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**Orion OPERA UNDER THE STARS® Kimberley voyage 2009**

**Opera With The Stars Under The Stars**

A grand night of operatic proportions awaits guests from the five star expedition cruise ship *Orion* at the conclusion of its *Kimberley Expedition* voyage in late August 2009.

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

Overlooking Cable Beach, famed for its fiery sunsets, this 'one night only' evening provides a delightful contrast of informality countered by uplifting voices of opera singers who have received critical acclaim for performances both at home and overseas.

The musical programme includes the sublime aria "Casta Diva" from Bellini's *Norma*, excerpts from *Carmen* by Bizet as well as duets by Verdi and Delibes.

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

**Special offer – save 15% on these prices**

10 nights *Kimberley Expedition OPERA UNDER THE STARS®* voyage  
21 August 2009 Darwin/Broome departure only.

Fares begin from \$8,790 per person for an ocean view Category B Stateroom.  
Suites begin from \$12,125 per person for a Junior Suite and Owners Suites with French Balcony are \$18,410 per person

Expedition fares are per person twin occupancy include accommodation, all meals, landings and selected activities ashore plus invitation to *OPERA UNDER THE STARS®* in Broome on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

**Limited availability.**

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

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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**Additional information:** Appearances by Michael Lewis, Baritone; Aivale Cole, Soprano; Katja Webb, Soprano; Katherine Tier, Mezzo-Soprano and David Wickham, Pianist.

**OPERA UNDER THE STARS**® website: [www.operaunderthestars.com.au](http://www.operaunderthestars.com.au)

*Ranked #2 expedition cruise ship in the world in the current Berlitz Cruise Guide, Orion is the world's latest and Australia's only purpose-built luxury expedition cruise ship.*

*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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