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Ultimate Kimberley

**13 Nights
Wyndham to Broome**

Aboard True North

The best of the best! For those pressed for time or perhaps considering the budget – here is the flagship Kimberley Ultimate itinerary condensed into a single week voyage! Features several Kimberley icons including the King Gorge Falls, the Hunter River, the Prince Regent River, Montgomery Reef and, the Horizontal Waterfalls.

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Night One

Kununurra – Wyndham – Berkley River

: Join our coach transfer in Kununurra - your “welcome aboard” the magnificent True North will be in the frontier town of Wyndham. Embarkation is at 1700 – time for a cocktail with your fellow adventurers before departing at approximately 1830. Dinner is served shortly after leaving port and then it’s an overnight cruise to the Berkeley River.

Day One

Koolama Bay

If you’re onboard to ‘catch a barra’ you’ll be out of bed nice and early this morning! The Berkeley rarely disappoints! Take a walk to one of the Kimberley’s most beautiful waterholes before we enjoy a leisurely lunch-time cruise to Koolama Bay. Learn about the wreck of the Koolama and enjoy a short walk to a plaque erected by a relative of one of the survivors. You will find the delights of Tranquil Bay to be irresistible when we go ashore for sunset drinks! Our anchorage tonight is at the mouth of the King George River.

Day Two

King George Falls

As soon as the tide is high enough, we'll cross the sand bars at the river mouth to reveal a breathtaking river vista! Our journey upstream will take us to the very 'jewel in the crown' - The King George Falls! Here we anchor at the base of the Twin Falls and you will find endless places to explore! Climb, or take the helicopter, to the top of the falls for a cruise highlight! Visit waterholes, swim at "The Crevice" or just relax with a drink whilst eating fresh oysters off the rocks! Just the thought of leaving this magnificence will inspire mutiny!

Day 3

Drysdale River

The morning will be spent calming the 'mutineers' – a morning bathed in the absolute splendour of The Falls before we slip away for another mighty Kimberley river – the Drysdale! Explore the Drysdale and catch one of our favourite fish, the impressive mangrove jack! The tenders will head 'up-river' on a barra expedition complete with scones and billy tea! There will also be opportunities to indulge in some beachcombing and in the afternoon, join a scenic flight to Cape Londonderry – the northern most point of Western Australia!

Day 4

"Bradshaw's" – Eagle Falls

Today you will have an opportunity to see the "Bradshaws" - ancient rock art that pre-dates other examples of Aboriginal culture. In fact, they are possibly the oldest 'paintings' known to man. The heli-picnic at Eagle Falls is always a 'big hit' - another breathtaking helicopter flight and, True North's mouth-watering fare alongside a picture-perfect waterfall in remote far-north Western Australia! The tenders will be busy exploring local beaches and rivers and, we also visit an isolated site in the rainforest where a lone bomber crashed during WWII.

Day 5

Mitchelle River / Falls

The Mitchell River is renowned for big barra and even bigger crocs! The expedition boats will head 'up river' to the scenic Surveyors Creek - a great place for a swim (no crocs here!) The fishermen will again join the hunt for the elusive barramundi and, there will be more opportunities for helicopter flights over an ancient land including the spectacular Mitchell Falls! Then, join the crew for cocktail hour before experiencing another unique dining experience.

Day 6

Mitchell River

Start the day with the 'hunt for the black-lip oyster'. One of our guests might be lucky enough to keep a treasure from the sea! There are also some excellent examples of both Wandjina and Bradshaw art nearby and the waters are alive with light game species such as queenfish, giant trevally and mackerel. In the afternoon we will explore Voltaire Passage and the many surrounding islands. Back on board, the crew will explain the intriguing process of pearl farming.

Then join us for our pearl party! Enjoy a glass of bubbly and a taste of pearl meat, whilst trying on some exquisite collections from Linneys, Kailis and Kimberley Fine Diamonds.

Day 7

Hunter River

Wake this morning in the magnificent Hunter River. The Hunter is about as far away as you can get in Australia – a stunning river system that is lined with dense mangrove forests, surrounded by rainforest encrusted mountains and home to man-eating crocodiles. And, the Hunter has it all - fishing, mud crabbing, bird-watching and simply exploring "where few have been before!" Join one of our expedition boats, it's only a short hike to Jackson Falls and there's even more splendour from the helicopter! Before days end we will hopefully have time for a sunset drink on Naturaliste Island!

Day 8

Prince Regent River – Kings Cascades

Our first stop this morning is one of the Kimberley's most historic sites – Phillip Parker King's boab tree. And then it's onto the mighty Prince Regent! The scenery will astound and there will be some 'not to be missed' fishing action as the True North graces this majestic river! At Kings Cascades we manoeuvre the True North right under the falls before another breathtaking helicopter flight to a picnic that you'll never forget – True North's mouth-watering cuisine alongside a crystal clear billabong – in one of the most remote places on earth! The helicopter will also be popular when the first group of intrepid explorers returns from Jurassic Park! Then we'll rejoin the True North for an overnight anchorage off Camp Creek.

Day 9

Prince Regent River

The 'early risers' will be treated to a heli flight with a difference – a 'champagne sunrise' on the top of a mountain! Then it's time for more 'adventure in the expedition vessel' – a chance to stretch the laces on your hiking boots and to swim in yet another picture perfect billabong! The more adventurous will use the helicopter to fish billabongs that have never been fished and everyone will find their own special part of the mighty Regent!

Day 10

Sale River – Montgomery Reef

This morning is devoted to exploring the Sale River. Fish the mouth for barra and then join naturalists and adventurers alike as we ‘ride the tide’ on a classic river expedition! Enjoy a swim in your very own billabong before returning to the ultimate comfort of the True North. You will probably be enjoying lunch as we weigh anchor and set sail for Montgomery Reef! Montgomery is a unique eco-system that must be seen to be believed – and see it you will – as 140 square miles of coral reef rises out of the ocean right before your very eyes! Water cascades from the reef as the tide falls exposing a privileged glimpse of another world! Turtles, dugong, manta rays and every imaginable sea creature abound and the helicopter puts all in perspective!

Day 11

Ruby Falls

Start the day with some more ‘hot fishing action’ – this time at “Three Ways”. Then enjoy a refreshing swim at Ruby Falls – the ladies will not be able to resist our ‘a la natural mud pack and day spa special’! After lunch the well-preserved Wandjina paintings of Raft Point are sure to intrigue!

Day 12

Horizontal Falls

It’s time to ‘personally’ introduce you to another Kimberley icon – The Horizontal Falls. Experience the awesome power of the region’s huge tidal range in an exhilarating tender ride and then climb aboard your air-conditioned helicopter for a view of the falls that very few experience! Enjoy a swim at Crocodile Creek and a walk on Silica Beach. All too soon your adventure on the True North is coming to an end – enjoy a farewell dinner to remember as the True North glides past Cockatoo & Koolan Islands, Cape Leveque and down the Dampier Peninsula to Broome!

Day 13

Broome

Our arrival in Broome is in time for an early morning coach transfer to your accommodation or connecting flights our crew are already looking forward to the next opportunity to welcome you aboard the TRUE NORTH!