



Kimberley Classic Adventure

A typical 13-night itinerary

Broome to Wyndham

The Kimberley is a rugged region subject to 12 metre tides. No two Kimberley Classic Adventures are ever exactly the same. We plan each day according to the tides, Mother Nature and guest preferences! The following is a typical itinerary.

Day 1 – Depart Broome Port

Your Kimberley Wilderness cruise will begin at 5:30pm with a warm welcome aboard your vessel. Our friendly crew will meet you on the wharf and show you over the boat. Enjoy a cold drink and nibbles while the Captain delivers a familiarization and safety briefing. Then cast off the ropes and settle into the beginning of your Kimberley adventure. Once we are under way you will enjoy a delicious dinner as we cruise up the coast toward the Dampier Archipelago.

Day 2 – Yampi Sound – Talbot Bay

Wake up cruising across the vast King Sound to Yampi Sound. Tide permitting, you will collect some legendary Kimberley Rock Oysters for the evening entree. Once that important job is sorted out we head toward Crocodile Creek for our first taste of a Kimberley freshwater swim under a beautiful waterfall. Don't be too intimidated on the first day with the name of the first waterhole!! Back onboard we will enjoy a BBQ lunch and you can enjoy the scenery as we cruise through the Koolan Island Gap, weave past many little islands on our way to Talbot Bay.

Day 3– Talbot Bay – Doubtful Bay

The day begins with an exciting dingy ride through the famous Horizontal Waterfalls. We will then explore the amazing geography at the back of Talbot Bay. Once back onboard, enjoy a scenic cruise through the Kingfisher Islands to Doubtful Bay to start exploring all this area has to offer.

Tide permitting we may have the opportunity to go fishing or we may discover an ancient Aboriginal Art gallery perched high on the side of Raft Point. The views from here are breathtaking looking over to Steep Island. We will spend the night anchored under the magnificent Raft Point and watch this huge rocky outcrop glow and change colour as the sun slowly sinks into the ocean.

Day 4 – Doubtful Bay

Doubtful Bay is a large bay and has a lot on offer. You will be encouraged to help decide what areas we will visit ranging from a swim under the waterfall at Ruby Falls, fishing at 3-Ways, a cruise down the spectacular Sale River, BBQ lunch on the sandy beach under a rainforest canopy or to explore this historical area and ceremonial route that the Aboriginal Tribe that once inhabited this area travelled along.

Day 5 – Montgomery Reef - Langii

Marvel at the waterfalls of Montgomery Reef in an early morning foray along this unusual reef structure. Discovered by Phillip Parker King in the early 1800's this area has a rich history. Your crew can tell many interesting stories that relate to the reef. We also see loads of turtles grazing on the exposed seagrass, sharks and the odd dugong or two.

The afternoon will be spent around Langii – where we can see the 'Petrified Warriors' and swim in crystal clear waters here.

The evening is spent cruising past Kuri Bay Pearl farm to Camden Harbour.

Day 6– Camden Harbour – Prince Regent River

We visit Camden Harbour and Sheep Island – the first attempted European settlement in the Kimberley. The crew will walk you through the tragic story that befell the settlers in this area in 1894. Afterwards the tide may be kind enough for us to gather some more delicious Kimberley oysters for the evening entrée and then set off for the infamous Kings Cascade or Camp Creek up the Prince Regent River (- tide and time dictating the Captains decision).

Enjoy the scenery as we cruise through Port George and Treachery Pass to Saint George's basin. The crew will point out major Kimberley features such as Mt Trafalgar and Mt Waterloo as we enter the Prince Regent River.

After lunch we head down Camp Creek for a trek and swim in a beautiful pool at the base of a waterfall.

Day 7 – King Cascade

Spend the morning fishing and exploring the interesting tributaries in our immediate vicinity. Your vessel, can only access King Cascade on the rising tide, as it is very shallow in the upper reaches of Prince Regent River. Once we are there, we will anchor right next to the cascading waterfall and may even fill our freshwater tanks with some of this wonderful water. Time permitting you can climb the hill to swim in a multitude of crystal clear fresh water pools and waterfalls.

The evening will be spent cruising out of the river to Careening Bay.

Day 8 – Hunter River

An early morning beach expedition will have you viewing an ancient Boab Tree on which the crew of the HMC Mermaid carved the name of their vessel in 1820. Enjoy a walk on the beach up to a grove of ancient Cycad palms before we cruise off to the Hunter River enjoying breakfast as we go.

Sandstone cliffs and ancient rainforests make this river a scenic heaven! Once we have anchored we head off in the tenders to soak in the picturesque river and perhaps dangle a line.

There is the opportunity to hike up through a rainforest environment to Jackson Falls. This is quite a difficult walk through and over big stone boulders – you may want to talk to your crew before you decide on this hike to gauge difficulty.

Day 9 – Bigge Island – Mitchell River

We leave the Hunter River about 3am for Bigge Island. Here we go ashore to view an Aboriginal art gallery depicting early European contact. There is an opportunity to stretch your legs on the white sandy beach or cool off with a swim.

We'll have lunch cruising around Cape Voltaire on our way to the mighty Mitchell River. The Captain will organise an afternoon activity that coincides with the tides and weather.

Day 10 – Mitchell River

This is a huge open estuary type river that is very conducive to hunting the elusive Barramundi. We will try to organise fishing excursions to take advantage of both the low tides during the day. With Mother Nature on our side these usually occur at dawn and dusk – very nice!!

Lunch is sometimes a gorgeous picnic affair at Surveyors Creek thanks to our most wonderful crew who will cart it all there for you. After lunch enjoy a fresh water swim in Surveyors Creek or rendezvous with helicopters for a flight over the Mitchell Plateau to the Mitchell Falls. We will depart at sunset for Vansittart Bay. It is approximately an 8-hour steam.

Day 11 – Vansittart Bay

A relaxing morning onboard that will most likely start with a fishing excursion to organise the daily lunch buffet. We target a few pelagic species here like Giant Trevally, Queenfish, Tuna, Mackerel etc. There are also a few places to pick up a Mangrove Jack, Fingermark or Bluebone fish as well.

Just before lunch we will head into the beach for a refreshing swim and to view a few mysterious Bradshaw galleries. Then back to your vessel for a sumptuous fresh lunch as we cruise further down into the Cove to explore an old DC3 that crashed near Truscott airbase at the end of WWII.

The evening/night will be spent cruising around Cape Londonderry (WA's most north-western tip) to the magnificent King George River.

Day 12 – King George River

Your backdrop for breakfast will be the awesome cathedral like gorges cruising down the magnificent King George River. Your vessel will be driven right up to the cascading waterfalls and you can take a shower right on the bow of the boat! Depending on the volume of water coming over at the time we can tie up under the falls.

You will spend today trekking; exploring and enjoying the fantastic scenery this river has to offer.

It is a river that has a very shallow entry so our vessels can only enter and exit on the high tide. The Captain will have to plan the day around this important factor.

The weather and the tide will decide whether you head off to Berkeley River at sunset or around 4am the next morning.

Day 13 – Berkeley River

The Berkeley River is a spectacular river system that offers a wide variety of entertainment options. The river mouth is again very shallow and so our vessels can only enter and exit on the high tide. Once inside the river there is a beautiful cruise down through the sandstone cliffs to where the fresh meets the salt. There are a number of fresh water creeks that feed the main river and this gives us a few options for a nature walk and a cool off in a beautiful fresh water pool. When the tide is right there is the opportunity to dangle your line, catch that elusive 50 pounder then relax after your big effort with a picnic lunch. In the afternoon we move back down the river and anchor just outside the mouth for the late afternoon. This is a chance for a last minute fish, a sunset wallow in another fresh water lagoon or to just kick back and relax.

We depart the Berkeley River for a 7-hour steam down the Cambridge Gulf to Wyndham port.

Day 14 – Disembark Wyndham Port

Tie off at the Jetty and depart about 0830 hours. Air-conditioned transfers to Kununurra are included. We are confident that you will leave us having had the trip of a lifetime.