau

Back on the Gibb River Road, ford the mighty Durack River, then turn off and travel north on the Kalumburu Road towards the isolated Mitchell Plateau. Along the way, stop at Drysdale River Station for lunch. Afterwards, enter a remote world of Livistona palm forests, beautiful lookouts, magnificent waterfalls and isolated swimming holes. Savour the enchanting Kimberley ambience as you dine under the vast night sky tonight.

Stay: Two Nights, APT's exclusive Mitchell Falls Wilderness Lodge

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 10

Mitchell Falls

Today you have a full day to discover the beauty of Mitchell Falls, with its tiered waterfalls and Indigenous rock art. When available, local Indigenous guides will join the adventure. Begin with a guided hike to Little Mertens Falls to view rarely seen rock art. Continue to Big Mertens Falls before arriving at the incredible Mitchell Falls. Go for a swim in the pools above the falls then take an included helicopter flight over Mitchell Falls and the surrounding wilderness back to your 4WD vehicle.

Signature Experience - Mitchell Falls Scenic Helicopter Flight

Set out on a thrilling helicopter flight to see Mitchell Falls in all its splendour from above. By gaining a bird's-eye view o

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this remote region, you'll not only see this iconic four-tiered Kimberley attraction, but also the surrounding gorges, emerald water pools, and soaring red cliffs.

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DAY 11

Mitchell Plateau, King Edward River, Drysdale River Station

Following a special Signature Experience, enjoy a swim in the clear waters at King Edward River. Cross Drysdale River and arrive at Drysdale River Station.



Signature Experience - Wandjina and Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) Rock Art

Admire ancient Wandjina and Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) rock art that dates back thousands of years at a gallery in Mitchell Plateau. This artwork stakes a claim as some of the earliest figurative art, distinguished by its depiction of stick-like human figures.

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Stay: Drysdale River Station

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 12

Manning Creek, Galvans Gorge, Gibb River Road

At Manning Creek, you'll enjoy lunch by the sandy banks. Look out for the region's bird life and enjoy a refreshing swim in the pristine water under paperbarks. Continue to Galvans Gorge, where a short walk leads to a picturesque waterhole, the ideal spot for a refreshing swim.

Stay: Two Nights, APT's exclusive Bell Gorge Wilderness Lodge

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 13

Bell Gorge

Back on the Gibb River Road, travel to Bell Gorge, where spectacular cliffs surround a series of tiered waterholes. Should you be feeling particularly energetic, you may take the opportunity to hike to the lower pool of the gorge and enjoy a relaxing dip below the cascading waterfall.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 14

Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges, Derby, Broome

Back on the Gibb River Road, travel through the Wunaamin Conservation Park to Derby, where you will visit an Art Centre displaying authentic Aboriginal artwork. Later this evening, perhaps enjoy a drink before a farewell dinner at your resort.



Stay: Broome, Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 15

Broome, Embark Ship

Enjoy a leisurely morning, before being welcomed aboard your expedition ship in the afternoon. The Seabourn Pursuit is the newest and most luxurious ship on the Kimberley Coast, boasting incredible facilities, delectable dining options and personalised service. You might like to admire the views from the panoramic balcony of your spacious suite, sip champagne on the outdoor deck, take a dip in the infinity pool or share stories of your adventures with your newfound friends in one of the luxurious shared spaces. A relaxed dinner this evening gives you the chance to meet your fellow travellers and sets the tone for the next nine nights on board.

Stay: Nine Nights, Seabourn Pursuit

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 16

Adele Island, Buccaneer Archipelago

Cruise to Adele Island and join your Expedition Team member for an exploration of this remote coastal area by Zodiac. The island is surrounded by Adele Reef, teeming with an array of coral and marine life, including reef sharks and stingrays. There's further promise of turquoise waters this afternoon as your ship arrives in the Buccaneer Archipelago, home to more than 800 islands. This evening, enjoy a Captain's welcome dinner.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 17

Horizontal Falls

Explore Talbot Bay and Cyclone Creek. Accompanied by your Expedition Team Leader, you'll weave nimbly past the dramatic folds of rock formations, keeping a look out for local wildlife.

Signature Experience - Horizontal Falls

Today your ship cruises to Talbot Bay, known for its massive 12-metre tides that create the unique Horizontal Falls. Subject to tidal conditions, board a Zodiac with your Expedition Team to view this natural phenomenon.



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DAY 18

Freshwater Cove, Montgomery Reef

Today, visit Freshwater Cove and Montgomery Reef, where you will enjoy two Signature Experiences.

Signature Experience - Arraluli Heritage Exploration

Experience a Welcome to Country and an immersive smoking ceremony conducted by the Arraluli people, the traditional custodians of the land. Then, embark on a guided hike led by the Expedition Team to explore a mesmerising rock art site where your Aboriginal guide will offer an interpretation of the rock art. This Signature Experience offers a profound connection to the rich cultural heritage and timeless traditions of the Arraluli people.

Signature Experience - Montgomery Reef

Following your visit to Freshwater Cove, depart with your Expedition Team to discover Montgomery Reef by Zodiac. Soak in the amazing scenes aboard a Zodiac as Montgomery Reef dramatically rises out of the ocean as a result of the region's strong tides. Cruise through narrow channels between the world's largest inshore reef as you admire the spectacle, and the incredible wildlife exposed by the cascading water.

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DAY 19

Hunter River, Mitchell Falls

You are transported to Prince Frederick Harbour today, home to the towering red cliffs and tangled mangroves of Hunter River and Porosus Creek. With its extreme tides and pristine ecosystems, the harbour and its waterways are rich in wildlife including mudskippers and saltwater crocodiles. Porosus Creek takes its name from the scientific name for the saltwater crocodile, a good indication of what we're looking for today. Keen birdwatchers should keep a careful eye out for kingfishers, egrets, herons and white-bellied sea eagles. To enhance your day, you might choose to set out on a thrilling helicopter flight to see Mitchell Falls in all its splendour from above.



Enrich Your Experience

Soar over the incredible and breakthtaking Mitchell Falls on a scenic helicopter flight experience (additional cost).

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DAY 20

Ashmore Reef

Enjoy a relaxed morning aboard your luxurious ship. This afternoon, pay a special visit to Ashmore Reef Marine Park. Located in the Timor Sea and spanning 583 square kilometres, the reef is a sanctuary for many marine species. Every year, more than 100,000 seabirds breed here, including crested terns, white-tailed tropicbirds and great frigatebirds. In addition to the prolific birdlife, beneath the clear tropical waters, the coral reefs, seagrass meadows, sandflats and lagoons of Ashmore Reef are home to a colourful array of marine life. 255 species of reefbuilding coral dwell here - the greatest number of any reef on the West Australian coast. Our visit to Ashmore Reef is required to ensure we comply with Australian government regulations. Pending favourable weather and sea conditions, you'll explore this sanctuary via Zodiac with your Expedition Team.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 21

Vansittart Bay

This morning, join your Expedition Team on an intriguing discovery. Walk across salt flats to view the wreckage of a US Air Force DC-3, which crash-landed near Vansittart Bay during World War II. Later, we reposition in the bay to visit Jar Island and discover the island's outstanding rock art gallery. During your exploration here, you'll see fascinating examples of Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) paintings, dating back more than 20,000 years.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 22

King George River and Falls

Today, your ship cruises into Koolama Bay. Hear how this bay was renamed following the Japanese bombing of the MV Koolama in 1942. Join your Expedition Team aboard a Zodiac to meander through King George River's gorge system, passing mangrove-fringed coves and sheer red cliffs.



Signature Experience - King George Falls

Get up close and personal to the magnificent King George Falls, where the King George River tumbles 80 metres down from lofty sandstone cliffs. You'll be able to experience its power as your Zodiac creeps close to the iconic waterfall.

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DAY 23

Day at Sea

Today, enjoy a relaxed day at sea as your ship makes its way towards Darwin, arriving in the evening. Take advantage of the ultra-luxurious features of your ship: perhaps relax by the pool with a glass of Champagne, indulge on delicious made-to-order sushi or 24-hour in suite dining, or attend an informative lecture hosted by your expert Expedition team.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 24

Disembark Ship, Depart Darwin

Disembarking in Darwin this morning means it's time to say goodbye to your ship and to be transferred to the airport.

Daily: • Breakfast