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Kimberley Cruising for Adventurers*



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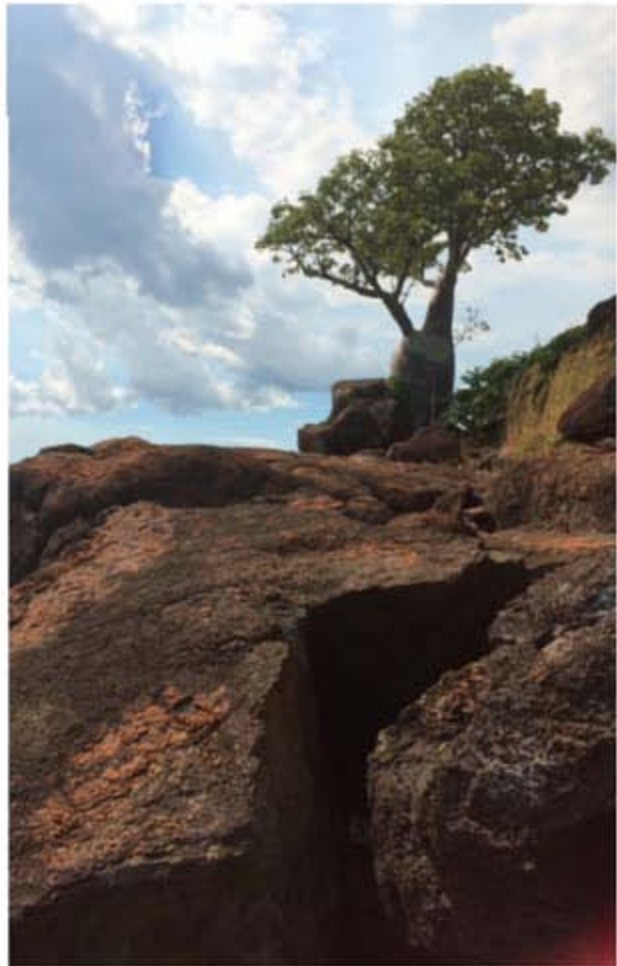
Overview

Spend an incredible week cruising and exploring the pristine waters of the Buccaneer Archipelago in the Kimberley. Our concept was born out of a desire to offer real people an affordable adventure in remote North Western Australia. If you're after an exciting, thrilling and hands-on experience, then explore and seek an adventure with us: sailing, fishing, mud-crabbing, swimming, island-hopping and whale watching.

Our range of accommodation has everyone covered. Options include en suite double cabins, twin and triple share cabins with shared facilities or camping under the stars in supplied swags. Prices include meals and transfers (for current pricing please refer to our flyer or website). BYO alcohol or preorder through us. Excludes flights and accommodation before and after the cruise.

We offer four different cruises:
one week Broome back to Broome
two weeks Broome to North Western Kimberley
two weeks North Western Kimberley to Broome
two weeks Broome back to Broome

One week cruise: Departures for the Buccaneer Archipelago cruise are for 6 nights and 7 days from April to November. We transport you by road from Broome to the Dampier Peninsula to maximize your time in the archipelago.





13 day cruises: March-April and August - September we cruise from Broome to a port in the North West Kimberley and the next cruise is the reverse from this port to Broome. These cruises are the ultimate adventures, enabling our guests to experience the rarely viewed sites of this remote area over 12 nights, 13 days. These longer cruises are one way and exclude flights and accommodation before and after the cruise. Transport to and from the port to Kununurra is included.

On select dates we also offer guests an opportunity to cruise the Buccaneer Archipelago and the Bonaparte Archipelago. This is a Broome to Broome, 13-day cruise from Dampier Peninsula to Bigge Island and return with more day excursions and exploration than the other cruises. This cruise of the Buccaneer and the Bonaparte Archipelago is a favourite of many guests, who want a more leisurely exploring pace in sheltered waters.

Private Charters: You can get a group together and have your own private charter and we can tailor your cruise to suit your interests.

For **current pricing** please refer to our flyer or our website <http://ahoybuccaneers.com.au/kimberley-cruises/>.

Vehicle storage while on the cruise: for cruises starting from the Dampier Peninsula, we can store passengers' vehicles in our secure yard in Broome, free of charge. For other cruises, we can provide advice about secure vehicle storage on request.



The Adventure

Sailing through one of the last frontiers will give you a new perspective on the Kimberley coast. This coastline is home to some of the most beautiful natural attractions in the world. Western Australia's marine areas are globally significant. The state's coastal waters are considered to be among the least disturbed in the world. Not only will you get to marvel at these spectacular sights and to explore the region but, during shore excursions, you will delve into the history of your surroundings.

These waters are so untouched that a vast majority of the islands you'll see remain unnamed. So not only will it be a journey of exploration but also discovery! We have 3 itineraries you can choose from:

- Buccaneer Archipelago Cruise (7 Days)
- Broome to Wyndham Cruise (13 Days)
- Bonaparte & Buccaneer Archipelago Cruise (13 Days)



Broome to Broome (Buccaneer Archipelago - April to September, 6 nights, 7 days)

Be one of the privileged few to explore the pristine waters, wild cliffs, jaw dropping gorges, natural phenomena and other amazing sights on our expeditions. Each tour is unique and unlike any other with over 1000 islands to explore, secluded bays and inlets to visit, and an untouched paradise to bask in. This hands-on experience will be adventure-packed and loads of fun. We aim to get everyone on board involved in every aspect of the adventure: swimming in freshwater rock pools, fishing,

mud-crabbing, oyster-collecting, sightseeing indigenous rock art, beach combing, bush walking and relaxing...whatever floats your boat!

Our friendly crew will endeavor to make every day enjoyable and to encourage all passengers to take the plunge and get involved with our hands-on approach. Meet new people, explore new places and join us in exploring the best that the Kimberley has to offer!

All ages are welcome.



Broome to Broome

(Buccaneer and Bonaparte Archipelagos, select dates, 12 nights, 13 days)

Guests will cruise and visit as many of the destinations of the Buccaneer Archipelago, as well as the Bonaparte Archipelago, as possible. If you want a cruise that departs from and returns to Broome then the 13-day cruise from Dampier Peninsula to Bigge Island and return might suit you best.

Tides and weather permitting, in the Buccaneer Archipelago, we will visit the Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef, Crocodile Creek, Silver Gull Creek, Steep Island, Raft Point, Ruby Falls, Silica Beach and Coppermine Creek. Other destinations and activities will become available during the cruise.





The Bonaparte Archipelago in WA's remote Kimberley region is a maze of islands, inlets, peninsulas and rivers. Its colour and scale conspire to take one's breath away. Its diverse coastline is timeless but, far from static, with 11 metre tides (the second largest in the world). Staggering quantities of water flood it, and empty from it, twice daily with the tides. Its distant location has meant it has remained an unspoilt and remarkably pristine location to explore and experience.

The islands of the Bonaparte Archipelago are located offshore roughly from Hall Point to Montague Sound, an area that is largely uninhabited except for a few tourist camps.

In the wet season the land is awash and teeming with life. It's an awesome wilderness and no description can do it justice. Distance and size are hard to judge here, as are the colours to comprehend.

Destinations in the Bonaparte Archipelago include Camden Sound and the pristine sands of Hanover Beach slightly further north. We enter Prince Regent River to see the mighty Kings' Cascades waterfalls, Bigge Island and the Hunter River.

Fishing, swimming in fresh waterholes, beach combing, exploring aboriginal art and hiking are all on the menu in some of the remotest parts of the Kimberleys.

Broome to/from North Western Kimberley (March - April & Aug. - Sept., 12 nights, 13 days)

This is the ultimate adventurer's cruise incorporating the coastline between Broome and Wyndham, including the Buccaneer and Bonaparte Archipelagos.

This is a one-way cruise. In between Cape Leveque and Wyndham there are approximately 2000 islands. We will sail and motor to explore both archipelagos during the late wet season or the early part of the next wet season.

Places we aim to visit include the Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef, King's Cascades, Fresh Water Cove (Wandjina Cultural Tour), Bigge Island (aboriginal art), Mitchell River, Hunter River, Vansittart Berkeley River along with the fascinating history and remains of the Truscott Airbase. Each adventure will vary according to tides, weather and what our guests would like.



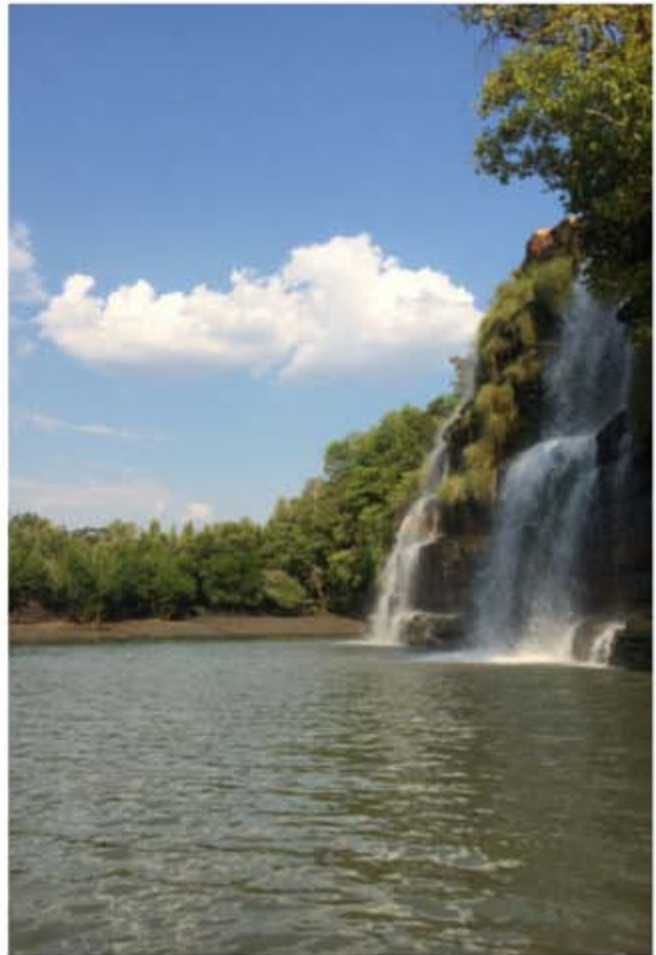


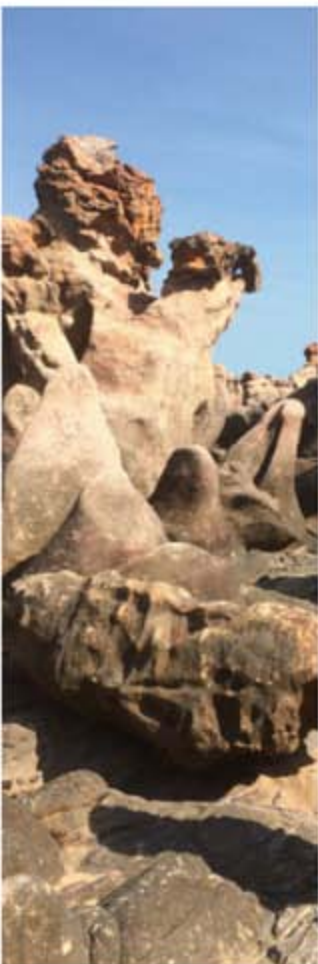
Cruise Destinations

The Buccaneer Archipelago is a group of islands off the Kimberley coast in northwest Western Australia. Captain Phillip Parker King named the Buccaneer Archipelago, to commemorate William Dampier's (an early English buccaneer) visit to the Kimberley coast in 1688. The archipelago covers 50 square kilometres, and is made up of approximately 800 islands (often referred to as the 1,000 islands). The area holds a rich history, with its strong ties to aboriginal culture, involvement in the pearling industry, its use during European settlement, mining, and its involvement in defence during the Second World War and agriculture.

The islands were created as a result of the rising sea, creating a drowned coastline approximately 19,000 years ago and a wide variety of fossils have been found all over the country. The rocks themselves are over 2 billion years old. The traditional owners have a strong connection with the land as well as traditional rights to fishing and trochus collecting.

The scenery is arguably the most spectacular of any island group in Australia. There are secluded white sandy beaches, patches of rainforest, mangrove estuaries, plunging cliffs, indigenous rock art, fresh water swimming holes, waterfalls and reefs. Additionally, the archipelago is renowned for its enormous tidal movement.





Situated 2,800 km north of Western Australia's capital of Perth, the archipelagos' distant location and difficulty of access has left this region practically untouched, pristine and ready for us to discover and explore!

Ediline Island is famed for its siltstone rock formations that resemble sculptures. There are also gravestones of early pearl divers: three unmarked, one with an inscription dated 1891.

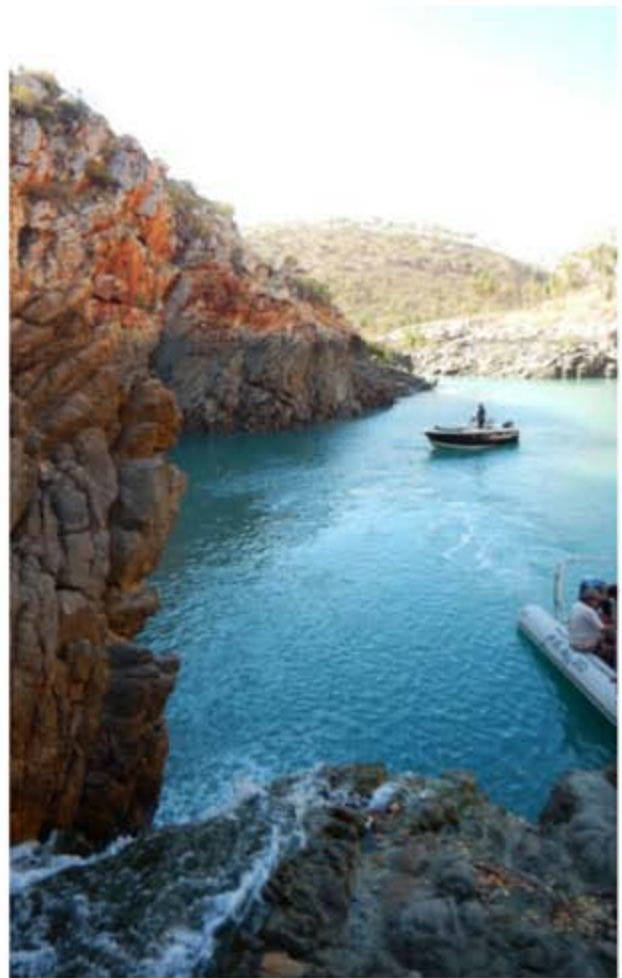
Cone Bay, with tides of up to 11 metres twice a day, is fantastic for growing fish. Its 'water circles' are in fact polar sea-cages used to breed saltwater barramundi. It is home to a pearl farm, an Aboriginal Community and has many springs, waterfalls as well as pockets of tropical rainforest. Cone Bay is famous for being the home to the hippy XNX, who changed his name by deed poll and spent a number of years camped out at this fresh water swimming hole with his harem, smoking hooch. He finally came unstuck when he fired a gun across the bow of a police boat.

In 1914 the copper mine at **Copper Mine Creek** was abandoned due to flooding of the work area. In 1989 Warren Arms gained permission from the Mowanjum Aboriginal Council to build a base camp there for his barramundi net fishing business which he ran until 2008. His base camp structure is still there and used as a camp by keen fisherman. Giant black-lipped oysters are plentiful in this area.

Crocodile Creek

Crocodile Creek in Yampi Sound is a little paradise tucked away behind the sandstone walls. The miners from nearby Koolan Island iron ore mine used this spot as a getaway site. With the top pool cascading into the lower pool and then onto the creek below, it's a delightful swimming hole. Hanging from a shady tree, added intrigue is created by all the yachty memorabilia left behind from passing travellers.

This spot makes for an enjoyable outing though keep in mind it is not called crocodile creek for nothing and the top pool is the only swimming hole in which to swim.

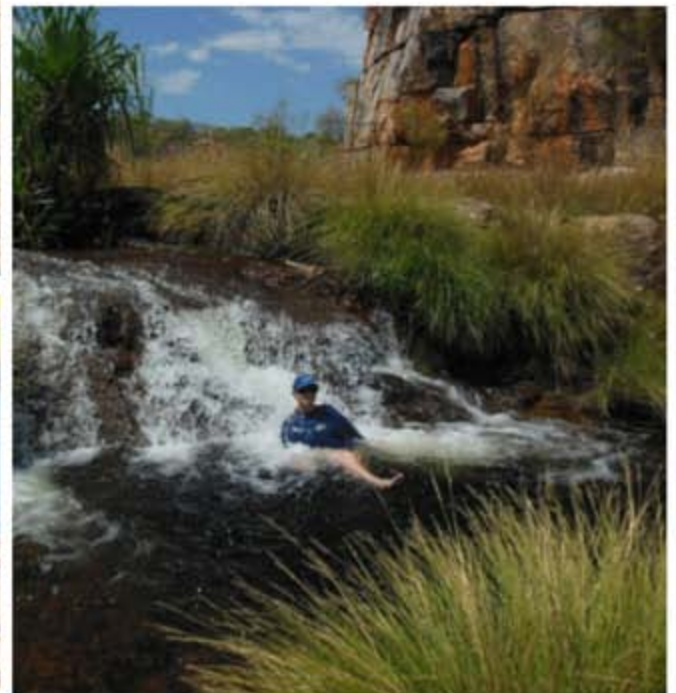


*Wishing you were
here...*



Ruby Falls

About 8 km up Red Cone Creek is the magnificent Ruby Falls. Straight out of a movie set this stunning creek has rocks made up like building blocks, great for climbing and exploring and at the end is a number of fresh water swimming holes and stunning waterfalls.

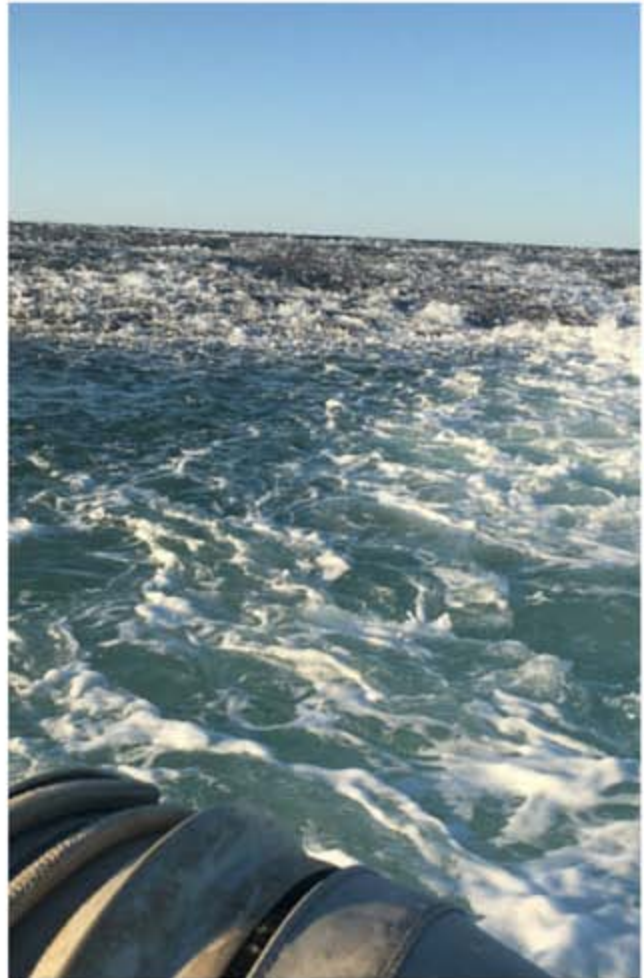


Montgomery Reef

One of the wonders of the Kimberley coast, Montgomery Reef is a spectacle to behold as the entire reef appears to rise from the ocean on a falling tide. With tidal differences of over 10 m over a single spring tide cycle, nearly 5 m of reef gradually emerges from the ocean, as water cascades down numerous channels.

The reef, which covers an area in the region of over 270 km², is some 80 km long and Australia's largest inshore reef, containing large areas of shallow lagoon, seagrass beds and colourful corals. Within the reef, marine life thrives including sponges, crabs, cushion stars, turtles and octopus and when the water is clear, snorkelling is available (during big tides the water is not as clear).

Outside the reef there is fishing available and your catch could include barramundi, coral trout, red emperor, trevally, snapper, tuna, Spanish mackerel, oysters and enormous mud crabs.



Silver Gull

Silver Gull Creek is a gem. It has a permanent spring and was once a watering-point for the iron ore mine on nearby Koolan Island. Phil and Marion sailed in during the mid 1990's and created an oasis, aptly named The Squatters Arms, surrounding the old water tank that is now a swimming pool. Sadly Marion passed away a few years ago and with Marion and Phil's blessing, Mal and Shelley now keep the tradition going. They maintain the pipe to the wharf so that vessels may pull alongside to wash down and replenish supplies. Following Marion and Phil's example, they are mostly self-sufficient, growing vegetables and a wide variety of fruit plants on their land.

Shelley and Mal sell handmade jewellery, t-shirts and Kimberley books at their "shop" for those who hanker for some retail therapy. They are most hospitable, inviting visitors to swim in the old BHP water tank that is fed by a fresh water spring, and to sit for a yarn in the tranquil tropical garden. Mal and Shelley are eager to share their stories whilst we enjoy a picnic lunch.

A gift to Mal and Shelley from MV Oceanic is usual in appreciation of their hospitality.



Photo: Phil's typical uniform is usually just a pair of brightly coloured jocks.



Sale River

Sale River flows into the North East side of Doubtful Bay and has cabbage palms, Kimberley rose and boab trees in abundance. Because of rock bars, access is restricted except on spring tides.



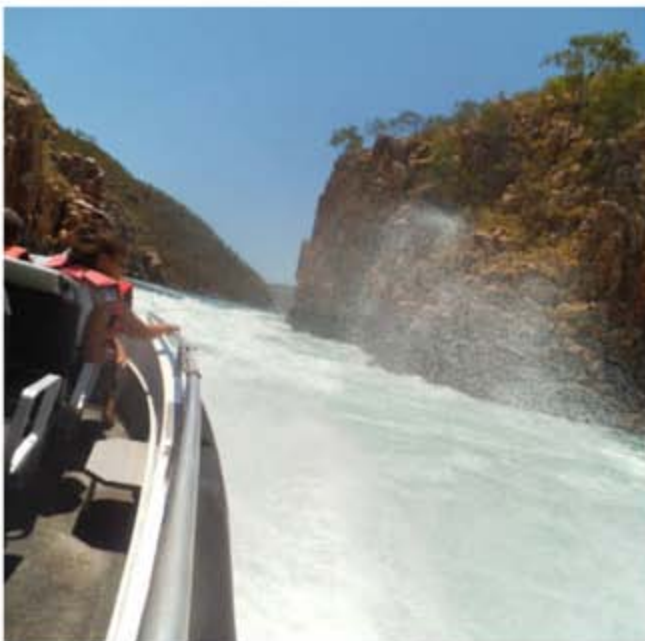
Behind the beach and up behind Red Cone Hill is a series of billabongs, great mud crabbing and fishing in the streams and leads to a monsoonal rainforest with a great freshwater swimming hole. Just up the gorge is some rarely seen rock art.





Horizontal Falls

The Horizontal Waterfalls ("Horries"), as the name suggests, is a horizontal waterfall located within the Buccaneer Archipelago. A fast paced tidal flow moves between two closely aligned gorges of McLarty range in Talbot Bay. The direction of the flow alters as the tide changes. As the tide variation in the Kimberley can reach 10 metres, the water level on either side of the gorge is substantially different.



Raft Point

To the north is Doubtful Bay and the fabulous Raft Point rock art site. The huge bluff that is Raft Point is an example of the ancient, much-weathered sedimentary layering of the King Leopold Sandstone underlain by a massive intrusion of Carson volcanic basalt, all of which is between 1.83 and 1.78 billion years old.

A 150m climb up a steep hill reveals a cave that overlooks the mass of Steep Island. This site has several well-preserved Wandjina figures amongst other depictions of marine and wildlife as well as some of the Kimberley's most famous Bradshaw Paintings.

Wandjina are the supreme spirit ancestors of the indigenous people of the Kimberley. They are found in painted form on the walls and rock shelters of the clan estates of the Worora, Ngarinyin and Wanambal language groups. They are estimated to be about 1500 years old.

Doubtful Bay is also home to Vinney's Creek that has great fishing, Red Cone Falls, Glenelg River and the Sale River.

To the north is Cascade Bay which has a couple of springs and a waterfall cascading down onto a beach. Hell's Gate is the entrance to Cascade Bay and aptly named. The tide rushes through the islands and creates many whirlpools, overfalls and rips... an awesome sight.





Life on board

Enjoy a drink whilst taking a refreshing dip in our eight-person spa on the main deck. All drinks are BYO. We have indoor and outdoor alfresco eating areas and a top deck for taking in the breathtaking views.



Air conditioned
en suite cabins



Twin share, share
bathroom (air con
from hallway)

Accommodation is basic and varies from en suited double cabins (with an additional single bunk), double cabins (also with a single bunk) and twin share bunk-style accommodation with shared bathrooms. En suite cabins are air conditioned with other cabins being fed from the main lounge and hallway air conditioner.



Air conditioned
galley

The rest of our guests will be sleeping under the stars in Mitchell dome king single and queen swags with mozzie nets. All bedding is supplied including linen and towels for all cabins and swaggers. Maximum guests on board is 25.

Passengers "sleeping under the stars" will be swagging on the deck or the beach.



Dependent on the time of arrival to our destination, beach campers hop off after dinner or eat dinner on the beach sharing stories around the campfire. Beach Campers have a toilet tent on the beach and share the two bathrooms on board with passengers in the other shared facility cabins.

The crew will organise your swags on the beach at sunset when we arrive at our destination.

We won't make your beds, you will be waiting on yourselves, but we aim to have big mobs of fun with a hands-on experience – not a 5-star expense, but a 5-star, adventure-packed holiday.



More information about your cruise...

Transfers to and from your accommodation are included but times will vary according to each itinerary.

Buccaneer Archipelago cruises are for 6 nights/7 days and depart early on Monday morning. Broome to Broome (Buccaneer and Bonaparte Archipelago) cruises are for 12 nights/13 days depart Monday morning and return on Saturday afternoon. The point of collection for departure/arrival for these cruises is Broome. Broome to the North West Kimberley cruises (and the reverse cruises) are for 12 nights/13 days depart Monday morning and return on Saturday afternoon. The points of collection for departure/arrival for these cruises are Broome/Kununurra.

We have a Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) remote first aid kit on board MV Oceanic and 24/7 support via satellite phone to RFDS doctors. If you require RFDS evacuation and you have an Australian Medicare card, then this is a free service.

If you are not an Australian citizen you will need to cover the cost, which is approximately \$3000/hour so it is critical that you have travel insurance cover. Please carefully check the details on your travel insurance

policy as some companies do not have unlimited cover on evacuations.

We have trained first aid staff on board at all times. Inform staff of any health problems or disabilities so they can be prepared. For example, tell staff where you are storing your medication so they can easily access it in the case of an emergency. It is highly recommended to consult your doctor and purchase seasick tablets prior to boarding. We also advise passengers to take out travel insurance to cover the cost of cruise cancellation in unforeseen and highly extraordinary circumstances

WE PROVIDE

- linen
- towels, pillows & blankets
- swags and mozzie nets (if camping under the stars)
- fishing and crabbing gear (including fishing lines and reels)
- laundry detergent and buckets
- all food, tea, coffee, juice and water
- we have 240 volt power points for charging phones, cameras etc.

... and excursions

Please ask our friendly staff if you have any questions about the excursions. In particular, we recognise that passengers may be concerned about the necessary level of fitness and agility required for each excursion and we would like to ensure that anyone who would like to participate in our onshore excursions is enabled to do so.

If you feel more comfortable wearing a lifejacket when going on excursions or fishing, please advise the crew and we will have a lifejacket ready each time you go in the tender. If you cannot swim, you must wear a lifejacket in the tenders.

If you wear a hearing aid, please make sure you inform staff, who

will ensure you are seated in a protected position. Similarly, people with back problems should advise tender operators so that you can be seated comfortably and so that the speed of the tender can be adjusted if necessary. Embarking and disembarking MV Oceanic involves climbing a boat ladder.

As a general rule, we have one tender for fishing and one tender for sightseeing while the MV Oceanic is travelling. When we are going on an excursion, we usually use both tenders to transfer guests.

On most excursions reef shoes are essential as are sunscreen, camera (in waterproof bag), sunhat and water. If you're keen to fish, opportunities are available daily and you just need to advise the crew of what time you'd like to go.

EXCURSION	WILL I GET WET?	TIME OF DAY	LENGTH OF EXCURSION	AGILITY NEEDED	ALSO BRING
SILVER GULL	Landing & if swimming	Depends on tides	3 hours	Minimal	Cash
HORIZONTAL FALLS	If seated in front	Depends on tides	20 min	Minimal	Cash
MONTGOMERY REEF	No	Depends on tides	1 hour	Minimal	-
RAFT POINT	When landing	Early Morning	2 hours	20 min steep walk	Walking & reef shoes
RUBY FALLS	Swimming	Depends on tides	2 hours	10 min rope climb	-
CROCODILE CREEK	Swimming	Varies	2 hours	10 min rock climb	-

What to bring:



✓ Your favourite fishing gear

✓ Spirit of adventure

Sunscreen
Mossie Repellent
Headlamp or torch
Music to share
Prescribed medication



✓ Camera and binoculars

✓ Water bottle

✓ Day pack

✓ Wide-Brimmed hat



✓ Sunglasses

✓ Sense of fun

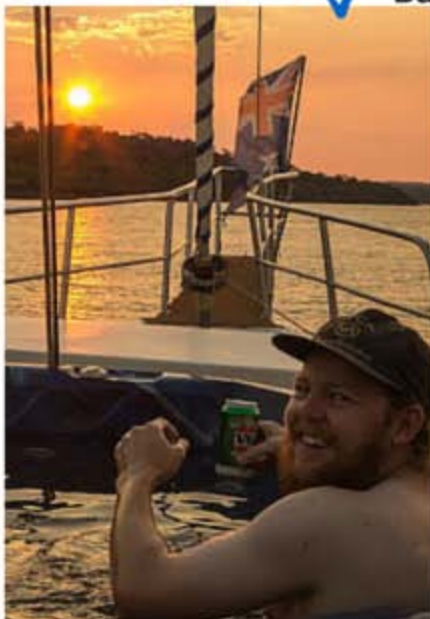
✓ BYO alcohol/soft drinks


Reef shoes (essential)
and sturdy walking

✓ Bathers

✓ Long sleeved shirt
and pants

✓ shoes although you'll
be barefoot most of
the time



A man with a mustache, wearing a plaid shirt and shorts, is sitting on the edge of a boat. In the background, a large sailboat is on the water under a cloudy sky. The water is shimmering with sunlight.

About Ahoy Buccaneers

This is a new venture for
Shelley and Doug Gould
commenced in 2015.

"We have some exposure to
the Kimberley waters and
are very excited about being
able to explore with you the
wonders of this part of the
world."

Shelley has 30
years of experience
in the hospitality and food
industry and numerous
associated businesses.

Doug has run his own
businesses over a 40-year
period.

"We are both passionate
about good food and the
Kimberley and are
absolutely committed to
giving you an experience
never forgotten".

An Interview with Shelley and Doug Gould

In the following interview, Shelley and Doug talk about what made them set up Ahoy Buccaneers in the Kimberley as a family adventure sailing holiday, what they love about the Buccaneer Archipelago and the attractions of the area.

Q: WHAT DO YOU FIND EXCITING ABOUT THE BUCCANEER AND THE BONAPARTE ARCHIPELAGOS?

Doug: It's one of the world's last untouched frontiers. It's a massive area that very few people see. It runs from Broome right around to Darwin. It's in pristine condition and that's why it appeals to everyone. As we understand from talking to a marine biologist, there are three remaining pristine marine eco systems in the world, the Arctic, the Antarctic and the Kimberley Coast.

Q: WHY IS YOUR KIMBERLEY CRUISE DIFFERENT?

Shelley: It's an affordable adventure for couples, singles and families. All ages are welcome. If you can climb a boarding ladder then you can come on our cruise. Affordability is a major draw card and that it is not 5 star. There are plenty of people that want to go on a Kimberley cruise, that recognise whilst 5 star is nice and has its place, it's not what everyone is looking for. We consider ourselves ordinary Joes, trying to make a living, launch our kids and "make a difference" in the world along the way. Our cruise is for real people, who want real old fashioned genuine hospitality, enjoy meeting characters, who will lend a hand when they can and have a cracker of a time doing it in the most remote and

breathtaking setting of North West Australia known as the Buccaneer and Bonaparte Archipelago in the Kimberley. Ahoy Buccaneers' other bonus is the MV Oceanic is a fully rigged sailing schooner so this adds to the adventure. There's exploring, leisurely walks, swimming, waterfalls, fresh water pools, fishing, oystering and mud crabbing. Nature provides the breath-taking scenery and our mandate is to match that with good times, good company and buckets of fun and... great food!

Doug: We've got five kids between us. We wouldn't go on a trip through the Kimberley without our family. We looked at all the cruise options for our own holidays. Apart from the cost, the other options for Kimberley cruising didn't appear to be particularly affordable; we thought that if we can keep the staff to guest ratio down and not attempt to go 5 star we could remain affordable...that's how the idea for Ahoy Buccaneers came about. We bought our own boat and we thought, let's share it with all ages, although they all have to be young at heart! and we are especially looking forward to the sailing aspect of the voyages.

Q: HOW DID YOU ARRIVE AT THE PRICING FOR THIS TRIP?

Doug: We were looking for a point of difference and decided firstly on guest numbers and secondly crew numbers. We worked backwards from a price to one where we would consider taking our family.

Shelley: We came up with a concept of a hands-on approach for our guests, where we encourage them to get involved, for example try their hand at sailing or when guests finish their meal they wash their own dishes. We've been able to keep the cruise affordable by making little adjustments. We also find it's a way for guests and crew to join in together, get to know each other and take ownership of their cruise. At the end of the day, guests can do as little or as much as they want, but we won't be making their beds or washing their dishes; the intention is to keep the cruise affordable.

Q: LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR BOAT

Shelley: It's a 24-meter schooner, a fully rigged charter yacht and is spacious with lots of character. It's got three levels: a top deck, for sight seeing with some seating. You can sunbake and relax on that and it's a great reading spot. Then it's got an upper lounge with seating and storage for beach campers' gear. You can enter the wheelhouse from this lounge where you can have a yack with the captain, learn how to drive the boat and read charts if you want. It's got a forward deck with an eight-person spa while the

back deck is undercover and generally the fishing spot on the boat. You can stand out on the point of the bow, have a drink and take in the breathtaking views. The lower deck houses the berths, the galley and a spacious lounge area. The place to be, however, will be out on deck mostly watching the world go by or keeping an eye out for the fishing line.

Q: WHAT'S THE SIZE OF THE BOAT AND DOES IT HAVE THE CREATURE COMFORTS OF OTHER CRUISE BOATS?

Doug: It's just short of eight meters wide in the lounge so it's quite a big area and just shy of 24 metres long. By keeping our numbers to 25 maximum, this amount of space affords passengers plenty of space to find a bit of solitude to read a book or enjoy the scenery.

Shelley: Its living areas are air conditioned as well as the en suite cabins. The air conditioning for the other cabins is fed from the main living room and hallway. All furnishings, beds and bedding as well as kitchen equipment, were renewed in 2015 and are very comfortable. The cabins are predominantly triple (a double and a single), with a minimum of two people in each cabin. There are three twin-bunk rooms, a couple of en-suited rooms and then the rest are shared bathrooms, a total of eight cabins.

Q: TELL US ABOUT THE BEACH CAMPING?

On our sailing adventures we do some beach camping as well. We'll have a dozen or so people out on the beach camping in dome swags with a crew member and a camp fire where permitted. Most meals will still be taken on board the boat with some on the beach. Beach camping is always an early rise at dawn but we reckon it's the best spot to sleep; when we go with our kids we always beach camp, they love it and it makes the cruise a bit more adventurous. This year we had a 75 year old couple choose beach camping over a cabin. Now they were a couple of characters with have a zest for life!

Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR PEOPLE?

Doug: The pristine nature of the area: it's just absolutely beautiful!

The more Shelley and I see, the more we want to go back there.

Every time we go, we find a new destination to add to our itinerary. The fishing here is just absolutely world class. The mud crabbing is great and black-lipped oysters are abundant.

Shelley: I think the highlights are the fishing, whale watching and exploring. With over 800 islands to explore, I doubt it could ever become repetitive. It's a great place for an adventure. It's also about the fantastic people you meet on the boat and the social aspect of it.



Q: CAN WE TALK ABOUT THE FOOD?

Shelley: We're foodies, so the food will be good. It won't be over the top but we'll certainly have an array of good food and fresh fish. All our food is freshly made, homemade from scratch and guests will have plenty of choice. All dietary requirements are catered for including gluten-free and vegetarians. Examples include risottos, curries, stir-fries, chilli mud crab, an assortment of fruit platters and good quality cheeses, home made muffins, brownies, desserts and morning and afternoon teas.

We'll usually have the barbecue on at night as well. We'll be grilling steak or fish as there is a good chance there will be fresh fish! There will always be plenty of healthy options and variety with lots of interesting salads. We will always have vegetarian dishes. We have three great chefs who have been with us for years so expect some crisp, clean and yummy food from around the world. There is always a good old-fashioned roast dinner and Kimberley Rib Eye steak night on every cruise.



Q: WHO WILL BE COOKING ON THE BOAT?

Doug: We have an experienced on-board cook, who will also form part of the crew. Shelley's a qualified chef so she oversees all the food operations to ensure it is consistent with our mandate of real foodies' food: crisp, clean, healthy, interesting with a dab of comfort food and sprinkle of sugar and spice always.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT AHOY BUCCANEERS?

Shelley: Along with our guests and crew, really exploring the whole Kimberley coastline. It will be fantastic fun; words cannot describe the remoteness and beauty.

Doug: We have opened up cruising in the Kimberley to ordinary Joes like us and it's so exciting to share this experience with people. Its distant location has meant it has remained an unspoilt and remarkably pristine location to explore and experience. It's the wild wild west at its best and no description can do it justice; distance and size are hard to measure as are the colours hard to comprehend. Shelley and I enjoy sharing this with people.



Q: WHAT IS YOUR SCHEDULE LIKE?

Doug: Most of the sailing trips start around mid-morning every Monday except the cruises between Broome and the North-West. We travel at 5-7 knots knots under power, but with power and sails, up to 10 knots. We will always run with the tides to maximise the itinerary which means

no itinerary is going to be exactly the same. We'll vary things according to the weather conditions, tides and what we know about passenger preferences. To maximise every guest's time at sea we will transport guests by road from Broome to the Dampier Peninsula (about 2.5 hours) and return the same way. On the cruise, we will visit places of interest such as Talbot Bay, Horizontal Fall, Montgomery Reef, Raft Point, Silver Gull Creek (where real life castaways live), Fresh Water Cove, Sale River and Ruby Falls.

Shelley: Our cruises are great value. For the Buccaneer there's the six nights and seven day trip. We leave on a Monday and come back on a Sunday, from April to November. The ultimate of all cruises is Broome to Wyndham, Wyndham to Broome which we do in March and April at the end of the wet when the waterfalls are at their most spectacular and again in August and September.



Doug: We're running two tenders with the yacht, one tender is primarily for sight-seeing...great for getting around. The other tender is set up for fishing, so we will be able to anchor up and then go off and do some exploring. We'll be seeing Aboriginal art, going on walks and seeing some pretty special places.

*We love it up here
and we can't wait
to show people
around.*





The Vessel and Cuisine

The MV Oceanic is a spacious powered mono hull, 24 metres long, rigged sailing yacht. Under power we travel comfortably at 6 knots and with sail and power combined we can travel at a few more knots. We carry 8000 litres of fresh water and 12,000 litres of fuel with two tenders for exploring. We also have a desalination plant producing an additional 3000 litres of water a day.

Built in 1992 in Fremantle, The Oceanic had a makeover in 2015 and the wet of 2016, however she is no 5-star boat, nature provides the 5-star-part.

Accommodation is basic and clean and the living areas/decks are modernised and functional.

Your accommodation, meals and touring will be taken care of in one neat package. Our cruise includes all meals and of course we cook what we catch; our talented cook will endeavour to cook seafood just the way you like it!

Meals are varied with the emphasis on fresh, healthy clean food, bursting with flavours from all round the globe. We also cook the old fashioned comfort foods, like cheesecakes, apple crumble, bread and butter pudding, chocolate brownies and a mean caramel slice. There is always a good old roast dinner and Kimberley Rib Eye steak night on every cruise.

We oversee all the food operations to ensure it is consistent with our mandate of real foodies food: crisp, clean, healthy, interesting with a dab of comfort food and sprinkle of sugar and spice always.

We also have a large deck side barbecue for daily grilled selections. Our cook is happy to cater for any special dietary requirements. Whether you're a beach camper or you're staying on board, most meals are served on board the Oceanic.





*Our family
(minus one daughter)*



*The reasons we
do what we do...*

