

THE KIMBERLEY

SINGAPORE - DARWIN



If you are looking for a taste of the exceptional, then this cruise is it. Sailing from Singapore to Darwin, few words can describe the scope of diversity of this voyage. Taking in Indonesia's iconic Komodo dragons, cerulean sea days, the red rocks of Australia's Kimberley plus the thundering and quite astonishing horizontal waterfalls of the Buccaneer region, all wrapped up in thousands of years of Asian and Aboriginal history, travel with us for the most fulfilling voyage of your life.



DATES: 2022 – MAY 18

DURATION: 18 DAYS/17 NIGHTS

EMBARK: SINGAPORE

DISEMBARK: DARWIN, AUSTRALIA

SHIP: Silver Explorer

FROM: \$11,970

After 10% Early Booking Savings
Free Economy or reduced rate Business
Class Air
Pre- and Post-cruise hotel, transfers
ALL INCLUSIVE

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DAY 1 – ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Arrive Singapore, transfer to your included hotel. Singapore is a spectacular, futuristic vision of utopian city life. A healthy population of almost six million call it home, but this is a city designed with space to breathe, with gorgeous outdoor parks, massive indoor greenhouses and beautiful recreational spaces spread between the City of Gardens' skyscrapers and soaring structures. The lush green botanical gardens are a spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site covering 52 hectares.



DAY 2 – SINGAPORE - EMBARKATION

Explore the city on your own, before transferring to the pier for boarding.
DEPARTURE 23:00

DAY 3 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 4 - BELITUNG ISLANDS, INDONESIA

The island of Belitung is large, measuring roughly 1740 square miles. Along with neighboring Bangka and the many other surrounding small islands this is not just an archipelago, but a substantial province of Indonesia. Belitung used to have many tin mines, but today the island is better known for its nature. The most distinct features of Belitung's many beaches are the fascinating granite rock formations along the shallow shores. These rocks can reach the size of houses and lie in bold contrast to the white sand. Swimming and snorkeling in the crystal-



clear waters reveals healthy corals and hundreds of fish.

DAY 5 – KARIMUNJAWA, INDONESIA

Covered by coconut trees and surrounded by white sandy beaches, Menyawakan Island lies some 64 nautical miles off Java's coast in the Karimunjawa archipelago. This tranquil and secluded setting offers tropical and relaxing ambiance and good snorkeling.

DAY 6 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 7 - PULAU MOYO, INDONESIA

Pulau Moyo is an island that has been proposed as a national park together with neighboring Satonda Island to the northeast – both already have the status of Nature Tourism Parks. Two thirds of the island is a reserve. The coastline with white sandy beaches and rarely visited reefs has been declared a marine conservation area; the central plateau, mostly savannah with occasional forests, is also part of a nature reserve. Striated Herons, Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Green Imperial Pigeons, Yellow-crested Cockatoos, and Helmeted Friarbirds, are just some of the more than 70 species of birds recorded on Moyo.

DAY 8 – KOMODO | PINK BEACH, INDONESIA

Komodo, the volcanic island of giant lizards, lies 320 miles east of Bali. Komodo is home to a community of some 2000 people who make their living primarily from fishing. The island is the centerpiece of the Komodo National Park, where you will find the most tangible legacy left behind from the Jurassic Era. Komodo Island was little-known and the Komodo dragons were only a myth until the giant lizards were scientifically described in 1912. The island attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world who come to see the Komodo dragons in their natural habitat. Komodo National Park has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve. The Komodo dragon's great bulk and weight are its most unique characteristics. The adult male can reach 10 feet (3 meters) and weigh up to 330 pounds (150 kilos).

Pink Beach earned its name for the way the beach can appear to have a rosy hue in certain lights. The color comes from small flecks of red coral mixed in with the fine white reef sand. With a few trees along the beach for shade, this stretch of coast makes a fine place to relax or enjoy a snorkel or swim in the crystal-clear waters. It is possible to spot a striped clown fish nestled among the protective tentacles of its sea anemone host, or to see a grouper lazily swimming by a flamboyant soft coral.

DAY 9 – SAVU, INDONESIA

Savu is a small island about halfway between Timor and Sumba. This little island is one of the most in-

interesting destinations in Nusa Tenggara. The tradition of textile weaving remains strong with the women still growing the cotton, hand dyeing and weaving on backstrap looms.

DAY 10 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 11 – BROOME, AUSTRALIA

Gateway to the oldest and most elusive of all Australia's nine regions, Broome is where your Kimberley adventure begins. The ancient landscape has long held travelers spellbound: The Kimberley is three times larger than England but has a population of just 35,000, is over 65,000 years old. Almost impenetrable, incredibly remote, the red baked earth, prolific wildlife, majestic canyons and swimming holes are the stuff of Australian wilderness dreams. English explorer William Dampier was the first explorer to set foot in Broome in 1668. The Yawuru people remain the Native Title holders for the township of Broome to this day. Broome itself has over 84 Aboriginal communities affiliated to it, 78 of which are considered remote.

DAY 12 - LACEPEDES ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA

Included Zodiac cruise with Expedition leader: Enjoy a Zodiac cruise in the lagoon looking out for Green Turtles, Brown Boobies, Shovel Nose Rays, Frigate Birds, Oyster Catchers and Pied Cormorants, some in very large and impressive amounts.

DAY 13 - BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO, AUSTRALIA

Set off the coast of Western Australia, the Buccaneer Archipelago is one of the Kimberley's finest secrets. The Archipelago, 19 sq mi., is made up of around 800 islands and protect the mainland from the huge 12 meter tides and astonishing speed of the Yampi Sound. The speed and power of the water may not make for pleasant bathing, but do however result in fantastic natural phenomena, the horizontal reversible waterfall in Talbot Bay. The tidal pull is responsible for the "reversible" nature of the falls, however, this also hides narrow gaps between the islands, making for treacherous sailing conditions. Enterprising individuals were initially attracted to the Buccaneer Archipelago in the 1800s due to the superior pearling as well as the rich iron ore deposits.

DAY 14 & 15 – HUNTER RIVER, AUSTRALIA

The Hunter River is home to an immense mangrove system surrounded by soaring red sandstone cliffs. Narrow mangrove channels shelter numerous bird species, mudskippers, fiddler crabs and the infamous saltwater crocodile; the most aggressive crocodile species known to man. Naturalist Island at the mouth of the river has a stunning stretch of sandy beach that makes a perfect landing site for small helicopters that can pick up visitors wishing to explore some of the Kimberley's vast interior. The highlight inland is the famous Mitchell Falls where

four tiers of waterfalls plunge into deep pools that flow out into the mighty Mitchell River. The headwaters of the falls are cool and a dip in the fresh water is a welcome reprieve from the heat of the heartland.

DAY 16 - KING GEORGE RIVER, AUSTRALIA

The King George Falls is one of the Kimberley's most magnificent natural wonders. At 80 meters (260 feet), the thundering spectacle of twin cascades are among the highest in Australia. The river weaves through an amazing landscape of near vertical red rock formations and a parade of wildlife — carnivorous saltwater crocodiles and amazing birdlife, including giant raptors and the Brahminy Kite.



DAY 17 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 18 – DARWIN, AUSTRALIA – DISEMBARKATION

Australia's capital of the north is a uniquely tropical city, and a historically isolated outpost of this vast, diverse country. The city was named in honor of Charles Darwin by the British settlers who established a frontier outpost here. With a unique history, beautiful islands nearby, and a palette of sizzling Pacific flavors, colorful Darwin is an enchanting and exotic Australian destination. The sounds of chattering birdlife and the gentle splash of fountains and waterfalls will fill your ears in George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens.

Transfer to your included deluxe hotel and explore Darwin on your own.

DAY 19 – TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

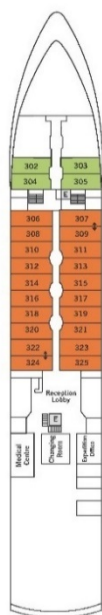
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We offer Pre- and Post-cruise programs to suit your interests.

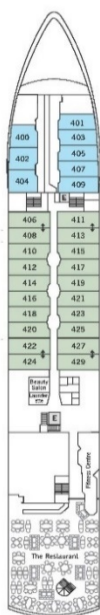
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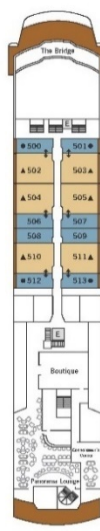
SILVER EXPLORER – Deck Plans



DECK 3
Reception Desk
Medical Centre
Changing Room
Expedition Office



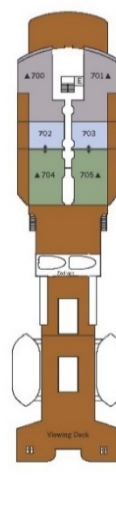
DECK 4
Beauty Salon
Laundrette
Fitness Centre
The Restaurant



DECK 5
The Bridge
Boutique
Connoisseur's Corner
Panorama Lounge



DECK 6
Tor's Observation Library
Explorer Lounge
Zagara Spa
The Grill



DECK 7
Viewing Deck



SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite
- Grand Suite
- Silver Suite
- Medallion Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Vista Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Adventurer Suite

SPECIFICATIONS

- 1 kyd's register
- Ice-class rating
- Crew
- Officers
- Guests
- Tonnage
- Length
- Width
- Speed
- Passenger Decks
- 3rd Guest Capacity
- Queen beds
- Connecting suites
- Refurbished
- Registry

Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual suite and layout. Please refer to suite specifications for square footage.

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2022 RATES: PER PERSON – DOUBLE – ALL INCLUSIVE*

SUITE	10% Early Booking Savings
Adventure – Deck 3	\$11,970
Explorer – Deck 4	\$12,690
View – Deck 3	\$13,590
Vista – Deck 4	\$14,130
Veranda – Deck 5	\$19,260
Medallion – Deck 7	\$22,590
Silver – Deck 5	\$23,850
Grand – Deck 7	\$26,190
Owner's – Deck 7	\$28,710



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*Port fees and taxes; gratuities to crew; open bar throughout ship; all excursions; team of Expedition leaders and guides. Economy air fare, or \$1500 per person credit; one-night hotel both before and after the cruise; transfers; guided zodiac, sea and land tours.