

ITINERARY

Learn in the Kimberleys 2020

Darwin to Broome (12 nights)

16 April to 28 April, 2020

Day 1: Departure and cruise to Berkeley River

Board the Lady M, settle in cabins and welcome drinks.

The boat departs Darwin Port, as we settle on our first academic session.

Our boat cruises to the Kimberleys Berkeley River. Our expert Captain will move through the entrance and the Lady M will anchor upstream, as far as possible.

Excursion planned in the dinghies further up the river with an easy walk over flat rocks, swimming possible in the pool to cool off, followed by a tender excursion to Casuarina Falls.

Day 2: King George River and Falls

Lady M cruises to the majestic red sandstone cliffs of King George. The front viewing deck will be the place to be for the best viewing point, as the renowned King George Falls come into view.

We anchor overnight in the river, allowing for an early morning climb to view the river and the falls from above, and to take a dip in the clear pools above the falls.

Academic session after dinner.

Day 3: Prince Regent River and King Cascades

Lady M cruises up the mighty Prince Regent to the famous King Cascades. Our Captain will maneuver us, directly underneath the falls, to allow for the quintessential Kimberleys 'boat under the falls' pictures.

Raincoat or bathers recommended.

This afternoon provides an opportunity for fishing, for interested parties.



Day 4: Careening Bay

After an early Academic session, we have an opportunity to visit one of the Kimberley’s most historic sites. We visit the large boab tree – carved in 1820 – marking the spot where Phillip Parker King careened his ship for repairs, during his third voyage of the Australian coastline.

An afternoon academic session.

Day 5: Camden Harbour and Sheep Island

Another historic site, we visit one of the first Kimberleys settlements of 1864. The settlements tragic story is revealed in the book “There were Three Ships” by Christopher Richard.

During the Lady M’s transition, we will review a few topics in our academic program.

Day 6: Ruby Falls

This day offers an opportunity for some close encounters with the native crocodiles!

We travel upstream for an eight kilometre cruise in the dinghies to visit Ruby Falls, indulge in a refreshing dip under the falls and possibly a mud pack beauty treatment.

Day 7: Raft Point

Academic session while the Lady M is transitioning.

This location offers an opportunity for an Aboriginal history lesson, as we visit the well preserved Wandjina Aboriginal art site.

The trip involves an one-hour walk, requiring a 30-minutes climb up the red sandstone bluff.

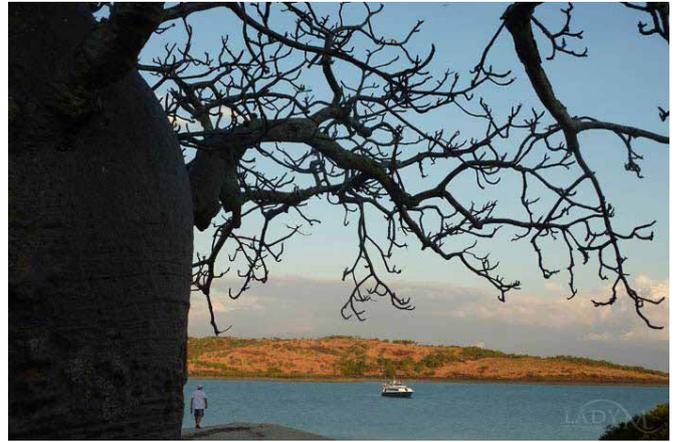
On arrival at the top, you’ll find spectacular views of Steep Island from under a huge boab tree.

Academic session during the evening.

Day 8: Montgomery Reef

Today we visit one of the jewels of the Kimberley coast, having a first row view over the huge tides in this area.

The tenders will allow us to see the cascading water of the lowering tides, exposing more than 400 square kilometres of coral reef that appears to rise from the sea. Many turtles, dugongs, sharks and manta rays, all frequent this region.



Day 9: Horizontal Falls

One of the highlights of the trip, the Horizontal Falls expose the huge power of this unique natural phenomenon. An immense amount of water, moves at high speed through the narrow gaps forming the unique current of water. Our tenders will allow us a close look at the change of the tide.

The area is home to large numbers of Lemon Sharks and, conditions permitting, they will surround our tenders and we can feed them.

Academic session after dinner.



Day 10: Crocodile Creek

Another beautiful ride in our tenders, up to the waters that allow a safe swimming hole. It was discovered by the Mining workers many years ago. We step into their footprints and enjoy the area.

Opportunity for fishing and swimming.

Academic session in the evening.



Day 11: Silica Beach

Located on Hidden Island in the remote Buccaneer Archipelago, Silica Beach is accessible only by boat, and the deep waters allow Lady M to moor close to shore.

We will have an opportunity to swim on this unique beach, while our crew in the tenders are acting as our crocodile guards.



Day 12: Cruise to Broome and disembark

Our last academic session, while we cruise to Broome and then disembark.

This itinerary is indicative only. Tides and weather might dictate changes. The Captain and the crew will do their best to show all highlighted attractions, in their best possible light.

The length and timing of our academic sessions will be adjusted to best suit the program of each day, and mainly targeted during Lady M's transitions from one location to another.



INCLUSIONS

The negotiated price for the trip includes:

- Accommodation onboard the Lady M, in a Queen-sized air conditioned cabin with ensuite (plus one single cabin available)
- All meals for the duration of the cruise
- Complimentary wine and beer, with lunch and dinner (limits apply) – please feel welcome to BYO any preferred wines or Spirits that you would like to consume onboard
- Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages onboard and during excursions
- Full use of tenders and all points of interest off-vessel excursions
- Wildlife viewing
- Horizontal Falls tender expedition
- Fishing trips equipment provided, or bring your own favourite fishing rod if you prefer
- Unlimited usage of onboard 8-person spa.

Please note:

- *There are no shopping facilities available during the cruise between Darwin and Broome*
- *There is no mobile phone coverage available in the area*
- *Travel insurance is compulsory and a copy will be requested with your final payment.*