

Abercrombie & Kent



KIMBERLEY CRUISE: AUSTRALIA'S LAST FRONTIER (2021)

Cruise the Kimberley coast with A&K's award-winning Expedition Team and uncover one of Australia's most spectacular locales.

Cruises, Expeditionary Cruising



Australia



13 days, from AU\$21,660



148 Guests

Journey Overview

Cruise the Kimberley coast with A&K's award-winning Expedition Team and uncover one of Australia's most spectacular locales. Explore the remote city of Broome before setting off on a voyage that combines one-of-a-kind wildlife with awe-inspiring scenery and vital indigenous culture. Fly by helicopter over Mitchell Falls, spot crocodiles in the Hunter River and view an astonishing horizontal waterfall on this thrilling adventure.

Journey Highlights

Cruise for 10 nights on an exclusively chartered voyage with A&K and uncover the breadth and charm of Kimberley's rugged coast

Begin your journey with a two-night stay in the Outback beach town of Broome, known for its white sands, turquoise surf and spectacular sunsets

Discover ancient rock art during off-the-beaten-path excursions to Freshwater Cove and Bigge Island

Take off on an included helicopter tour of Mitchell Falls with its tumbling cataracts and pristine freshwater pools

Discover the Kimberley coast's labyrinth of coves, valleys and gorges with Zodiac excursions, exploring the mangrove-dotted Hunter River and the canyons and twin falls of King George River

Soar over the beehive domes of the Outback's Bungle Bungle Range on a fixed-wing flightseeing adventure

Featured Experts

Brad Climpson, Expedition Leader

An accomplished scuba diver, Brad's underwater passions have taken him all over the world. In addition to reef systems, Brad brings extensive experience leading expeditions in the Kimberley.

Bart Pigram, Aboriginal Culture Expert

A Yawuru man, Bart's passion and experience is with protecting the indigenous Nyamba Buru Yawru community. Bart is also the owner and operator of Narlijia Experiences Broome.

Click [Here](#) to read Di Webster's account of her time cruising the Kimberley.



Itinerary

May 6-7: Arrive Broome, Australia

Arrive in Broome, the region's largest city, and transfer to your hotel near Cable Beach. Poised at the western edge of the Kimberley and hemmed by the blue Indian Ocean, Broome is every bit as daring as its more sparsely populated counterparts. The next day, enjoy exploring this swashbuckling treasure at your leisure, taking in its sweeping beaches, cinematic sunsets and relaxed atmosphere. Then meet your fellow guests and A&K's Expedition Team for a welcome dinner.

Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa | Meals: BD (Day 2)

May 8: Broome | Jewel in the Wilds

Adventure awaits as you set out on your pre-selected excursion, whether it be a city tour of Broome's historic pearling industry and rich multicultural past or a birding walk on Roebuck Bay. Later, board 'Le Bellot,' your luxury expedition cruiser for the next 10 nights.

'Le Bellot' | Meals: BLD

May 9-13: Kimberley's Wild Coast | Extraordinary Tides

For the next five days, enjoy privileged access to one of the most rarely visited regions in Australia. Each day, inspiring lectures, briefings and stimulating conversations with your Expedition Team elevate your discoveries in the Kimberley, bringing this vast wonderland into focus in a most enriching way. Your Captain and Expedition Team determine the best daily excursions, which may include:

Lacepede Islands: Set atop a coral reef, these four low-lying cay islands are separated from mainland Australia by the Lacepede Channel. The Lacepedes, as they are often called, are an important nesting site for green sea turtles and several species of seabirds, including brown boobies, red-chested frigate birds, crested terns and speckled ruddy turnstones.

Horizontal Falls: An exciting visit awaits at Horizontal Falls, described by Sir David Attenborough as "one of the greatest natural wonders of the world." Set within Talbot Bay, the horizontally flowing waterfalls are created when massive tidal currents squeeze through two narrow gorges. Experience this captivating phenomenon on a boat excursion.

Montgomery Reef: The Kimberley's theme of extreme tides continues at Montgomery Reef, Australia's largest inshore reef. Board Zodiacs to explore the reef system's lagoons, islets and rushing channels. The climax comes at low tide, when water dramatically cascades off the reef's emerging sandstone platform covered in coralline algae, often revealing astonishing sea life.

Freshwater Cove: Enjoy a guided bushwalk that leads to a cave depicting indigenous rock art. A magnificent display of sacred Wandjina figures, these ancient paintings reveal the ways, myths and traditions of the Worrorra people.

Mitchell Falls: Take off on an included thrilling helicopter flight over the vast Mitchell Plateau to sandstone-carved Mitchell Falls. Explore the area on foot and perhaps enjoy a refreshing swim in the emerald-coloured freshwater pools formed by the falls.

Hunter River: Join your naturalist guides and navigate by Zodiac through the river's small tributaries, fringed by mangroves and tidal mud flats. Search for crocodiles, mud skippers and fiddler crabs, as well as the many bird species that nest in the dense vegetation. Bigge Island: Sacred to the indigenous Wunambal people for more than 20,000 years, Bigge Island is home to an incredible array of indigenous rock art. Move beyond its shallow bays to discover its well-preserved Wandjina paintings and visual recordings of the European entrance into this ancient

'Le Bellot' | Meals: BLD

May 14: Vansittart Bay | Mysterious Ancient Rock Art

During one of his many survey expeditions, Admiral Phillip Parker King named Vansittart Bay after the pre-1788 Indonesian pottery found there. Conditions permitting, visit Jar Island, home to incredible ancient rock art of mysterious origin. Known as the Bradshaws, the stick-like figures are named for pastoralist Joseph Bradshaw, who first recorded seeing them in 1891. Said to date back as far as 30,000 years, the Bradshaws are among the oldest depictions of human figures in the world.

'Le Bellot' | Meals: BLD

May 15: King George River & Falls | The King's Treasure

Arrive in Koolama Bay at the mouth of the King George River, named in honour of King George V. Your naturalist guides pilot Zodiacs upriver through a spectacular canyon draped in sandstone cliffs, gorges and mangroves, where you may spy impressive Aussie wildlife such as the saltwater crocodile. Witness the awe-inspiring King George Falls, plummeting from an elevation of 276 feet.

'Le Bellot' | Meals: BLD

May 16: Wyndham | Gateway to Natural Wonders

Beautifully poised between Cambridge Gulf and rugged hills in the northernmost region of the Kimberley, the former gold-rush town of Wyndham is the gateway to a bounty of photogenic wetlands. This includes the spectacular Ord River, where you may spot unique birds; the man-made Argyle Dam; and UNESCO World Heritage-listed Purnululu National Park. Choose from a wildlife cruise on the thriving Ord River or a scenic flight over east Kimberley and the Bungle Bungle Range, one of Australia's greatest natural wonders.

'Le Bellot' | Meals: BLD

May 17: At Sea & Pulau Meatimiarang, Indonesia | The Timor Sea

Enjoy a day at sea and the opportunity to unwind with fellow guests and your Expedition Team while 'Le Bellot' cruises through the Indonesian waters to clear customs. Take time to reflect on your adventures, share photos and attend more intriguing presentations. You may also choose to relax and enjoy the ship's facilities, perhaps the spa or the view from your room's private balcony. Later, join your Expedition Team and the new friends you've made for a farewell dinner.

'Le Bellot' | Meals: BLD

May 18: Depart Darwin

Bid farewell to your Expedition Team before disembarking 'Le Bellot.' Transfer to the airport to board your flight home or continue exploring on your post-tour extension.

Meals: B

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements, including Zodiac boat excursions, walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4-8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing and dinner 6:30 p.m. on May 7

Last group event: disembarkation by 9:00 a.m. on May 18.

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, wildlife, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain.

Accommodation

Le Bellot



Cruise in intimate luxury aboard brand-new, exclusively chartered mega-yacht 'Le Bellot', featuring a guest capacity limited to just 148 on A&K voyages and the leadership of our unrivalled Expedition Team. With the signature luxuries of an A&K expedition cruise, each stylish stateroom and suite has a private balcony. Meanwhile, sleek public spaces include a state-of-the-art, interactive underwater lounge, a panoramic lounge with abundant ocean vistas, a main lounge for live music, and a theatre for enriching lectures and special events. Added amenities include an outdoor heated pool, multiple observation areas, a marina for Zodiac adventures, and a salon and spa with a hammam and well-equipped fitness centre. When it comes time to dine, experience lavish French fare, coupled with unlimited house drinks.

Ensuring no detail is overlooked, enjoy complimentary connectivity throughout your cruise and our exclusive Traveller's Valet laundry service.

Le Bellot Details

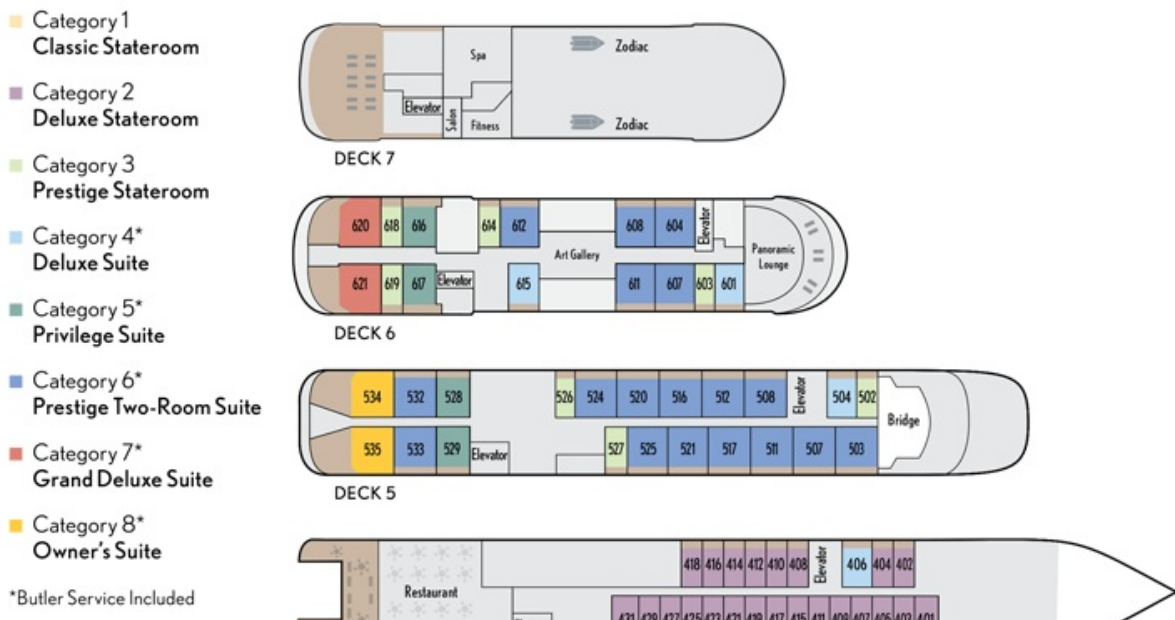
- Overall length: 131 metres
- Beam: 18 metres
- Average speed: 15 knots
- Passenger decks: 6
- Passenger capacity: 184, but limited to 148 exclusively on A&K charters
- Crew and A&K staff: 122 (personnel-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.3)
- Gross tonnage: 9,900 GRT

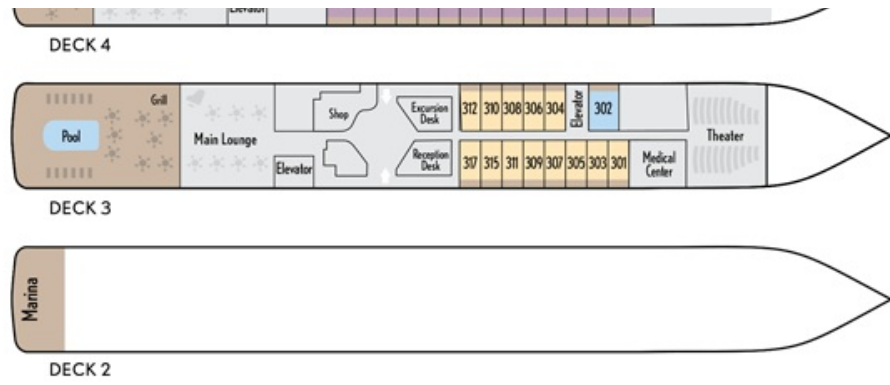
- Standards: USPHS – U.S. Coast Guard's Rules Comfort Class 1 – "Clean" Ship Certification (meets or exceeds all IMO, EPA, IAATO and AECO operating standards)
- Technology: Advanced dynamic positioning system and highly efficient stabilisers
- Flag: French
- Language: English on all A&K charters

Le Bellot amenities

- Private balcony with every guest stateroom and suite
- Complimentary butler service with every category of suite (an exclusive on A&K charters only including welcome Champagne, nightly canapes, packing/unpacking on request and more)
- Stateroom and suite amenities include a hair dryer, large wardrobe and ample storage, safe, alarm clock, and Hermès bath products Stateroom and suite electricity: 220v outlets — Europe 2-prong style (plus two 110/220 U.S. outlets)
- Sun Deck and multiple outer deck observation areas
- Outside heated pool
- Library with selection of books and games
- Two restaurants: Main and outdoor Grill
- Open bar with beer, wine, liquor, cocktails, soft drinks, coffee, tea and mineral water (excludes premium wines and spirits) Two lounges with bars: Main with live music and Panoramic with Terrace
- Complimentary 24-hour room service
- Complimentary in-cabin breakfast (on request)
- Three passenger elevators
- Fitness Centre with Kinesis® wall
- Full-service salon with spa, sauna and steam room
- Theatre with comfortable seating for all guests
- Boutique shop
- 24-hour medical facilities with certified doctor
- A&K's complimentary Traveller's Valet laundry service up to eight items (additional laundry available) Complimentary wireless Internet on A&K charters only (due to remote destinations, access and speed vary)

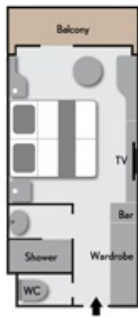
'Le Bellot' Deck Plan





'Le Bellot' Cabin Layouts

BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED



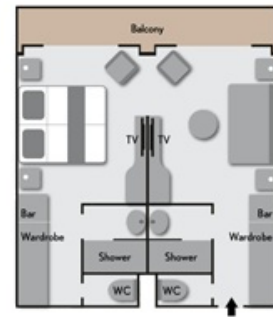
Categories 1-3
Staterooms
Cabin: 205 sq. ft. (19 sq. m.)
Balcony: 43 sq. ft. (4 sq. m.)



Category 4
Deluxe Suite
Cabin: 296 sq. ft. (27 sq. m.)
Balcony: 65 sq. ft. (6 sq. m.)

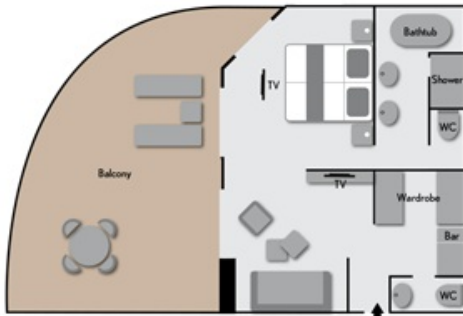


Category 5
Privilege Suite
Cabin: 344 sq. ft. (32 sq. m.)
Balcony: 86 sq. ft. (8 sq. m.)

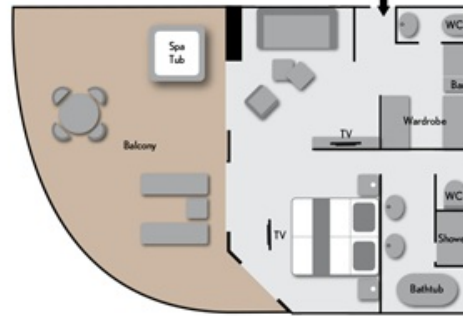


Category 6
Prestige Two-Room Suite
Cabin: 410 sq. ft. (38 sq. m.)
Balcony: 86 sq. ft. (8 sq. m.)

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Category 7
Grand Deluxe Suite
Cabin: 485 sq. ft. (45 sq. m.)
Balcony: 322 sq. ft. (30 sq. m.)



Category 8
Owner's Suite
Cabin: 485 sq. ft. (45 sq. m.)
Balcony: 430 sq. ft. (40 sq. m.)

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

May 6, 2021 - May 18, 2021

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Bellot: Classic Balcony Stateroom - Category 1	AU\$24,160 NOW ONLY AU\$21,660 pp	AU\$18,125	AU\$0	Limited Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Bellot: Deluxe Balcony Stateroom - Category 2	AU\$28,325 NOW ONLY AU\$25,825 pp	AU\$21,240	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Bellot: Prestige Balcony Stateroom - Category 3	AU\$31,660 NOW ONLY AU\$29,160 pp	AU\$23,740	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Bellot: Deluxe Balcony Suite - Category 4	AU\$41,660 NOW ONLY AU\$39,160 pp	AU\$37,210	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Bellot: Privilege Balcony Suite - Category 5	AU\$45,825 NOW ONLY AU\$43,325 pp	AU\$41,160	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Bellot: Prestige Two-Room Balcony Suite - Category 6	AU\$55,825 NOW ONLY AU\$53,325 pp	AU\$50,660	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Bellot: Grand Deluxe Balcony Suite - Category 7	AU\$65,825 NOW ONLY AU\$63,325 pp	AU\$60,160	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Bellot: Owner's Balcony Suite - Category 8	AU\$70,825 NOW ONLY AU\$68,325 pp	AU\$64,910	AU\$0	Available