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Kimberly Islands

6 Nights

Hunter River to Broome

Aboard True North

The Kimberley Islands itinerary features the southern half of the Kimberley Ultimate cruise. A totally different Kimberley experience featuring the mighty Prince Regent, intriguing Montgomery Reef and the exhilarating Horizontal Waterfalls. Includes helicopter/aircraft transfer from Broome.

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Day One

Broome to Hunter River

Your “welcome aboard” the magnificent True North will be amidst the untouched wilderness that surrounds the Hunter River. Our light aircraft will transfer you from Broome to the spectacular Mitchell Plateau. Here you will join your first flight in the air-conditioned/leather seated luxury of our onboard helicopter. The Hunter River is about as ‘far away’ as you can get in Australia, and your transfer to the True North will be over a stunning river system that is lined with dense mangrove forests, surrounded by rainforest encrusted mountains and home to man-eating crocodiles. Once onboard there will be time to settle into your cabin and, to sample the True North’s famous cuisine! Then it’s back to the business of adventure – 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! Hopefully we’ll have time for a sunset drink on Naturaliste Island before introducing you to the delights of True North’s dining saloon!

Day Two

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 on to 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 3

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 its time for more 'adventure in the tender' – 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 4

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 5

Montgomery Reef

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 6

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 7

Broome

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