

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## KIMBERLEY CRUISE: AUSTRALIA'S LAST FRONTIER

### PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of two (2) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

**An Electronic Travel Authority visa (ETA) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Australia and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an ETA visa, visit [www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETAS3/etas](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETAS3/etas). The current fee is AUD \$20 (subject to change without notice) and allows multiple-entries for up to 12 months after the date of issuance. Read and follow all instructions carefully to avoid any possible complications on arrival in Australia.

Note: During this journey 'Le Laperouse' will exit Australian waters and enter Indonesian waters as required per Cabotage law. All guests will obtain Indonesian visa stamps on board free of charge. You do not need to apply for an Indonesian visa prior to departure.

Of Special Note for Australian Guests:

Because the vessel exits Australian waters as noted above, Australians are also required to present a valid passport in order to board 'Le Laperouse.'

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

Our partner VisaCentral offers easy, efficient U.S. passport and visa processing. Visit them online at [visacentral.com/abercrombiekent](http://visacentral.com/abercrombiekent) or call 844 823 1224 and reference A&K's account number 73001. Service fees apply.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

### HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

Health and safety screening and protocols will be required prior to and during your cruise. Details will be provided as appropriate prior to departure to ensure they reflect the latest regulations and standards.

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Australia if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide 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; you may be denied entry without it. 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/countries you are visiting.

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR EXPEDITION CRUISES

This cruise travels to remote destinations far removed from medical facilities and major medical care is not available. A qualified physician and nurse will be aboard the ship to offer immediate medical care to guests; fees may apply. A minimum level of fitness is required to enjoy this journey as intended, with active elements that include navigating stairs and gangplanks, entering and exiting Zodiacs, and walking over uneven terrain with steep slopes and slippery footing during shore excursions.

Please ensure that we are aware of any physical, medical or other condition that might affect your ability to participate on this journey. You may be required to produce a doctor's certificate prior to

travel. Due to ship restrictions, women who will be six (6) months or more pregnant at any time during the cruise are not permitted to travel on Expedition Cruises. The ship owner's medical staff and Captain reserve the right to refuse passage to anyone who is deemed unfit for travel either before or during the journey.

#### Emergency Evacuation Repatriation Insurance

Due to the remote locations, A&K requires proof of a minimum of \$100,000 per person in emergency evacuation/repatriation insurance for all Antarctica, Arctic and Kimberley cruises. This minimum amount is included in A&K's Guest Protection Program; upgrades can be purchased for higher coverage on request. If you do not purchase A&K's Guest Protection Program, we require proof of alternative coverage. Please include your insurance carrier's name and telephone number when completing your guest information online. Additionally, carry proof of coverage with you on the cruise.

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.

#### CASH & CREDIT CARDS

In Australia, cash transactions must be made in Australian Dollar. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns but may be limited in rural areas.

'Le Laperouse' uses the euro as its official currency. 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 on board (including Champagnes and non-house wines, 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, travellers' 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 travellers' checks are limited.

All onboard transactions made by bank or credit card are processed via the ship owner's home office in Marseille, France, and charges from your onboard account may not be processed for one month after your cruise. Call your bank or credit card company to let them know about your travel plans and advise that onboard charges are processed through France to avoid having your overseas purchases viewed as suspicious. When reviewing your credit card statement, please note credit card charges from the vessel will show on your statements as charged to 'Le Laperouse.'

There is no currency exchange facility on board.

# PACKING LIST

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*Note: Baggage restrictions apply on local flights during the pre and/or post-cruise group extensions. If you have booked a group extension, please refer to your itinerary for specifics.*

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 on board: Casual comfortable clothing is appropriate on board. A jacket and tie 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual slacks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking shorts   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirts or blouses  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable walking shoes with traction                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shoes or boots  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Slip on water shoes for wet Zodiac landings (highly recommended)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight raincoat   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater or lightweight jacket   | <input type="checkbox"/> Brimmed hat for sun protection (one that ties beneath the chin is recommended) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear   | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal garments  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimwear/cover-up (swimwear that provides UV protection is ideal)              |

### Other Recommended Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block / Insect repellent   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simple first-aid kit            | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Smartphone   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charging cables for electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Global travel adapter  |

### Optional Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small LED flashlight   | <input type="checkbox"/> Foldable walking stick      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight binoculars | <input type="checkbox"/> Small daypack or fanny pack |

Traveller's Valet: A&K's complimentary laundry service for 8 articles of clothing per person will be provided once during your journey on board. Additional laundry can be done for a charge. Dry cleaning is not available.

## TIPPING GUIDELINES

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On A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises, 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, custom excursions, or Tailor Made services added to your Kimberley Cruise: Australia's Last Frontier journey, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars).*

	<b>Tailor Made Journeys</b>
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	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added

## LIFE ON BOARD: 'LE LAPEROUSE'

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The mega yacht 'Le Laperouse' is 430-feet long and accommodates up to 184 passengers; however, A&K limits occupancy to a maximum of 148 guests.

Accommodations are in outside staterooms in eight different categories (including two Owner's Suites) ranging in size from 248 to 807 square feet (including private balcony). All staterooms and suites have private balconies and a bathroom with shower. (Categories 7 & 8 feature shower and bathtub.) Staterooms feature two twins or 1 king bed convertible upon request. Certain staterooms on Decks 5 and 6 have a fixed queen-size bed. The ship has two ADA accessible staterooms and three elevators and ramps accessing all passenger decks.

Each stateroom features nightly turn down service, individual climate control, closed circuit flat-screen TV (with movie-on-demand system), Wi-Fi access, wireless Bluetooth® speaker, telephone, coffee and tea making facility, wardrobe, small electronic safe, minibar replenished on request and a vanity with mirror. Bathrobes, slippers and Hermès toiletries are provided in each stateroom.

All suites feature Butler service - an A&K exclusive feature - which includes nightly canapes, personalized welcome, unpacking and packing upon request, room service, shoe polishing, expedited laundry, as well as spa and salon priority booking.

The ship has a full-service reception area, including a 24-hour front desk, as well as an excursions desk and boutique. The vessel features a restaurant on Deck 4 which accommodates all passengers in a single seating and an outdoor dining area on Deck 3 with room for 70 guests. In addition to the main lounge bar, there is an outdoor bar and lounge with armchairs and sofas and a pool bar.

The pool deck offers a heated infinity pool with a counter current swimming system and deck chairs.

The ship has a theater-style lecture room for presentations featuring the most up-to-date audio/visual equipment and a LED wall for the projection of high-resolution images and videos. Lectures in the Theater are open to all guests.

The Fitness Center offers guests complimentary use of equipment including stationary bikes, treadmills and other exercise equipment. Due to safety reasons, there are no free weights on board the ship. Sea conditions may affect opening hours the Fitness Center.

The ship has a gift shop/boutique (no sundries), as well as a Beauty Center featuring a full-service beauty salon, sauna and massage services. Hairstyling, manicures, pedicures and other services are charged to your shipboard account.

A daily program features the following day's events, excursions, and hours of meal service is delivered to your stateroom each evening.

### LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATIONS

English is the official language on board '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 stateroom.

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 on board 'Le Laperouse'. International cuisine is available in two different restaurants. The first dining area, located on Deck 3, features outside sitting and serves grilled meats daily, along with a selection of salads and desserts. The main, 850 square foot dining room is located at the rear of Deck 4 and offers panoramic views. This unique dining area, which opens onto the outside, offers a selection of salads, hot meals, cheeses and desserts.

Room service is also available. Early riser coffee and breakfast pastries, afternoon tea and late-night snacks are offered daily. Meals on board are scheduled around the day's sightseeing and shipboard activities. Please consult your daily program for mealtimes and opening hours.

Bottled water, bar drinks (exclusive of premium Champagnes, wines and spirits) soft drinks, and house wines (white and red) and beer during lunch and dinner are included at no extra charge. On board 'Le Laperouse,' tap water is purified, and bottled water is provided in your stateroom daily.

If you have special dietary requirements (vegetarian or vegan menus, food allergies, etc.) please advise Abercrombie & Kent at least 6 weeks prior to the beginning of your journey. Chefs on board 'Le Laperouse' will make every effort to accommodate your needs. If you have food allergies and/or special dietary requirements, in addition to advising A&K prior to departure, please take the opportunity early in the cruise to meet with the Maître D' and Cruise Director to discuss your special requests and inform your server prior to dining. Kosher meals are not available on board.

## ELECTRICITY

Electrical service on board 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 number of adaptors are available on board; however, supplies are not guaranteed. We recommend that you pack a universal travel adapter.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

Maritime law does not allow guests unrestricted access to the bridge. Dependent on the Captain's discretion there may be scheduled opportunities offered during the cruise when guests may visit the bridge in such a way that the vessel's commitment to these security measures will not be compromised.

Access to outdoor areas may be restricted during inclement weather and ship maneuvers. The day's scheduled sightseeing events and timings on board may be altered and a certain degree of flexibility and spontaneity is required. Additionally, every effort will be made to follow the published itinerary but please note that they are subject to change to conditions and variables which may include but are not limited to weather, sea, and other conditions beyond Abercrombie & Kent's control and are at the discretion of the Captain's command. Port calls are subject to approval by local government officials and can be altered without prior notice.