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[Orion presents pearls and opera in the Kimberley](#)

Exquisite pearls and fine opera combine as naturally as champagne and caviar or *Orion* and the Kimberley, and this year two *Orion* Kimberley voyages provide exclusive inclusions for those interested in the finer things in life.

Join either 10 night *Orion* voyage and receive an invitation to the highlight of Broome's cultural events calendar of the year, *OPERA UNDER THE STARS*®, featuring performers of national and international acclaim including soprano Antoinette Halloran, tenors Aldo Di Toro and Stuart Skelton, and baritone, James Clayton.

- **August 19, 2010 *Pearls of the Kimberley* or**
- **August 29, 2010 *Kimberley Expedition***

In addition, the *Pearls of the Kimberley* voyage incorporates **Orion's first visit to Rowley Shoals plus a Paspaley Pearls special event** held at their South Sea Pearl Farm, Kuri Bay, including a cocktail party featuring opera singers flown in for this exclusive private performance.

Both voyages include Orion's signature Kimberley explorations highlighting the visual drama of 3,000 kilometres of Kimberley coast with its ancient indigenous rock art, vast tidal changes, emerging reefs, dramatic waterfalls and prolific marine life – all experienced in a relaxed atmosphere of five star comfort under the watchful eye of 75 professional crew.

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[Pearls of the Kimberley](#)

Departing Broome - August 19, 2010
BROOME, Rowley Shoals, Nares Point, One Arm Point, Kuri Bay, Camden Harbour and Sheep Island, Montgomery Reef and Raft Point, BROOME.

Highlights include the three atolls of Rowley Shoals, one of the world's pristine environments, with extensive marine life including giant cod, maori wrasse, turtles, dolphins, manta rays and whales. Snorkel and swim in this aquarium-like marine park, home to over 200 species of coral and more than 650 species of fish.

This is **followed by a Paspaley Pearls special event** at Australia's first South Sea Pearl Farm, Kuri Bay, where *Orion* guests will learn to grade the harvest and sort the pearls. This will culminate with a cocktail party **featuring renowned**

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opera singers Sharolyn Kimmorley AM; soprano Rachelle Durkin and tenor Matt Morgan, flown in for a private performance.

This voyage will also include **two nights accommodation at Pinctada Cable Beach**, Broome's new five star resort and spa experience. Enjoy the award winning OPERA UNDER THE STARS® featuring an outstanding cast of opera talent.

Kimberley Expedition – OPERA UNDER THE STARS®

Departing Broome - August 27, 2010

BROOME, (overnight onboard including OPERA), Cape Leveque, Talbot Bay/Horizontal Waterfalls, Montgomery Reef and Raft Point, Hunter River (for Mitchell Falls), Bigge Island, Vansittart Bay, King George River and Falls, DARWIN.

Commence your 10 night Kimberley coastal expedition with an invitation to this award winning, world-class event, OPERA UNDER THE STARS® featuring an outstanding cast, each acclaimed for their thrilling performances in the world of opera. This vibrant and inspiring group of stars will perform together under the stars at an exciting new venue, the Cable Beach Amphitheatre - situated adjacent to the turquoise waters and white sands of one of the world's most picturesque beaches, Broome's stunning Cable Beach.

OPERA UNDER THE STARS® 2010 will feature a **sublime programme of music** highlighting repertoire for both the Lyric Tenor and Heldentenor voices including gems such as "Cielo e Mare" from La Gioconda by Ponchielli and "Winterstürme wichen dem wonnemonde" from Wagner's Die Walküre. Also featuring will be the moving final scene from Act I of Puccini's La Bohème; the divinely inspired duet "Au fond du temple saint" from Les Pêcheurs de Perles by Bizet and the rousing tenor aria "Nessun dorma" from Puccini's Turandot.

Price Guide:

Fares begin from \$9,100 per person for an ocean view Category B Stateroom. Suites begin from \$12,550 per person for a Junior Suite and Owners Suites with French Balcony are \$19,055 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 29th August and inclusive accommodation in Pinctada or Cable Beach Resort.



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Further information on Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website www.orionexpeditions.com

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