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KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION CRUISING

ESSENTIAL TOUR INFORMATION

WHAT IS EXPEDITION CRUISING?

On an Expedition Cruise, you will embark on a path less travelled, going where few have gone before, and should expect the unexpected.

Along with planned activities on your voyage, you will also experience ample time for chance encounters, such as opportunities to explore an otherwise inaccessible island, quiet cove or beach.

Such spontaneous events are part of the joy of expedition cruising, and embracing them can significantly enhance your overall cruise experience. Often, these unexpected moments become the most memorable highlights of your journey.

SIGHTSEEING AND SHORE EXCURSIONS

Shore excursions are at the heart of every destination, offering an immersive way to discover its history, geology, flora and fauna alongside your knowledgeable Expedition Team. Opportunities for discovery are in abundance. You can take in as many, or as few, excursions as you wish throughout your voyage. You will receive briefings from your Expedition Leader each evening, which thoroughly outline the next day's plans.

ITINERARY

Although every effort is made to follow the itinerary as per the brochure, there may be times when it has to be varied due to weather, tides or other conditions prevailing at the time.

YOUR EXPEDITION TEAM

Your Cruise Director and Expedition Team are highly trained industry professionals committed to making your adventure memorable. From the moment you step aboard, they are on hand to ensure your comfort, take care of all arrangements, answer questions and provide a friendly face.

PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

PASSPORTS AND VISAS*

Passports are required for all guests who travel on our Kimberley Coastal Cruises. Please check the expiry of your passport to ensure that it has six months validity from the date of disembarkation.

Australian and New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa for Kimberley cruises. Passport holders of all other nationalities should consult appropriate authorities to ascertain their requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for the entirety of your time away. Hospital stays, treatment, medical evacuation and other medical costs

can be expensive and often need to be paid before services will be provided. Insurance that covers trip cancellation and delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost luggage, medical evacuation and airline cancellation charges is recommended. We also recommend your policy includes coverage for travelling in international waters, remote evacuation and for COVID-19 related events such as quarantine expenses, flight changes, and cancellation fees.

HEALTH, FITNESS AND MOBILITY

Travelmarvel's Kimberley Coast Adventure tours requires a good level of fitness. This tour involves some uneven surfaces, varied terrain and extended periods of standing.

Sightseeing is mostly conducted by foot, with walking tours of up to 3km with stops. At times, it is not possible to opt out of participation in physically demanding activities. Sightseeing may occur in hot or humid climates. You must be able to embark and disembark vehicles and vessels unaided.

You may be required to embark or disembark Zodiacs or tender boats during cruises. Wheelchairs and walking aids are not suitable on these tours. All passengers requiring special assistance must travel with a carer. Crew and guides are unable to assist passengers on and off ships and coaches due to occupational health and safety.

WHAT TO PACK

LUGGAGE REQUIREMENTS

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed 160cm in total length, width and height, or weigh more than 20kg. Please limit your hand luggage to one bag with a maximum weight of 7kg. If combining your Expedition Cruise with a 4WD tour, strict restrictions apply. Please refer to your 4WD Important Booking Information for further details. Please note, airline restrictions may also apply.

CLOTHING

Packing essentials vary depending on personal preferences. Pack clothing you are comfortable being active in during

shore excursions. Please note: clothing is not available for sale on board. As a guide, consider packing:

- Comfortable hiking shoes and/or sturdy walking shoes, as well as shoes that can get wet, such as reef shoes or rubber sandals, for wet shore landings on Zodiac excursions.
- Sun hat with brim and chin strap (to secure while on vessels), and sunglasses.
- Clothing to protect you from the sun.
- T-shirts and casual shirts, long-sleeved shirts, and shorts.
- Swimsuit and/or sarong in case the opportunity arises.

- Warm clothing, such as jeans, trousers or casual long pants, a pullover, waterproof jacket or light raincoat.
- Smart casual clothing for captain's dinners and cocktail evenings.
- Sleepwear.
- Toiletries and personal medication in adequate supplies for your entire tour.
- Camera, memory cards, batteries and chargers, including phone chargers.
- Small backpack for use on excursions.
- Consider bringing walking poles to assist walking over uneven ground.

STAYING HEALTHY

BEFORE YOU GO

It's important for you to be as healthy as possible before you travel, and to maintain your health by applying good hygiene practices while on tour. Respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses, while usually minor in nature, can spread rapidly within a tour group, and have a major impact on everyone's enjoyment. Travelmarvel is committed to reducing the spread of infections on tours. We ask that you read and follow our recommendations to ensure a healthy, safe and enjoyable holiday for you and your fellow travellers.

See Your GP

Your GP or travel clinic is the best source of information about preventative measures. We recommend you consult your GP or local travel clinic for detailed advice to ensure maximum pre-travel preparation. Please take a copy of your travel itinerary with you to assist your GP with the recommendations of appropriate medication.

It may be wise to ask your doctor to prepare your medical history for another doctor, should you need to see one on your cruise. It should include your name, address, emergency contact, blood type, medical history, current medications and dosages, drug allergies, reasons for prior hospitalisation and a list of vaccinations and dates.

A copy of your prescriptions is vital in case you need medical assistance. Prepare a list of any medications you use, along with your name, dosage, prescribing doctor and their phone number. Pack sufficient medication for the duration of your tour. Your medication should be kept close at hand in your purse or carry-on bag. Remember to leave medication in its original container so

it can be easily identified. It is also a good idea to bring a copy of your prescription for glasses or contacts.

Pack a Medical Kit

A small medical kit is recommended for all travellers, as depending on your destination, there may be no stops once you are on your cruise to purchase items. Your medical kit should include:

- Cold and flu medication (e.g. cold and flu tablets, throat lozenges, nasal decongestant).
- Your preferred painkiller.
- Medicine for gastrointestinal upsets (e.g. antacids, 'stoppers' for diarrhoea and a laxative for constipation).
- Other supplies including anti-motion sickness medication, plasters, blister pads, scissors, tweezers and eye drops.

In case of more serious injury or illness, there is a doctor and small medical centre on board, and medical care can be obtained in main towns. In the event you leave the cruise because of illness, your return to the point of departure will be at your own expense.

ON TOUR INFORMATION

Practice Good Hygiene

Washing your hands is the most effective way to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading infections.

Health experts recommend washing your hands frequently with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating, after sneezing or coughing, and after touching high-contact surfaces, such as doorknobs, elevator buttons and railings.

Please be mindful of your fellow travellers with respect to coughing, sneezing and the disposal of used tissues.

Hand sanitiser dispensers are located in various public areas on board all our ships. Please make sure you make use of these when reboarding and before all meals.

Cold and Flu

Viral respiratory infections are the most common infectious illnesses affecting travellers. Colds and flu are primarily spread by people coughing, so please practise good hygiene and respiratory etiquette. This includes washing your hands often, covering your coughs and sneezes, and using antibacterial wipes or hand sanitiser frequently, i.e. after excursions, prior to meals, and throughout the day. Influenza can be common during overseas travel. The flu vaccine provides protection against the strains prevalent during flu seasons. Consult your GP for advice.

Avoiding Mosquito Bites

It is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Precautionary measures include:

- Using a DEET-based insect repellent.
- Wear light-coloured clothing. Research has shown that mosquitoes are attracted to dark colours. Light-coloured clothing also has the advantage of keeping you cooler in the heat.
- Be sure to cover as much of your skin as possible. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long trousers, socks and shoes.
- Wear clothes made of tightly-woven fabric which mosquitoes are unable to penetrate.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing so that mosquitoes cannot bite through to your skin, ensuring the garments are not loose at sleeve and collar openings.

- Avoid wearing perfume or cologne as these are known to attract mosquitoes.

Gastro and Traveller's Diarrhoea

Traveller's diarrhoea is the second-most common infectious illness affecting travellers. The illness can be due to a number of different bugs including viruses and bacteria. Viral gastroenteritis is generally spread by person-to-person contact; whereas bacterial gastroenteritis is generally spread from consuming contaminated food or water.

Symptoms can include fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal pain. The incubation for the illness varies depending on the cause.

Symptoms are generally self-limiting and treatment includes rest, rehydration, simple diet, anti-nausea and anti-diarrhoea medications. Antibiotics are generally reserved for use when symptoms are more severe or protracted (e.g. fever, abdominal

pain, bloody diarrhoea or duration of symptoms for more than two days). Strict personal hygiene measures, particularly hand washing, helps protect you from getting sick and spreading the infection to others.

Sun Exposure and Dehydration

The weather will be variable on your tour. Drinking plenty of water is important to prevent dehydration. A hat and good sunscreen are important for preventing sunburn, even on overcast days.

Sea Sickness

As on any sea vessel, some marked motion may be anticipated in certain areas, dependent on weather and season. While most ships are fitted with stabilisers to reduce the roll, it is recommended that you bring anti-motion sickness medication or precautions just in case, even if you have never experienced motion sickness in the past.

To minimise the effects of motion sickness, avoid alcohol, tobacco and confined spaces.

Travelmarvel Health and Safety Protocol

Travelmarvel has created a Health and Safety Protocol, as well as COVID-19 protocols that all our Expedition Teams and Cruise Directors are required to adhere to. You may be requested to assist in reducing the spread of viruses if you are showing symptoms while on tour.

If you are showing symptoms of a cold or a virus while on tour, you may be asked to wear a face mask, have meals in your cabin instead of the dining room, or remain in your cabin until the symptoms improve. Refer to our website for our most up-to-date protocols.

GENERAL TOURING INFORMATION

DEPARTURE/RETURN POINTS AND TIMES

Please check your travel documents for further details of pickup and departure points and times.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please ensure you advise either your Travel Agent or Travelmarvel of any dietary requirements as soon as possible. Every effort is made to fulfil requests, but these cannot always be guaranteed. With the wide selection of menus and choice of dishes available, special dietary requirements will be met where possible. For strict dietary requirements, please check with your Travel Agent or Travelmarvel concerning meals.

MITCHELL FALLS HELICOPTER FLIGHT

A scenic helicopter tour of the Mitchell Plateau and Mitchell Falls, which also includes a walk to view the falls, is at an additional cost. Please note that this experience is only available on Kimberley cruise itineraries visiting the Hunter River and Naturalist Island. Passengers interested in purchasing the optional Mitchell Falls Helicopter flight may register an expression of interest. Please contact your Travel Agent or Travelmarvel for pricing details.

PERSONAL EXPENSES

We recommend you bring money (or a credit card) for incidentals such as refreshments or souvenirs not included in your package.

PRE AND POST TOUR CONNECTIONS

Some of our guests choose to make their own air and/or extra accommodation reservations. In this case, it's your responsibility to confirm your own arrangements and we suggest that you reconfirm your bookings prior to starting the cruise. Please note that if the return of your cruise is delayed for any reason, Travelmarvel does not accept responsibility for any additional charges that may be imposed by the operator of your ongoing travel arrangements.

Before booking your flights, please check the itinerary requirements to ensure you allow enough time to participate in any touring and/or inclusions on the first and last day. If in doubt, please ask your Travel Agent.

Accommodation for periods before or after the tour may also be booked if desired. Transfers must be arranged at the time of booking and flight details need to be provided to confirm this service.

If booking pre- or post-tour accommodation with Travelmarvel, you will receive a transfer from the airport to your accommodation upon arrival and also receive a transfer from your accommodation to the airport after your cruise.

SLEEP APNOEA MACHINES AND OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES

Please let your Travel Agent or Travelmarvel know as soon as possible should you require the use of a sleep apnoea machine or other medical devices while on board your cruise.

TOUR FEEDBACK

As part of our commitment to providing quality touring experiences, we welcome and encourage your feedback. Your Cruise Director will share with you a feedback form. Please take the time to answer the questions and make relevant comments. All feedback is read, and a summary of each tour is given to all members of Travelmarvel management.

THE CLIMATE

Australia has a wide variety of climates. While most of the country experiences four seasons, Australia's tropical north experiences a wet and dry season, with all our expedition cruises operating during the best months to travel.

SHIP INFORMATION: HERITAGE ADVENTURER

BEVERAGES

Complimentary beer, wine and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner aboard your cruise.

CABIN FACILITIES

Each cabin features climate control, a wardrobe, dressing table, sitting area, flat screen television, mini fridge, refillable water carafes and electronic safe. En-suites feature a hair dryer and shaving outlet. Please note that due to the remoteness of some destinations, television channels may not always be available.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Wi-Fi is included on board, but cannot be guaranteed at all times due to the nature of satellite communications, which are subject to disruption from weather and obstructions. Connection speed may also be slower than on shore. Mobile coverage is often not available during the cruise due to the remote location.

CURRENCY

The US dollar is the standard currency on board. On board we operate a cashless 'account' system for all purchases and services. Your ship ID card, issued on embarkation, is linked to your cabin account for all purchases. You will be asked to sign for purchases during your cruise. Payment of your shipboard account is made towards the end of your voyage at reception. Visa, Mastercard credit cards and USD cash are all accepted.

ELECTRICITY

The voltage used on-board is the European standard (220 volts AC, round prongs). Please ensure you bring appropriate cords for your devices. Adaptors are on a use and return basis and are available through reception with payment of a refundable deposit on return. Please note that the use

of personal hairdryers, clothing irons, coffee makers, curling tongs, etc. in the cabins is strictly forbidden as they may damage the ship's electrical system. Hairdryers are provided for your convenience.

EXCURSION VESSELS

The ship has Zodiacs on board to allow guests to engage in up-close wildlife encounters, off-the-beaten-path excursions, and enriching cultural experiences. Guests must be able to access the Zodiacs by stepping down several steps. Some assistance will be given by on-board crew and members of the Expedition Team, but passengers will not be lifted in and out of the Zodiacs. Please be aware your feet may become wet when disembarking on shore landings.

You must be aware of certain regulations involving the Zodiacs in order to ensure adequate safety:

- The driver is in charge of the boat and its operation. Please follow their instructions at all times to ensure your safety.
- Please ensure you wear suitable waterproof footwear.
- Passengers should also use a weatherproof bag (or plastic bag) to protect items such as cameras and binoculars in case of sea spray.
- You must always wear the safety vests provided. This is for your safety and is required at all times.
- Always accept the help from crew members stepping in or out of the Zodiacs.
- Carry your belongings in a backpack on Zodiac voyages to ensure your hands remain free throughout the excursion. Make sure you have everything you need with you for the excursion before leaving the ship, including sun protection, sunglasses, drinking water and your

camera.

LAUNDRY

Laundry service is available on board (24-hour turnaround) for an additional fee. As a guide only, prices range from USD \$2 to USD \$12 per item to be washed and ironed. For safety reasons, ironing is not allowed in your cabin.

LIFT/ELEVATOR

There is a lift on board which services all decks.

MEALS

All meals on board your cruise are included. Please note that the bridge will be opened at the discretion of the captain or bridge officer.

OPEN BRIDGE POLICY

There is an open bridge policy on board and guests are welcome on the bridge at any time unless otherwise advised by officers. Please note that it is at the Captain or Bridge Officer's discretion that the bridge will be opened.

SECURITY/VALUABLES

Each cabin contains a safe, which we recommend you utilise to store money and other valuables.

SMOKING

A strict no smoking policy enforced throughout the interior of the ships, including in private balcony areas. A designated smoking area is provided on an outside deck. Please check with your Cruise Director or Expedition Team for further information. This policy also applies to e-cigarettes.

TIPPING

Gratuities are included in your cruise price, however, please feel free to tip extra should you wish.

USEFUL TRAVEL WEBSITES

CUSTOMS

Customs Australia: homeaffairs.gov.au

Customs New Zealand: customs.govt.nz

Customs UK: gov.uk

Customs US: cbp.gov

TRAVEL ADVISORY AND VISA INFORMATION

Australia: smartraveller.gov.au

New Zealand: safetravel.govt.nz

UK: gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

USA: travel.state.gov



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