



Packing Hints

7 night Southern Kimberley Experience

We recommend that you pack simply, lightly and into one soft luggage bag and ask that you clearly label all luggage in advance of your cruise. **Please note due to the weight restrictions on the helicopter and light aircraft transfers there is a strict 10kg luggage allowance per passenger for your cruise.** A complimentary Great Escape cruise bag will be posted to you approx 4 weeks prior to your cruise departure. Please note your bags will be weighed before departure, so to avoid leaving items behind we kindly ask that all of your belongings, including your hand luggage, do not exceed this 10kg allowance. If you are embarking upon an extended holiday and have luggage in addition to your cruise baggage, the Guest Relations Coordinator will happily arrange storage for the duration of your cruise.

The dress standard aboard MV Great Escape is informal; we encourage a casual, relaxed atmosphere. There is no formal dress code of an evening and we suggest guests are barefoot when onboard the vessel. Sporty, light weight, cotton clothing is a good basis for your cruise wardrobe. Your stewardess can provide a complimentary laundry service if required and there is also an iron provided on board if you wish to use it.

In tropical conditions, shorts and lightweight shirts are most comfortable but loose long sleeved shirts and long pants in a natural, lightweight fabric such as cotton offer protection against the sun. At times the weather can be humid so clothing in a 'breathable' fabric is recommended. The average daily temperature is 28°C - 33°C.

In the months of July and August, the minimum temperatures can fall to between 12°C - 15°C so you may want to consider a light jumper for an early morning excursion if you feel it is necessary.

All towels and linen are supplied onboard as well as hairdryers, soap, shampoo & conditioner. We also provide SPF 50+ sunscreen onboard along with insect repellent. Please note if you have any known allergies/sensitivities you may like to consider bringing your own.

MV Great Escape has a fully equipped Royal Flying Doctor kit onboard for use in the unlikely event of an emergency.

The following list is designed to help pack for your adventure:

- Personal toiletries / hygiene products
- T-shirts / blouses – short sleeved
- Long sleeved cotton shirt
- Light jumper or jacket
- Underwear and socks
- Bathers and sarong
- Personal drink bottle (good for use on bushwalks)
- Prescription drugs and/or vitamins
- Long pants - lightweight - to protect legs from Spinifex on bushwalks
- Zinc (if you prefer stronger sun protection)
- Shorts – loose and comfortable
- Wide brim sun hat with chin strap
- Shoes for walking and getting wet such as www.keenfootwear.com.au *
- Thongs or sandals (for onboard if you prefer)
- Sunglasses
- Chapstick
- Camera, batteries, spare memory cards and cord to recharge.
- Small backpack (preferably waterproof) suitable to carry camera equipment etc on excursions
- Ear plugs if you are sleep sensitive
- Walking poles for the more difficult walks over rugged terrain (helps to relieve stress on knees and prevent injuries)

*** WALKING SHOES FOR YOUR CRUISE: As you will be wading through water on some of your shore based excursions it's best to have a shoe that can get wet and that you don't need to take off. See above for suggestion.**

Fishing Equipment

Whilst aboard MV Great Escape you will have numerous opportunities to partake in some fantastic estuary fishing for the infamous Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Fingermark Bream, Queenfish and Salmon to name a few. We provide our guests with a full range of premium fishing equipment on board including Ugly Stick fishing rods, Shimano Calcutta Bait Caster reels and a full realm of tackle.

Please note we supply all fishing equipment and tackle on a replace if lost basis.

If you are a super keen fisherperson you are more than welcome to bring your own fishing rod – our preference is for 2-piece rods if possible and packed into a rod carry case. Please note they must not exceed 2 metres in length.

Photography

Be prepared for some excellent photographic opportunities whilst cruising the Kimberley.

Video and digital camera batteries can be recharged onboard using 240 volts, for our international guests please be sure to have a converter and adaptor plugs with you if required. It is a good idea to bring extra batteries and/or battery charger for your camera and flash. Please also ensure you bring the cable to charge your camera / download images from your camera.

Although our crew do not claim to be experts or professional photographers they all show a keen interest in photography and may just have a few extra tricks up their sleeves. So if you are having trouble with your equipment or need a little assistance give them a shout, they may just be able to help.

If you are not really into photography you will still go home with some great memories as the crew will be capturing fantastic photos of you and the scenery throughout your cruise. You will be given these photos on a USB at the end of the cruise to take home.

A selection of images will also be posted on the website after your cruise, so be sure to check the gallery pages and tell your friends.

Satellite Communications

We have promised you a journey of discovery and an escape from the ordinary with days filled with adventure however we do realise that you may wish to stay in touch with family and friends whilst onboard.

MV Great Escape is equipped with state-of-the-art satellite communications which includes satellite WIFI, satellite telephone in the case of emergencies and real time television available onboard (very important for the footy finals)!

Once onboard you can purchase satellite WIFI cards \$60 per device, please note payment is via credit card only. Please ask your Stewardess onboard for more information.

We suggest you download a VOIP app such as Viber, Whatsapp or FB Messenger to call your friends and family whilst onboard. Note the satellite telephone is available in the event of an emergency.

Whilst the system onboard is at the forefront of satellite technology we do ask you to bear in mind it does come with its own limitations. Being a satellite connection it can, from time to time, become unavailable when we least expect it and we ask you to take the remote nature of this connection into consideration.