

DESTINATION INFORMATION

KIMBERLEY CRUISE: AUSTRALIA'S LAST FRONTIER

What You Need to Know Before You Go

PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

In order to enter Australia as a citizen of the United States, you will need:

A signed, valid passport and a tourist visa*. Please be aware that most countries require that your passport must remain valid for at least 6 months beyond the completion of the current trip. While this is not a specific requirement of your trip, this requirement could change without notice. We therefore strongly recommend that you follow this 6-month passport validity guideline. It is also imperative that your passport has enough blank visa pages available for entry and exit stamps.

Contact our partner, VisaCentral for easy, efficient passport and visa processing. Call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K's account number 73001 or visit our Travel Store at www.abercrombiekent.com/travel_store.

* An Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) system has been put into effect for the electronic issuance of Australian visas to travellers who meet certain conditions. More information regarding ETA visas can be found at www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETAS3/etas. Note: you will enter, exit and re-enter Australia during the course of this journey. As a result, it is required that you keep an extra copy of your ETA approval documentation on hand throughout.

Note: During this journey 'Le Laperouse' will cross into Indonesian waters at Pulau Meatimiarang to comply with local maritime cabotage regulations. Guests will obtain Indonesian visa stamps on board free of charge.

This information is current at the time of printing and subject to change.

CONSULAR INFORMATION

Travel Advisories including special considerations for specific countries are provided by the U.S. Department of State at travel.state.gov or at travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories for Canada.

CURRENCY

Australia's unit of currency is the Australian Dollar. We recommend travelling with some cash and at least two different major credit cards, such as Visa and Mastercard, so you have back up if your card is not accepted or lost. Contact your bank and credit card companies to let them know where and when you'll be travelling, as well as confirm any foreign transaction fees.

When carrying cash, try to travel only with recently issued currency in smaller denominations; many merchants overseas won't accept wrinkled or torn bills. Only exchange currency at authorized outlets such as currency exchanges, banks or hotels and save receipts as they may be required for exit.

HEALTH

Check with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov/travel) or the World Health Organization (who.int/en) for the latest on required and recommended vaccines for your destination. You'll want to visit your doctor or local travel clinic a couple of months before departure to allow time for any vaccinations to take effect or to fill any prescriptions.

Required Vaccination

A yellow fever vaccination is required to enter Australia only if you are arriving from or have transited through a yellow fever endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC provides a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; without it, you may be denied entry. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country(ies) that you are visiting.

WEATHER

Western Australia has a semi-arid climate with two seasons: dry and wet. The dry season is from April through November and features warm daytime temperatures with cool, pleasant evenings and little or no rainfall or humidity.

		Avg. High	Avg. Low	Avg. Days w/Rain
Broome	June	84°F / 29°C	59°F / 15°C	2
Swift Bay	June	85°F / 29°C	52°F / 11°C	1
Wyndham	June	85°F / 29°C	52°F / 11°C	1
Darwin	July	85°F / 29°C	67°F / 19°C	0

ELECTRICITY

Australia supplies electricity at 220-240 volts / 50 hertz. Be sure to pack a universal travel adapter. You can purchase one through A&K's Travel Store at usa.thetraveloutfitter.com/index.php

WHAT TO PACK

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings.

Daytime/Evening attire aboard 'Le Laperouse': Casual comfortable clothing is appropriate on board. A jacket and tie and for men and one or two casual evening outfits for women are suggested for the Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party and the Farewell Party on board ship. This clothing 'upgrade' is ultimately at your discretion. Formal wear is not a requirement.

Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Hiking shoes or boots
- Slip on water shoes for wet Zodiac landings
- Lightweight raincoat
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up

Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block / Insect repellent

- Simple first-aid kit
- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- Charging cables for electronics

Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)

Smartphone

Global travel adapter

Optional Items

- Small LED flashlight
- Lightweight binoculars

Foldable walking stick

Small daypack or fanny pack

What You Need to Know When You Arrive

TIME ZONES

Western Australia operates on Eastern Daylight Savings (EDT) + 12 hours.

At 9:00 a.m. in Broome, it is:

EDT	9:00 p.m. the previous day
CDT	8:00 p.m. the previous day
MDT	7:00 p.m. the previous day
PDT	6:00 p.m. the previous day

The Northern Territories of Australia operate on Eastern Daylight Savings (EDT) + 13.5 hours.

At 9:00 a.m. in Darwin, it is:

EDT	7:30 p.m. the previous day
CDT	6:30 p.m. the previous day
MDT	5:30 p.m. the previous day
PDT	4:30 p.m. the previous day

LANGUAGE

Australia's official language is English.

AIRPORT INFORMATION

At international airports in Australia passengers cannot be met inside secured areas. This includes Immigration, Customs halls and Baggage Claim. Your A&K representative will greet you as you exit these restricted areas; look for the person holding the distinctive A&K signboard.

Before departing, remember to tag your checked luggage with the A&K luggage tags provided. These brightly colored markers help identify you and your luggage quickly.

PROTECTION AND PRECAUTIONS

Use the safes where available in your accommodations to secure your valuables, especially passports, medications, jewelry, money and electronics. If you must carry valuables, keep them on your person at all times. Be mindful of your surroundings and take extra caution in crowds.

Photocopy the personal information pages of your passport; leave one copy with a family member or friend and pack another separately from the passport itself. You may want to scan and email a copy to yourself for easy, online access. This will help you to quickly secure a replacement should the need arise.

Emergency Evacuation Repatriation Insurance:

Due to the remote locations visited on this journey, A&K requires proof of a minimum of \$100,000 per person in emergency evacuation/repatriation insurance. This minimum amount is included in the A&K Guest Protection Program; upgrades can be purchased for higher coverage on request. If you do not purchase the A&K Guest Protection Program, we require proof of alternative

coverage. Please note emergency evacuation insurance provides for covering the cost associated with emergency evacuation and repatriation up to the limits of the respective policy; however, it does not guarantee the timing, method or mode of such evacuation and repatriation, which is subject to weather, location and other conditions or variables outside of A&K's control.

ETIQUETTE AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Unless you are shooting a crowded public scene, it is considered courteous to ask permission before taking pictures of local people, especially small children. Please be respectful of those who do not care to be photographed. Photography is not permitted at some locations, which may include government buildings, museums, art galleries, private houses, etc. These areas are usually clearly marked. If in doubt, please ask; this will avoid having your camera confiscated. Flash photography may be prohibited in some situations. Check with your guide if uncertain.

Be sure to pack ample amounts of batteries and memory cards or film for your camera and video equipment, along with the appropriate charging cables. A dustproof case or sealable plastic bags and lens brush are also recommended.

SHOPPING

Many guests enjoy the chance to purchase items that reflect their destination, and so as a courtesy, your guide may recommend a particular shop or arrange a shopping visit. When prices are not marked, bargaining is the accepted practice.

FOOD AND DRINK

Regardless of precautions, changes in water and diet can result in mild abdominal upsets and nausea. To prevent serious illness, avoid suspect foods such as uncooked vegetables, peeled fruit, unpasteurized milk and milk products. Beware of any food or drink sold by street vendors. Please ensure that Abercrombie & Kent is made aware of any dietary requirements you may have in advance of travel. While we will do our best to comply with special dietary requests, menu choices that adhere to strict requirements may be limited and quite basic.

COMMUNICATIONS

Contact your cellular telephone provider to determine if your phone operates on the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) and what, if any, activation may be required. Cell phone and/or internet access/reception may be limited or sporadic in some locations.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

As a convenience, all staff gratuities are included. Any additional gratuities that you may wish to bestow upon any specific member/s of your tour staff are left to your personal discretion.

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to your Kimberley Cruise: Australia's Last Frontier, please follow the Tailor Made tipping guidelines below for these days only. Gratuities should be presented in the equivalent amount of Australian Dollars.

	Tailor Made Journeys
Local Guides	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	\$5 per person, per transfer
Private Guide (driving own vehicle)	\$30 per person, per day (full day)
Hotel Porters	\$2 per bag

Housekeepers	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	10-15% unless already added
Restaurants or Room Service on own	10-15% unless already added

LIFE ON BOARD: 'LE LAPEROUSE'

GENERAL INFORMATION

Featuring innovative and environmentally-friendly equipment, elegantly designed staterooms, spacious suites with large windows, and lounge areas that open onto the outside, this newly launched, limited-capacity yacht boasting just 92 staterooms and suites will offer you a truly unique cruising experience. During your cruise you experience a luxurious setting where the accent is on authenticity and passion for travel. The intimate size of the vessel allows the ability to explore an ever-increasing range of destinations not accessible to larger craft.

All staterooms and suites have private balconies and a bathroom with shower, except the Privilege and Grand Deluxe Suites which have a tub and shower and the Owner's Suite which has a private, outdoor hot tub. Each stateroom has a hairdryer, individual climate control, closed circuit flat-screen TV (for watching pre-programmed movies, on-board services and channels with voyage information such as positioning, temperature, etc.) with iPod player, direct-dial telephones, ample wardrobe and small electronic safe, and a vanity/writing desk. Amenities including bathrobes, slippers and toiletries are provided in each cabin. Most staterooms feature two twins or 1 king bed (convertible upon request). Butler service is provided in all suites.

Facilities include an infinity swimming pool with a panoramic view and counter-current swimming system, an inviting solarium, fitness room, spa with three treatment rooms, boutique, underwater lounge, an elevator and a 188 seat theater-style lecture room featuring the most up-to-date audio/visual equipment for daily lectures, briefings, recaps and movies. The vessel also boasts a fleet of 10 zodiacs and a marina with a hydraulic platform.

A daily program features the following day's events, excursions and hours of meal service and is delivered to your stateroom each evening. Additionally, atmospheric conditions permitting, news is received daily from various news services and printed copies are available for guests at reception.

A&K's cruise staff are available to assist with any needs. Please call or visit the Reception desk or Shore Excursion desk at any time for assistance.

CURRENCY

The euro is the official currency onboard 'Le Laperouse'. Guests can pay for incidentals with U.S. dollars as well and exchange rates will be provided by the Purser when making payment. For purchases on board guests should present their Boarding Swipe card to the cashier who in turn will swipe the card and process a charge docket for signature. The charges will automatically be transferred to your onboard account.

Any personal expenses incurred onboard (including premium champagnes, premium wines and premium spirits, boutique, laundry, communications charges, medical services and medications) will be charged to your shipboard account and presented for payment at the end of each expedition. Cash, travelers' checks (in euros) and credit cards are accepted as payment of onboard accounts. VISA and MasterCard are the recommended brands although American Express is accepted as well. Personal checks cannot be cashed on board and funds for cashing travelers' checks are limited.

All onboard transactions made by bank or credit card are processed via the Ponant home office in Marseille, France. Call your bank or credit card company and let them know about your travel plans and advise on board charges are processed through France to avoid having your overseas purchases viewed as suspicious. Please note when receiving your credit card statement, credit card charges from the vessel will show on your statements as charged to 'Le Laperouse'.

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATIONS

English is the official language onboard 'Le Laperouse' when chartered by A&K. Complimentary Wi-Fi service is provided on board. It is recommended that mobile-phone usage (when available) be confined to the privacy of your own cabin.

Please Note: The speed and accessibility of wireless internet are affected by the ship's location, weather and atmospheric conditions. Internet speed is also affected by the number of users on board relative to the ship's available bandwidth. While the ship's wireless access is suitable for simple e-mail and communication, do not rely on it for heavy duty applications such as social media sites, downloading files or streaming movies.

FOOD AND DRINK

Dining is a special treat onboard 'Le Laperouse'. International and local cuisine is available in two different restaurants. The first dining area, located on Deck 3, is able to seat 70 outdoors and serves grilled meats daily, along with a variety of salads and desserts. The main, larger dining room is located at the rear of Deck 4. This 850 square foot, panoramic restaurant can accommodate all passengers in a single sitting. This unique dining area, which opens onto the outside, offers an expansive buffet that allows you to choose from a variety of salads, desserts and cheeses, while an attentive wait staff is also on hand to provide table service for hot meals.

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DRESS CODE

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ELECTRICITY

Electrical service onboard the vessel is 220 volts / 50 hertz. All staterooms have a 110/220 volt, 2-prong outlet in the bathroom. There is also one 110/220 volt, 3-prong outlet located by the television set in the bedroom area and a standard 220 volt outlet located near the bed. A limited amount of adapters are available on board; however, supplies are not guaranteed. We recommend that you pack a universal travel adapter.