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Discover the Kimberley Coastline: An Ancient Wilderness

🕒 11 Days

28 Jul - 07 Aug 2028

📍 Broome > Darwin

From \$19,695 per person*
in a Deluxe Veranda Suite

Ancient Tides, Reefs, and Wilderness

Australia's Kimberley Coast is a vast and ancient region of sandstone headlands, secluded inlets and tidal rivers, dotted with boab trees, tropical oases and seasonal waterfalls. Along its red shores and the blue Indian Ocean, Scenic Eclipse II offers a luxurious base to explore this rugged wilderness.

Natural forces define this coastline, from powerful tidal movements and sandstone gorges to offshore coral reefs and low-lying atolls. On this Expedition Voyage you will be introduced to aspects of the world's oldest continuing culture through unique, rare Aboriginal-led experiences, gaining a respectful insight into stories, traditions and connections to Country that have shaped this shoreline for tens of thousands of years. Wildlife encounters may include sightings of saltwater crocodiles, sea turtles and prolific birdlife, always approached with care for this fragile environment. Throughout, the expert Discovery Team shares knowledge of geology, tides, marine life and culture, while your Scenic Discovery Yacht provides a serene, ultra-luxury retreat during days immersed in the Northern Territory's Top End and the remote Kimberley.



Day 01 | Fri, 28 Jul

Broome, Western Australia, Australia (D)

Your Expedition Voyage begins in Broome, a characterful coastal town where red pindan soils meet the turquoise Indian Ocean and long sweeps of white sand. Tropical light, tidal flats and a laid-back atmosphere together create a distinctive gateway to the Kimberley.

Day 02 | Sat, 29 Jul

Lacepede Islands, Australia (B,L,D)

After a relaxing morning on board Scenic Eclipse II, arrive in the afternoon at the remote Lacepede Islands, located approximately 120 kilometres north of Broome. Designated an A-class reserve, this protected archipelago is renowned for its prolific seabird colonies and rich marine life. It is also Western Australia's most significant breeding ground for green turtles and, in season, a notable location to observe migrating humpback whales.

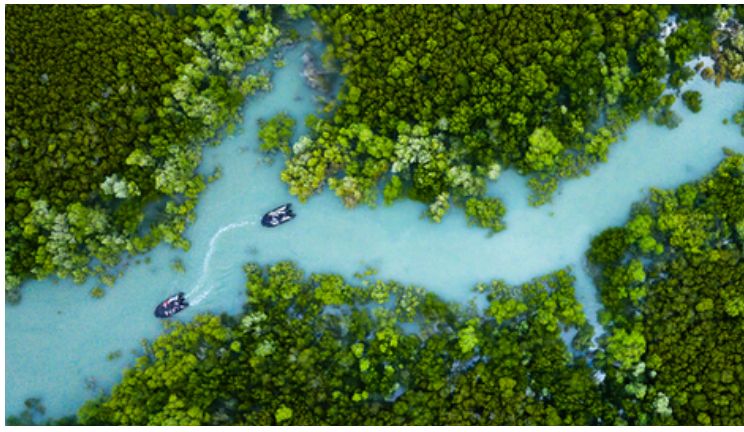
Day 03 | Sun, 30 Jul

Talbot Bay & Horizontal Falls, Australia (B,L,D)

Sir David Attenborough named the Horizontal Falls± at Talbot Bay "one of the greatest natural wonders of the world." Created by a unique combination of geology and massive tidal surges squeezed through two narrow cliff passages, this is the only place in the world where horizontal falls exist. After a full day exploring this fascinating region, relax in the Vitality pool and gaze out across the breathtaking panoramic views.

Discovery: Explore Talbot Creek by Zodiac, with the chance to spot rock wallabies or the 18 different species of wildlife. *Conditions permitting.*





Day 04 | Mon, 31 Jul

Montgomery Reef & Freshwater Cove, Australia (B,L,D)

Wake to a completely new vista at Montgomery Reef, the world's largest inshore reef that boasts some of the Earth's biggest tidal changes, reaching up to 10 metres (33 feet). As the tides rise or fall, both soft and hard coral are exposed, falling below sea level to create a remarkable spectacle. Go ashore at Freshwater Cove located on Worrora country and meet with traditional Dambimangari guides of the Arraluli clan and be immersed into the importance of their culture. Hear about the Traditional Owners and the story of how the Wijingarra, or native spotted Quoll, came into being and how the area's freshwater was created.

Discovery: Have the opportunity to explore Montgomery Reef by Zodiac. If the timing is right, discover thousands of small waterfalls cascading down the reef and see incredible marine life including sea turtles, octopus, sharks, rays, dolphins and more.

Day 05 | Tue, 01 Aug

Careening Bay, Port Nelson, Australia (B,L,D)

Careening Bay, within Port Nelson, is closely linked to early coastal exploration. In 1820, British surveyor Phillip Parker King careened his vessel HMC Mermaid here for repairs, commemorating the event by having its name carved into the trunk of a vast boab tree that still bears the inscription today.

Discovery: Time ashore may include a visit to the historic "Mermaid Tree" and the surrounding shoreline. Later, cruising by small craft around nearby islands and inlets can reveal mangroves, sheltered coves and marine life. As Port Nelson's sandstone and basalt cliffs come into view, the interplay of light on rock and water provides a striking natural backdrop for photography.

Day 06 | Wed, 02 Aug

Hunter River & Mitchell Falls, Australia (B,L,D)

Today, Scenic Eclipse II will cruise through York Sound to the mouth of the Hunter River. A true wilderness with jawdropping panoramas of wild escarpments, monsoon rainforests and the four-tiered Mitchell Falls, carved out over millennia.

Day 07 | Thu, 03 Aug

Swift Bay, Australia (B,L,D)

Swift Bay offers a rare concentration of Kimberley rock art styles in one area, with Gwion Gwion and Wandjina galleries located within reach of your Scenic Discovery Yacht by a short Zodiac transfer. Towering sandstone escarpments and sheltered rock overhangs frame a landscape where culture and country are closely intertwined.

Discovery: Visit ancient Gwion Gwion galleries, where human figures appear in flowing headdresses and dynamic postures. Nearby, Wandjina rock art depicts powerful creation beings and rain-bringers that remain central to the living culture of the region's Indigenous peoples.

Day 08 | Fri, 04 Aug

Ashmore Reef, Australia (technical stop) (B,L,D)

Enjoy the morning as you wish before arriving at Ashmore Reef, Australia's most remote marine park, which consists of three tropical islands surrounded by a coral reef, covering 583 square kilometres. Join the experienced Discovery Team on the open decks and learn about the diverse seabirds and marine mammals inhabiting the area while taking in the stunning surroundings.

Scenic Eclipse II will be stopping at Ashmore Reef for technical clearance. There will be no opportunity to go ashore.

Day 09 | Sat, 05 Aug

Vansittart Bay, Australia (B,L,D)

Vansittart Bay, a sheltered inlet along the Kimberley coast, is known for its quiet beaches, rust-red headlands and deep cultural significance for Traditional Owners. Here, traces of more recent history appear alongside ancient stories, including the remarkably well-preserved skeleton of a World War II Douglas C-53 aircraft resting in the landscape.

Discovery: Explore Talbot Creek by Zodiac, with the chance to spot rock wallabies or the 18 different species of wildlife. *Conditions permitting.*

Day 10 | Sun, 06 Aug

King George River, Australia (B,L,D)

The King George River carves its way through the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia, culminating in King George Falls, a dramatic twin cascade dropping more than 80 metres over sheer sandstone cliffs. Accessible only by water or air, this immense gorge system reveals rust-red walls, tidal reaches and pockets of mangrove forest, with Brahminy kites, egrets and kingfishers often seen above the river's tranquil surface. Your Scenic Discovery Yacht is purpose-built to navigate such secluded waterways with ease and comfort.

Discovery: Glide beneath towering rock faces and along mangrove-lined banks via Zodiac, where there may be opportunities to observe crocodiles and an array of birdlife. Venture closer to the falls, *weather and tides permitting.*

Day 11 | Mon, 07 Aug

Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia (B)

A Zodiac cruise may take you deeper into the gorge for a striking perspective on the falls, gliding beneath towering rock faces and along mangrove-lined banks, where there may be opportunities to observe sunning crocodiles and an array of birdlife, including ospreys, falcons, egrets and kingfishers. Weather and tides permitting, the Discovery Team may be able to approach close enough for you to feel the cooling spray from the falling water.

