

## 10 Nights | Discover The Kimberley | With Coral Expeditions

Broome - Darwin

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From **\$9,000** Typically \$11,799 pp twin share

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Includes ALL Chef-Prepared Meals, a range of Drinks and MORE

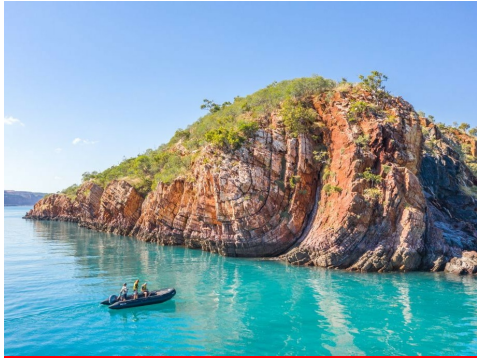
Experience the thrill of riding the Horizontal Falls in Zodiac tender vessels

Get up close to the incredible Montgomery Reef

Experience King George River and 80m tall twin King George waterfalls

## Description

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Do Not Miss Out on This EPIC EXPEDITION DEAL and Discover the Kimberley during the Waterfall Season!

**Save 30% on Departure Dates in April, May and June 2024.**

Embark on a journey like no other as you traverse the rugged and breathtaking Kimberley Region during its magnificent waterfall season. There's no better vantage point to witness the raw beauty of this remote wilderness than from the deck of a small expedition ship. It's here, amidst the vast expanse of more than 400,000 square kilometers, that the Indigenous nations have left their mark through stunning rock art galleries depicting the Wandjina and Gwion Gwion, showcasing a connection to country spanning millennia.

As the seasonal rains usher in the wet season, the landscape transforms into a verdant paradise, with waterfalls cascading down ancient cliffs. April and May mark the peak of this spectacle, offering a mesmerizing display of nature's power and beauty. It's during this time that Coral Expeditions invites you to join them on an extraordinary adventure, where every moment is filled with wonder and discovery.

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Accompanied by a team of knowledgeable expedition leaders, you'll delve deep into the heart of the Kimberley, unraveling its secrets and stories along the way. Through insightful interpretation and warm Australian hospitality, the expedition team will enrich your understanding of this ancient landscape, where every rock formation and waterway holds significance.

As you navigate the Kimberley coast aboard a small ship, you'll bear witness to the annual migration of Humpback Whales, a sight that further highlights the region's ecological richness. From the breathtaking waterfalls to the awe-inspiring encounters with wildlife, every aspect of this expedition cruise promises an unforgettable experience, where nature truly takes center stage, and the spirit of exploration thrives.

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### Departure Dates and Direction of Travel

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*Please Note that Availability is shifting FAST so we recommend [contacting us prior to booking](#) to confirm availability. The entry-level cabin may be sold out but Upgrades are available.*







## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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 **Darwin Departures:** Arrive at Darwin Fort Hill Wharf for boarding at 8AM, with time to settle into your stateroom before our 9AM departure. There will be a light breakfast available upon boarding before we cruise across Joseph Bonaparte Gulf and sail into Western Australian waters.

 **Broome Departures:** Arrive at the Mangrove Hotel at 330PM before our transfer to Broome Deep Water Port for boarding at 4PM. Settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure.

Take the time to become acquainted with all the facilities onboard and join our Expedition Team in the Lounge for an insightful introduction to the Kimberley. As dusk falls meet your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

**Meals:** All Meals on Board

**Accommodation:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer

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### Day 2

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#### King George River and Falls

Fed by the King George River draining across the Gardner Plateau, 80m tall King George Falls are the most impressive Kimberley waterfalls and the highest twin falls in Western Australia. Before reaching the mist-like spray rising from the base of King George Falls, we cruise through steep-sided gorges carved by a flooded river system that carved a swathe through the Kimberley landscape 400 million years ago.

Early in the waterfall season, we may cruise around the base of impressive King George Falls while in later months we take the opportunity to view the honeycomb erosion patterns of sandstone cliffs up close.

**Meals:** All Meals on Board

**Accommodation:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer

## Day 3

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### Vansittart Bay

Vansittart Bay is home to many cultural and historically significant sites like the remarkable Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) Aboriginal rock art galleries estimated to be up to 20,000 years old. Jar Island is so-named after the pot shards found here, brought to the island by Makassan fishermen harvesting sea cucumbers (also known as trepang).

Nearby, on the Anjo Peninsula lays the well-preserved wreckage of a US Airforce C-53 Skytrooper aircraft, the result of a pilot losing his bearings flying from Perth to Broome in 1942 and putting down on a salt pan near present-day Truscott Airbase.

**Meals:** All Meals on Board

**Accommodation:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer

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## Day 4

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### Mitchell Falls, Winyalkan and Swift Bay

Tumbling down the Mitchell Plateau in a series of tiered waterfalls and emerald green rock pools, the Mitchell Falls are the photogenic poster child for the Mitchell River National Park. Take a scenic helicopter flight (additional cost) to multi-tiered Mitchell Falls where emerald-hued rock pools cascade down the escarpment and ancient rock art galleries are concealed in caves behind curtains of water.

Mitchell River National Park is inhabited by significant numbers of mammals, amphibians, reptiles and bird species which are lured by a year-round water source. Sandstone terraces beside tiered rock pools make a terrific viewing platform from which to savor the serenity of this ancient landscape.

An alternative option to Mitchell Falls is exploring the sandstone caves of Wollaston Bay or Wollaston Creek. This mass of weathered tunnels, arches and columns form a labyrinth-like maze and was once an Aboriginal midden. Another option while anchored at Winyalkan Bay is a visit to a series Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art galleries at Swift Bay.

In the evening we will enjoy watching the sunset over the Indian Ocean while indulging in a gourmet BBQ.

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**Accommodation:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer

## Day 5

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### Prince Frederick Harbour and Bigge Island

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

White-bellied sea eagles and other birds of prey are often seen here, and at low tide, expansive mudflats reveal large populations of mudskippers and mangrove crabs. We will take our Xplorer tender vessels on a cruise up Porosus Creek to view some striking rock formations.

Bigge Island's Indigenous name is Wuuyuru, and the Indigenous Group of the area is the Wunambal people.

**Meals:** All Meals on Board

**Accommodation:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer

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## Day 6

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### Prince Regent River and Careening Bay

King Cascade is a classically beautiful terraced waterfall and is one of the most photographed waterfalls in the Kimberley. Falling from a considerable height and around 50m across, water tumbles down a staggered terrace of Kimberley sandstone. Layer upon layer of ochre-hued and blackened rock sprouts grasses, mosses and ferns in a sort of lushly vegetated hanging garden.

We reach King Cascade after cruising in our Xplorer tender vessels down the steep-sided Prince Regent River which is a remarkable anomaly as the river runs dead straight along a fault line.

Lt. Phillip Parker King named nearby Careening Bay after he beached his leaking vessel HMC Mermaid to effect repairs. While stranded on this remote coastline for 17 days the ship's carpenter carved HMC Mermaid 1820 into the bottle-shaped trunk of a boab tree near the beach. 200 years later, the Mermaid Boab Tree has since split into two trunks and sports a mammoth girth of 12m. Significantly, the bulbous tree is listed on the National Register of Big Trees and the carpenter's careful inscription now stands almost as tall as a person.

**Meals:** All Meals on Board

**Accommodation:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer

## Day 7

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### **Montgomery Reef**

Montgomery Reef is a biologically diverse area covering over 300 sq km and was named by Phillip Parker King. Twice daily, as the sea recedes in mammoth 11m tides, Montgomery Reef rises from the Indian Ocean in a cascade of rushing water revealing a flat-topped reef pockmarked with rock pools and rivulets.

As the reef emerges, we get up close in our Xplorer and Zodiac inflatable tenders to witness the spectacle as our Expedition Team share their knowledge on the formation of the reef and the myriad wildlife. Opportunistic birds take advantage of the emerging reef, feeding on marine life left exposed in rock pools. Turtles, dolphins, dugongs and sawfish too are also attracted to feeding opportunities as the ocean recedes.

The ocean is awash in a swirl of eddies and whirlpools as the moon's gravitational force takes hold. Then, a few hours later the entire water-borne drama is reversed as the tide comes in and Montgomery Reef disappears below sea level.

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## Day 8

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### **Doubtful Bay and Raft Point**

Raft Point guards the entrance to Doubtful Bay, a vast body of sheltered water that harbours significant sites such as the ancient Wandjina rock art galleries. Located a short walk from the beach, they are considered some of the finest in the Kimberley. We visit the rock art galleries when Traditional Owners are available to guide us. Doubtful Bay is the traditional country of the Worrora people who follow the Wandjina, their god, law-maker, and creator. Images of Wandjina are found throughout the Kimberley, recording their stories, knowledge and culture in stone.

Red Cone Creek flows gently downstream until it meets the small but impressive Ruby Falls. Named by local mariner Capt. Chris Trucker after his daughter, Red Cone Creek is carved through rock formations stacked atop each other like building blocks. These rock walls are great for climbing and clambering over before reaching a series of freshwater swimming holes and waterfalls. The falls may be a gurgling torrent or a gentle trickle, depending on the time of the year.

Other sites we aim to visit in Doubtful Bay include the mighty Steep Island and Ruby Falls at Red Cone Creek.

**Meals:** All Meals on Board

**Accommodation:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer



## Day 9

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### **Horizontal Falls and Buccaneer Archipelago**

The Horizontal Falls are one of the Kimberley's biggest attractions and are a result of the mammoth 11m tides the Kimberley is renowned for. Naturalist David Attenborough described the Horizontal Falls as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world.'

This natural phenomenon has been created as the ocean thunders through a narrow gorge in the McLarty Ranges. Water builds up on one side and is forcibly pushed through the bottleneck, creating a rushing horizontal waterfall of swiftly flowing seawater. Riding the rapids on our Zodiac inflatable tenders is one of the highlights of our Kimberley expedition cruises.

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.

**Meals:** All Meals on Board

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## Day 10

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### **The Lacepede Islands**

The Lacepede Islands are a protected class-A nature reserve and are significant as a seabird nesting rookery for brown boobies and roseate terns. Other species often sighted at the Lacepedes include Australian Pelicans, frigate birds, egrets and gulls. The four low-lying islands are also an important breeding and nesting habitat for green turtles.

If weather and tide conditions are suitable, we will explore the lagoons by Xplorer and Zodiac tender vessels.

As our incredible Kimberley adventures draw to a close, on our last evening aboard we enjoy the Captain's farewell drinks amongst new-found friends.

**Meals:** All Meals on Board

**Accommodation:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer

## Day 11

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Our incredible adventure along the Kimberley Coast concludes. Bid farewell to new-found friends, the Captain and crew. A post-cruise transfer to Broome CBD or Airport is included.

**Broome Arrival:** Arrive in Broome this morning at 8:00am. A post-cruise transfer to Broome CBD or Airport is included. If you're not transferring directly to the airport why not spend the day visiting world-famous Cable Beach or stroll the historic streets of Chinatown in central Broome.

**Darwin Arrival:** Arrive and disembark at Darwin's Fort Hill Wharf at 08:30am. Post cruise transfers to CBD hotels or the airport are included. If you're not transferring directly to the airport why not spend the day enjoying the tropical city of Darwin with its landscaped waterfront and harbourside Wave Pool.

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**Meals:** Breakfast

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- 10-night cruise on either the Coral Adventurer or Geographer - Broome to Darwin (or reversed)
- Accommodation based on a Coral Deck Stateroom
- All meals, chef-prepared onboard featuring regionally inspired “small batch” cuisine
- Morning and afternoon tea daily
- Tea and coffee are always available
- Showcase wines, selected beers, juices, house spirits, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner.
- Daily room servicing and evening turndown service
- Standard Internet
- Use of Xplorer, Zodiac tender vessels for excursions and sightseeing
- Tours (may vary between ships)
- Daily lectures and briefings from expert guides

**Cabin type:** Coral Deck Stateroom. Upgrades are available, contact us NOW for a quote.

**Important Information:** All travelers must have insurance for this cruise

**Alternate Dates:** Please note that there are other travel dates available however the lead in price is not available. Please speak with our Friendly Customer Service Team who can advise you of alternate dates and pricing.

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### Exclusions

- Pre-cruise transfers
- Pre and post cruise flights/charter flights
- Pre and post cruise accommodation
- Travel Insurance
- Alcoholic drinks (including beer and wine) outside of lunch and dinner service
- Laundry service (available at a cost)
- Items of a personal nature such souvenir purchases
- Optional Extras (in some destinations)  
Helicopter flights over Mitchell Falls are at a cost of \$890 per person, subject to a minimum of 12 passengers to participate, otherwise, a POA rate applies. A 24 hour cancellation policy applies.

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