

Darwin to Broome

10 Night Escorted Luxury Expedition Cruise

VIP Travel Club Special Group Departure

Depart Darwin: 20/06/2010 End Broome: 30/06/2010

We are very excited at being able to offer this splendid cruise itinerary put together for us by the Kimberley experts, Orion Expedition Cruises. We invite you to come along with us (we will be escorting this cruise) to experience the grandeur of the last untouched wilderness area of Australia, the magical Kimberley.

You will cruise in luxury on board "Orion", a ship built specifically for expedition cruising whilst at the same time offering her guests the ultimate in comfort and style. A combination of attentive and caring staff, great food, in-depth lectures by qualified lecturers, a superb library and carefully selected shore excursions make for an unforgettable once-in-a-lifetime small-ship cruise experience.

The Orion is able to provide an in-depth experience of the Kimberley that the larger ocean-going cruise ships cannot provide. We urge you not to miss the opportunity to see the Kimberley in all its dramatic splendor on board one of the world's best expedition cruise ships, the Orion.



Should you have any questions, please email your telephone (with area code) and we will call you.
Email us: tattco@tattco.com.au
Or Free Call: 1800 801 864.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Robert & Maureen



Our **VIP Travel Club** Escorted Cruise includes:

- 10 Night expedition cruise onboard Orion in accommodation of your choice
- All gourmet meals onboard Orion
- Outdoor Barbecues
- Entertainment and educational programmes
- Regional expert lecturers and expedition leaders
- Daily lectures
- Complimentary shore excursions aboard Zodiacs and tenders
- Access to ship's library
- Port charges and Government taxes
- And the services of 75 experienced crew

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Please note: Air fares are not included in our Expedition Cruise fares. Flight to Darwin own expense.

Before Expedition Cruise Option: If you wish to join an expedition land tour out of Darwin we can arrange it for you. Please ask for additional cost.

VIP Travel Club Special

Escorted Kimberley Expedition Cruise - Departing Darwin: 20/06/10

Nothing can fully prepare you for the dramatic contrasts of Australia's north-west, rich in Aboriginal culture and galleries of ancient artwork. Towards the west, in the historic pearling town of Broome, the colours of nature are vibrant and intense: rich red Earth, azure blue seas and brilliant white sand beaches. North of Broome lies the ragged Kimberley coast, a place you can only comprehend from the sea. Rugged gorges, inlets, waterfalls plunging 100 metres, all combine for an awe-inspiring experience you simply can't have by travelling overland. Our Orion's 10-night Kimberley Expedition will undertake an in-depth exploration of this remote coastline, cruising from Darwin to Broome.

20/06/10: Day 1 - EMBARK DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Note: If you intend to arrive in Darwin this day by air you must make sure your flight arrives early enough to allow you time to get to the wharf. Check-in time from 2:30pm. We sail at 4:00pm.

As we sail from Darwin we enjoy a Welcome drink and meet our fellow guests.

Note: Itineraries for voyages in these regions are influenced by extreme tides, wildlife encounters and prevailing weather conditions. Exact schedules will be announced on board.

21/06/10: Day 2 - AT SEA

Relax and enjoy the hospitality extended by Orion's officers and crew as you settle into your home for the next 10 days. Orion's Expedition Team will punctuate this first day with presentations and lectures to prepare you for the days ahead.

22/06/10: Day 3 - KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA - by Zodiac

Today Orion will drop anchor in Koolama Bay. Originally known as King George Bay, the area was renamed after the merchant ship Koolama was bombed near here by Japanese aircraft during World War II. The 12km journey up the King George River reveals some of the world's most spectacular scenery and a wealth of bird species. The almost vertical sheer canyon walls have been eroded over millions of years and look like stacks of sandstone reminiscent of a child's building blocks. The King George River drains the Gardner Plateau and the falls are the highest single-drop falls in the whole of the Kimberley (100m or 330ft). Whether you experience the mighty thundering of the falls early in the season, or have the chance to get up close and personal later in the year, you'll be in awe of the sight. For guests looking for a bit more adventure there is a challenging walk to the top of the falls where you will have the opportunity to enjoy a swim in one of the fresh water rock pools.

23/06/10: Day 4 - VANSITTART BAY WESTERN AUSTRALIA - wet landing

Vansittart Bay is our destination today, located at the southern end of Jar Bay. The island was so named by the explorer Phillip Parker King for the shards of pottery he found there, most likely left behind by Macassan traders. Other remnants of visits by the Macassans are tamarind trees which are not native to the Kimberley. After landing ashore, Orion's Expedition Team will lead us to an outdoor art gallery of Gwion Gwion (otherwise known as Bradshaw) Aboriginal art. Named after Joseph Bradshaw, the first European person to record them in 1891, the rock images are hard to date. It is believed they were created at least 17,000 years ago with some theories indicating they could be even older, potentially up to over 50,000 years old, from the time when humans first explored this continent. If this is the case, the images are possibly the oldest known to man. Of the two primary art forms found along the Kimberley coastline - the Gwion Gwion and Wandjina - the latter is more contemporary than the older Gwion Gwion. The Gwion Gwion is known for its symmetrical, mystical and graceful forms, depicting highly decorated figures adorned with tassels, delicate jewellery and elaborate headdresses. The Wandjina are instantly recognisable for the distinctive haloes around their heads.

24/06/10: Day 5 - BIGGE ISLAND, WESTERN AUSTRALIA - wet landing

Bigge Island is a rugged and barren moonscape with a welcoming wide crescent of sandy beach to greet our Zodiacs today. Small Monjon Rock Wallabies and the Northern Quoll thrive here free of feral predators found on the mainland and you may see their undisturbed paw prints in the sand. The island is famous as a site for some amazing rock art, including "first-contact" art spread over many sites. Join the expedition team as they point out the Wandjina art that is in evidence. Painted by the Wunambal people, you will also see images of sailing ships and figures smoking pipes which have been interpreted as representing seafaring European visitors in the 19th century.

25/06/10: Day 6 - HUNTER RIVER (FOR MITCHELL FALLS) WESTERN AUSTRALIA - wet landing

Arguably one of the most scenic parts of the Kimberley coast, Prince Frederick Harbour and the Hunter River are lined with green rainforest, mangroves and soaring red cliffs. Cliffs at the river mouth are up to 200 metres high and to the north Mt. Anderson rises to an impressive 480 metres. Today Orion will drop anchor close to Naturalist Island, the proper name of which is 'Wunumpurramarra', on the northern side of the harbour. The distance from Naturalist Island to the famous Mitchell Falls & Plateau is about 50km and you shouldn't miss the (optional) helicopter flight over some spectacular terrain and waterfalls. An enormous number of shells can be found on the beach. This region has many crocodiles and you may be lucky enough to see them on the Zodiac safari through the mangroves.

26/06/10: Day 7 - MONTGOMERY - REEF RAFT POINT WESTERN AUSTRALIA - wet landing

There are two highlights on today's itinerary. For the first we will embark Orion's Zodiacs for an expedition team guided safari of Montgomery Reef. Our departure will be timed to coincide with the changing of the tide. Arriving at high tide, you'll see very little of Montgomery Reef. However as the tide drops rapidly away a raging torrent of water, cascading off the top of this 400km reef, erupts as miles of surrounding reef appear to slowly rise out of the ocean. Our Zodiac will manoeuvre into a channel in the reef as water cascades down on either side. It's the perfect spot to watch cormorants, egrets and sandpipers forage for sea life trapped on the surface of the reef. Below the waterline opportunistic sea turtles, reef sharks and many larger fish also take advantage of this feast.

The second half of our day will involve an expedition to an elevated outdoor rock art gallery. After landing ashore by Zodiac at Raft Point, our expedition leader will guide us on a climb up to a saddle of rock that forms a spectacular outdoor Aboriginal art gallery. The art is an account of the mythical Wandjina clan on the 'Great Fish Chase'. There are images of the Wandjina spirits with their distinctive haloes and dugong, crocodiles, fish and snakes.

27/06/10: Day 8 - TALBOT BAY - HORIZONTAL WATERFALLS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Horizontal Waterfalls in the Buccaneer Archipelago are a product of the huge tides in the region, and the effect is created by the rapid tidal fall on the ocean-side of gaps in the cliffs. When conditions are right it is possible for a 'waterfall' up to 3 metres high to form as the waters trapped on the landward side cascade out through the narrow gap to the ocean side. A flotilla of Orion's Zodiacs will take us for an exhilarating trip to witness the phenomenon of the falls. Later in the day join expedition team members on a Zodiac excursion to Cyclone Bay, where the tortured geological folds of what was once seabed will be explained.

28/06/10: Day 9 - CAPE LEVEQUE & THE LACEPEDES ISLANDS. WESTERN AUSTRALIA -wet landing

Cape Leveque is situated 220kms north of Broome on the tip of the Dampier Peninsula. A remote oasis in the white sands, red earth and thick bush. Unless travelling onboard Orion, Cape Leveque can only be accessed by self-drive 4WD (some four hours - and only in the dry season) or by air. During our visit to Cape Leveque you will enjoy beautiful swimming in rock pools with clear water and abundant tropical fish. You may choose to experience a guided beach walk with a member of the Lombadina community, go fishing, or just sit back and relax. The Lacepedes Islands offer a plethora of wildlife. They are home to the world's largest colony of Brown Boobies. With no natural predators these birds are able to breed and thrive on these beautiful uninhabited islands. Their closest neighbours are the green sea turtles, who also choose this pristine environment to mate and hatch their eggs. You may have heard of the Lacepedes Islands in relation to the incident where an American involved in the mining of guano raised the American Flag in an attempt to claim the islands for American possession in the late 1800s.

29/06/10: Day 10 - BROOME, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

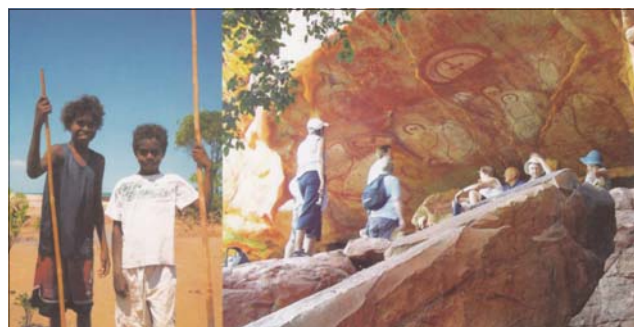
Orion's overnight stay in Broome allows time for you to explore this charismatic town and its colourful history. The unique, cosmopolitan feel stems from its early pearling days when over 400 luggers plied the coast. The town is full of contrasts: stroll along kilometres of pristine white sand and swim in the clear water of Cable Beach or (optional) skim across tidal flats aboard a hovercraft to Gantheaume Point, home of the 130 million year old Dinosaur Footprints. Visit the Paspaley Pearls Boutique for Orion's exclusive cocktail party to sip champagne and learn more about these valuable jewels, or take a walk along the white beaches next to the impossibly blue ocean. Spend some time uncovering the town's history at the Broome Historical Society Museum or reflect on the dangers of the early days of diving at the Japanese Shinto Cemetery, final resting-place for over 900 pearl divers. The fishing is great in Broome so board a fishing boat or simply try your hand at landing a big one from the deep water jetty. As the wharf is approximately 20 minutes from China Town (the main town area) a regular shuttle service from the wharf will be available throughout our overnight stay in Broome. This shuttle service will also include stops at world famous Cable Beach.

30/06/10: Day 11 - DISEMBARK BROOME

We disembark after breakfast. If you are departing by air this day, taxis will be available at own cost to take you to the airport.

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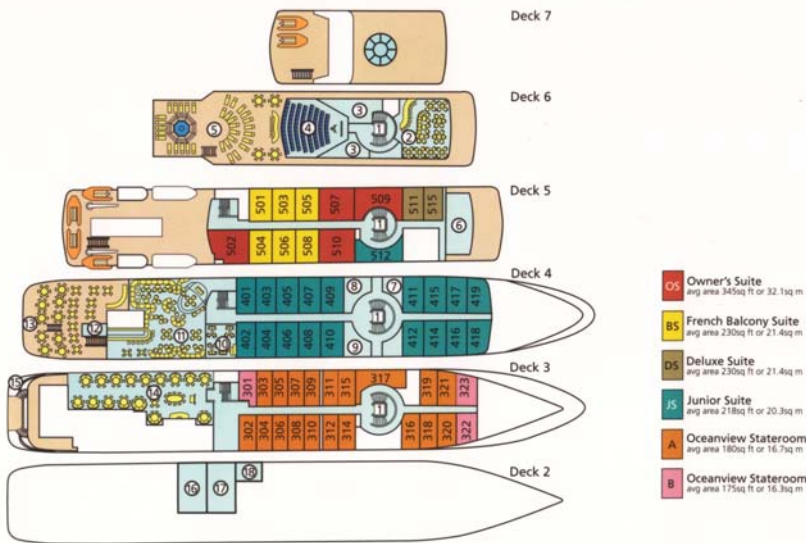
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OS - Owner's Suite
With French Balcony,
sitting room,
separate bedroom
and marble bathroom
Deck 5



BS - French Balcony Suite
Floor to ceiling sliding glass
door & small outside area for
viewing, shower in bathroom.
Deck 5



- OS** Owner's Suite
avg area 345sq ft or 32.1sq m
- BS** French Balcony Suite
avg area 230sq ft or 21.4sq m
- DS** Deluxe Suite
avg area 230sq ft or 21.4sq m
- JS** Junior Suite
avg area 218sq ft or 20.3sq m
- A** Oceanview Stateroom
avg area 180sq ft or 16.7sq m
- B** Oceanview Stateroom
avg area 175sq ft or 16.3sq m



JS - Junior Suite
Large rectangular or large oval
windows,
shower in bathroom.
Deck 4 (our group Suites)



A - Oceanview Stateroom
Large oval windows or twin portholes,
shower in bathroom.
Deck 3 (our group staterooms)

- 1.Elevator 2.Galaxy Lounge 3.Vega Health Spa 4.Cosmos Lecture Theatre 5.Sun Deck with Jacuzzi 6.Bridge 7.Hairdresser
8.Boutique 9.Reception 10.Library 11.Leda Lounge 12.Security Office 13.Delphinus Outdoor Café 14.Constellation Restaurant
15.Stern Zodiac Embarkation Platform 16.Medical Centre 17.Mud Room 18.Side Zodiac Embarkation Platform



Stateroom diagrams are representative only. Suites OS and BS have a French balcony (except suite OS509 which has two large rectangular windows). The French balcony features floor to ceiling sliding glass doors and a small outside area for viewing. Owner's Suite 502 has the living room space incorporated into the bedroom. Suites DS and JS feature large rectangular windows (except suites JS418 and JS419 which have large oval windows). Junior Suite 512 has two single beds. Staterooms B and A have large oval windows (except staterooms B322 and B323 which have twin portholes) and sitting area with tub chair. Stateroom 301 has a double bed.

Our 10 night VIP Travel Club 'Orion' Darwin to Broome Expedition Cruise per person twin share fares:
Depart: 20/06/10. End Broome: 30/06/10

| Category | Brochure Fare | Our special VIP Travel Club group fare |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| A - Oceanview Stateroom Deck 3 Oval window or twin portholes. | \$10,565.00 Cruise only | \$8,980.00 We save you \$1,585.00 |
| JS - Junior Suite Decks 4 & 5 Rectangular or oval window. | \$12,550.00 Cruise only | \$10,667.00 We save you \$1,883.00 |
| DS - Deluxe Suite Deck 5 Rectangular or oval window. | \$13,745.00 Cruise only | Please ask for availability and our special fare on these staterooms |
| BS - Balcony Suite Deck 5 French Balcony. | \$16,405.00 Cruise only | |
| OS - Owners Suite Deck 5 French Balcony | \$19,055.00 Cruise only | |

Notes: Twin share fares include all port charges and taxes, they may be subject to change. Travel conditions apply they will be provided with our booking form. There is a doctor onboard. Consultation fees will be charged to your stateroom account. If we do not reach our group numbers those booked will still get our discounted group fare, however there will be no escorts, you will be well looked after by the staff onboard Orion.