



# Kimberley Cruise Packing Hints

We recommend that you pack simply, lightly and into one soft luggage bag. All towels and linen are supplied onboard, as well as hairdryers, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, sunscreen and aeroguard.

The dress standard onboard our vessels are informal, we encourage a casual, relaxed atmosphere. Sporty, summer weight clothing is a good basis for your wardrobe.

In tropical conditions, shorts and lightweight shirts are most comfortable but loose long sleeved shirts and long pants in a natural, lightweight fabric, such as cotton, offer protection against the sun. At times the weather can be humid so clothing in a 'breathable' fabric is recommended. The average daily temperature is 28°C - 33°C.

The following lists are designed to help you prepare for your adventure:

- Shorts – loose and comfortable
- Pants – lightweight
- T-shirts / blouses – short sleeved
- Long sleeved cotton shirt
- Light jumper or jacket
- Underwear and socks
- Bathing suits
- Sarong
- Wide brim sun hat with chin strap
- Walking shoes
- Wet shoes
- Thongs or sandals (for onboard)
- Sunglasses

Be sure to pack a small first aid kit with ample supply of basic health and first aid needs.

- Prescription drugs and/or vitamins
- Motion sickness preventative
- Personal sports drink bottle (good for use on bushwalks)
- Sunscreen, zinc, chapstick
- Personal toiletries / hygiene products

The MV Great Escape has a fully equipped Royal Flying Doctor kit onboard for use in the unlikely event of an emergency.

You may also like to consider a few of the following items, if you have space to spare:

- Binoculars
- Laptop to use the wireless internet service, we have internet cards which cost \$60 for 100MB, \$75 for 200 MB and \$100 for 500 MB
- Cable for digital camera (crew can download images if you run out of space on your memory stick)
- Disposable waterproof camera (for use around waterfalls & swimming holes)
- Backpack (preferably waterproof) suitable to carry camera equipment and other items ashore
- A couple of CD's or your ipod
- Camera, batteries and plenty of film
- Disposable panoramic camera

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## Fishing Equipment

Part of your adventure with The Great Escape Charter Company will include numerous fishing excursions in many remote river tributaries. You will find yourself hunting the elusive *Barramundi*, catching a few bottom fish such as *Mangrove Jack*, *Fingermark* and *Bream*. *Queenfish*, *Salmon* and maybe a few *Mackerel* will be caught along the way. We will provide basic equipment for those guests who are either first time or infrequent fisherpersons. We supply all tackle on a replace if lost basis.

If you are a super keen fisherperson then you are more than welcome to bring your own equipment. If you choose to bring your own fishing equipment then you may like to consider a few of the following items:

- Flick Rod – rated 10kg
- Bait caster reel
- 6 – 8kg mono fishing line
- 10kg braided fishing line
- 60 – 80kg jinkai or black magic leader
- Chemically sharpened 6/0 hooks
- Knife
- Pliers
- A selection of lures (listed below)

A few of our favourite lures include:

- Killalure
- Nilsmaster - spearhead
- Manns - stretch 10
- Halco - laser pros
- Barra Classics
- Tilsan - barra
- Halco - RMG

## Photography

Be prepared for some excellent photographic opportunities. You will want to bring back many memories of your adventure. Bring plenty of film or have lots of space available on your digital memory card, you will most certainly use more than you anticipate. Often it is also a good idea to bring extra batteries and/or battery charger for your camera and flash. Bring along the cable to download images from your camera to our computer just in case you run out of space on your memory stick.

The film speeds that you will most likely need are 100ASA and 400ASA. The tropical Kimberley region is a very bright environment so a good all rounder is the 100ASA. There are areas where you may like to use the 400ASA such as deep in a gorge or early morning / evening or action shots. Whether you use digital, print or slide film is completely up to you.

Always consider a UV or skylight filter for your camera. These will reduce hazy effects that you sometimes get in tropical conditions. A polarizing filter will reduce glare and is quite necessary for shooting around water and in bright sunlight.

For exhibition quality photographs we suggest that you use film speeds less than 100 as these will produce far superior enlargements (greater than 8 x 10 in size). You will need a tripod or something to steady the camera with slower films.

You may like to purchase a disposable panoramic camera. These little cameras are quite inexpensive and capture great wide-angle views of the landscape. Also a disposable waterproof camera is also a good idea for use around waterfalls and swimming spots.

Video and digital camera batteries can be recharged onboard using 240 volts, be sure to have a converter and adaptor plugs if you need them. There are facilities onboard for viewing the day's adventures and downloading images. It is advisable to bring your own plugs to connect your particular camera to the vessels entertainment unit or notebook. Digital images can be burnt to CD for you, please supply blank CD's.

Although our crew do not claim to be experts or professional photographers they all show a keen interest in photography and may just have a few extra tricks up their sleeves. So if you are having trouble with your equipment or need a little assistance give them a shout, they may just be able to help.

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