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Elevate Your Journey with Heritage Expeditions

Indulge in a world of unrivalled luxury aboard Heritage Expeditions. Immerse yourself in the art of opulent travel, where every moment is meticulously crafted to exceed your expectations. Experience the pinnacle of comfort in spacious suites, adorned with lavish amenities and personalized service.

Savour exquisite cuisine crafted by award-winning chefs, complemented by all-inclusive fine wines and spirits. Embark on immersive, all-inclusive shore excursions that unveil hidden treasures at every port. Revel in the harmonious blend of relaxation and exploration, where impeccable service and attention to detail redefine your voyage.

Discover the unparalleled benefits of Heritage Expeditions, where every voyage is an exquisite masterpiece of luxury, ensuring your journey in the lap of elegance, sophistication, and ultimate indulgence.

Interline Travel members can now experience this luxury on a number of voyages locally and globally.

The suite-only, inclusive offers for Members represent massive savings.

The term, 'the world is your oyster,' has never been so true.



With numerous departures monthly worldwide, there is an itinerary for everyone.

For 40 years, Heritage Expeditions has pioneered conservation-driven small ship expedition cruises to some of the most wild, least-explored and biologically rich regions on the planet including down into the heart of Antarctica the Ross Sea, Japan & SE Asian islands, South Pacific, Australia's Kimberley Coast and New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands, Fiordland and Stewart Island, and now Marlborough Sounds and Abel Tasman National Park. Whether you're a birder, photographer, wildlife enthusiast, conservationist, or simply an adventurous spirit, these expeditions offer an unparalleled travel experience.

Avoiding the crowds in high season can ease the congestion in some of the most travelled cities such as Barcelona and Venice.

Shore tours, transfers and insurance are all a part of a total package.



At your Service



Our Business Manager, **Stephen West** was employed with Qantas from 1976-1998, departing as a Flight Service Director. Since then, he has operated two retail Travel Agencies, and one of the first online cruise agencies in the 90's and has taught Travel and Tourism at College.

With over 55 cruises undertaken - if he is not at home, he is on-board.

Personally qualified as a CLIA Master, attending multiple seminars annually for the latest deals and relationship building.

Interline Travel

Interline Travel is based on the Gold Coast and provides travel services and products to staff engaged in the Hospitality, Airline, Travel, and Tourism Industries.

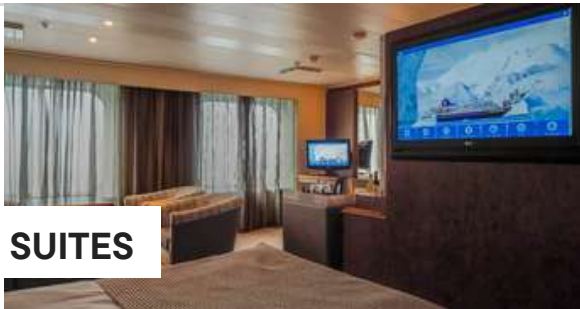
Currently, our product base includes hotels, airlines, cruise, land products and insurance.

We are ranked by the Cruise Line Industry Association in the top 200 Agents in Australia, and we are accredited by IATA.

Being independent and Australian based, we have access to rates in Australian Dollars that include all port fees and taxes - no hidden add-ons to distort the price that we advertise.

We also offer rates to those not eligible for interline discounts, and we can provide significant savings also.

Life on Board a Heritage Expeditions Ship



SUITES

The Heritage Adventurer Suite epitomizes luxury, merging classic elegance with modern comfort for an unforgettable experience.



CUISINE

Cuisine aboard the Heritage Adventurer is a refined journey of flavors, blending traditional elegance with innovative culinary artistry.



DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

Daytime activities on the Heritage Adventurer are a blend of adventure and relaxation, offering enriching excursions and leisurely pursuits in stunning surroundings.



SPA & FITNESS

The Heritage Adventurer's spa and fitness facilities provide a perfect blend of rejuvenation and vitality, offering luxurious treatments and state-of-the-art equipment to enhance your wellness journey.



SAUNA

The Heritage Adventurer's sauna offers a serene retreat, combining soothing heat with tranquil surroundings to enhance your relaxation and wellness experience.



OBSERVATION LOUNGE

Enjoy sweeping 270-degree views through floor to ceiling windows, perfect for wildlife spotting and quick access to the outer deck

Your Suite

A variety of Suite are often made available across the fleet of two ships. They do vary but typically include the following examples.

We are often unable to show rates for each style of Suite, so please inquire.



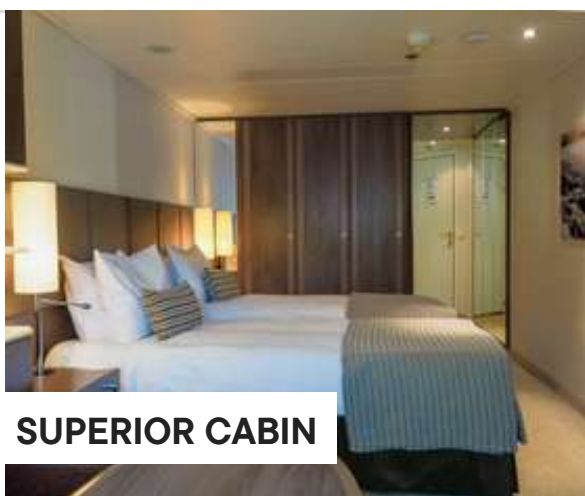
HERITAGE SUITE

Located on Deck 6, Heritage Suites are an expansive 44 sum and feature large double panoramic windows, king bed, large living area with a sofa, coffee table and chairs, large writing desk and grand marble bathroom with a double basin, bathtub and shower, floor to ceiling storage and a flat screen entertainment system.



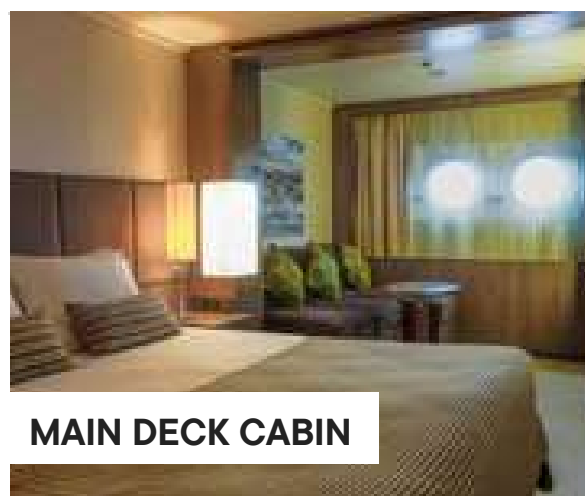
WORSLEY SUITE

Located on Deck 6, Worsley Suites are a spacious 22 sqm and feature large panoramic windows, king or two single beds, comfortable chaise-style lounge suite, writing desk, private en suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.



SUPERIOR CABIN

Spacious 22 sqm and feature large panoramic windows, king or two single beds, lounge area, writing desk, private en suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.



MAIN DECK CABIN

Spacious 22 sqm and feature two porthole windows, two single beds and one Pullman bed which folds down from the wall, lounge area, writing desk, private en suite bathroom with shower, ample storage and a flat screen entertainment system.

HERITAGE ADVENTURER

A TRUE PIONEERING EXPEDITION VESSEL OF EXCEPTIONAL PEDIGREE

Often referred to as the 'Grande Dame of Expedition Cruising' due to her celebrated history and refined design, she was purpose-built for adventure in 1991 at Finland's Rauma shipyard and specifically designed for Polar exploration.

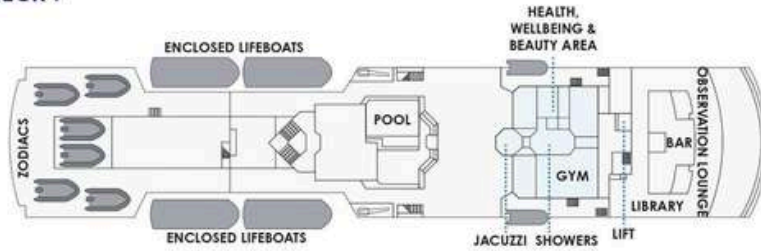
Setting a peerless standard in authentic expedition travel, Heritage Adventurer (formerly known as MS Hanseatic) combines the highest passenger ship iceclass rating (1A Super) with an impressive history of Polar exploration. Having held records for the most northern and southern Arctic and Antarctic navigations, and for traversing both the Northwest and Northeast Passages, makes Heritage Adventurer perfect for pioneering New Zealand-based Heritage Expeditions signature experiential expedition travel.

Originally designed to accommodate 184 guests, Heritage Adventurer now welcomes just 140 expeditioners ensuring spacious, stylish and comfortable voyages, while a fleet of 14 Zodiacs ensures all guests are able to maximise their expedition adventure. Heritage Adventurer proudly continues our traditions of exceptional, personalised expedition experiences as Heritage Expeditions flagship.

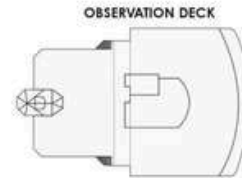


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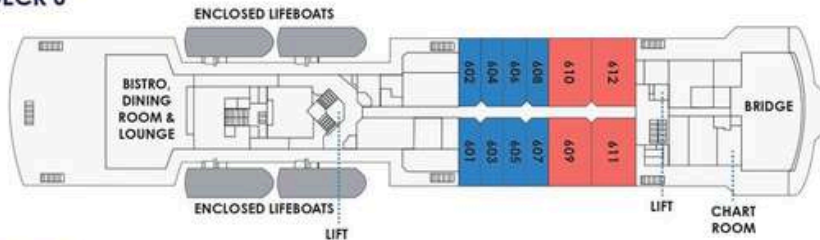
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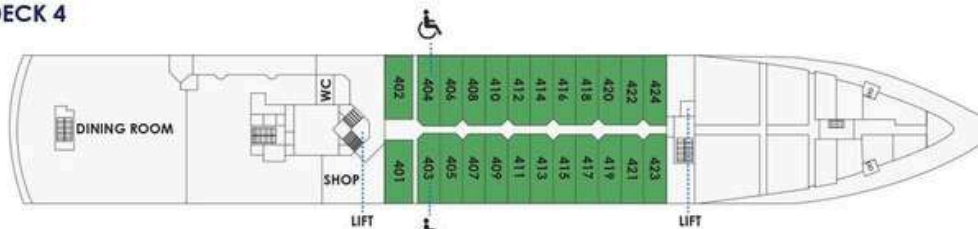
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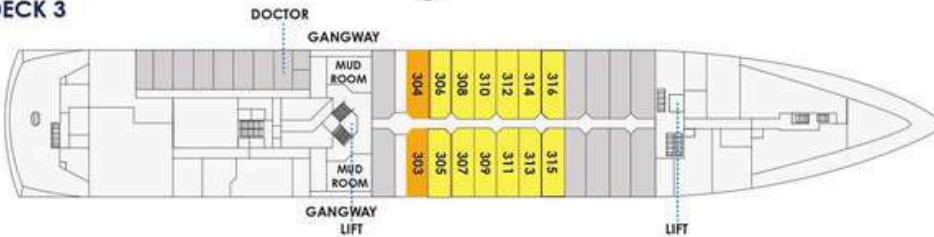
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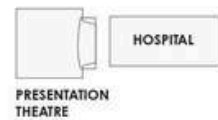
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DECK 3



DECK 2



SUITE CATEGORIES

- HERITAGE SUITE
- WORSLEY SUITE
- SUPERIOR SINGLE
- DECK 5 SUPERIOR
- DECK 4 SUPERIOR
- SUPERIOR TRIPLE
- MAIN DECK SINGLE
- MAIN DECK TRIPLE

HERITAGE EXPEDITIONS ITINERARY

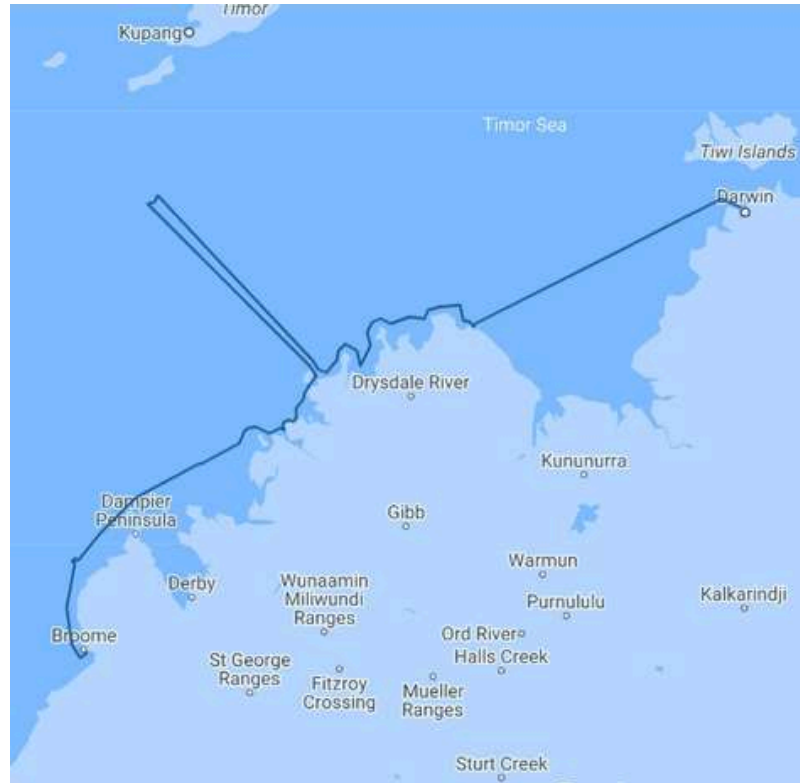
Kimberley Explorer

11 Days - Expedition Cruising Australia's Iconic Kimberley Coast

Departures: **27 Jun 2025 / 12 Aug 2025 / 22 Aug 2025**

Join pioneering small ship expedition cruise company Heritage Expeditions on a thrilling in- depth exploration of Australia's world-famous Kimberley Coast, one of the world's most pristine and untouched wildernesses, aboard our luxurious, 140-guest expedition ship Heritage Adventurer

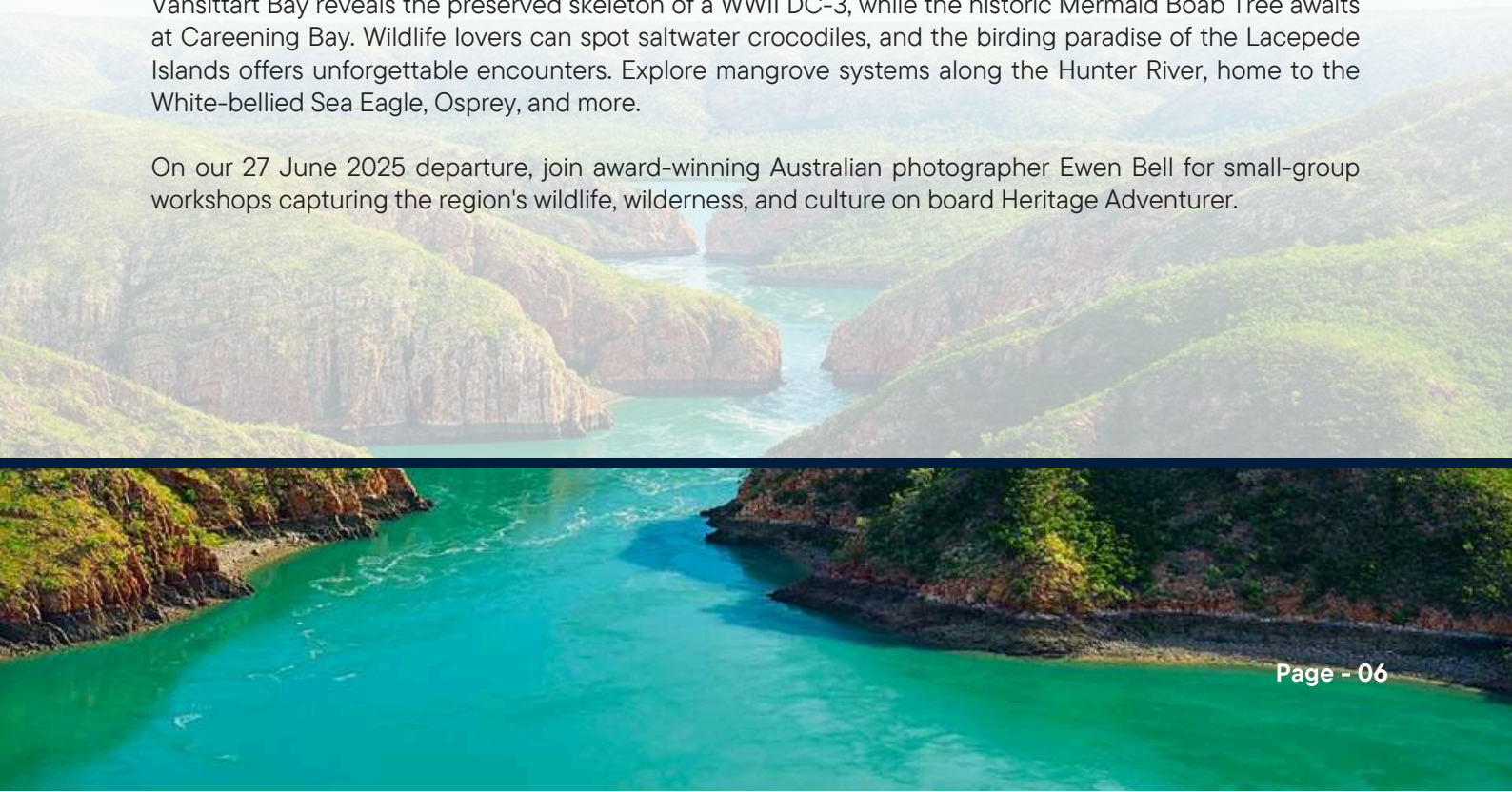
Forged by nature and spanning more than 400,000 square kilometres, Western Australia's wild and remote coastline marries a treasure trove of towering, fractured iron-tinged red cliffs, torrential waterfalls, azure waters, hidden coves and caves, secluded white sand beaches, magnificent reefs and rare and endangered wildlife with indigenous customs and connections to an ancient land, and rich history.



Explore the Kimberley's rugged wilderness on our expedition cruises, where nature's scale is awe-inspiring. Highlights include the 80-metre King George Falls, ancient Aboriginal rock art, WWII relics, early explorer history, and an optional helicopter excursion to Mitchell Falls. At Talbot Bay, experience the tidal power of the Horizontal Falls, described by David Attenborough as "one of the greatest wonders of the natural world," and marvel at Montgomery Reef rising with the falling tide.

Vansittart Bay reveals the preserved skeleton of a WWII DC-3, while the historic Mermaid Boab Tree awaits at Careening Bay. Wildlife lovers can spot saltwater crocodiles, and the birding paradise of the Lacepede Islands offers unforgettable encounters. Explore mangrove systems along the Hunter River, home to the White-bellied Sea Eagle, Osprey, and more.

On our 27 June 2025 departure, join award-winning Australian photographer Ewen Bell for small-group workshops capturing the region's wildlife, wilderness, and culture on board Heritage Adventurer.



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Day 1: Darwin

Join Heritage Adventurer this afternoon at Darwin Port, Australia's 'northern gateway' famous for its glittering harbour, World War II history and enviable tropical outdoor lifestyle. The captain and expedition team will be waiting to greet you on arrival and show you to your cabin. You will have time to settle in and familiarise yourself with the ship; we will also take the opportunity to introduce you to your expedition team and our voyage plans. You are invited to join the expedition team in the Observation Lounge and up on the Observation Deck as we set sail for the Kimberley. Note: some voyages operate in reverse.

Day 2: King George River

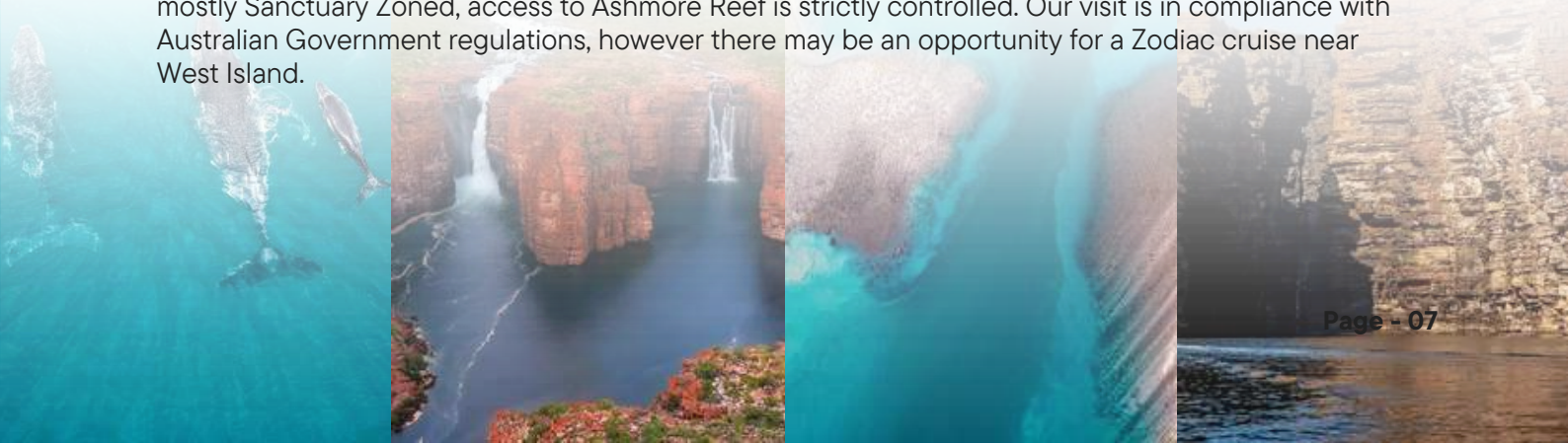
Our approach to King George River gorge is not to be missed and best experienced out on the Observation Deck as the towering 2,000 million-year-old Warton sandstone cliffs dwarf our vessel. Navigating this scenic stretch of water by Zodiac there's much to take in passing the ever-changing eroded rockfaces as we cruise deeper into the gorge marvelling at the untouched beauty of this iconic waterway. As we reach the end of the gorge nothing will prepare you for the grand scale spectacle of the Kimberley's highest single-drop falls as the King George River plummets 80 metres over the edge of towering of ancient red sandstone cliffs into tidal waters. Undoubtedly one of Australia's most awe-inspiring natural wonders, the twin falls known as male and female Rainbow Serpents or Wunkurr by the Balangarra people, are fed by wet season rains and rightly hold a special place in indigenous lore. While here we will learn about how this natural wonder was created and enjoy a closer look.

Day 3: Vansittart Bay

Beautiful islands, pristine white beaches lapped by turquoise waters, secluded coves and stunning scenery abound in Vansittart Bay which is also the location of a historical World War II site and incredible ancient Aboriginal rock art. Named after the Chancellor of Exchequer by early explorer Rear Admiral Philip Parker King, this striking, naturally protected bay is framed by scattered jagged sandstone monoliths and the final resting place of the preserved skeleton of a WWII Douglas C-53 Skytrooper (DC-3) which crash landed onto the saltpan after running out of fuel during a mercy mission to evacuate four Dutch citizens from Java. On Jar Island, the location of ancient outdoor Aboriginal Gwion Gwion art galleries set among fascinating caves and rock formations, much of the rock art tucked under ledges and featured on cave walls is estimated to be up to 40,000 years old and remarkably preserved, protected from the elements. The island is also home to some interesting flora and fauna including the Golden-backed Tree Rat, echidnas and birdlife. Discover a bounty of anthropological and historical wonders in Vansittart Bay.

Day 4: Ashmore Reef

Closer to Indonesia than mainland Australia, Ashmore Reef is Australia's most remote marine park. Its three tropical islands are surrounded by coral reefs and home to more than 500 species of fish, 225 reef-building coral species and 100,000 nesting sea birds. A designated important bird area (IBA) and mostly Sanctuary Zoned, access to Ashmore Reef is strictly controlled. Our visit is in compliance with Australian Government regulations, however there may be an opportunity for a Zodiac cruise near West Island.



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Day 5: Bigge Island & Careening Bay

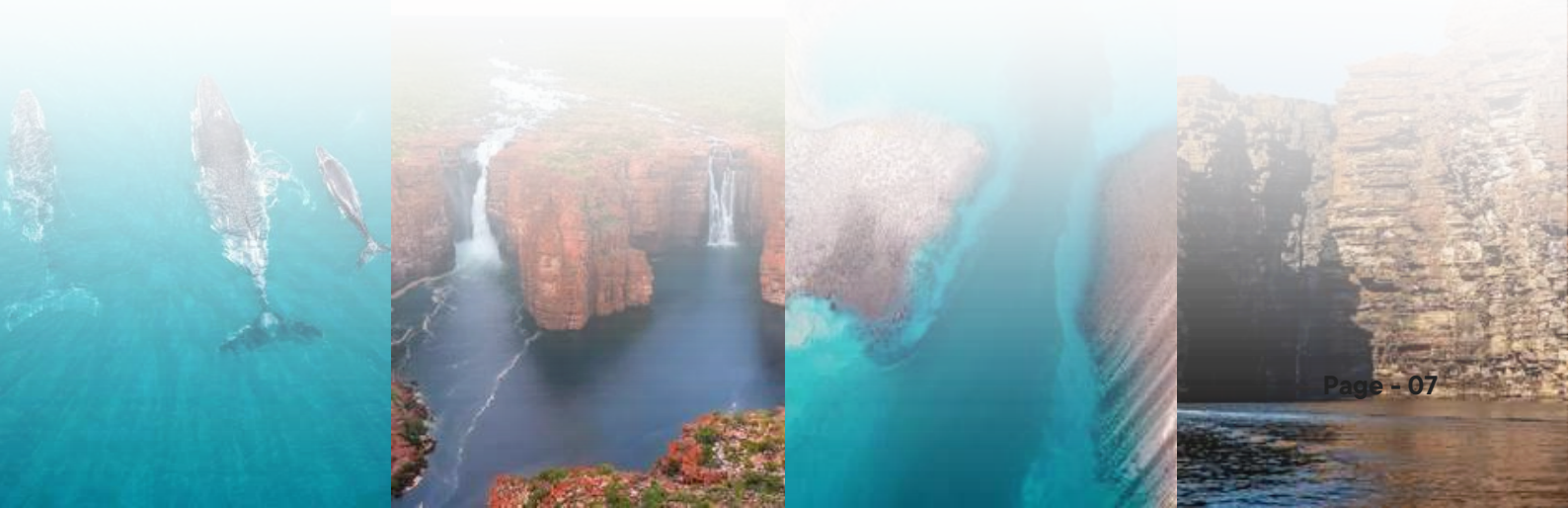
Today we explore the sites of ancient Aboriginal rock art on Bigge Island and the historic Mermaid Boab Tree, which bears the name of the HMC Mermaid which was famously carved into it while the ship was beached there undergoing emergency repairs during Philip Parker King's third voyage of discovery of the region in 1820. Now measuring some 3 metres wide and National Heritage listed, the tree offers a glimpse into Australian colonial history, while an old Makassan Islamic prayer alcove can be found behind the tree. While here we will also explore the jaw-slackening, otherworldly sandstone coastline of York Sound with its incredible sea caves and fascinating wildlife.

Day 6: Swift Bay

Our intrepid Kimberley voyage sees us today navigating the scattered islands, known as the Bonaparte Archipelago, which stretching almost 150 kilometres along the dramatic coastline. Our destination today is the remote and unspoiled inlet of T-shaped Swift Bay with its sandy beaches, ominous sea-worn caves and mangroves. A Zodiac cruise here allows a closer look at this incredible coastline where we will also likely observe salt-water crocodiles. On land a number of rock art galleries display the unique Wandjina and Gwion Gwion styles on a large scale, denoting the region's cultural importance.

Day 7: Hunter River

During our explorations of the Hunter River today it will quickly become apparent why this winding, 30-kilometre stretch of water is widely considered to be one of the highlights of the Kimberley coast. Tucked into the north-east corner of Prince Frederick Harbour, an enormous bay which puts the Kimberley's epic scale into perspective, this scenic wonderland is dotted with islands and flanked with wildlife-filled mangrove-lined rivers, savanna woodlands and patches of lush monsoon rainforest, courtesy of receiving the lion's share of the region's rainfall, and soaring red cliffs. At the river's mouth the unrestrained grandeur of 200-metre-high sandstone escarpment Kampamantiya keeps silent sentry, welcoming us into this otherworldly realm we will be exploring today. Fed by two 90-metre waterfalls, the Hunter and the Donkin, Hunter River is home to one of the largest and most pristine mangrove systems in the world. Zodiac cruising the coastline could see us spotting diverse wildlife including White-bellied Sea Eagles, Osprey, Great-billed Heron, Eastern Reef Egrets, Red-headed Honeyeater, Blue-spotted Mudskippers, Fiddler Crabs and more, as well as the iconic saltwater crocodile, of which the Hunter River boasts the Kimberley's largest population. While here we will also explore Naturaliste Island/Wunumpurramarra and its remarkable, 300-metre-long beach strewn with marine snail shells. There is also the opportunity to experience the grandeur of the iconic Mitchell Falls on a thrilling scenic heli-flight (optional extra). This is the only way to experience Kimberley's famous four-tiered falls and includes a landing on the stunning Mitchell Plateau, one of the most scenic and biologically important areas in Australia. Here we will explore this incredible sandstone landscape carved by the Mitchell River.



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Days 8 & 9: Collier Bay

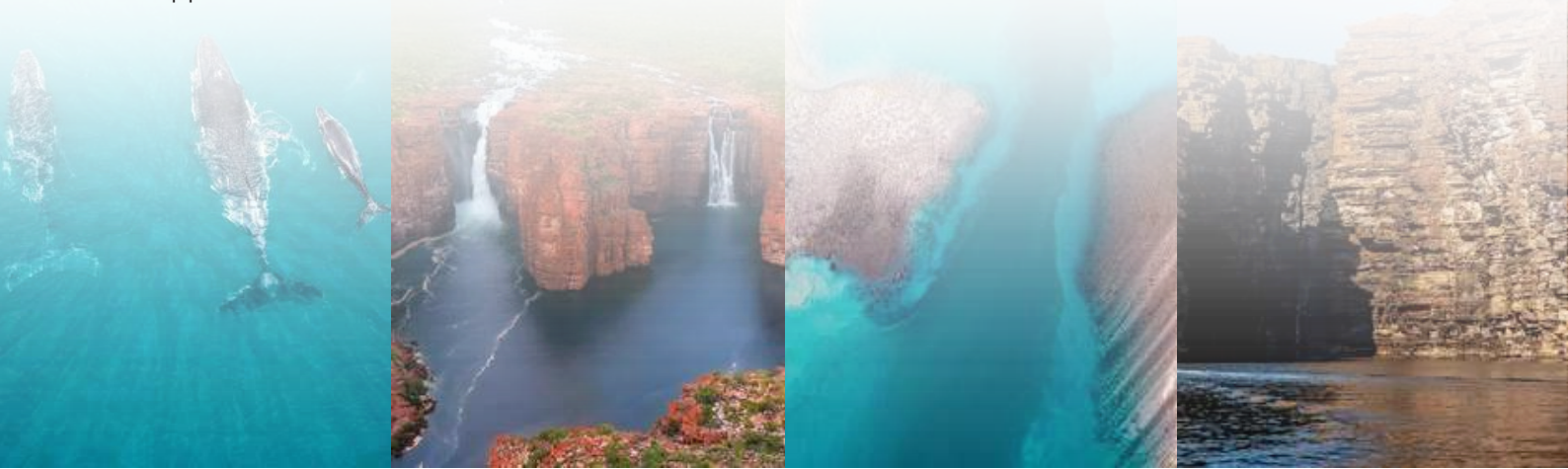
Located at the eastern end of the Buccaneer Archipelago, and only accessible by sea, we have two days to explore the ancient land- and sea-scapes of Collier Bay and its astounding natural attractions. At Talbot Bay we will experience the power of the region's massive tidal movements which have shaped the landscape, most famously at the world's only Horizontal Falls. Here we will witness what David Attenborough described as "one of the greatest wonders of the natural world" as trapped water in an inland bay thunders between two narrow chasms as the tide drops more than 14 metres on the other side creating spectacular falls, whirlpools and boiling white water. At nearby Cyclone Creek we will explore the twisted geological folds of the ancient seabed and hope to see the inquisitive Tawny Nurse Sharks among the incredible marine life on display, while another tidal spectacle awaits at Montgomery Reef at the bay's centre. The world's largest inshore reef system, we hope to capture the magic of observing this enormous reef 'rise' from the ocean as the tide falls creating torrents and waterfalls up to 3-metres high, and displacing marine life igniting a feeding frenzy as predators above and below the water descend. At Freshwater Cove shoreline explorations of the caves and grottos reveal a multitude of ancient rock art galleries.

Day 10: Lacepede Islands

Today we explore the incredible wildlife reserve and birding paradise of the Lacepede Islands. Designated a nature reserve in 1970 and rat free since 1986, this collection of four unassuming islands off the north-west coast of Western Australia are recognised as an Important Bird Area by BirdLife International with what is thought to be the largest breeding colony of Brown Boobies, up to 18,000 pairs, in the world. These small, low-lying spits of coarse sand and coral rubble atop a platform reef are also the state's most important breeding grounds for Green Turtles. Other wildlife which call these remarkable islands home include Roseate Terns, Masked Boobies, Australian Pelicans, Bridled, Crested and Lesser Crested Terns, Eastern Reef Egrets, Silver Gulls, Common Noddies, Lesser Frigatebirds, and Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers, while Grey-tailed Tattlers, Whimbrels, Bar-Tailed Godwits, Ruddy Turnstones and Great Knots are among the visiting vagrant species. While landings are not permitted, we plan to explore the islands' incredible shores by Zodiac and, if lucky, we may also see some Humpback Whales which frequent this coastline during their northern migration in winter and early spring.

Day 11: Broome

This morning we arrive in Broome, a former wild frontier now relaxed tropical beach resort and gateway to the Kimberley. After breakfast there will be a complimentary coach to a central hotel or to Broome International Airport. To allow time for disembarkation procedures and travel from Broome, we do not recommend booking flights departing before 1300 hours. During our voyage circumstances may make it necessary or desirable to deviate from the proposed itinerary. This can include poor weather and opportunities for making unplanned excursions. Your Expedition Leader will keep you fully informed. Please note: Voyages are planned and scheduled pending final regulatory approval.



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Kimberley Explorer

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Includes:

Landing fees, post cruise transfers, all on board ship accommodation with meals, house beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner and all expedition shore excursions. Programme of lectures by noted naturalists.

Excludes:

All items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities. International/domestic flights, helicopter excursion, visas and travel insurance.

