

# Kimberley Coast, Western Australia, Australia

A vast ancient coastline of red cliffs, horizontal waterfalls, and 40,000-year-old rock art — accessible only by expedition ship. No cruise terminals, no tourist strips. Just raw wilderness.

Tender/Zodiac (no pier on coast)

Typical call: multi-day expedition

AUD

English

Season: April–October

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:  Arrive:  All aboard:

Excursion:  Notes:

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Anchor & Zodiac landings; no pier on coast. Broome & Wyndham have deepwater docks.

**Don't Miss:** Horizontal Falls, Montgomery Reef, King George Falls, ancient Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) rock art

**Best For:** Expedition-style wilderness cruising, ancient Aboriginal culture, wildlife, waterfalls

**Key Warning:** No swimming on coast — saltwater crocodiles and box jellyfish. Cable Beach (Broome) only.

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ AUD 18–25 for short trips

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Montgomery Reef** — Watch a 150-square-mile coral reef appear to 'rise' from the sea as the tide falls, creating cascading waterfalls in the middle of the ocean.
- Horizontal Falls — Fast-Boat Ride** — Tidal forces push water through two narrow mountain gorges in Talbot Bay, creating a 'horizontal waterfall.' A fast-boat ride through the gap is pure...
- King George Falls** — Twin waterfalls plunge 80 metres down red sandstone cliffs into the ocean.
- Ancient Rock Art (Bradshaw Figures & Wandjina)** — Among the oldest rock art on Earth — Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) figures dated to roughly 12,000 years, with some Kimberley motifs reaching 16,000–17,000...
- Mitchell Falls Helicopter Flight** — A scenic helicopter flight over the four-tiered Mitchell Falls, deep in the Mitchell Plateau.

## BEST WALKS

- Jar Island Rock Art Walk** 1-2 km | Easy | 45-90 min — Guided walk from Zodiac landing to Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) figure rock art panels — extraordinary figurative paintings many thousands of years old on sandstone overhangs.
- Cable Beach Stroll (Broome)** Up to 22 km | Easy | Any length — The only beach on the Kimberley cruise where swimming is safe (in season).

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 94°  | 78° | 3d   |
| Jun |     | 86°  | 67° | 1d   |
| Aug |     | 87°  | 66° | 0d   |
| Sep |     | 90°  | 71° | 0d   |
| Oct |     | 92°  | 77° | 0d   |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:00AM–5:41PM · Jun 6:19AM–5:23PM · Aug 6:10AM–5:40PM · Sep 5:47AM–5:45PM · Oct 5:22AM–5:51PM

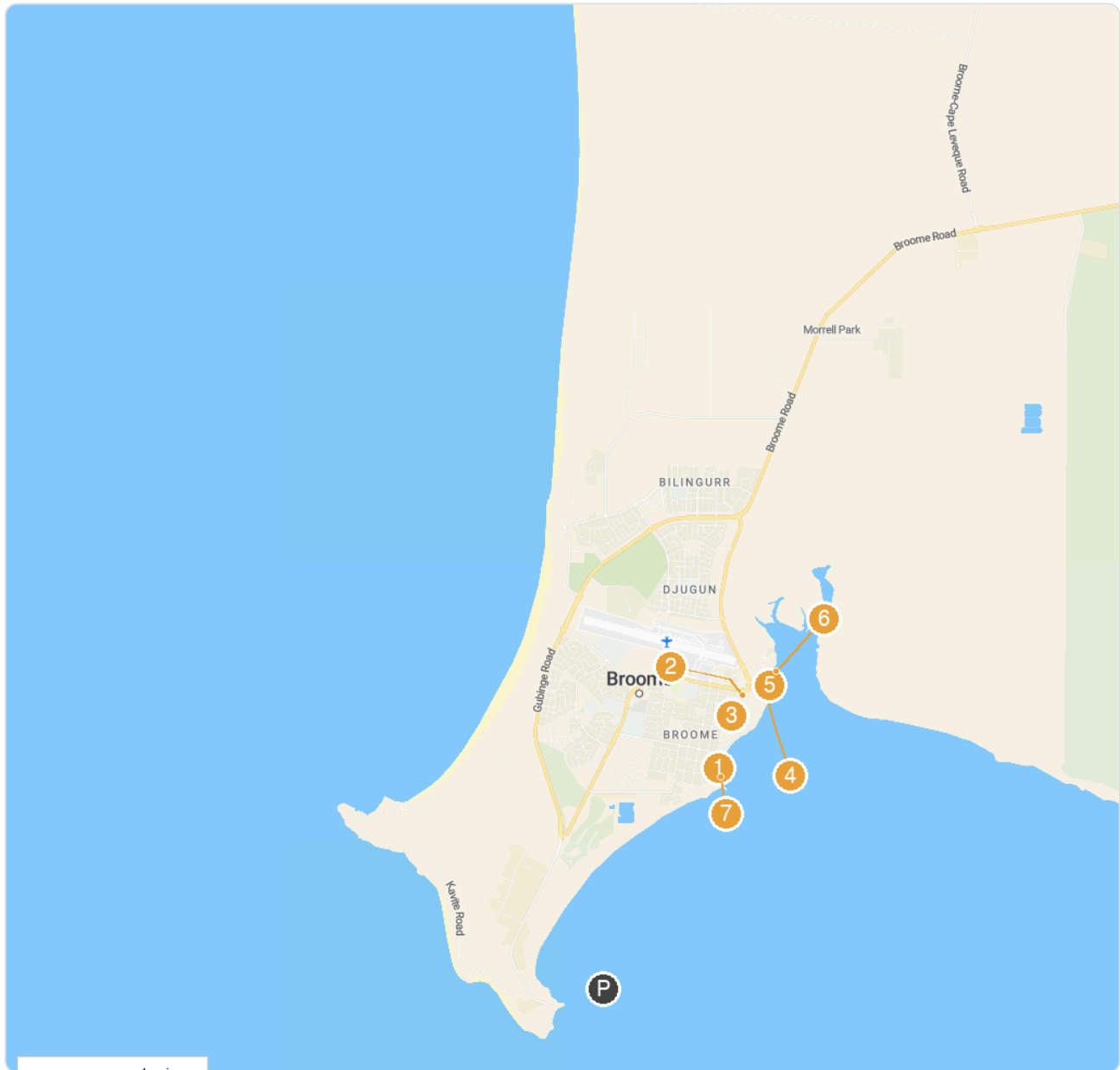
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Never swim on the wilderness coast. Saltwater crocodiles inhabit every river, estuary, and beach. Cable Beach in Broome (in the dry season) is the only safe swim.
- Pack water shoes (Keens or Tevas). Wet landings mean stepping into knee-deep water. Reef sandals protect against sharp coral and slippery rocks.
- The tides run the schedule. The Kimberley has one of the world's largest tidal ranges (up to 11 m). Your daily itinerary changes constantly — be flexible and trust the expedition team.
- Bring Bushman's repellent. Midges (no-see-ums) and sandflies are brutal, especially at dusk. Standard DEET sprays are often ineffective — Australians swear by Bushman's.
- Zero connectivity on the coast. No mobile signal exists between Broome and Darwin. If the ship lacks Starlink, you'll be fully offline — a feature, not a bug.
- Broome is worth a day. Try pearl meat and mango beer at Matso's Broome Brewery, visit a working pearl farm, and watch the Staircase to the Moon from Roebuck Bay (March–October).

## Kimberley Coast, Western Australia, Australia — Port Map

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



- 1 Broome Historical Museum** Explore Broome's rich history and pearling heritage.
- 3 Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral** Visit Broome's unique Catholic cathedral, built with local shell.
- 5 Pearl Luggers Broome** Discover Broome's pearling history aboard restored pearl luggers.
- 7 Town Beach** Relax on a scenic beach, perfect for swimming and sunsets.

- 2 Broome Courthouse Markets** Browse local crafts, food, and produce at the historic courthouse.
- 4 Roebuck Bay Lookout** Enjoy panoramic views of Roebuck Bay, famous for Staircase to the Moon.
- 6 Streeter's Jetty Broome** Walk along a historic wooden jetty with scenic bay views.
- P Cruise port / terminal**