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Explore Australia's great Kimberley wilderness

- Only Orion includes a scenic Bungle Bungle flight -

There is no better way to experience the grandeur of the Kimberley during 2011 than from onboard *Orion* - the only expedition cruise ship to hold internationally-recognised EarthCheck EC3 marine tourism accreditation acknowledging world-leading sustainable and environmentally sound operating practices. Important differences no other cruise operator in the Kimberley can offer.

Enjoy Kimberley coast highlights including outstanding examples of pre-history Gwion Gwion and Wandjina rock art. Land on remote islands and beaches, explore vast gorges, climb to the plateau next to the highest waterfall in the Kimberley, King George Falls, and venture into waterways in search of saltwater crocodiles.

PLUS, exclusive to Orion Expedition Cruises, enjoy a 2 hour Bungle Bungle Ranges flight at no additional charge! Brought to the world's attention only 25 years ago their remote location ensures the Bungle Bungles remain an elusive destination seen first-hand by just a fortunate few.

Visit in April and May, following the annual 'Big Wet', to see the waterfalls at their most magnificent. Late July and August is front-row prime time to see some of the estimated population of 20,000 migrating Humpback whales as they return from Antarctic feeding grounds to rest and calve.

With thousands of kilometres of undeveloped shoreline and over 1,000 rarely visited islands, the Kimberley, so ancient much of it pre-dates the existence of fossils, ranks as one of the world's environmental wonders. A rare wilderness area worthy of the highest levels of conservation and protection.

These voyages are the perfect introduction to expedition cruising. Adventure, excitement and dramatic sea and landscapes combine with outstanding levels of service and comfort that only *Orion* can provide.

Select from 13 ten night *Orion* voyages between late April and early

September 2011: Darwin/Broome and v.v. including King George River and Falls, Vansittart Bay, Hunter River (for Mitchell Falls), Montgomery Reef and Raft Point, Talbot Bay/Horizontal Waterfalls, Crocodile Creek, Nares Point – refer to specific itineraries for details.

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2011 season fares begin from \$9,100 per person twin share for an ocean view Category B Stateroom including all meals, lectures, inclusive shore expeditions, gratuities and port fees.

Regular air connections provide convenient embarkation and disembarkation in Darwin or Broome.

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Akin to a private mega-yacht, accommodating just 53 couples, *Orion's* staff of 75 professionally caters for the needs of everyone in an unobtrusive yet attentive way.

All 53 suites and staterooms have ocean views, marble bathrooms, flat screen TV and DVD/CD player, internet accessibility and choice of queen or twin bed configuration.

Elegant throughout, *Orion's* features include a sauna, health spa and gym, boutique, library with internet access, a wide range of water sport activities, plus a choice of dining areas and innovative menus created by multi-award winning chef, Serge Dansereau.

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Further information on Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website 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) / 0800 444 462 (New Zealand) or see your travel agent.

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