

Grand Kimberley Coast

Kununurra to Broome

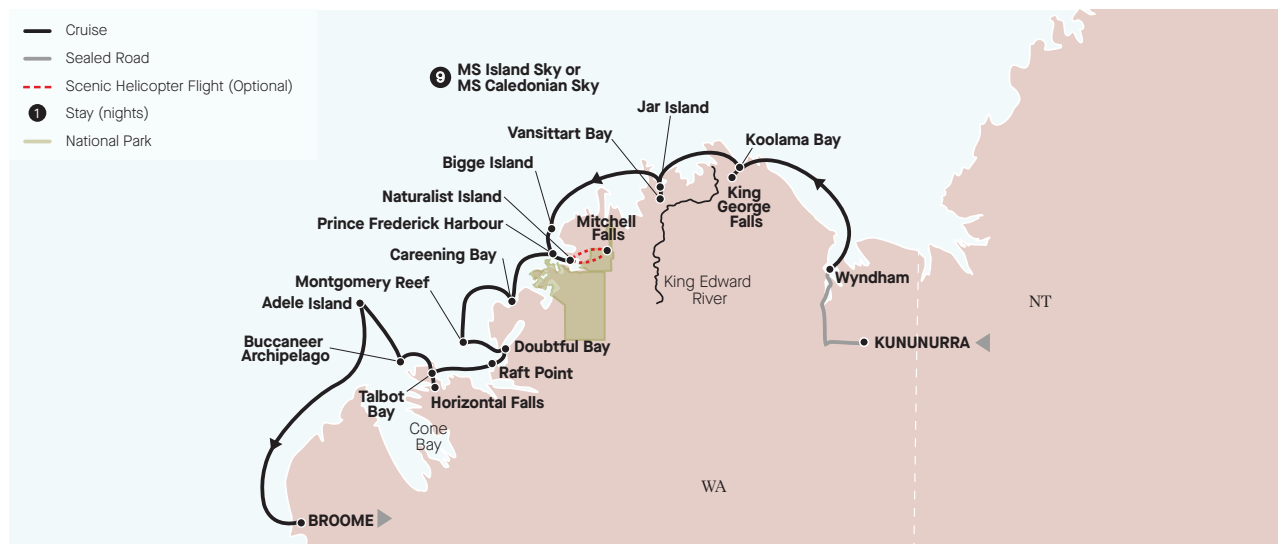
What better way to explore the secluded gorges and sprawling reefs of the Kimberley's rugged coastline, than aboard your very own intimate small ship? Venture out on daily Zodiac excursions to remote locations that are typically inaccessible to most travellers and explore coastal areas teeming with marine life.

Trip Snapshot

Duration 10 days, nine nights / **Travel Style** Small Ship Expedition Cruising / **Ship** MS Caledonian Sky/MS Island Sky / **Visit** 18 places
Go For Adventure, Zodiac excursions and remote coastal scenery

Below The MS Caledonian Sky





Signature Experiences

- ☆ Hop aboard a Zodiac to discover King George Falls.
- ☆ See the ancient Indigenous rock art of Bigge Island.
- ☆ Witness Montgomery Reef rise from the sea as the tide changes.
- ☆ Take a high-powered fast boat ride through Horizontal Falls.

Key

- ☆ Signature Experience
- BLD Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Day 01: Arrive Kununurra, Wyndham, Embark Ship

From Kununurra transfer to Wyndham, where you will be welcomed on board your ship. A relaxed dinner this evening allows you the chance to meet your fellow travellers and sets the tone for the next nine nights on board. **D**

Nine Nights: MS Island Sky or MS Caledonian Sky.

Day 02: Koolama Bay, King George River and Falls

☆ Wake this morning as your ship cruises into Koolama Bay. Hear how this harbour was renamed following the Japanese bombing of the MV Koolama in 1942. Next, it's on to King George River. Join your expedition team and jump aboard a Zodiac to meander through the river's gorge system, passing hidden mangrove-fringed coves and soaring red cliffs. Anticipation builds as your Zodiac approaches King George Falls, plunging 80 metres over a towering sandstone cliff. Edge closer to this epic cascade and learn how it turns to a raging torrent during the monsoonal wet season. **BLD**

Day 03: Vansittart Bay, Jar Island

An intriguing exploration of Vansittart Bay awaits today. Join your expedition team and set out across the bay's vast salt flats to view the wreckage of a US Air Force C-53 that crash

landed on the beach during World War II. Later, step ashore at Jar Island and see examples of mysterious Bradshaw (Gwion Gwion) paintings, dating back some 20,000 years. **BLD**

Day 04: Bigge Island

☆ Discover Bigge Island today, known for its Indigenous rock art created by the Wunambal people. In caves throughout the island, see examples of first contact art depicting European tall ships dating from the 15th to 18th century. Having been repainted annually for the past 5,000 years, it is thought to be the oldest continuous sacred painting tradition on the planet. **BLD**

Day 05: Prince Frederick Harbour, Hunter River, Mitchell Falls

Your expedition ship arrives at Prince Frederick Harbour today, home to soaring red cliffs and mangroves. With its extreme tides and pristine ecosystems, the harbour is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including saltwater crocodiles and mudskippers. Keen birdwatchers should keep an eye out for kingfishers, egrets, herons and white-bellied sea eagles. It's time to jump aboard your Zodiac vessels for an exploration of the Hunter River and Naturalist Island. As your day of discovery draws to a close, you might choose to set out on a helicopter flight and view the natural spectacle of Mitchell Falls from above (own expense). **BLD**

Trip Overview

Day	Destination	Included Highlight	Day	Destination	Included Highlight
1	Wyndham	Embark ship	7	Montgomery Reef, Doubtful Bay, Raft Point	Montgomery Reef Zodiac exploration
2	Koolama Bay	King George River & Falls	8	Talbot Bay, Horizontal Falls	Horizontal Falls high-powered boat ride
3	Vansittart Bay, Jar Island	World War II aircraft wreckage	9	Buccaneer Archipelago, Adele Island	Adele Island exploration
4	Bigge Island	Indigenous rock art	10	Broome	Broome exploration
5	Prince Frederick Harbour, Hunter River	Mangrove wildlife cruise			
6	Careening Bay	Prince Regent Reserve			



Above King George River and Falls / **Right** Adele Island exploration

Day 06: Careening Bay, Prince Regent Reserve, St George's Basin

Reach Careening Bay today, home to the historic Mermaid Boab Tree. It was here in 1820 that Lieutenant Phillip Parker King used the area's massive tides to beach his damaged ship, the HMC Mermaid. During this time, King's carpenter carved the ship's name into a boab tree that overlooks the bay. Continue on to Prince Regent Nature Reserve, only accessible by boat. Explore this protected area and see why it is recognised as a national biodiversity hotspot. Next, it's on to the untouched coastal area of Hanover Bay. While you're here, you might like to hop aboard your Zodiac for an enthralling visit to St George's Basin. If the tide allows, perhaps catch a glimpse of a saltwater crocodile, among other marine life. **BLD**

Day 07: Montgomery Reef, Doubtful Bay, Raft Point

⚓ Excitement builds this morning as you join your expedition team for an in-depth exploration of Montgomery Reef by Zodiac. Witness the reef rise out of the ocean as the tidal waters cascade rapidly into the surrounding channels.

Keep an eye out for unique bird life and turtles who may pop their heads up from time to time. Then, leave this natural phenomenon behind and cruise through Doubtful Bay, a hotspot for whale watching during the season. Later, step ashore at Raft Point to visit an ancient Wandjina rock art site. When available, you'll be joined by a local Indigenous guide. **BLD**

Day 08: Talbot Bay, Horizontal Falls

⚓ Today your ship cruises through to Talbot Bay, known for its epic 12-metre tides that create an astonishing natural spectacle, the Horizontal Falls. Subject to tidal conditions, set out on a thrilling ride through the falls aboard a high-powered fast boat. Hold on tight as your boat skims across Talbot Bay to the mouth of the falls before making its way through the churning waters. The adventure continues as you jump aboard your Zodiac vessel for an exploration of Cyclone Creek. See dramatic folding in the rock formations as you navigate through the creek, accompanied by your expedition team member. **BLD**

An Intriguing Natural Wonder



Tucked away in Talbot Bay, just north of Derby, lies one of the most powerful natural spectacles you could possibly imagine. The bay is separated from the ocean by two narrow strips of rugged ochre cliffs, and during the highest tides, up to one million litres of water rush through the gaps every second. This creates one of the largest regular tidal changes in the world – the Kimberley's Horizontal Falls.

Day 09: Buccaneer Archipelago, Adele Island

There's promise of yet more turquoise waters today as your ship arrives in the Buccaneer Archipelago, home to more than 800 islands. Cruise to Adele Island and join your expedition team member for an exploration of this remote coastal area by Zodiac. The island is surrounded by Adele Reef, teeming with an array of coral and marine life, including reef sharks and stingrays. Back on board, toast the end of an epic adventure during a farewell dinner. Then, take in the amber glow of a Kimberley sunset for the last time as your ship sets sail towards Broome. **BLD**

Day 10: Disembark Ship, Depart Broome

Arriving into Broome this morning means it's time to say goodbye to your ship. You'll set out on a fleeting exploration of this historic pearling town before being transferred to the airport later this afternoon. **B**



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2020 Dates and Prices (A\$)	Suite	Twin From	Solo From
10 Days Kununurra to Broome (GKKCW10)			
May 23	Porthole Suite	\$11,195	\$16,045
June 1 , 10, 19	Window Suite	\$12,595	\$18,145
July 6, 15 , 18, 27	Balcony Suite	\$14,695	\$21,295
August 1, 5, 10 , 14 , 19, 23	Owner's Suite	\$15,595	\$24,845
	Island Suite*	\$17,195	\$28,045

Please note: Bold date indicates itinerary operates in reverse (GKKCB10). Prices are based on Standard Suite (Forward) Porthole Suite; Superior Window Suite; Deluxe Balcony Suite; Owner's Suite; and Island Suite*. *The Island Suite is only available on the MS Island Sky. See pages 106-107 for terms and conditions.

   High Zodiac Activity – This expedition cruise uses Zodiacs for most excursions.

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