



14 Day Ultimate Quest

Wyndham – Broome

DAY 1: Kununurra - Wyndham Port

Your *Ultimate Quest* begins when a courtesy vehicle picks you up from Kununurra at approximately 3.30pm and transfers you to the *Kimberley Quest II* in Wyndham port (100kms); here you will be welcomed aboard by your captain and crew. Begin your cruise with a relaxing drink as you cruise out of the Cambridge Gulf, as the sunsets over the horizon.

DAY 2: Berkeley River

Early morning we cruise up the Berkeley River, taking in the numerous waterfalls and ancient sandstone escarpments. Experience your first taste of fishing for barramundi or take a tender excursion with our guides to go crocodile-spotting and bird watching. Marvel at the amphitheatre waterfalls and then cool off in beautiful freshwater pools. Late afternoon we take a tender excursion up to the back of the Berkeley River, where the saltwater meets the freshwater. Fish off the flat rocks for barra which are lurking in the rapids, alternatively walk to a fresh water pool to enjoy a relaxing dip. Tonight we savour the surroundings anchoring nearby a secluded waterfall.

DAY 4: King George River

At high tide, we cross the sandbars of the King George River, for a breathtaking cruise along this majestic cathedral-like gorge. This incredible scenery unfolds as we approach the King George Falls, a dual waterfall that has an uninterrupted vertical drop of over 80m, making it one of the tallest waterfalls in Western Australia. The *Kimberley Quest II* is able to cruise to the base of the twin falls for a refreshing 'shower', Kimberley style! For those intrepid adventurers, you may climb to the top, for a breathtaking vista of the river below, a truly humbling experience as you appreciate the immensity of this untamed landscape, followed by a refreshing dip. Overnight we anchor just metres away from the falls, with tranquil sounds and an extraordinary view from the bow.

DAY 4: Koolama Bay, Pangali Cove, Glycosmis Falls

Visit Koolama Bay, where the vessel "Koolama" was beached in February 1942, following the attack by the Japanese in World War II. The passengers were taken ashore on orders by the ship's master and many had to walk overland on an epic cross-country trek. We then visit the survivors camp at Pangali Cove, enjoy a freshwater dip beneath a waterfall. In the afternoon we visit Glycosmis Falls to view another unbelievable Kimberley waterfall and then cruise around Cape Londonderry, the most northerly point of Western Australia.

DAY 5: Drysdale River

Today we encounter one of the longest rivers in the Kimberley (432km), the Drysdale. Spend the day exploring the spectacular palm-studded landscape and the rapids of the Drysdale area. Join our guides on a scenic tender excursion to witness crocodiles, flying foxes and many species of bird life, which thrive in these delta islands. Then enjoy a swim in secluded rock pools. Late afternoon walk on a deserted beach or try to catch a barramundi, with many great "snags" to fish around.

Day 6: Vansittart Bay, WWII DC3 Crash Site

Today we explore various coves within Vansittart Bay, visiting sites rich in the fascinating Bradshaw or Gwion Gwion art. Named after Joseph Bradshaw, the first European to record these amazing paintings in 1891. Some Bradshaw art has been dated at over 17,000 years old, which is unique to the Kimberley. There is also the opportunity to visit the crash site of a DC3 aircraft, located on the eastern side of Vansittart Bay. As we continue our journey, witness the rugged terrain and ancient weathered rocks from the vessel while cruising towards the Mitchell River.

DAY 7: Mitchell River, Surveyors Creek

We are now entering the incredible assortment of islands that form the Bonaparte Archipelago. Cruise to the Mitchell River, source of the magnificent Mitchell Falls where you can charter a helicopter and take an exhilarating ride over the Mitchell Falls. Drop a lure in later and perfect your fishing skills in these rich waters or go crocodile spotting. Late afternoon enjoy a swim in the cool tranquil waters of Surveyors creek.

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DAY 8: Bigge Island, Careening Bay

This morning we cruise north to Bigge Island, one of the largest sandstone islands and home to amazing Bradshaw art and Wandjina art with a maritime theme. As we continue our journey we visit Careening Bay, site of an ancient carved boab tree first visited in 1820 by Phillip Parker King while on a hydro-graphic survey off the Australian coastline.

DAY 9: Prince Regent River, King Cascade, Cathedral Gorge

Early morning we cruise through St George Basin, a stunning inland sea. Leaving the vista of mighty Mt Trafalgar and Mt Waterloo, we cruise up the Prince Regent River, marvel at the pristine waterway that cuts through sandstone cliffs and gorges. Arriving at the King Cascade waterfalls, which is spring fed, marvel at the rush of water cascading in breathtaking tiers, surrounded by lush ferns and a myriad of wildlife. Climb above the falls for an unforgettable swim in a massive crystal clear pool. Be rewarded with a breathtaking view over the magnificent Prince Regent River in the distance – wilderness adventuring at its best! Late afternoon join our guides for an excursion to Cathedral Falls, while spotting crocodiles and flying foxes. Alternatively fish the Price Regent River which is renowned for big barra and threadfin salmon.

DAY 10: Camden Harbour, Kuri Bay, Langii

At nearby Camden Harbour, we visit forlorn settler's graves on Sheep Island and soak up the history of the early European settlement. Take one of the tenders for a spot of exploration, have a go at fishing or collecting rock oysters. Alternatively relax on the sundeck to take in the beautiful scenery. We then cruise between Augustus Island and the mainland, passing the remote pearling settlement of Kuri Bay. Late afternoon we visit the mysterious cove at Langii and witness the "Petrified Warriors". These remarkable sandstone pillars represent the warriors killed in a Dreamtime battle, afterwards enjoy a swim in the pristine ocean.

DAY 11: Raft Point, Sale River, Doubtful Bay

This morning we cruise to Steep Island and anchor below Raft Point, as we prepare to walk to the caves perched on the hill, here is some of the finest well-preserved Wandjina art in the Kimberley. From the top we have an amazing view of the Kimberley coast. We then explore the Sale River and take an excursion upstream for a dip in the spring-fed rainforest pools, on the journey home, view ancient rock art from the tenders. As the sun begins to set, we fish the inlets of Doubtful Bay for the elusive barramundi and threadfin salmon.

DAY 12: Red Cone Creek, Montgomery Reef, Collier Bay

Take a tender excursion to Red Cone Creek for a refreshing swim at Ruby Falls, or join our guides to try your luck at mud-crabbing. We then cruise to the amazing Montgomery Reef, which covers more than 300km², making it Australia's largest inshore reef. Watch as the tide falls right before your eyes, creating a waterfall effect as the reef rises out of the water. Then take a ride in the tenders to observe many marine species, including turtles and sea birds. Late afternoon try your luck at barramundi fishing in Collier Bay or alternatively relax onboard and take in the beautiful scenery.

DAY 13: Talbot Bay, Dugong Bay, Buccaneer Archipelago

Cruise to Talbot Bay, home to one of the icons of the Kimberley coast, the spectacular Horizontal Waterfalls. Take a tender and head in for an up-close and exhilarating ride through this natural phenomenon. Join a scenic excursion up the back of Cyclone Creek to marvel at the amazing rock formations. Cool off with a refreshing swim in Dugong Bay, followed by a scenic tender excursion. In the afternoon we cross the vast King Sound, cruising through the thousand islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago towards Cape Leveque at sunset, as we journey through the night towards Broome.

DAY 14: Cape Leveque – Broome

Arrive into Broome early morning. Enjoy your last breakfast onboard before saying goodbye to the crew of the *Kimberley Quest II*. Disembarkation is at approximately 8.00am, where a courtesy vehicle will transfer you to your accommodation or airport.

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