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Kimberley Cruise

Darwin to Broome

Fully Escorted Tour/Cruise

Ex Perth 02 July 2021



The Kimberley is one of the world's last great wildernesses. Be amazed by the gigantic force of Mother Nature in the Buccaneer Archipelago, as the tides perform the amazing spectacle that seemingly creates "horizontal" waterfalls. Take a Zodiac to the impressive King George Falls, and get as close as possible to the action as cascading water drops magnificently 80 meters. As life changing voyages go, this Kimberley trip is one of the best.



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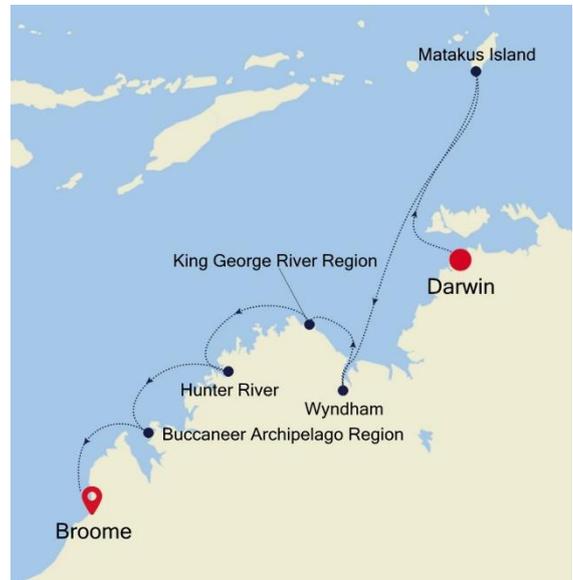
Voyage Highlights:

Buccaneer Archipelago, Australia –

The Buccaneer Archipelago has over 800 islands and was created millions of years ago by erosion-causing tidal changes. The region's tides present amazing spectacles that can create seemingly horizontal waterfalls at Talbot Bay. Watch reefs and islands come out of the ocean, only to have them disappear before your eyes again.

Hunter River, Australia –

Hunter River is home to an immense mangrove system and soaring red sandstone cliffs. Narrow mangrove channels serve as shelter to numerous bird species, mudskippers, fiddler crabs and the enigmatic saltwater crocodile. Close by is the lovely stretch of beach at Naturalist Island, from where optional helicopter flights to Mitchell Falls launch. This incredible four-tiered waterfall is worth the ride!



King George River, Australia –

Arrive by Zodiac to the impressive King George Falls, West Australia's highest twin waterfalls considered some of the top waterfalls in the world. These magnificent falls drop 80 meters straight down ancient sandstone cliffs into a dramatic gorge, a sight that makes the King George Falls a highlight of visiting the Kimberley Coast.

Wyndham, Australia –

Wyndham is the oldest and northernmost town in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, serving as a key port in the 1886 gold rush. From Wyndham, see the incredible natural sandstone towers of the Bungle Bungle Range from the air, or cruise up the scenic, winding Ord River by local boat. Land at Kununurra, the largest town in the area (population just over 4,500) that is nestled between scenic hills and ranges for which the Kimberley Region is known.

Cultural Highlights:

- Meet members of aboriginal groups who are the Kimberley's traditional landowners
- Traditional welcomes with ochre and farewell smoking ceremony
- Wandjina and Bradshaw rock paintings can be discovered in cliffs, rock ledges and caves

Wildlife Watch List:

- Bottlenose dolphins, humpback dolphins, lemon sharks, hammerhead sharks, tawny nurse sharks, manta rays, eagle rays
- Green sea turtles and flatback turtles
- Rock wallabies
- Saltwater crocodiles and freshwater crocodiles, monitor lizards
- Birds of note: Darter, Australian Pelican, Osprey, Black Kites, White-bellied Sea-Eagles, Comb-crested Jacana, Little Corellas, Pied Cormorants, Silver-crowned Friarbird, Whistling Kite, Crimson Finch, Eastern Reef Egrets, Azure Kingfisher, Sacred Kingfisher, Crested Tern, Red-headed Honey-eater

Please Note: Expedition highlights and wildlife listed here are possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed. Your Expedition Leader and Captain will work together to ensure opportunities for adventure and exploration are the best possible, taking into account the prevailing weather and wildlife activity conditions. Expedition Team members scheduled for this voyage are subject to change or cancellation.

Friday 02 July 2021 Perth to Darwin

Flight details to be advised in due course.

Hotel: 2 nights Darwin Hotel to be advised in due course. (B)



Sat. 03 July Darwin Sightseeing

Details to be advised.

Sun. 04 July Darwin

Your morning is free for your own arrangements.

This afternoon the group will transfer to the port to board the Silver Explorer.

The Ship sails at 5.00 PM.

Ship: 10 nights Silver Explorer (B,L,D)

Please note: cruise itinerary subject to change without notice.

Mon. 05 July At Sea

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is going to the gym, visiting the spa, whale watching, catching up on your reading or simply topping up your tan, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side.

Tue. 06 July Matakus Island



Matakus is a small island and part of the Tanimbar archipelago. Matakus is just over two miles in length and less than a mile across. Despite its small size, its proximity to the regional capital city of Saumlaki just to the north ensures that the island is inhabited. The island is surrounded by fine, white-sand beaches and is a marine paradise, with fields of staghorn coral and schools of cardinalfish visible in its crystal clear waters.

Wed. 07 July At Sea

Thu. 08 July Wyndham

Wyndham is a small settlement with the spirit of a Kimberley outback township. It was established in 1886 with the Halls Creek gold rush and sits on the Cambridge Gulf where several rivers converge. Today Wyndham has a population of roughly 900 people and operates largely as a port exporting cattle, servicing the mining industry and hosting a few small ships. For these vessels Wyndham is a gateway to the breathtaking Bungle Bungle



mountain range and the nearby Ord River. The Bungle Bungle Mountains in Purnululu National Park are now a World Heritage Site. In excess of 350 million years have shaped geological formations of

giant orange and black striped domes rising out of the ground into a landscape unlike any other. Known to the local Aboriginal people for thousands of years, the Bungles were only discovered by the outside world in the mid-1980s. Conversely, cruising the peaceful and tree-lined Ord River is a chance to look for freshwater crocodiles, fruit bats, short-eared rock wallabies and a variety of birds, including Mangrove Herons and Mangrove Gerygones. Please note: All destinations on voyages in the Kimberley region, and the order in which they are visited, are subject to tidal variations and weather conditions.



Fri. 09 July

King George River

The King George Falls is one of the Kimberley's most magnificent natural wonders. At 80 meters (260 feet), the thundering spectacle of twin cascades are among the highest in Australia. The river weaves through an amazing landscape of near vertical red rock formations and a parade of wildlife — carnivorous saltwater crocodiles and amazing birdlife, including giant raptors and the Brahminy Kite.

Sat. 10 July + Sun. 11 July

Hunter River Region

The Hunter River is home to an immense mangrove system surrounded by soaring red sandstone cliffs. Narrow mangrove channels shelter numerous bird species, mudskippers, fiddler crabs and the infamous saltwater crocodile; the most aggressive crocodile species known to man. Naturalist Island at the mouth of the river has a stunning stretch of sandy beach that makes a perfect landing site for small helicopters* that can pick up visitors wishing to explore some of the Kimberley's vast interior. The highlight inland is the famous Mitchell Falls where four tiers of waterfalls plunge into deep pools that flow out into the mighty Mitchell River. The headwaters of the falls are cool and a dip in the fresh water is a welcome reprieve from the heat of the heartland.



(* helicopter flights are an optional tour – cost to be advised closer to departure)

Mon. 12 July + Tues. 13 July

Buccaneer Archipelago Region

Roughly 800 islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago surround and shelter the impressive spread of Yampi Sound (from the aboriginal word for water, "Yampee"). The area was named in 1821 by Captain Phillip Parker King, in commemoration of William Dampier's visit in 1688. Pearlers began visiting the area in the late 1800s, and more recently mining operators established open-cut mines on Koolan Island on the east side of the Sound. Some of the richest iron ore in the world is extracted here to this day. The coastline of Yampi shows rock layers wildly twisted and contorted into great folds. White-bellied Sea Eagles, Brahminy Kites, Ospreys, Common Sandpipers and Eastern Reef Egrets inhabit the archipelago and the area is rich in fish life, which in turn is an attraction for bottlenose dolphins that come here to feed. Yampi Sound is also occasionally a calving ground for humpback whales and mothers and calves can sometimes be spotted in the relatively shallow turquoise waters.





Wed. 14 July

Broome

Arrival approx. 7.30 AM

Roughly 15,000 people live year-round in Broome perched on the edge of the Kimberley region of Western Australia. The population swells to over 45,000 during the tourist season as people from all over the world are drawn to the natural splendours of the Dampier Peninsula. Broome is surrounded by lush green mangroves and mudflats along

Roebuck Bay, but the interior is dry and rugged like much of the Kimberley coast. The town of Broome started up around a nascent pearling industry that attracted Japanese, Chinese, Malay and Aboriginal divers to the area in an interesting mix of cultures. Chinatown is still the centre of town, but nowadays the pearls are produced in modern aquaculture facilities.

You may choose to stay a few nights in Broome (hotel prices to be advised) or return to Perth.

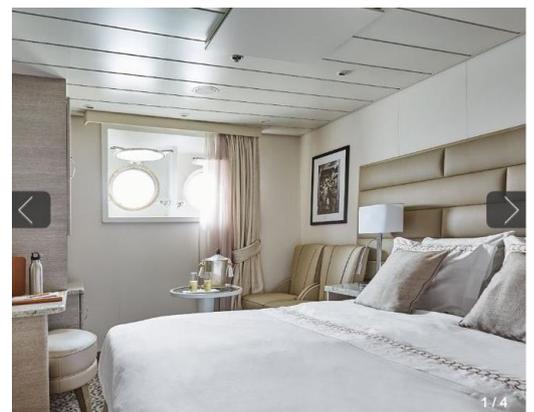


Suites & Package Prices

Silversea's oceanview suites are some of the most spacious in luxury cruising. All include the services of a butler thanks to the highest service ratio at sea and some have a private teak veranda so that you can breathe in the fresh sea air by merely stepping outside your door. Package prices below include economy airfares Perth/Darwin – Broome/Perth, two nights' accommodation in Darwin, a Darwin sightseeing tour and Silversea Expeditions 10 night Darwin to Broome cruise.

Full package inclusions overleaf.

Adventurer Stateroom	\$12,090.00 [^] per person twin share
Explorer Stateroom	\$12,500.00 [^] per person twin share
View Stateroom	\$13,400.00 [^] per person twin share
Vista Stateroom	\$13,600.00 [^] per person twin share
Veranda Stateroom	\$17,390.00 [^] per person twin share



ADVENTURER SUITE – (PORT HOLE WINDOWS)

Single prices upon application



EXPLORER, VIEW & VISTA SUITES



VERANDA SUITE

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- **Economy class fares Perth/Darwin – Broome/Perth**
- **Two nights accommodation in Darwin (hotel to be advised) including breakfast daily and airport/hotel and hotel/port transfers**
- **Day tour of Darwin (details to be advised in due course)**
- **10 night Silver Explorer Expedition Cruise from Darwin to Broome, inclusions below**
 - **All meals during the cruise**
 - **Personalised service – the best crew-to-guest ratio in expedition cruising**
 - **Butler service in every suite – all guests are pampered equally**
 - **Open-seating dining options – dine when and with whomever you please**
 - **Beverages in-suite and throughout the ship – select wines, premium spirits, specialty coffees and soft drinks, plus your own tailored mini-bar**
 - **In-suite dining and 24 hour room service**
 - **Enrichment lectures by a highly qualified Expeditions Team**
 - **Guided Zodiac, land and sea tours, and shoreside activities led by the Expeditions Team**
 - **Gratuities always included in your fare**
- **Port to airport transfers in Broome**

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel insurance
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Extra optional activities
- Drinks (unless mentioned in inclusions), laundry, excess baggage, visa fees, passport fees, items of a personal nature



FITNESS TO TRAVEL

Our escorted tours and small group adventures bring together people of all ages. For your enjoyment and the enjoyment of other guests on your tour, it is very important you are aware that, as a minimum, an average level of fitness and mobility' is required to undertake our easiest programs. Passengers must be able to walk at a minimum 1 – 3 kilometres without the aid of another person (sometimes on uneven ground), climb 3-4 flights of stairs, step on and off small boats (sometimes in rough weather), and carry their own luggage at a minimum. For our adventure tours/expedition cruises, travellers with a pre-existing medical condition are required to complete a medical questionnaire, which must be signed by their physician. This is to ensure that passengers have the necessary fitness and mobility to comfortably complete and enjoy their chosen trip.

If you require special assistance (such as pushing a wheelchair, assistance with walking, assistance with luggage, assistance with daily self-care) you must travel with a companion capable of providing the required assistance or care. While our Tour Escort/Facilitator works hard to ensure that all our travellers are catered for equally, it is not their responsibility to assist individuals who cannot complete the day's activities unaided.

Cathie Rice Travel reserves the right to refuse to carry any person who it deems cannot fully care for themselves on tour without assistance and who does not meet the safety and health requirements for such tour. By consumer law, Cathie Rice Travel acts with due care and skill to ensure that our tour and its activities are a suitable fit for each individual customer.

Please also refer to the supplier booking conditions and the booking conditions on the attached Passenger Information Form.

DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of 25% of the tour price per person is required within 7 days of booking. At this time we require the completed booking form (attached) showing names as they appear on your passport, and a photocopy of your current passport.

We recommend that you purchase travel insurance at this time to cover your payments against any unforeseen cancellation/change fees as your deposit is non-refundable. It will be forwarded to Silversea upon receipt.

PROGRESS PAYMENT

Your flights will be booked once they are within system range, approximately 11 months prior to departure. A progress payment of \$1000.00 will be required to ticket your flights, due 1 September 2020. Your flights will be booked upon receipt of your payment and your airline tickets will be issued. Please note that cancellation and amendment fees will apply once your airline tickets are issued. Should you decide to deviate from the group flights and arrive earlier or extend after the tour, fare differences and airline reissue fees will apply.

PAYMENTS - EFFECTIVE 23/09/19

Please be advised of changes to our payment options. This is about making sure your funds are protected.

We encourage credit card as the safest and most secure method of payment - this will protect your funds in the event of a supplier collapse or a paid service not supplied.

As a result of recent changes to RBA rules and credit card interchange pricing, effective 27/11/17, the following new merchant charges apply:

Visa, MasterCard 1.8%
American Express and Diners 2.75%

You can now make credit card payments direct by pasting the following link into your browser
<https://pay.travelpay.com.au/CATHIER>

If you prefer to pay by cash or direct deposit, please discuss at the time of payment your options to protect your funds that will be paid out to the various suppliers.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due on or before 15 February 2021.

It is imperative that deposits and final payments are paid by the due dates. Failure to pay on time may result in the cancellation of your reservations.

FARES AND PRICES

⌘ The tour is guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 passengers, however the Cathie Rice Travel Tour Escort's participation in the tour requires a minimum of 16 travellers. For groups of less than 16, the tour will be guided by expert local guides.

Due to the current instability of oil prices, all of the companies involved reserve the right to increase their costs relevant to fuel prices. All prices subject to increase until paid in full. Tour prices specified are based on airfares and land arrangement tariffs applicable at the time of printing and do not include airline taxes, airport/port charges or gratuities unless indicated. Prices are based on currency exchange rates therefore may be subject to increase without prior notice until the final payment date. All prices are in Australian dollars.

Please note: As this holiday package may incorporate many different facets such as flights, hotels, transfers, tours and/or a cruise, the payments you make will be forwarded to the individual companies involved to secure your reservations. Individual payments are not able to be made to these companies; therefore prices are subject to change as per the clause above, until the final payment date.

Travel insurance is not included in your tour cost. Please refer to the "travel insurance" section for more information.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

In the event of cancellation by the passenger, the following fees will apply:

Deposit - non refundable

Airfares – cancellation/amendment fees are charged once tickets are issued. Please ask your consultant for full conditions and fees applicable to your airfare.

After final payment date – any charges imposed by the principals involved in operating the tour. Therefore, the cancellation fee may be up to the total cost of this tour.

Cathie Rice Travel reserves the right to charge a cancellation fee should you cancel your booking. This fee is in addition to any fees charged by the principals/suppliers.

Bookings and payments are non-transferable to another passenger or booking.

There is no refund for any sightseeing tours, meals, accommodation, or any other services not utilized or required during this tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is mandatory for all Cathie Rice Travel Escorted Tours and it is recommended that insurance be purchased at time of booking. Cancellation fees cannot be waived if travel insurance cannot be obtained. All pre-existing medical conditions must be covered. This is to ensure that, in the event of an accident or medical emergency, you are completely covered for emergency evacuation and hospital expenses.

Cathie Rice Travel is not responsible for any medical expenses or emergency evacuation expenses incurred by you and the Tour Escort is not responsible for these expenses should they not be covered by your travel insurance policy or if you do not have sufficient funds to pay the expenses at the time of the event.

In conjunction with your tour, we are offering a 10% group discount on SureSave Insurance. Please contact our office for a brochure and a quote.

ITINERARY ALTERATIONS

Alterations may occur due to road or weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond our control. Any additional expense incurred by the passenger is not the responsibility of Cathie Rice Travel. We can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used in the tour and Cathie Rice Travel will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

SPECIAL NOTE

Every endeavor has been made to ensure that the contents of this brochure are correct at the time of printing, however, details may have changed since the brochure was published. Please ensure you check with Cathie Rice Travel as operational reasons may necessitate itinerary changes and amendments to the hotels as specified.

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