

KINGS OF THE KIMBERLEY NORTHERN GORGES (7 NIGHTS)

This cruise covers the best of the northern Kimberley Coast between Wyndham and the Mitchell Plateau.

Day 1 - Fly from Kununurra to Mitchell River

Today you will be transferred from Kunununura via light aircraft to the Mitchell Plateau airstrip. Here our helicopter will be waiting to take you on a scenic flight over the picturesque Mitchell Falls before landing on MV Great Escape to commence your cruise. This is a spectacular way to start your Kimberley adventure.

Day 2 - Mitchell River

This open estuary river is the perfect hunting ground for the elusive Barramundi. We will also take the opportunity to drop some Mud Crab pots, before we stop for a bite to eat. After lunch, we will head off to Surveyors Creek, which is a pretty little gorge about halfway down the Mitchell River where you can enjoy a swim in a huge waterhole.

Day 3 - Winyalken

Winyalken is home to an abundance of ancient rock art sites, where we will have the opportunity to visit to see the fascinating Wandjina and Bradshaw (Gwion Gwion) art. White sandy beaches and clear water make this an attractive place to enjoy an ocean swim and beach-combing activities. This is a great fishing spot and a favourite to find fresh oysters.

Day 4 - Osborne

Osborne Islands are a protected group of islands offering great opportunities for adventure and discovery. We will start the day with a fishing excursion. Later in the morning, the group will have the option to take a helicopter ride into a remote waterfall location for a picnic lunch and swim. In the evening, we will enjoy a sunset drink and bonfire on a remote beach.

Day 5 - Vansittart Bay

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We will kick things off with a fishing excursion to organise the daily lunch buffet. We focus our attention on a variety of pelagic species here, including Giant Trevally, Queenfish, Tuna and Mackerel. There are also a few places to pick up a Mangrove Jack, Fingermark or Bluebone as well. We will then cool off with a quick swim before trekking over to view the mysterious ancient rock art galleries. Back onboard the boat, we will enjoy lunch as we cruise into the cove to explore a crashed World War II DC3 plane. In the evening, Great Escape will cruise around to the King George River.

Day 6 - King George River

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Your backdrop for breakfast will be cathedral-like gorges as we cruise down the magnificent King George River. You will be driven right up to the cascading waterfalls, and you can take a shower right on the bow of the boat. We will then spend the day exploring and enjoying all the fantastic scenery this area has to offer.

Day 7 - Berkeley

The Berkeley River is a stunning river system that offers a wide variety of soft adventure options, including nature walks and swimming in fresh-water pools. There is an opportunity to dangle your line and possibly catch a Barramundi, before enjoying a walk to a waterhole. In the afternoon, we will cruise back down the river and anchor just outside the mouth for the late afternoon sunset drinks.

Day 8 - Wyndham

After sharing so many experiences with the crew and fellow guests, this is a big day for everyone. We steam overnight into Wyndham and disembark the boat at 8:00 am for your bus transfer back to Kununurra.

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