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Our voyages



The iconic Kimberley expedition

An epic journey into untamed beauty

Embark on an immersive expedition showcasing the wonders of the Kimberley starting with the magnificent King George Falls and the extraordinary rock art of Wandjina and Gwion Gwion. Witness the incredible birdlife at Ashmore Reef and the unspoiled beauty of Adele Island, and

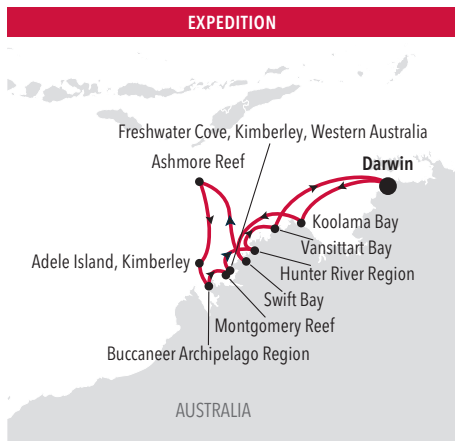
discover the Buccaneer Archipelago, one of the Kimberley's finest secrets. See stunning rock formations at Freshwater Cove, cascading waterfalls at Montgomery Reef and the famed four-tiered Mitchell Falls.



Darwin, capital city of the Northern Territory; Australia

DARWIN TO DARWIN

Duration 10 Days



DAY BY DAY

DAYS		ARRIVE	DEPART
1	DARWIN		19:00
2	KOOLAMA BAY	12:30	18:00
3	SWIFT BAY	07:30	18:00
4	ASHMORE REEF	13:30	18:00
5	ADELE ISLAND, KIMBERLEY	12:30	18:30
6	BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO REGION	07:00	18:30
7	FRESHWATER COVE	07:00	12:30
7	MONTGOMERY REEF	14:30	18:00
8	HUNTER RIVER REGION	07:00	18:30
9	VANSITTART BAY (JAR ISLAND)	07:00	17:30
10	DARWIN	21:00	
	DARWIN		

SAILING MONTHS

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Voyage highlights:

- Adele Island – A hotspot for breeding birds and turtles and a nursery for young humpback whales and bottlenose dolphins, the sandy beaches and gorgeous tidal lagoon found here stand in remarkable contrast to the Kimberley’s rugged coast.
- Horizontal Falls – Located in Talbot Bay in the Buccaneer Archipelago, this unique marine phenomenon is created by powerful tidal currents pushing through narrow coastal gorges.
- Freshwater Cove – A rare experience that few will ever know; here Aboriginal hosts extend a traditional welcome before sharing stories of their ancestors and rock art at this special place known locally as Wijingarra Butt Butt.
- King George River – Depart Koolama Bay by Zodiac to navigate the near-vertical rock formations enroute to the magnificent twin cascades of King George Falls, among the highest in Australia.
- Hunter River Region (Kimberley) – Gateway to the famed four-tiered Mitchell Falls, the immense mangrove system found here is home to numerous bird species and the infamous saltwater crocodile.

Talbot Bay;
Kimberley, Australia

Mitchell Falls;
Kimberley, Australia

Ashmore Reef;
Kimberley, Australia



A remote and rugged land of wonders

Waterfalls and rock art galore

Set sail from Darwin, gateway to the jungled waterways and lush rainforests of Australia's Top End, bound for your immersive Kimberley adventure. Koolama Bay welcomes you with a Zodiac excursion to the King George Falls where saltwater crocodiles lurk below and giant raptors like the Brahminy kite soar above. A call at Swift Bay leads to a hike across the wild landscape where historic caves are etched with Gwion Gwion and Wandjina rock art. Look for curlew sandpipers, bar-tailed godwits and great knots on a birding excursion along Ashmore Reef, and spot sea turtles, lesser frigates and brown boobies on Adele Island. Witness the speed of the 12-metre tidal rushes in the Buccaneer Archipelago, a phenomenon matched only by the cascading waterfalls

on display at Montgomery Reef. Arriving at Hunter River, you're greeted by soaring red sandstone cliffs that stand sentinel over immense mangroves interlaced with narrow channels – home to mudskippers, fiddler crabs, saltwater crocodiles and the iconic Mitchell Falls; explore here on hikes, Zodiac excursions and helicopter adventures. There is more indigenous rock art to see on Jar Island, said to be the home of a giant sea spirit who made the water salty for marine animals. Returning to Darwin for an overnight stay, you'll be tempted to venture inland to explore Kakadu National Park or the birding haven of George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens.

Deep into the Kimberley and Indonesia

An immersive journey of extraordinary discovery.

Explore the Kimberley's iconic red coast to see towering pindan cliffs rising from sapphire seas and thundering waterfalls plunging from reefs and gorges. Here in the remote reaches of Australia's Outback there are saltwater crocodiles, amazing birdlife and indigenous rock art dating back

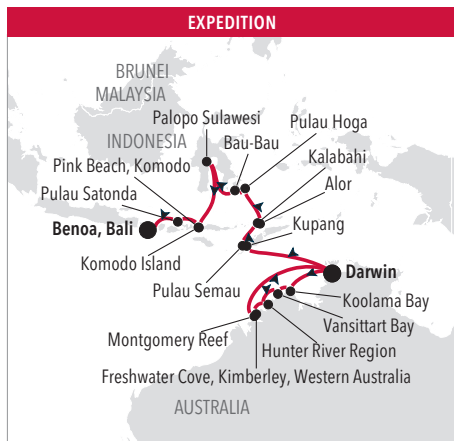
thousands of years. Venturing into the translucent seas of Indonesia, prepare for incredible underwater adventures among vibrant reefs, immersive cultural experiences in small villages, and encounters with Komodo's legendary residents.



Padar Island; Komodo National Park, Indonesia

DARWIN TO BENOA (BALI)

Duration 16 Days



DAY BY DAY

DAYS		ARRIVE	DEPART
1	DARWIN		19:00
2	KOOLAMA BAY	12:30	18:00
3	VANSITTART BAY (JAR ISLAND)	6:30	16:00
4	HUNTER RIVER REGION	9:00	19:00
5	FRESHWATER COVE	7:00	12:30
5	MONTGOMERY REEF	14:30	18:00
6	DAY AT SEA		
7	DARWIN	8:00	18:00
8	DAY AT SEA		
9	KUPANG	6:30	13:00
9	PULAU SEMAU	14:30	18:00
10	KALABAHI, PULAU ALOR	6:30	12:00
10	SENBAJAR BEACH, PULAU ALOR	13:30	18:00
11	PULAU HOGA	12:30	18:00
12	BAU-BAU	7:00	13:00
13	PALOPO, SULAWESI	6:00	23:30
14	DAY AT SEA		
15	PINK BEACH, KOMODO	6:30	11:00
15	KOMODO	12:00	18:00
16	PULAU SATONDA	7:00	17:30
	BENOA, BALI	6:30	

SAILING MONTHS

JUL



Voyage highlights:

- Hunter River Region (Kimberley) – Gateway to the famed four-tiered Mitchell Falls, the immense mangrove system found here is home to numerous bird species and the infamous saltwater crocodile.
- Montgomery Reef (Kimberley) – As the tides recede, this spectacular reef emerges from the sea to reveal a spectacle of cascading waterfalls, vibrant marine life and a dynamic landscape that transforms before your eyes.
- Alor (Indonesia) – With its hidden coves and brilliant lagoons, this off-the-radar island is paradise for snorkellers, a marine hotspot of playful dolphins, elegant manta rays and a dazzling array of tropical fish.
- Bau-Bau (Indonesia) – Nestled on the enchanting shores of Buton Island, here you'll find unspoiled beaches, a rich cultural heritage and a vibrant tapestry of traditions that showcase the heart of Sulawesi with authentic experiences.
- Komodo Island (Indonesia) – The centrepiece of the UNESCO-listed Komodo National Park, this island seems as if it was left behind from the Jurassic Era, playing host to its namesake "dragons" which are the world's largest living species of lizard.

Traditional tongkonan rice barns in Tana Toraja; Sulawesi, Indonesia

Komodo dragon, world's largest lizard; Komodo Island, Indonesia

Tongkonan traditional rice barns in village, Tana Toraja, Sulawesi, Indonesia



Spellbinding landscapes and ancient cultures

Into the realm of crocodiles and dragons

Here is a voyage of contrasting wilderness, from the Kimberley's striking red coast where towering cliffs rise up from turquoise seas to Indonesia's lush islands ringed with spectacular reefs and marine-rich waters. This odyssey delves into the earliest expressions of mankind and Mother Nature that are singularly unique to the Kimberley: indigenous rock art etched into caves on Jar Island, and rock formations depicting spiritual ancestors at Freshwater Cove; the twin cascades of King George Falls, the four-tiered waterfalls of the Hunter River, and the rushing waters of Montgomery Reef. A day or two at sea prepares your senses for the scent of jungle rains, the taste of fresh rambutan fruit and the sight of endless blue seas dotted with jagged peaks of green. This

is Indonesia, where Komodo Island intrigues with its namesake dragons and pink sand beaches and Bali enchants with its terraced rice fields and emblematic temples. Beyond the mesmerising beauty of Pulau Semau, Palopo Sulawesi leads you to the land of Toraja and its mysterious traditions, Bau-Bau presents the Butan Palace Fortress, and Kupang rewards with cultural immersion in the village of Baun, once the centre of the Amarasi Kingdom (1615 to 1962). Pack your spirit of adventure and join us on this incredible journey of discovery.

The Kimberley and Western Australia's islands

*Incredible explorations,
only by sea*

An explorer's dream come true, here is an expedition that combines the discovery of geological wonders unique to the Kimberley with the unmatched biodiversity of archipelagos found off Australia's western shores. Dedicated marine parks and the UNESCO-listed

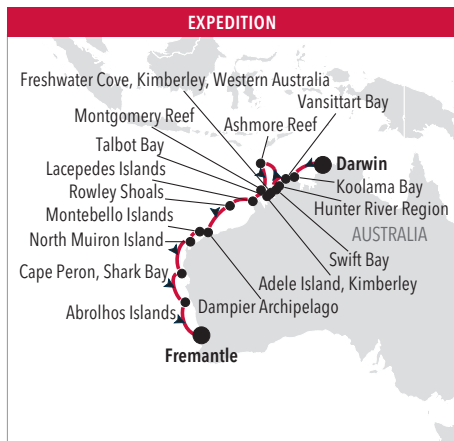
Ningaloo Coast play host to an enviable world of marine life and seabirds found nowhere else on Earth making these islands even more enticing to snorkellers and birdwatchers. Outside of Australia, these are places few have ever heard of, and even fewer will ever see.



Aerial view of Coral Reef, Abrolhos Islands, Western Australia

DARWIN TO FREMANTLE (PERTH)

Duration 17 Days

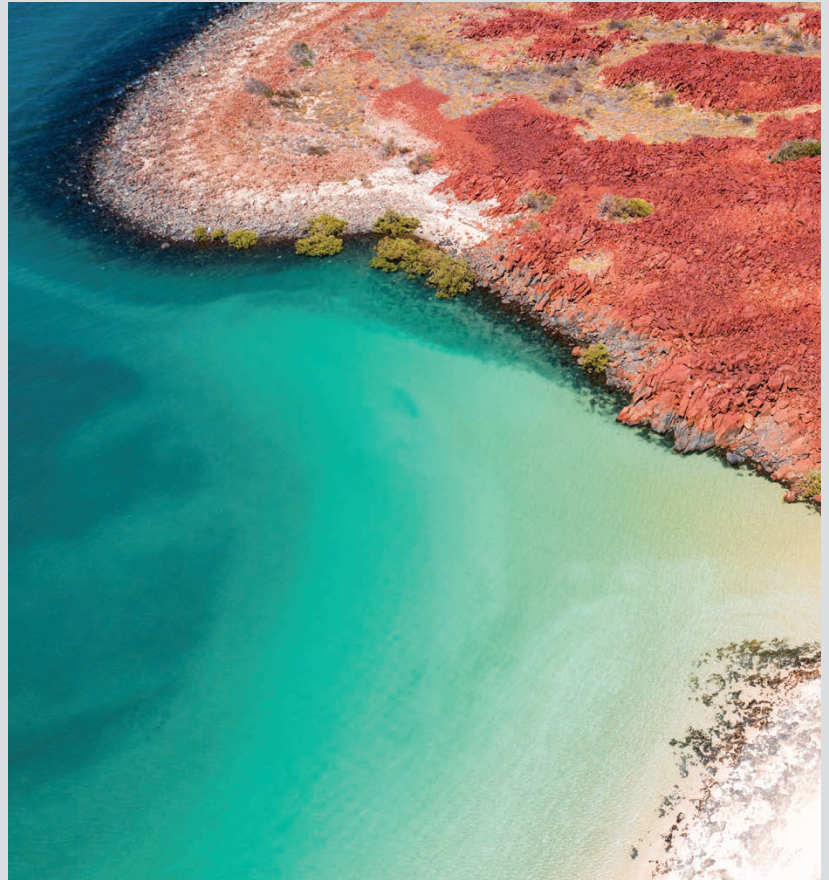


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8	FRESHWATER COVE	14:30	18:00
9	TALBOT BAY	06:30	18:30
10	LACEPEDES ISLANDS	07:30	13:30
11	ROWLEY SHOALS	06:30	11:30
12	EXPEDITION DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO	06:30	18:00
13	EXPEDITION MONTEBELLO ISLANDS	06:30	18:00
14	NORTH MUIRON ISLAND	06:30	12:00
15	CAPE PERON, SHARK BAY	09:00	17:30
16	ABROLHOS ISLANDS	13:00	
17	ABROLHOS ISLANDS		12:00
	FREMANTLE (PERTH), WESTERN AUSTRALIA	07:30	

SAILING MONTHS

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Voyage highlights:

- Lacepedes Islands – Often called Australia’s Galápagos, this A-class nature reserve is paradise for bird lovers – its brown booby colony may be the largest on the planet.
- Dampier Archipelago – A biodiversity hotspot rife with coral reefs, sponge gardens and seagrass meadows make these waters ideal for snorkelling; four turtle species are found here.
- Montebello Islands – Home to the endangered Mala (Rufous Hare-Wallaby) and the Djoongari (Shark Bay Mouse), this marine park boasts 150 species of hard coral, 450 species of fish and 170 species of echinoderms (sea-stars, -cucumbers and -urchins).
- North Muiron Island – Part of the UNESCO-listed Ningaloo Coast, this is where warm waters of Indian Ocean collide with the cooler seas of the West Australian Current to form a biological hotspot of incredible diversity.
- Abrolhos Islands – This extraordinary home to seabirds (including the only colony of Australian Lesser Noddy and two million Wedge-tailed Shearwaters), coral reefs, bearded dragons and wallabies belies a difficult history of shipwrecks and sordid tales.

Red, white and green of
Shark Bay

Hunter River exploration;
Kimberley, Australia

Brown booby in flight;
Lacepedes Islands,
Western Australia



Remote archipelagos and rugged shores

*Marine wilderness,
UNESCO treasures
and rock art*

Follow the arc from the Kimberley to Western Australia and discover an eclectic melange of fascinating archipelagos, sandy spits and rugged coasts. Yes, there are blissful beaches to be found on this expedition between Darwin and Perth, but it's the draw of rare wildlife and the intrigue of indigenous cultures that truly piques the curiosities of the most passionate adventurers. An overnight in the Abrolhos Islands balances ignoble history – a shipwreck, mutiny, murder and survival – with incredible nature such as a diverse coral reef and waters friendly to sea lions, rock lobsters and myriad birds from terns and noddies to shearwaters. Visit Shark Bay to take in the impressive array of marine life (and those blissful beaches!) and North Muiron

Island for exceptional snorkelling – both are UNESCO-listed gems. The Montebello Islands captivate with their corals and sea turtles, and the Dampier Archipelago boasts reefs, sponge gardens and seagrass meadows home to flatback and hawksbill turtles, ospreys and sea eagles, and more. As your journey takes you closer to the Kimberley Coast, the Lacepedes Islands emerge – an A-Class nature reserve often called "Australia's Galápagos" owing to its exceptional wildlife such as the endangered green turtle. Soon you'll explore the primeval rock art and natural wonders of the Kimberley, including the dazzling waterfalls of the King George and Hunter rivers and Montgomery Reef.



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