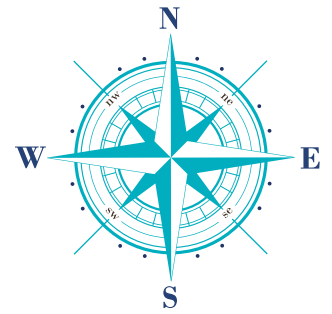


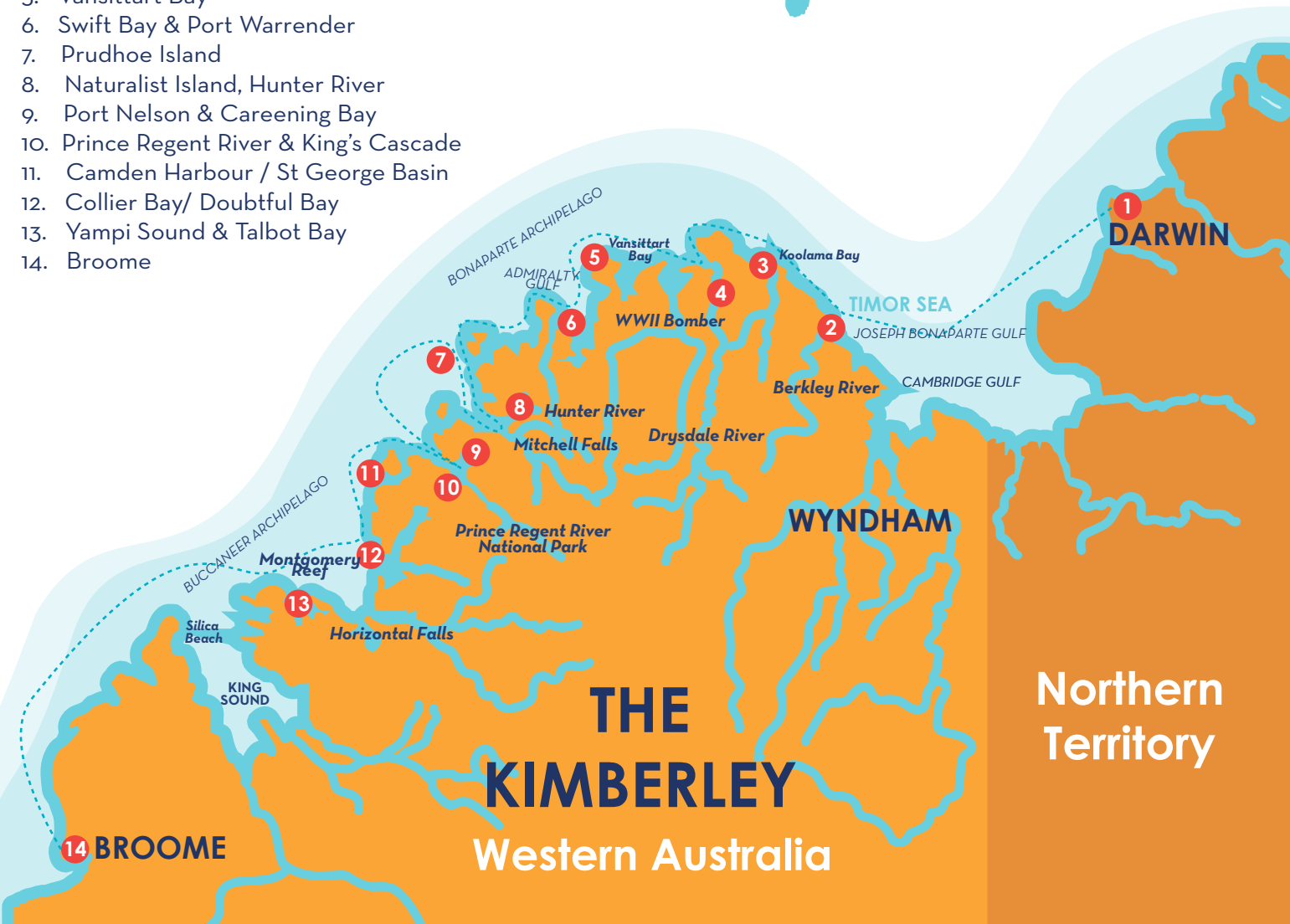
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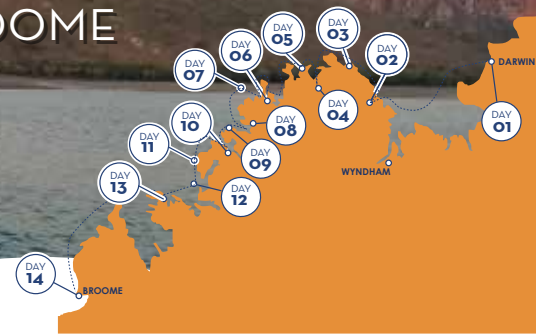


PLACES WE VISIT

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



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Day 1: Depart Darwin Harbour

Welcome to your trip of a lifetime! You will be collected from your accommodation in Darwin from 7am by the coach and transfer to board the Eco Abrolhos. We recommend that you should arrive in Darwin the day before departure as transfers will commence early in the morning.

We steam out of Darwin harbour at approximately 10am for our 24hr passage across the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf to the Kimberley Coast.

Day 2: Cambridge Gulf - Berkeley River

Arrive to the beautiful scenery of the Berkeley River. Take a journey to explore the mangroves and all that lives within them. Visit Casuarina Falls, our first waterfall stop. This is a natural amphitheatre carved out over time. After lunch on the high tide the Eco Abrolhos will cross the mouth of the Berkeley River and head to our anchorage. The transit upriver is best enjoyed from the top deck.

It's time for a scenic tender drive. Here, you will pass 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. Finish the day taking in the picturesque landscape and reflect on the day's activities coming to an end.



Day 3: Berkeley River - Koolama Bay/King George River

The Eco will set off at high tide to cross the river mouth bar and back out into the Bonaparte Gulf enroute to the mighty King George River. After a WW2 story involving the state ship MV Koolama you will be immersed in true geological wonder as the tenders take you upstream through the overwhelming King George River which boasts the highest waterfalls in WA.

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. After your spectacular adventure it is back to the Eco for sunset drinks.

Day 4: Napier Broome Bay - Vansittart Bay

Eco Abrolhos crew will weigh anchor to make our way through to Napier Broome Bay and the amazing Drysdale River. This is one of the longest river systems in the Kimberley. The tenders will head off to the farther reaches of this river to explore a unique landscape where the freshwater meets the saltwater. The tenders are all ready to go again, it's a beach landing at Rocky Cove.

Here, we will take you on a hike along a winding rocky path to experience scattered rock art sites that without explanation can show clearly a connection to indigenous Australia. There will be an opportunity to go fishing. After exploring the Drysdale River, enjoy a relaxing afternoon cruising through to Vansittart Bay.

Day 5: Vansittart Bay

Its early morning as we head out on the tenders to a not so well-known World War 2 DC3 crash 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 6: Vansittart Bay - Osborne Islands

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 home to fertile pearling grounds.

On arrival to the Osborne Islands, we take a tender tour of this area visiting a historical shipwreck and an ancient rock art site. Back onboard will see us venture further west.

Day 7: Naturalist Island - Hunter River - Port Nelson

Enjoy your breakfast at this serene landscape that is truly breathtaking. During the morning, our helicopter tours (optional extra) will depart from Naturalist Island and encompass the spectacular Mitchell Falls and surrounds. If you are not flying there is 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 lunch as we begin our voyage further south west through to Port Nelson to visit a historic boab tree in the Prince Regent River National Park.



Day 8: Port Nelson - Prince Regent River

Early morning wake up will reward those with beautiful scenery cruising into St George Basin and the Prince Regent River. After lunch its off to see the Prince Regent River in the tenders. Two of the most spectacular waterfalls the Kimberley has to offer are in this river system with an option to have a refreshing swim above the Kings Cascades.

This gem is a hidden oasis. Dress up in your Hawaiian gear and meet on the top deck for a barbecue and take in the 360 degree views of this stunning river system.

Day 9: Prince Regent River - Hanover Bay

An early morning fishing session will allow a keen angler to catch a fish for lunch or dinner. For those not interested in fishing you can head off in the tenders to explore some of the Prince Regents magnificent side tributaries spotting bird life and reptilian activity along the mangrove lined river system.

Enjoy lunch whilst cruising out of the Prince Regent River via St George Basin and witness the tidal currents that have gouged there way into this waterway. Hanover Bay will provide a perfect anchorage for the night and if time permits we will head ashore to walk in the footsteps of the early European explorers.



Day 10: Hanover Bay - Camden Harbour - Doubtful Bay

We are now heading south to the ill-fated township of 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.

We will continue our journey south past Kuri Bay into the whale breeding grounds of Camden Sound and further onward to Doubtful Bay.

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Day 11: Doubtful Bay – Montgomery Reef

An early morning sunrise in Red Cone Creek and then off for a quick splash exploring the mangrove ecosystem by tender, finding our way to either Sapphire Creek or Ruby Falls. Cruise out of Doubtful Bay as we learn of our first Australians and their long-term connection to the magnificent Raft Point.

The afternoon will be spent exploring one of the Kimberley's must-see attractions Montgomery Reef, a natural phenomenon. A tender ride ensures a closer look at this incredible seascape as we check out the abundant marine life that call this place home. These saltwater terraced waterfalls fall off the world's largest inshore reef systems. Top off your day with a drink watching the sunset behind the reef as we depart and make our way to Talbot Bay.

Day 12: Talbot Bay

You will see the geological sequence of time unfold before your very eyes as you prepare to visit the renowned Horizontal Falls. Later in the day you will experience some other wonders of Talbot Bay being Cyclone Creek or Dugong Bay both of which will hold geological wonders that we haven't seen yet on our journey.

Some of the rocks here are said to be half the age of the planet. (2.5 billion years old) A final top deck sundowner to reminisce about your adventures and the spectacular scenery you have seen along the way.

Day 13: Talbot Bay – Cape Leveque

The last waterfall stop will be in Yampi Sound. We depart for Broome around midday.

Enjoy the cruise out of Talbot Bay and witness the seams of iron ore exposed in some of the rock face as we make our way past Iron Islands, Koolan and Cockatoo Islands. Further west we will come across the Buccaneer Archipelago also known as the bay of 1000 Islands.

We'll continue our journey to Broome via King Sound, the tides here are the most ferocious and Eco Abrolhos will be dancing in the water movement as she heads towards Cape Leveque. Finally one last captivating Kimberley sunset on your Eco Abrolhos cruise, making new friends and memories.

Day 14: Broome

We will all be up nice and early as we make our way to Broome. We will transit past Cable Beach, Gantheaume Point & into Roebuck Bay where we will say our final goodbyes and ensure a smooth departure with a complimentary coach to transfer you to your accommodation or the airport.

If you are departing Broome on this day please book a flight in the afternoon to allow time for any unexpected delays.

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.

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'.

