

# AUSTRALIA EXPEDITION CRUISING



# **IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION**

### **PASSPORTS**

Passports are required for all guests for travel on our Kimberley Coast cruises. Please check the expiry of your passport to ensure that it is valid for the duration of the cruise.

### **HEALTH / MOBILITY**

A good level of fitness is needed to participate in our expedition cruises. While the cruise itself is not physically demanding, many of the remote sites you will visit, and some shore excursions may not be suitable for guests with reduced mobility or guests using a wheelchair or mobility device. Shore landings and excursions require embarkation/disembarkation by Zodiacs. Some will also involve beach landings, requiring guests to alight into shallow water. Ramps and steps are also used on Zodiacs.

Walking tours on shore are often on rocky, uneven ground and may include steps and steep inclines in potentially hot conditions. It is important to note that expedition cruises are not suitable for guests using wheelchairs.

### **FLIGHT DETAILS AND TRANSFERS**

Before booking your flights, please check the itinerary on our website to ensure you allow enough time to participate in any touring/inclusions on the first and last day. If in doubt, please ask your travel consultant. Pre- and post-tour accommodation 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. In certain locations, Travelmarvel transfers to and from docks are mandatory due to access restrictions.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you take out comprehensive travel insurance. Ensure that your policy will cover you for medical costs, including remote medical evacuation, loss of luggage, land and air charges which may occur due to cancellation, natural disasters or strike before you depart. Confirm that your insurance covers you for the whole time you'll be away and check what circumstances and activities are not included in your policy.

Ensure all pre-existing medical issues are declared to the insurer so that non-covered conditions are ascertained in advance. Have the details recorded and accessible at all times during travel. We recommend your travel insurance includes coverage of events such as itinerary disruption as we will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs that you incur as a result of such an event or other factors beyond our control.

### **ONBOARD SERVICES**

The electrical current on board is 220 volts. Electrical outlets are standard European sockets with two round pins.

The US Dollar is the standard currency on board.

We provide reusable stainless steel bottles for your use on shore excursions for the duration of your cruise. You are also welcome to bring your own if you prefer. For environmental reasons, no single-use plastic water bottles will be provided.

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (OWN EXPENSE)**

A selection of optional excursions are available throughout your cruise to allow you to personalise your journey. This includes:

**Mitchell Plateau Helicopter Flight** – set out on a helicopter flight and view the natural spectacle of Mitchell Falls from above. This excursion must be pre-booked and is subject to availability. Please enquire with your travel consultant for pricing.



## WHAT TO PACK

Light, comfortable clothing is ideal attire on board during the day, while smart casual clothing is recommended for evenings. You may wish to bring something a little dressier for the captain's dinners and cocktail evenings, however, there will be no black tie or formal evenings.

It is essential you bring shoes that can get wet (e.g. reef shoes or rubber sandals) and are comfortable for walking in, for wet landings on shore. Flip flops/thongs are not appropriate for wet landings.

### Your luggage should include:

- A breathable windproof/waterproof jacket
- Walking trousers/shorts
- Hiking shoes or comfortable sturdy walking shoes
- Walking poles to assist with walking over uneven ground (optional)
- Shoes that can get wet and are comfortable for walking in
- Sun hat with brim and chin strap (to secure your hat on vessels)
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Clothing to protect you from the sun
- · Swimsuit/sarong (in case the opportunity arises)
- · Insect repellent
- T-shirts/shirts
- Warm clothing (e.g. jeans/long pants, jumper, etc)
- Smart casual clothing for captain's dinners
- Underwear/socks
- Sleepwear
- Toiletries
- · Personal medication (take adequate supplies for your entire tour)
- Camera, memory cards and spare batteries
- Small backpack to carry water and other items needed for excursions.

