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**Orion Expedition Cruises**

**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2007**

**Orion *OPERA UNDER THE STARS®* Kimberley voyage 2008**

**Opera With The Stars Under The Stars**

A fitting opening night of operatic proportions awaits all guests on the five star expedition cruise ship Orion in Broome for the 10 night *Kimberley Expedition* cruise to Darwin in late August 2008.

As a prelude to absorbing the visual drama of the spectacular Kimberley coast with its vast tidal changes, emerging reefs, swirling waters, thundering waterfalls and prolific marine life, Orion's guests will be invited to Broome's iconic *OPERA UNDER THE STARS®*, a highlight of Broome's cultural events calendar.

Presented on a typically balmy Kimberley night, overlooking Cable Beach, famed for its fiery sunsets, the evening provides a delightful contrast of informality countered by the extraordinary voices of Australian opera singers who have received much critical acclaim for performances both at home and overseas.

The musical programme for 2007 featured music from the opera repertoire including the rousing Largo al factotum from *Il barbiere di Siviglia* by Rossini, the sublime duet *Au fond du temple saint* from *Les Pêcheurs de Perles* by Delibes, highlights from Puccini's operas including the duet *O soave fanciulla* from *La Bohème* and the spine tingling aria *Nessun dorma* from *Turandot*, as well as the famous *Brindisi* from Verdi's *La Traviata*. Programme details for 2008 yet to be announced.

Be it an impromptu glass of champagne on some remote sand bar, a seafood beach barbecue or an invitation to the opera, these are typical unexpected experiences Orion strives to provide guests on all Orion voyages.

10 nights *Kimberley Expedition* voyage, (29<sup>th</sup> August, 2008, departure only). Expedition fares from A\$7995 per person twin occupancy include accommodation, all meals, landings and selected activities ashore plus invitation to *OPERA UNDER THE STARS®* in Broome on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Limited availability.

Further information on Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website [www.orioncruises.com.au](http://www.orioncruises.com.au)

For reservations or to obtain a brochure call Orion Expedition Cruises: 61-2 9033 8777 (Sydney callers) 1300 361 012 (regional and interstate) or your travel agent. Email: [info@orioncruises.com.au](mailto:info@orioncruises.com.au)

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***Ranked #2 Expedition Cruise Ship in the world in the latest Berlitz Cruise Guide ratings, Orion is Australia's only purpose-built luxury expedition cruise ship, featuring an unmatched range of onboard facilities.***

***With 75 crew and a maximum of just 106 passengers Orion offers the highest staff to guest ratio and guest to public space ratio of any ship based in Australian waters.***

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