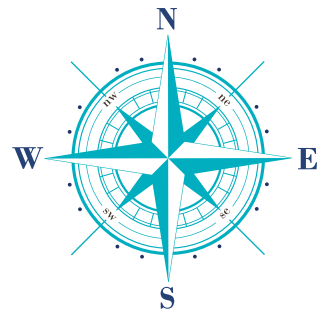


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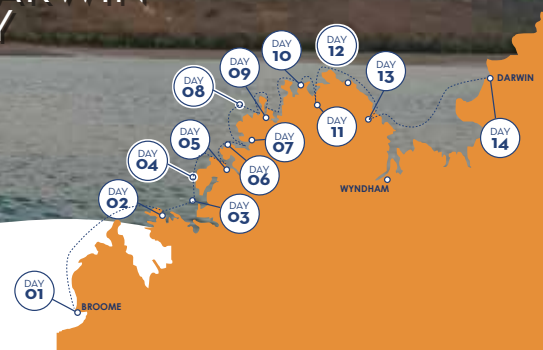


PLACES WE VISIT

1. Broome
2. Yampi Sound & Talbot Bay
3. Collier Bay/ Doubtful Bay
4. Camden Harbour / St George Basin
5. Prince Regent River & King's Cascade
6. Port Nelson & Careening Bay
7. Naturalist Island, Hunter River
8. Prudhoe Island
9. Swift Bay & Port Warrender
10. Vansittart Bay
11. Koolama Bay & King George River
12. Berkeley River
13. Darwin



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Day 1: Depart Broome

Welcome to your trip of a lifetime! You will be greeted in Broome at your hotel by one of the Eco Abrolhos crew, board the coach to transport you to Gantheume Bay where you will be met by the tender boats and ferried to the Eco Abrolhos. We recommend that you arrive in Broome the day before departure as transfers will commence the following morning from 7am.

Then it's all aboard the Eco Abrolhos as you meet the crew and go through the on-board vessel safety induction prior to our departure from Broome. An overnight voyage will find you awakening to a geological landscape unique only to the Kimberley.

Day 2: Yampi Sound - Talbot Bay

Welcome to the Kimberley - feel the whirlpool movements of tidal water beneath your feet as we set out on the tenders to discover one of the many smaller creek systems of the Buccaneer Archipelago, also known as the Bay of 1000 islands.

Let the geological sequence of time unfold before your very eyes as you prepare to visit the renowned Horizontal Falls in Talbot Bay. Finish the day with the first of our many magnificent Kimberley sunsets and take in the picturesque landscape as you reflect on the day's activities coming to an end.

Day 3: Collier Bay - Doubtful Bay

Today you will experience the natural phenomenon of the Montgomery Reef - terraced waterfalls of ocean water flowing off an exposed coral reef system. A tender ride ensures a closer look at this incredible seascape as we check out the abundant marine life that call this place home.

A cruise into Doubtful Bay as we learn of our First Australians and their long-term connection to Raft Point.

Lunchtime onboard the Eco Abrolhos gives us time to steam to our next destination - Red Cone Creek. Off for a quick splash exploring the Mangrove ecosystem by tender, finding our way to either Sapphire or Ruby Falls.

Day 4: Camden Harbour - St George Basin

We are now heading North to the ill-fated township of the Camden Harbour Settlement, an incredible story of resilience as we walk in time through the history and ruins that include a short beach landing to Sheep Island and the Camden Harbour Settlement.

A late afternoon cruise through to the Rothsay Waters where we will venture into Marigui Promontory via the tenders to see remnant rainforest in Palm Valley. An art gallery can be viewed from the comfort of our tenders.

Day 5: St George Basin - Prince Regent River

An early morning fishing experience in the "Land of the Giants" for those that are interested. Soon after we will be back on-board the Eco Abrolhos cruising through the St George Basin and into the Mighty Prince Regent River National Park. Tender rides will place you beneath the amazing King's Cascades.

This location provides an adventurous trek and opportunity for a swim on top of the falls or the option to continue further upstream to see the spectacular Cathedral Falls.

Returning to the Eco Abrolhos for a well-deserved top deck sunowner with nibbles and entertainment.





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Day 6: Prince Regent River - Port Nelson

Good morning again, it is time to head out on the tenders to discover Camp Creek. Another opportunity to see some of the larger marine reptiles that inhabit this place, and of course the birdlife of the mangrove lined river system.

Breakfast back on-board the Eco Abrolhos whilst we steam to Port Nelson and visit the most Northern reaches of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Here we will learn of the amazing voyages of Phillip Parker King as we tour Careening Bay and the famous "Mermaid Tree" Its back on-board the Eco Abrolhos with a steam to our next destination Naturalist Island.

Day 7: Naturalist Island - Hunter River - Prudhoe Island

Wake up to a serene landscape that will take your breath away. During the morning, our Helicopter tours (Optional extra) will depart from Naturalist Island and encompass the spectacular Mitchell Falls and surrounds.

An option for a scenic tender excursion of the Hunter River to experience some wildlife encounters of the Kimberley.

Back on-board the Eco Abrolhos for a bite to eat as we begin our voyage further North through the Scott Strait to arrive at a secluded anchorage near Prudhoe Island.

Day 8: Prudhoe Island

An opportunity to try your hand at pelagic fishing, a session looking for some larger predators being mackerel, tuna and queen fish.

After fishing we venture around the islands in search of turtle, dugong and crocodiles on the island outcrop. The local Wunambal Gaambera people would ask a great sea Wandjina Guyarra for a seasons blessing before foraging for food this far off the coastline. The geological make up of these islands is fascinating and breath taking as well.

It's time to pull the anchor as we head due east towards Swift Bay.

Day 9: Swift Bay - Port Warrender

We head out early to experience a Wandjina Rock Art Site, a place of great significance to the Wunambal Gaambera people of the North Kimberley.

We now steam to Port Warrender and the picturesque Osborne Islands.

On arrival to the Osborne Islands, we take a tender tour of this area where we visit a historical shipwreck and an ancient rock art site. So much to explore and learn here, time to rest up whilst we cruise through to Vansittart Bay.

Day 10: Vansittart Bay

Its early morning as we head out on the tenders to a not so well-known World War 2 historical site. After a short and easy stroll, we encounter what now remains of this historical event of time. You can be sure that our Eco-guides will point out the natural vegetation, including patches of native grassland and wildflowers along the way.

After a scrumptious breakfast, it is time to visit the mysterious Jar Island where we will view an ancient art gallery lost in time. This is yet another place that clearly depicts the early occupation of Indigenous Australia adding another form of rock art known locally as Gwion Gwion or (Bradshaw) to your visit to the Kimberley.

After returning to the Eco Abrolhos for lunch, we are now heading to the southernmost point of the Vansittart Bay.



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Day 11: Vansittart Bay - King George River

Welcome to Koolama Bay, a site named after the vessel SS Koolama. Take in an early account of the WW2 bombing that took place here.

It's now time to head out on our tenders to explore the overwhelming King George River, a river that boasts the highest waterfalls in Western Australia. This is not to be missed as these falls are not only a spectacular sight, but this is also an opportunity for a fresh waterfall shower from one of our comfortable tenders.

Its time to soak in another amazing day in the Kimberley with a quiet beverage and relaxed conversation.

Day 12: Berkeley River - Cambridge Gulf

As we cross the mouth of the Berkeley River and head to its extremity to our anchorage, it is time for a scenic tender ride. Here, you will capture the Malcom Douglas Falls whilst keeping a close lookout for the elusive short eared rock wallaby and the majestic birds of prey that frequent this place.

On our way back to the Eco Abrolhos you can be sure to visit the Casuarina Falls. A natural amphitheatre carved out in time.



Day 13: Berkley River

We wake to a magical Berkley River sunrise!

On high tide we exit the river and start our 24hour steam to Darwin across the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf.

Day 14: Berkley River

We watch the sunrise over the city of Darwin as we enter the harbour. We sadly say goodbye before departing the vessel. There will be a coach to provide transfer to your accommodation or the airport.



This itinerary is subject to change and is a guide to the many places we wish to explore with you as a guest on-board the Eco Abrolhos, touring the Kimberley. At times this may vary as all our destinations and time of visitation are at the mercy of the Kimberley tides. Fishing & crabbing opportunities will be included where tides allow.

The Eco Abrolhos Master will be responsive in creating an itinerary that is both safe and in sequence with the natural environment allowing all of our passengers to enjoy a 'Trip of a lifetime'.