

Buccaneer Archipelago, Kimberley, Western Australia

A thousand ancient islands rising from one of the world's most extreme tidal environments — red sandstone cliffs, turquoise water, and natural spectacles found nowhere else on Earth.

 Tender / Zodiac only (no pier)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  AUD (Australian Dollar)  English  Dry season: May–September

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Expedition anchorage only — Zodiac / tender transfers. No fixed cruise pier.

Best For: Horizontal Falls, Aboriginal rock art, wilderness wildlife, dramatic landscapes.

Tidal Range: Up to 12 m (39 ft) — among the largest in the world; all excursions are tide-dependent.

Don't Miss: Zodiac ride through the Horizontal Falls gorges at Talbot Bay.

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Horizontal Falls Zodiac Ride** — The iconic highlight of the Kimberley: powerful tidal currents surge through two narrow sandstone gorges in Talbot Bay, creating a horizontal...
- **Montgomery Reef at Low Tide** — As the tide drops, this 400 km² inshore reef appears to rise dramatically from the sea, water cascading off the edges and exposing rich coral...
- **Raft Point Aboriginal Rock Art** — Guided walk to Raft Point reveals ancient Gwion (Bradshaw) rock art figures estimated to be thousands of years old, painted on ancient sandstone...
- **Wildlife Spotting by Zodiac** — Cruise the channels and bays in expedition Zodiacs looking for saltwater crocodiles basking on rocks, sea eagles, dolphins, dugongs, and — in season...
- **Silica Beach** — One of Australia's most extraordinary beaches: blinding white silica sand contrasting deep red sandstone cliffs and turquoise water.

BEST WALKS

- **Raft Point Lookout Walk** ~1.5 km return | Moderate | Rock art + coastal views — A short but steep climb from the Zodiac landing at Raft Point leads to rock art overhangs and sweeping views over Doubtful Bay.
- **Silica Beach Exploration** ~500 m stroll | Easy | Beach + cliff photography — From the Zodiac landing, walk the length of the white silica beach, rounding the headland for views of the red sandstone cliffs rising straight from the sea.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇦🇺 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:54AM–5:38PM · Jun 6:12AM–5:22PM · Aug 6:04AM–5:38PM · Sep 5:42AM–5:41PM · Oct 5:19AM–5:45PM	
Apr	87°	84°	4d		
Jun	81°	77°	1d		
Aug	79°	75°	0d		
Sep	80°	78°	0d		
Oct	83°	80°	0d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Visit in the dry season (May–Sep) — the wet season brings cyclones, extreme heat, and most operators cease running. All cruises in this region operate May–September only.
- Bring serious insect repellent — sandflies and mosquitoes can be severe at landing sites, especially in sheltered bays and near freshwater.
- Do not enter the water unsupervised — saltwater crocodiles are present throughout the archipelago. Only swim at designated beaches confirmed safe by expedition guides.
- Bring nothing to spend — there are no shops, markets, or any commercial facilities ashore. All costs are onboard or pre-booked.
- Waterproof bag is essential — Zodiac transfers through chop can soak you. Keep camera gear and documents in a dry bag.
- Sun protection is critical — UV intensity is extreme in the Kimberley. Hat, high-SPF sunscreen, and a long-sleeve layer are non-negotiable for outdoor excursions.

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal