Kimberley Cruise: Australia’s Last Frontier 2020
13 days from $16,495
Limited to 148 guests

Explore the vast and untouched Kimberley coast, cruising with A&K’s award-winning Expedition Team on modern ‘Le Laperouse’ to spectacular locales, including the beach town of Broome, wild Lacepede Islands, Freshwater Cove with its ancient rock art, Mitchell and King George Falls, and the great Bungle Bungle Range.

A&K Advantages

Cruise for 10 nights on state-of-the-art ‘Le Laperouse,’ enjoying A&K exclusives that include all-balcony accommodations and a capacity limited to no more than 148 guests

Begin your journey with a two-night stay in the Outback beach town of Broome, known for its white sands, turquoise surf and spectacular sunsets

Sail with a remarkable team curated by A&K, featuring our award-winning Expedition Team, a skilled service staff and crew, and one of the best personnel-to-guest ratios at 1 to 1.3

Enjoy all-inclusive cruising with included onboard meals and most meals ashore, unlimited house drinks, Zodiac excursions, expedition gear, port charges, complimentary Wi-Fi, and Traveller’s Valet laundry service

Experience multiple opportunities to Design Your Day with a choice of included excursions throughout your voyage, such as in Broome and Wyndham

Discover ancient rock art during off-the-beaten-path excursions to Freshwater Cove and Jar Island

Take off on an included helicopter tour of Mitchell Falls with its tumbling cataracts and pristine freshwater pools

Penetrate the rugged Kimberley coast on Zodiac excursions, exploring the mangrove-dotted Hunter River, and the canyons and twin falls of King George River

Soar over the beehive domes of the Outback’s Bungle Bungle Range on a fixed-wing flightseeing adventure
Itinerary

JUN 25-26 ARRIVE BROOME, AUSTRALIA
Arrive in Broome and transfer to your hotel near Cable Beach. Poised at the western edge of the Kimberley and hemmed by the blue Indian Ocean, Broome is the region’s largest city, yet every bit as daring as its more sprawling counterparts. The next day, explore this swashbuckling treasure at your leisure, taking in its sweeping beaches, cinematic sunsets and relaxed atmosphere. Tonight, meet your fellow guests at a welcome dinner.

Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Day 2)

JUN 27 BROOME | JEWEL IN THE WILDS
A day of adventure awaits with A&K experts who take you beyond the surface in Broome. Choose from pre-selected excursions that include a city tour revealing Broome’s historic pearling industry and rich multicultural past, and a birding walk on Roebuck Bay. Later, board ‘Le Laperouse,’ your luxury expedition cruiser for the next 10 nights.

‘Le Laperouse’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JUN 28-JUL 2 KIMBERLEY’S WILD COAST | EXTRAORDINARY TIDES
For the next five days, enjoy privileged insight and access to one of the most rarely visited regions in Australia. Each day, inspiring lectures, briefings and stimulating conversations with your Expedition Team elevate your discoveries in the Kimberley, bringing this vast wonderland into focus in a most enriching way. Grasp the tremendous benefit of exploring with our experts as luxury ‘Le Laperouse’ cruises through archipelagos and along the Kimberley coast. Your Captain and Expedition Team determine the best daily excursions, which may include these stunning regions:

Lacepede Islands: Set atop a coral reef, these four lowlying cay islands are separated from mainland Australia by the Lacepede Channel. The “Lacepedes,” as they are often called, are an importantly nesting site for green sea turtles and several species of seabirds, including brown boobies, red-chested frigate birds, crested terns and speckled ruddy turnstones. Horizontal Falls: An exciting visit awaits at Horizontal Falls, described by David Attenborough as “one of the greatest natural wonders of the world.” Set within Talbot Bay, the horizontally flowing waterfalls are created when massive tidal currents squeeze through two narrow gorges. Experience the phenomenon on a boat excursion to these unique falls. Montgomery Reef: The Kimberley’s theme of extreme tides continues at Montgomery Reef, Australia’s largest inshore reef. Board Zodiacs to explore the reef system’s lagoons, islets and rushing channels. The denouement comes at low tide, when water dramatically cascades off the reef’s emerging sandstone platform covered in coralline and algae, perchance revealing astonishing sea life. Freshwater Cove: Enjoy a guided bushwalk that leads to a cave depicting indigenous rock art. A magnificent display of sacred Wandjina figures, these ancient paintings reveal the ways of the Worrorra people, their myths, traditions and powerful connection to the sea. Mitchell Falls: Take off on an included, thrilling helicopter flight over the vast Mitchell Plateau to sandstone-carved Mitchell Falls. Explore the area on foot and perhaps enjoy a refreshing swim in the emerald-colored, freshwater pools formed by the falls. Hunter River: Join your naturalist guides and navigate by Zodiac through the river’s small tributaries fringed by mangroves and tidal mud flats, searching for crocodiles, mud skippers and fiddler crabs, and the many bird species that nest in the dense vegetation.

‘Le Laperouse’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JUL 3 VANSITTART BAY | MYSTERIOUS ANCIENT ROCK ART
During one of his many survey expeditions, Philip Parker King named Vansittart Bay after the pre-1788 Indonesian pottery found there. Conditions permitting, visit Jar Island, home to incredible ancient rock art of mysterious origin. Known as “the Bradshaws,” the painted stick-like figures are named for pastoralist Joseph Bradshaw who first recorded seeing them in 1891. Said to date back as far as 30,000 years, the Bradshaws are among the oldest depictions of human figures in the world.

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JUL 4 KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS | THE KING’S TREASURE
Arrive in Koolama Bay at the mouth of the King George River, named in honor of King George V. Our naturalist guides pilot Zodiacs upriver through a spectacular canyon, draped in sandstone cliffs, gorges and mangroves, where you may also spy impressive Aussie wildlife, such as the saltwater crocodile. Arrive before the awe-inspiring King George Falls, plummeting from an elevation of 276 feet.

‘Le Laperouse’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JUL 5 WYNDHAM | GATEWAY TO NATURAL WONDERS
Beautifully poised between rugged hills and Cambridge Gulf in the northermmost region of the Kimberley, the former gold-rush town of Wyndham is the gateway to a bounty of photogenic wetlands. This includes the spectacular Ord River, where you may spot unique birds; the man-made Argyle Dam; and UNESCO World Heritage Purnululu National Park, home to the iconic Bungle Bungle Range. Design Your Day when you choose from a wildlife cruise on the thriving Ord River or a scenic flight over east Kimberley and the Bungle Bungles, one of Australia’s greatest natural wonders.

‘Le Laperouse’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

JUL 6 AT SEA/PULAU MEATIMIARANG, INDONESIA | THE TIMOR SEA
Enjoy a day at sea and the opportunity to unwind with fellow guests and your Expedition Team, while ‘Le Laperouse’ cruises to Pulau Meatimiarang, Indonesia, to clear customs. Take time to reflect on your adventures, share photos and attend another intriguing lecture. You may also choose to relax and enjoy the ship’s facilities, perhaps at the spa or in your room with views from your own private balcony. Later, join your Expedition Team and the new friends you’ve made for a special farewell reception and dinner, a celebration to mark the culmination of an unforgettable expedition.

‘Le Laperouse’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
JUL 7 DEPART DARWIN

Bid farewell to your Expedition Team before disembarking ‘Le Laperouse.’ Transfer to the airport to board your flight home or continue exploring on our post-tour extension program.

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K’s control at the sole discretion of the Captain.

Extensions

New! Ningaloo Reef Pre-Tour Extension

5 days from $5,995
Internal air from $1,195
Perth/Exmouth/Perth/Broome

Experience the coast of Cape Range National Park, where you snorkel and swim with whale sharks in Ningaloo Reef.

Day 1
Arrive in Perth, Australia, and check in to your chic, centrally located hotel. Enjoy time at leisure before tonight’s welcome dinner.
The Westin Perth | Meals: Dinner

Day 2
Fly to Exmouth and transfer to your barefoot luxury beachfront safari camp in the dunes of Cape Range National Park. The camp fronts Ningaloo Reef, and you may swim in its clear waters with time at leisure before dinner under the stars tonight.
Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3
After breakfast, set off to snorkel and swim in Ningaloo Reef. You may encounter migrating whale sharks that visit the area from fall to winter, and which can grow up to nearly 40 feet. Other sea life to discover along the reef may include turtles, dolphins and rays.
Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4
Enjoy a day partaking in the activities on offer at your doorstep. Return for a snorkel in the reef, home to over 500 species of fish. Venture into Cape Range National Park for guided walks, discovering its unique geology and abundant wildlife — everything from red kangaroos and rock wallabies to fairy wrens, reef herons and ospreys. At night, stargaze under southern skies.
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Perth and Margaret River Pre-Tour Extension

5 days from $5,895
Internal air from $335
Perth/Broome

Experience prized wineries in the Margaret River region, the Jewel Caves of the Karri forest and beachfront

Day 1
Arrive in Perth, Australia, where you are met and transferred to your elegant hotel.
The Westin Perth | Meals: Dinner

Day 2-3
Drive to Western Australia’s Margaret River wine region, stopping en route to ride Busselton’s jetty on Geographe Bay and to explore the Jewel Caves of the Karri forest. Check in at your Margaret River lodge and enjoy dinner at its acclaimed restaurant. The next day, indulge in tastings at prize wineries followed by exquisitely paired meals.
Cape Lodge Margaret River | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4
Drive to Perth. Tour Fremantle, enjoy lunch at a brewery and stop at Cottesloe beach.

The Westin Perth | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5
Fly to Broome. Begin your main program.

**Arnhem Land Post-Tour Extension**

4 days from $4,995
Darwin/Davidson’s Safari Lodge/Darwin

Explore a vast aboriginal reserve with activities from fishing to a billabong cruise.

*Internal Air Included*

Day 1
Disembark 'Le Laperouse' and board your private charter flight to untouched Arnhem Land, one of the largest Aboriginal Reserves in Australia. Arrive at your atmospheric ecolodge set within the reserve.

Davidson’s Arnhemland Safari Lodge | Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2
Spend the day exploring the wild landscapes of Arnhem Land. Enjoy included activities from fishing to walking excursions to viewing indigenous rock art to a billabong cruise.

Davidson’s Arnhemland Safari Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3
Return to Darwin via small aircraft and then enjoy a panoramic city tour.

Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin Waterfront | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4
Transfer to airport for your flight home.
## Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

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## Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4-8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing and dinner on Jun 26.

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on Jul 7.

Guests flying from the U.S./Canada will cross the International Dateline and may be required to depart 2 days prior to their targeted arrival date.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).