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**Day 1
Broome, Western Australia/Rubibi**

Where the red dirt meets the ocean, colourful **Broome** beckons travellers from around Australia and the world. Once a sleepy outback pearling town, Broome has long been renowned for its relaxed atmosphere and unique character. The town is surrounded by the tropical turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean, with the white sandy stretch of Cable Beach contrasting with the red rocks of Gantheaume Point and the dusky sands of Roebuck Bay. Learn about the rough and tumble early days of pearling, when Broome's name was known the world over for the size and quality of its mother of pearl. It is also the gateway to further adventure in the Kimberley region, with extended tours and cruises departing from Broome as well as car and campervan hire.



Shared Transfer Airport to Broome Cable Beach Hotels
Operated by Broome Transit

Accommodation at Oaks Cable Beach Resort
One Bedroom Apartment for 2 Nights – Room Only

This resort is a 10-minute walk from the pristine sands of Cable Beach, 5-minute drive from Chinatown and the heart of Broome, and Roebuck Bay is a 12-minute drive away. It features studio and self contained apartments which have elegant modern designs that draw on traditional Broome architecture and colours. The beautifully appointed self-contained apartments are set around tropical lagoon pools, with the Kimberley region at your back door and have a covered outside courtyard or balcony areas.



Day 2

Broome, Western Australia/Rubibi

This morning is free to relax and explore on your own.

Half Day Broome Sights - Sunset Camel Ride

Operated by Kimberley Wild Expeditions

Includes:

Hotel pickup and drop off, Matso beer tasting, pearl appreciation talk, camel ride.

Your 6 hour tour begins in Chinatown, hearing fascinating stories of this colourful precinct. Learn about the ancient art of pearling from one of the local pearl producers, Cygnet Bay, and enjoy a historical sound show at the famous Sun Pictures, the worlds oldest operating open air picture garden (now listed in the Guinness World Records). You will then take a drive through Old Broome to view typical Broome architecture and old Pearling Masters homes then view the aqua waters of Roebuck Bay at Town Beach and learn of Broome's One Day War. We then stop at Matsos Broome Brewery to sample their hand made ales and famous ginger beer (complimentary tasting included). Afterwards, visit the tranquil Japanese Cemetery and take an easy paced walk at Gantheaume Point known for dinosaur footprints and the story of Anastasia's Pool. You will then head north of the rocks to meet your camel for this iconic Broome experience. At the completion of your tour, you will be transferred to your Broome accommodation.

What to bring: Hat, sunscreen, camera, personal water bottle

Note:

- Those on the Camel Ride may not get to Gantheaume Point if there is any delay on tour as the sunset (and the camels) cannot wait.
- Camel rides are subject to a maximum 90kg per person body weight limit - body weights must be advised on booking.
- The real dinosaur footprints can only be viewed at extremely low tides.



Operates:

Valid 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Duration: 6 hours | **Months:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct | **Days:** Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Starts: 12.00noon | **Ends:** 6.00pm

Day 3

Depart Broome

10N Kimberley Expedition - Coral Adventurer

Operated by Coral Expeditions

Departs: Friday

Arrives: Monday

Includes:

Captain's Welcome and Farewell Drinks, all meals, morning and afternoon teas, house wine and beer served with lunch and dinner meal service, services of expedition staff including lectures, briefings, slide/film presentations, and other group activities, group transfers during the cruise, 24 hour tea and coffee station, landing fees, post cruise transfer to Darwin City Centre accommodation or Darwin Airport.

Board at 4.30pm and then depart at 6.00pm on your memorable cruise along the Kimberley coast. This afternoon join Expedition Staff for an informative introduction to the Kimberley before meeting your fellow travellers and friendly crew at the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

Cruise Days 2-10:

Please Note: No two Kimberley cruises with Coral Expeditions will be the same, each expedition is crafted by our experienced Masters and Expedition Team around the astounding 10+ metre tidal range, weather and sea conditions. Below is a selection of the key destinations we visit.

The Lacepedes

Subject to weather and tides, we visit the Lacepede Islands. The low islands are a nature reserve and Important Bird Area, supporting up to 18,000 breeding pairs of Brown Boobies and Roseate Terns, as well as a significant breeding area for the Green Sea Turtle. We explore the island's lagoon by Zodiac and Xplorer, to spot many species of birds and marine wildlife.

Talbot Bay (Ganbadba) & Horizontal Falls (Garaangaddim)

Due to the mammoth tides for which the Kimberley is renowned, the Horizontal Falls are created as the ocean thunders through a narrow gorge in the McLarty Ranges. As the tide changes, water is forcibly pushed through the bottleneck, creating a rushing horizontal waterfall of swiftly flowing seawater. Experience a heart-pumping ride through the rapids aboard our Zodiacs, and cruise through Cyclone Creek to see the impressive rock formations.

Buccaneer Archipelago

The stunning Buccaneer Archipelago is made of over more than 1000 tiny islands with small secluded bays and picturesque sandy beaches. Cruise through Whirlpool Passage and the past the scenic Iron Islands, see the rock formations at Edeline Island and enjoy sunset drinks at Nares Point.

Doubtful Bay & Raft Point

Ngumbirri - Raft Point guards the entrance to sheltered Doubtful Bay, which harbours significant sites such as the ancient Wandjina rock art galleries. Doubtful Bay is the traditional country of the Worrora people who follow the Wandjina. Their stories, knowledge and culture have been recorded in stone for millennia.

Montgomery Reef (Yowjab)

Montgomery Reef is a biologically diverse area covering over 300sq kilometre. Twice daily, as the sea recedes in mammoth tides, Montgomery Reef rises from the ocean in a cascade of rushing water, revealing a flat-topped reef. Opportunistic birds take advantage of the marine life left exposed in rock pools, while turtles and larger marine life may also be spotted. Get up close to witness the spectacle, as our Expedition Team share their knowledge on the reef and wildlife that surrounds you.

Prince Regent River & Careening Bay

Running on a fault line, this straight river is a haven for native species. Here we visit the beautiful King Cascade, where falling water tumbles down a terrace of Kimberley sandstone. See the National Heritage Listed 'Mermaid Tree' at Careening Bay. (Wunbung-gu). It still bears the name carved by the carpenter of Phillip Parker King's ship HMC Mermaid when the ship was repaired here in 1820.

Prince Frederick Harbour & Bigge Island (Wuuyru)

Prince Frederick Harbour is one of the Kimberley's most spectacular locations. The harbour is dotted with islands lined with mangroves and monsoon rainforests, set against a backdrop of ochre-hued escarpments. White-bellied sea eagles and other birds of prey are often seen here, and at low tide expansive mudflats reveal large populations of mud-skippers and mangrove crabs. Cruise up Porosus Creek to spot wildlife, cruise up the scenic Hunter River (Yirinni) and later explore rock art sites at Lumbarni Island.

Mitchell Falls, Bigge Island (Wuuyru) & Swift Bay

Carved through layers of sandstone, Punamii-Uunpuu - Mitchell Falls descends over four tiers, creating pools of emerald green on each level. An optional helicopter flight will provide a breathtaking view. At the top of the falls, sandstone terraces form a lookout from which to savour the serenity of this ancient landscape. Swift Bay reveals fine Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art galleries.

Vansittart Bay (Banjal)

Vansittart Bay is home to many cultural and historically significant sites like the remarkable Ngula - Jar Island Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) rock art galleries estimated to be up to 20,000 years old. Ngula is the Wunambal Gaambera name for Jar Island. Nearby on the Anjo Peninsula, we explore the well-preserved wreckage of a US Air Force C-53 Skytrooper aircraft.

King George River & Falls

Fed by the King George River draining across the Gardner Plateau, 80m tall Oomari - King George Falls are the highest twin falls in Western Australia. Cruise through steep-sided gorges carved many millions of years ago to reach the base of the falls. In waterfall season, cruise under the mist of the falls by Zodiac, while in later months view the honeycomb erosion patterns of sandstone cliffs up close. The Falls are named Oomari by the Balangarra people.

Day 13

Arrive Darwin

8.00am: Your unforgettable cruise along the Kimberley coast concludes in Darwin this morning. On completion of the cruise a complimentary transfer to inner city accommodation and the airport will be provided.

Please Note:

- *This itinerary is an indication of the destinations visited and activities offered. Throughout the expedition changes may be made to the itinerary as necessary to maximise your expeditionary experience. Allowances may be made for seasonal variations, weather, tidal conditions and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel.*

- **All cruise participants must be to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.**



Operates:

Duration: 11 Days/10 Nights | **Months:** Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug | **Days:** Selected Friday's

Starts: Broome Fri 5.00pm

Ends: Darwin Mon 8.00am

Darwin has a relaxed outdoor lifestyle and enjoys warm weather all year round. Perched on a peninsula with sea on three sides, Darwin is an excellent base to explore the natural attractions of World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park, Litchfield and Nitmiluk National Parks, the Tiwi Islands and Arnhem Land. Darwin's colourful history has contributed to its cultural diversity - more than 50 nationalities make up its 100,000 population, including the area's traditional landowners, the Larrakia Aboriginal people. The cultural and culinary benefits of such a melting pot are best experienced at Darwin's weekly markets, variety of restaurants and through the annual calendar of festivals and other events.



End of your arrangements

Travel Tips

From the Outback to the Reef, Australia is a land of great diversity. It offers stunning scenery, spectacular white sand beaches and a wide range of interesting and unique animals. Take a journey with us through this magnificent land.

Business Hours

General retail trading hours throughout Australia are Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm. Saturday is either 9.00am - 12 noon or through to 5.00pm. Sunday shopping is available in most city centres and suburban malls. Please check with your Hotel Concierge for local information on trading hours.

Currency

The Australian dollar is the basic unit, divided into 100 cents; coins are 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2 and notes are \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Due to the discontinuation of 1c, 2c pieces, purchases made in Australia are subject to "rounding" of amounts either up or down. Most retailers have adopted the 'Swedish Rounding System' whereby prices ending in 1 to 4 cents will be rounded down and prices ending in 6 to 9 cents will be rounded up.

Banking/Travellers' Cheques

Banks open Monday-Friday (except public holidays), 9.30am-4.30pm. Automatic teller machines operate on a card/PIN number system. Cash can be withdrawn 24 hours a day. Use of EFTPOS (Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale) is common. All international credit cards (American Express, Diners, VISA, and MasterCard) are accepted. Travellers' cheques may be changed at banks and hotels.

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Goods and Services are taxed 10%. This tax is usually included in the advertised price.

Tipping Guidelines

In Australia tipping is generally not customary and is only exercised as a genuine thank you for receiving great service. There is no obligation to tip, although the practice is common within the restaurant and tourism transport industries.

Tips for good service:

1. Restaurants, a tip of about 10% is generally sufficient for good service with 15% for exceptional service.
2. Luggage Porters AU\$2.00 per piece.
3. Coach drivers and guides receive for touring (not transfers) around the AU\$5.00 per person per day, however tips should not be given for average or below average service/driving or commentary.
4. Private Drivers for transfers should be only tipped for excellent service (around AU\$10-20 total). The same applies for touring with a Driver/Guide, with tips for excellent service being anywhere from AU\$40-100 depending on the level of service.
5. Small group touring should be only tipped for excellent service (around AU\$20 per person).

Electricity Supply

Australia's electrical current is 220/240 volts accepting 3-pin plugs. An adaptor can be used but it is important to note that they do not convert voltage. Universal outlets for 240v or 110v shavers are usually found in leading hotels.

Emergencies

Dial 000 for police, fire or ambulance services.

Telephone Local Area Codes

Australia uses 8-digit local phone numbers preceded by a 2-digit STD area code.

02 Central east region (NSW) New South Wales, (ACT) Australian Capital Territory

03 South east region (VIC) Victoria and (TAS) Tasmania

04 Mobile telephones Australia-wide

07 North east region (QLD) Queensland

08 Central and west region (WA) Western Australia, (SA) South Australia and (NT) Northern Territory

For example, if you are calling Canberra in the ACT from interstate, first dial the STD area code 02, then dial the local phone number.

Health Services

Public and private health facilities have a high standard of treatment and care. Larger hotels often have a local doctor on call; otherwise, doctors and other medical services are listed in the front of the local telephone directory.

Pharmaceuticals and Medicines

These are available from chemists/pharmacies during normal shopping hours. Most cities have urgent dispensaries open outside these hours and your Hotel Concierge will have a list of these. Chemists also sell cosmetics, insect repellent and sun protections.

Climate

The southern parts of Australia have four distinct seasons, the opposite of those in the northern hemisphere. When it is winter in Europe and North America, it is summer in Australia. You will hardly see snow, apart from the mountainous regions in eastern Victoria and southern New South Wales. Australia's north is in the tropics which has two seasons, the dry and the wet; both have high temperatures year round. The centre has a typical desert climate, hot days and cool , which can be very cold in winter.

Sun Protection

Due to Australia's high level of ultraviolet radiation it is highly advisable to wear sun protection such as sunglasses and/or a sun hat and to apply sunblock (SPF 30+) even when the day is overcast.

Water Supply

Tap (faucet) water is safe to drink. City water is chlorinated; most water is fluoridated. Water sourced from rivers and lakes should be boiled or treated before drinking.

Time Differences, Time Zones and Daylight Saving

Australia's East Coast is 10 hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) during the months of April to September (Standard Time) each year. With a land mass close to 7.7 million square kilometres, Australia is the world's sixth largest country and during Standard Time it is divided into three separate time zones.

Time Zones:

Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)

Covers the eastern states of Queensland, New South Wales (with the exception of the town of Broken Hill), Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

AEST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 10 hours (UTC +10).

Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)

Covers the state of South Australia, the town of Broken Hill in western New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

ACST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 9.5 hours (UTC +9.5).

Australian Western Standard Time (AWST)

Covers Western Australia.

AWST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 8 hours (UTC +8).

Daylight Saving:

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of advancing clocks one hour during the warmer months of the year. In Australia, Daylight saving is observed in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2.00am on the first Sunday in October, when clocks are put forward one hour. It ends at 2.00am (which is 3.00am Daylight Saving Time) on the first Sunday in April, when clocks are put back one hour.