



SMALL SHIP CRUISE

KIMBERLEY COASTAL EXPEDITION WITH WEST COAST EXPLORER

2025

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22 days / 21 nights Small Ship Cruise



Darwin to Perth

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.



DARWIN TO PERTH

24 days / 24 nights Small Ship Cruise

DAY 1

Arrive Darwin, Embark Ship

Today, we'll meet you at the airport before welcoming you aboard your expedition ship. 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: • Dinner

DAY 2

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. This evening, enjoy a Captain's welcome dinner.

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.

Signature Experience:

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 3

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 reef-building 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 4

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 5

Bigge Island

Today, enjoy a Signature Experience on Bigge Island.

Signature Experience - Bigge Island Aboriginal Rock Art

See incredible galleries of ancient Wandjina rock art in the many caves of Bigge Island. Some of the artworks are thought to have been repainted annually by the Wunambal people for up to 5,000 years.

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DAY 6

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 bay 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 the Mitchell Falls in all its splendour from above (flight at own expense).

Enrich Your Experience - Mitchell Falls Helicopter Flight

Soar over the incredible and breathtaking Mitchell Falls on a scenic helicopter flight experience.



Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 7

Montgomery Reef, Freshwater Cove

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

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.

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

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 8

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 through 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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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 9

Buccaneer Archipelago, Adele Island

There's promise of turquoise waters today as your ship arrives in the Buccaneer Archipelago, home to more than 800 islands. 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.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 10

Disembark Ship, Broome

Enjoy a day at leisure in Broome before meeting your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner this evening.

Stay: Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 11

Broome, Eco Beach

Travel from Broome to Eco Beach and check into your resort. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Perhaps stroll the white sand beach or immerse yourself in the local flora and fauna of the Kimberley on a bush walk, or simply cool off in the pool before a relaxing dinner this evening.

Stay: Eco Beach Resort

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 12

Eighty Mile Beach, Port Hedland



Travel south, stopping at the famous Eighty Mile Beach, a stunning coastline that marks the end of the Great Sandy Desert. Keep an eye out for the migratory birds that call the wetland area home. Then, arrive at Port Hedland, a mining town renowned for its extensive exportation of iron ore.

Stay: Port Hedland, The Esplanade Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 13

The Pilbara, Karijini National Park

Explore the Pilbara mining region as you take a tour of Mt Whaleback Mine and learn about the world's largest open cut iron ore mine. Afterwards, continue to your beautiful eco retreat in Karijini National Park, Western Australia's second largest national park.

Stay: Two Nights, Karijini Eco Retreat

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 14

Tom Price, Exmouth

Today you will drive through the town of Tom Price and head to the Northwest Cape. Upon arrival in Exmouth, watch as the sun sets over the crystal-clear waters of Ningaloo Marine Park.

Stay: Two Nights, Exmouth, Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 15

Exmouth, Cape Range National Park

Explore Cape Range National Park today as you board a cruise through the spectacular gorge walls of Yardie Creek. Afterwards, stop in Turquoise Bay, regularly voted as one of the best beaches in the world. Then, travel to see Vlamingh Head Lighthouse before returning for dinner at the resort.



Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 16

Ningaloo Marine Park, Carnarvon

Sit back and relax on board a glass-bottom boat as you gaze out to the crystal-clear waters of beautiful Ningaloo Marine Park. You'll also have the opportunity to snorkel the World Heritage-listed reef, which is home to numerous marine species, including sea turtles. Later, continue to Carnarvon.

Stay: Carnarvon, Best Western Hospitality Inn

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 17

Hamelin Pool, Shell Beach, Monkey Mia

Head for Hamelin Pool to see the amazing stromatolites, which are considered the world's oldest living organisms. Continue to Shell Beach, then later, arrive at your resort, where you will enjoy a delicious dinner.

Stay: Two Nights, Shark Bay, Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 18

Monkey Mia, Shark Bay

After your Signature Experience, perhaps explore pristine white sand beaches during an afternoon at leisure. Enjoy a sunset cruise before a seafood dinner at your resort.

Signature Experience – Dolphin Feeding Demonstration

See the wild Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins of Monkey Mia that have visited the shallows for the last 50 years and watch as local rangers undertake a dolphin feeding demonstration (subject to appearance).

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner



DAY 19

Kalbarri

Today will be spent travelling to Kalbarri National Park, which surrounds the lower reaches of the Murchison River. Arrive at your resort and settle in.

Stay: Kalbarri Edge Resort

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 20

Kalbarri National Park, Geraldton

Today we explore Kalbarri National Park, including red buff lookout and pink Hutt Lagoon, located alongside the Coral Coast; with its inland gorges and spectacular cliffs. Continue to Geraldton to explore this port town and visit the HMAS Sydney II memorial.

Stay: The Gerald Apartment Hotel or Similar

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 21

Nambung National Park, The Pinnacles, Perth

Travel to Nambung National Park, a striking coastal desert region, home to the Pinnacles. Stop for lunch before continuing to Perth where you'll enjoy a Farewell Dinner.

Enrich Your Experience – Abrolhos Island Flyer

Perhaps join an optional breathtaking flight over the Abrolhos Islands, located 55km's off the coast, Marvel at the scenic beauty of the Pelaert and Wallabi Groups from above as you glide over the azure waters. Experience the rich history of the Batavia wreck site and keep an eye out for seasonal whale sightings (own expense).

Stay: Perth, The Ritz-Carlton

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner



DAY 22

Depart Perth

After breakfast, transfer to the airport.

Daily: • Breakfast
