

There are fewer destinations in the world that are more remote and enticing than The Kimberley. We are lucky to claim the region as part of our own country (well until WA decides to secede!) and each year there are some great opportunities to explore the area.

Of course, if you have the inclination and several months up your sleeve you can invest in a off road vehicle and drive yourselves around the country! There are also overland trips by 4WD with Glamping stops along the way operated local companies like APT and AAT Kings and Intrepid. These trips have fantastic guides to explain the territory you are travelling through and have the itinerary planned so that you don't miss out on anything and they provide fantastic service so that you can relax and really enjoy your holiday. Travel in 2021 and receive from APT journeys up to \$1600 off per couple, or with AAT Kings save 10%.

In the past few years the most popular way to visit the Kimberley is to unpack once and take an expedition trip up the coastline. There are several companies offering these journeys – Australia's own Coral Expeditions will be operating will have 3 vessels in the area next year, our local APT operates the MS Caledonian Sky, the chic French vessels of Ponant will again be exploring next year in partnership with National Geographic and the luxury Silversea Silver Explorer will return to the Kimberley in 2021.

We have arranged a fantastic offer through Silver Sea. This small expedition vessel carries a maximum 144 passengers, with almost as many crew, who make sure this is a trip of a lifetime. Our special journeys start either on 1st July or 1st August 21. Your 15 night Kimberley adventure includes a \$750 airfare credit, a 3 night stopover at the Hilton Darwin with full day tours to Litchfield Park and Kakadu; your 10 night Kimberley expedition cruise includes all meals, gratuities, beverages as well as land and sea excursions with the highly qualified expedition team; 2nights in Broome and all transfers between the airports, hotels and the ship. All of this from \$11999 per person. That price for the Kimberley cruise alone is great but with all the extras is great value.

Imagine visiting the horizontal waterfalls, exploring the Buccaneer Archipelago, viewing dramatic weather beaten 80m cliffs, and meeting the Kimberley's traditional landowners. Witness Montgomery Reef emerge from the ocean with the extraordinary tidal change in this area of 4 metres. Zodiacs will take you up close to these fascinating geological features while the guides explain the history, the fauna and the flora that surrounds you. This immersive journey to Australia's far north east will be a wonderful exploration close to home.

Many of us are thinking we will wait to book to see what happens, but actually many of these trips are selling out because we are all keen to explore the world around us and the pent up desire to explore is encouraging travellers to make the commitments. Most companies are offering flexible booking terms and I recommend that you book now or you may be disappointed – this applies to any trips you may be considering!

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