

# THE KIMBERLEY

## Northern Western Australia

Between Darwin and Broome



A thing of beauty is a joy forever, so hold on to your memories as you are humbled by the experience of watching the sun rise over the Kimberley coast and the splendor of the Bungle Bungle mountain range. Feel the magnetism of this region as you explore Aboriginal rock art, deserted beaches and a plethora of wildlife on Australia's final frontier.



**DATES:** 2019 – Apr 05;  
Apr 15\*; Apr 25

**DURATION:** 11 DAYS

**EMBARK:** Darwin, Australia

**DISEMBARK:** Broome, Australia  
\*Reverse itinerary

**SHIP:** Silver Discoverer

**FROM:** \$12,150\*

## Expedition Highlights

**Wyndham, Australia** – Wyndham is the oldest and northernmost town in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, serving as a key port in the 1886 gold rush. From Wyndham, see the incredible natural sandstone towers of the Bungle Bungle Range from the air, or cruise up the scenic, winding Ord River by local boat. Land at Kununurra, the largest town in the area (population just over 4,500) that is nestled between scenic hills and ranges for which the Kimberley Region is known.

**King George River, Australia** – Arrive by Zodiac to the impressive King George Falls, West Australia's highest twin waterfalls considered some of the top waterfalls in the world. These magnificent falls drop 80 meters straight down ancient sandstone cliffs into a dramatic gorge, a sight that makes the King George Falls a highlight of visiting the Kimberley Coast.

**Hunter River, Australia** – Hunter River is home to an immense mangrove system and soaring red sandstone cliffs. Narrow mangrove channels serve as shelter to numerous bird species, mudskippers, fiddler crabs and the enigmatic saltwater crocodile. Close by is the lovely stretch of beach at Naturalist Island, from where optional helicopter flights to Mitchell Falls launch. This incredible four-tiered waterfall is worth the ride!

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – DARWIN - EMBARKATION

Darwin is Australia's most colorful, and exotic, capital city. Surrounded on three sides by the turquoise waters of the Timor Sea, the streets are lined with tropical flowers and trees. Warm and dry in winter, hot and steamy in summer, it's a relaxed and casual place, as well as a beguiling blend of tropical frontier outpost and Outback hardiness. Thanks to its close proximity to Southeast Asia and its multicultural population it also seems more like Asia than the rest of Australia. Darwin is a city that has always had to fight for its survival.

### DAY 2: DAY AT SEA

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is whale watching from the Observatory Lounge, writing home to your loved ones or simply topping up your tan by the pool, these blue sea days are

the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side.



### DAY 3: SAUMLAKI, INDONESIA

Saumlaki is a regional capital city on the island of Yamdena, the main island of the unique Tanimbar archipelago, located in Indonesia between Papua New Guinea and the northern coast of Australia. The Tanimbar Islands have a distinct culture with still-vibrant traditions. They actively produce traditional crafts such as richly-colored ikat cloth and carved wooden statues, and local residents still carry on their own centuries-old forms of music and dance.

### DAY 4: DAY AT SEA



### DAY 5: WYNDHAM

Wyndham is a small settlement with the spirit of a Kimberley outback township. It was established in 1886 with the Halls Creek gold rush and sits on the Cambridge Gulf where several rivers converge. Today Wyndham has a population of roughly 900 people and operates largely as a port exporting cattle, servicing the mining industry and hosting a few small ships. For these vessels Wyndham is a gateway to the breathtaking

Bungle Bungle mountain range and the nearby Ord River. The Bungle Bungle Mountains in Purnululu National Park are now a World Heritage Site.



#### **DAY 6: KING GEORGE RIVER (KIMBERLEY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA)**

The King George Falls is one of the Kimberley's most magnificent natural wonders. At 80 meters (260 feet), the thundering spectacle of twin cascades are among the highest in Australia. The river weaves through an amazing landscape of near vertical red rock formations and a parade of wildlife — carnivorous saltwater crocodiles and amazing birdlife, including giant raptors and the Brahminy Kite.



#### **DAYS 7-8: HUNTER RIVER REGION (KIMBERLEY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA)**

Overnight in port

The Hunter River is home to an immense mangrove system surrounded by soaring red sandstone cliffs. Narrow mangrove channels shelter numerous bird species, mudskippers, fiddler crabs and the infamous

saltwater crocodile; the most aggressive crocodile species known to man. Naturalist Island at the mouth of the river has a stunning stretch of sandy beach that makes a perfect landing site for small helicopters that can pick up visitors wishing to explore some of the Kimberley's vast interior.



#### **Days 9-10: BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO REGION**

Overnight in port

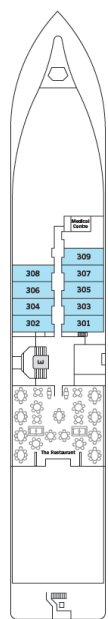
Roughly 800 islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago surround and shelter the impressive spread of Yampi Sound (from the aboriginal word for water, "Yampee"). The area was named in 1821 by Captain Phillip Parker King, in commemoration of William Dampier's visit in 1688. Pearlers began visiting the area in the late 1800s, and more recently mining operators established open-cut mines on Koolan Island on the east side of the Sound. Some of the richest iron ore in the world is extracted here to this day. The coastline of Yampi shows rock layers wildly twisted and contorted into great folds.

#### **Day 11: BROOME (KIMBERLEY) - DISEMBARK**

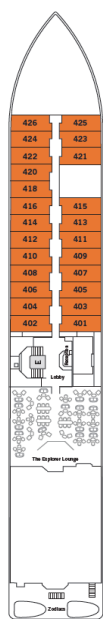
Roughly 15,000 people live year-round in Broome perched on the edge of the Kimberley region of Western Australia. The population swells to over 45,000 during the tourist season as people from all over the world are drawn to the natural splendors of the Dampier Peninsula. Broome is surrounded by lush green mangroves and mudflats along Roebuck Bay, but the interior is dry and rugged like much of the Kimberley coast. The town of Broome started up around a nascent pearling industry that attracted Japanese, Chinese, Malay and Aboriginal divers to the area in an interesting mix of cultures.



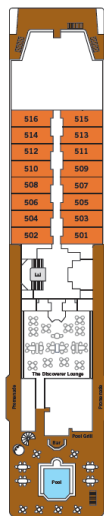
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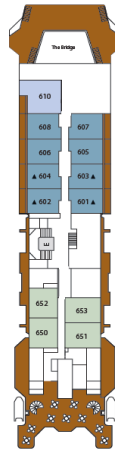
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The Restaurant  
Medical Centre



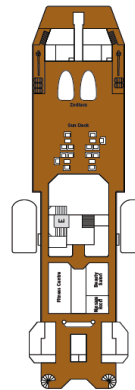
DECK 4  
The Explorer Lounge  
Lobby/Reception



DECK 5  
Pool  
The Grill  
The Discoverer Lounge



DECK 6  
The Bridge



DECK 7  
Beauty Salon  
Massage Room  
Fitness Centre  
Sun Deck



- SUITE CATEGORIES**
- Medallion Suite . . . . .
  - Veranda Suite . . . . .
  - Vista Suite . . . . .
  - View Suite . . . . .
  - Explorer Suite . . . . .
- SPECIFICATIONS**
- Officers . . . . . International
  - Guests . . . . . 120
  - Tonnage . . . . . 5,218
  - Length . . . . . 338 Feet/102.9 Metres
  - Width . . . . . 51 Feet/15.4 Metres
  - Speed . . . . . 14 Knots
  - Passenger Decks . . . . . 5
  - 3rd Guest Capacity . . . . . ▲
  - Can accommodate an adult guest of up to 14 years old
  - Refurbished . . . . . 2014
  - Registry . . . . . Bahamas

**Rates 2019 – Per Person, Double – All Inclusive\***

Date\Suite	Explorer	View	Vista	Veranda	Medallion
APR 05, 2019	\$7,400	\$8,200	WAITLIST	WAITLIST	WAITLIST
APR 15, 2019	\$7,600	\$8,400	WAITLIST	WAITLIST	WAITLIST
APR 25, 2019	\$7,900	\$8,700	WAITLIST	WAITLIST	WAITLIST



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