

Ponant : 11D10N Australia's Iconic Kimberley

Price per person
from
MYR 38090



Tour Description

Luxury cruise aboard to experience a truly exceptional sea voyage with a difference. Discover expeditions to the majestic landscapes of the Arctic and the Antarctic. Great choice for couples, solo travelers and those who love small-ship cruising. Ponant Cruises offers exceptional bilingual service, world-class dining and elegantly-appointed accommodation and public areas in terms of the onboard experience. Choose a cruise on an Explorer Class vessel, you will benefit from several expedition-style features. Relaxing in the Blue Eye Lounge, an underwater multi-sensory environment that boasts comfortable seating and privileged views of life beneath the waves. Ponant's expedition ships also carry a fleet of Zodiacs deployed frequently throughout each itinerary for sightseeing excursions and trips ashore.

Cancellation Policy

- ~ Postpone or cancel free of charge up to 10 days after the booking is confirmed
- ~ From 10 days after the booking is confirmed to 365 days prior to departure: EUR 150 plus RM100 refund admin fees per guest per cruise for the cruise service only
- ~ From 364 to 211 days prior to departure: 10% of total price
- ~ From 210 – 91 days prior to departure: 25% of total price
- ~ Cancellation within 90 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

Payment Terms

- ~ Deposit payment of 25% must be received within 10 days after the booking is confirmed.
- ~ Balance payment must be made 90 days prior to departure
- ~ Booking made within 90 days prior to departure require full payment at the time of booking

Day 1 :- ARRIVE DARWIN, AUSTRALIA (EMBARKATION)

- Make your own way to pier.
- Embarkation from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Departure at 5:00 pm

Dinner

Day 2 :- KING GEORGE RIVER

- The **King George River** journey is breathtaking, with 80-meter-high sandstone gorge walls showcasing ancient Warton sands weathering.
- The gorge's colors and textures change with the light, offering ever-changing, stunning scenery.
- The journey concludes at King George twin falls, the Kimberley's highest single-drop falls (80m/260ft).
- The Expedition Team guides you to the falls' base, explaining the canyon's remarkable geological formations

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 3 :- VANSITTART BAY

- **Jar Island** features ancient Gwion Gwion rock art, unique to the Kimberley. Neglected by early European researchers, it's gained global prominence.
- Believed to be over 30,000 years old, it depicts Australia's first seafaring colonizers.
- Join the Expedition Team for a short walk to view these historic human figure depictions

DAY 4 :- ASHMORE REEF (TECHNICAL STOP)

- Ashmore Reef, 600km North of Broome, has 3 small islands and a coral reef. It's a vital bird area but tightly controlled.
- We visit to follow Australian government rules. Weather permitting, guests may take a zodiac tour near West Island.

Day 5 :- CAREENING BAY

- Careening Bay was named by Lieutenant Phillip Parker King after his ship, HMC Mermaid, was careened there during his third voyage of discovery in 1820.
- King surveyed the western coast to complete the map initiated by Flinders 20 years earlier.
- The Mermaid had been leaking badly and King needed to find a shallow sandy bay where he could careen his boat to undertake repairs. At a high tide, on a warm September afternoon, he ran the Mermaid onto the sands.
- For ten days the Mermaid crew worked hard before refloating the vessel.
- The ship's carpenter carved the name of the vessel and the year into a conspicuous boob tree. The famous boob tree is now 3 metres wide and National Heritage listed. A reminder of a by gone era of exploration!

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Day 6 :- SWIFT BAY

- The Bonaparte Archipelago, is a stunningly rugged maze of islands stretching almost 150 km along Western Australia's remote Kimberley coast. Its colour and scale conspire to take ones' breath away. Its distant location has meant it has remained an unspoiled and remarkably pristine location to explore and experience.
- Phillip Parker King named "Swift's bay" after Jonathon Swift (1667-1745) the author of Gulliver's travels. The 'T' shaped bay is composed of heavily fractured sandstone providing an abundance of rock shelters.
- On the walls of these shelters are examples of both Wandjina and Gwion Gwion style rock art. Join your expedition team ashore for a guided walk to a number of rock art galleries depicting these unique rock art styles.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Day 7 :- HUNTER RIVER

- Arguably one of the **most scenic parts of the Kimberley coast**, Prince Frederick Harbour and the Hunter River are lined with ancient rainforest pockets, pristine mangroves and mosaic sandstone cliffs.
- They are considered to be some of the most pristine mangrove forests in the world, containing up to 18 different species, supporting a rich and diverse fauna.
- The sandstone escarpment at the river mouth, known as "Kampamantiya" rises over 200 metres high before giving way to extensive mud banks and mangrove forests home to numerous bird species and the iconic saltwater crocodile.
- Our expert Expedition Team will share their knowledge with you as you explore this pristine mangrove environment by Zodiac keeping a constant lookout for wildlife.
- You will also have the opportunity to reach the Mitchell Falls by helicopter from Naturalist Island beach.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Day 8 :- COLLIER BAY

Lying to the east of the Buccaneer archipelago, the ancient landscapes of Collier Bay have been shaped by the massive tidal movements the region is renowned for, creating a photographer's paradise. With a tidal range exceeding 14 metres, recorded near the entrance at the southern end of the bay, they are among the largest in the world. This massive daily movement of water creates unique phenomena that occur nowhere else in the world. Nestled in the centre of the Bay is Montgomery Reef, the world's largest inshore reef system. As the tide falls a raging torrent of water cascades off the top of the reef, creating turbulent 'rivers' and mini waterfalls. At the Southern end of the Bay, Talbot Bay is home to the world's only 'Horizontal Falls' described by Sir David Attenborough as "One of the greatest wonders of the natural world." Hidden in the many caves and grottos of this ancient landscape are a multitude of ancient Rock Art galleries. Here you can find spectacular examples of the Wandjina and Gwion Gwion styles. NOTES: As we are at the mercy of the weather and tide conditions in this region, the activities mentioned above are only possible experiences and can't be guaranteed.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 9 :- COLLIER BAY

SEA DAY

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Day 10 :- Lacepede Islands

- Lacepede Islands: Crucial for Green Turtles and designated Important Bird Area by BirdLife Int'l.
- Features a vast Brown Booby colony, 20,000 Roseate Terns, and diverse bird species.
- Take a guided zodiac tour to observe wildlife; no landings due to environmental sensitivity.

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Day 11 :- DEPART BROOME (DISEMBARKATION)

Disembarkation at 08h00. Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

NOTES: Reverse course itinerary Broome to Darwin also available. Call for more details

Breakfast

Tour Prices

Tour price (Price shown subject to exchange rate fluctuation	Deluxe stateroom (pperson)	Prestige Stateroom (pperson)	Deluxe Suite (pperson)	Single Supplement
14-24 May 2024	Fully Booked	RM 42,170	RM 61,200	
22May-01June 2024	RM 37,960	RM 42,170	RM 61,200	
03Jun-13June 2024	RM 37,960	RM 42,170	RM 61,200	
23Jun-03Jul 2024	RM 37,960	RM 42,170	RM 61,200	
13-23Jul 2024	RM 37,960	RM 42,170	RM 61,200	
02-12Aug 2024	RM 37,960	RM 42,170	RM 61,200	
22Sept-01Oct 2024	RM 37,960	RM 42,170	RM 61,200	

What's included

Destination	Australia
Departure Location	Darwin
Return Location	Broome

Price includes

- ~ One way transfer from Broome city centre to port
- 24 hour room service (special selection)
- Butler service (special selection)
- Free unlimited WIFI onboard
- Evening entertainment and events

Price does not include

- International air ticket
- Airport transfer
- Gratuities