



KIMBERLEY CRUISING – PONANT LE JACQUES CARTIER

BROOME - DARWIN

SAMPLE ITINERARY

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DAY 1 – Board Le Jacques Cartier in Broome

This morning is yours to explore Broome at your leisure. In the afternoon, make your way to the Port of Broome to board Le Jacques Cartier for your Kimberley cruising. (D)

DAY 2 – Lacepede Islands

The Lacepede Islands are Western Australia's most important breeding habitat for Green Turtles and have been named by BirdLife International as an Important Bird Area (IBA). Join your Expedition Team for a guided Zodiac tour to view the prolific wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – Collier Bay and Horizontal Falls

Lying to the east of the Buccaneer Archipelago, the ancient landscapes of Collier Bay have been shaped by massive tidal movements, creating a photographer's paradise. Nestled in the centre of the bay is Montgomery Reef, the world's largest inshore reef system. At the Southern end of the Bay, Talbot Bay is home to the world's only 'Horizontal Falls'. Hidden in the many caves and grottos of this ancient landscape are a multitude of ancient rock art galleries. Activities here will be determined by the weather and tide conditions. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – Collier Bay and Horizontal Falls

See day 3. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – Careening Bay

Careening Bay was named by Lieutenant Phillip Parker King after his ship, HMC Mermaid, was careened there in 1820. King ran the leaking Mermaid onto the sands. As the crew worked hard to re-float the vessel, the ship's carpenter carved the name of the vessel and the year into a

conspicuous boab tree. The boab tree is now three metres wide and National Heritage-listed. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 – Hunter River

Arguably one of the most scenic parts of the Kimberley coast, Prince Frederick Harbour and the Hunter River are lined with pockets of ancient rainforest, pristine mangroves and mosaic sandstone cliffs. The Expedition Team will share their knowledge as you explore by Zodiac, keeping a lookout for wildlife. You will also have the opportunity to reach the Mitchell Falls by helicopter from Naturalist Island beach. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – Swift Bay

The Bonaparte Archipelago consists of a rugged maze of islands stretching almost 150kms along Western Australia's coast. Join your Expedition Team ashore for a guided walk to several rock art galleries depicting unique rock art styles. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – Vansittart Bay

Jar Island contains ancient rock art galleries depicting the Gwion style unique to the Kimberley region. Join your Expedition Team ashore for a short walk, past some fascinating rock formations, to the site of the Gwion art galleries. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – King George River

The journey up the King George River is nothing short of breathtaking. The 80-metre high sides of the gorge display varying degrees of weathering of the ancient Warton sandstone. Your Expedition Team will escort you to the foot of the twin falls and explain the stunning geological formations of the canyon. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – Le Jacques Cartier at Sea

Enjoy a leisurely day at sea to take advantage of the luxurious onboard services or sip a cool drink by the pool. Your Expedition Team will offer an enrichment programme focusing on Australian history, flora and fauna. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 – Darwin

Early this morning, Le Jacques Cartier will dock in the Port of Darwin where you will disembark and your Kimberley cruising will come to an end. (B)