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# THE WILD WEST COAST FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

Australia's west coast is home to some of the country's most extraordinary wonders – many are only accessible by sea. Explore this endlessly fascinating destination on a small ship and cruise in true expedition style to remote archipelagos, offshore coral reefs and remote coastlines that few have the opportunity to visit. Our knowledgeable Expedition Team and Guest Lecturers share expert guidance and insightful presentations into these far-flung destinations, enhancing the expedition cruise experience while helping to create memories to last a lifetime.

Our voyages offer true explorers the opportunity to visit natural destinations that are unlike anywhere else in the world. Encounter endemic marine species, spot native animals, and birdwatch in Important Bird Areas. After a day spent exploring, enjoy our warm Australian hospitality and the intimate and relaxing atmosphere onboard.

#### **Expedition Note**

These are expedition itineraries covering remote regions. Your Captain and Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise your experience. These itineraries are indicative - some variation may occur due to weather conditions, safety or local community requirements.

We recommend that you do not arrive to the embarkation port on the day of boarding or depart on the day of disembarkation due to unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

#### INCLUSIONS

- > All excursions and sightseeing
- > Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- > Daily lectures and briefings
- > All meals, chef-prepared on board
- > Selected wines, selected beers, selected spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- > Coffee and selection of teas
- > All entrance fees to National Parks and Ports
- > Choice of local operator excursions at some locations
- > Tips and gratuities

#### **WINE SELECTIONS**

We offer two wine selections, which guests may purchase in addition to our house selection, that feature hand-selected Australian and New Zealand wines, and French champagne.

- > A Taste of Australia Selection: with seven bottles featuring one Australian Sparkling, two Whites, three Reds and a Rosé
- > Connoisseur Selection: with six bottles featuring one French Champagne, two Whites and three Reds at \$355.00

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## Australian Hospitality at Sea

On board our Australian-flagged expedition ships, discover a personalised, relaxed style of cruising. With a maximum of 99 guests, there is no need for queues or assigned seating. Instead, an intimate, convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded travellers makes you feel at home.

Our Australian and New Zealand crew share their passion for our destinations and the explorer's life. Join our engine room tours, watch our chefs at work in the open galley, and chat with our Captain or officers on the bridge - they will be delighted to have your company.

Our chefs, inspired by destination flavours, prepare cuisine from fresh regional produce. Our wine cellars hold a curated selection of Australian wines and unique beers.

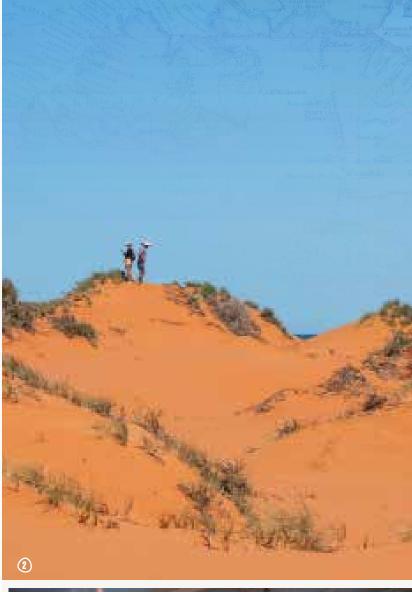
Our guests love to mingle over drinks as the sun sets, enjoy daily educational presentations by our lecturers, participate in stargazing sessions after dark, or simply find a quiet corner on deck and enjoy the solitude.

### The Expedition Experience

We explore remote locations that are hard to reach or not often touched by tourists, with shore excursions providing environmental and cultural appreciation. Our small group sizes ensure your experience is personal, with minimal impact on the communities and environments we visit.

Enjoy excursions or activities each day, guided by expert Expedition Leaders and lecturers who provide commentary on culture, history, and the region's unique geology, plants and wildlife to help you connect with these special places.

Our ships are built for environmentally responsible smallship cruising, with refined navigation and nimble Xplorer tenders to bring you close to remote coastlines.



## SailSAFE Health © Safety Plan for quests © crew

#### Our SailSAFE Plan

It is our priority to keep our guests and crew safe while travelling with us, and our SailSAFE Plan ensures we operate responsibly in the new environment that COVID-19 has created

Remote, nature-based expeditions with Australian crew, and small groups less than 99 guests provides a lower-risk environment. The addition of our approved SailSAFE COVID response plan, as well as our thorough pre-cruise testing model, create additional confidence when sailing with us.

We have partnered with Respond Global, a specialist medical advisory agency, to assist us in developing these protocols that are among the most thorough in the world.

With a focus on prevention, to target a 100% COVID free environment when we set sail, we have a three-tiered medical screening system in place before boarding. This prevention protocol is supported by onboard mitigation actions and a thorough and compassionate response plan.

#### **READ THE COMPLETE PLAN >**

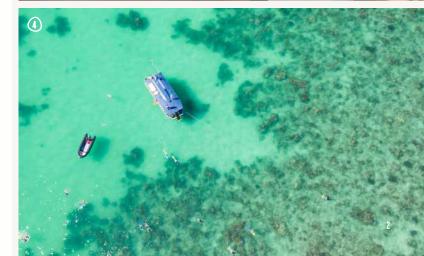






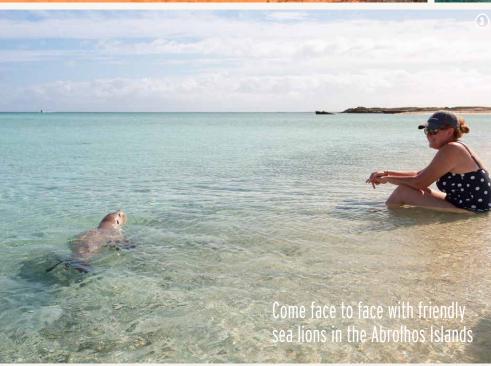














Our Australian team of Expedition Leaders and regular guest lecturers have a wealth of knowledge of the unique landscapes, flora and fauna and Indigenous cultures of the West Coast. Passionate explorers, marine biologists, and naturalists, they provide on board lectures and interpretation and are always keen to chat with you and share their expertise. They will ensure your experience is as enlightening and enjoyable as possible by bringing you a new understanding and appreciation of the places you will discover on your expedition.

Western Australia's wild and largely untouched coast, with its contrasting coastal palette of rich red sands and turquoise sea, has a fascinating maritime and Indigenous history. From the Malgana people of Shark Bay to the exploratory journeys of William Dampier, Dirk Hartog, Baudin and Freycinet – this region is layered with stories. The natural coastal reserves harbour an abundance of birdlife and fascinating marine species. Our voyages explore the entire west coast, from the historic Houtman Abrolhos Islands, to Shark Bay World Heritage Area, Ningaloo Reef, Cape Range National Park, Montebello Islands, Muiron Islands, the renowned Kimberley wilderness and out to the far-flung Rowley Shoals, Scott Reef and Ashmore Reef.

Find freedom in Australia's west coast aboard our small ship expeditions.

IMAGES 1 Coastal walk, François Peron National Park, credit Greg Fenn | 2 Coast of Muiron Islands, Greg Fenn | 3 Sea lion at Abrolhos Islands, Greg Fenn



Enjoy freshly prepared meals from the open galley featuring local ingredients from the regions we visit. Relax in the spacious and open atmosphere of our indoor and outdoor bars and dining areas. Enjoy craft beers, artisanal spirits and local wines sourced from regional Australia at the end of a long day ashore.





## Snorkelling & Scuba

The opportunity to snorkel and scuba dive over spectacular coral gardens and come face to face with brightly coloured tropical fish is a highlight of our West Coast expeditions.

Beginners can join guided snorkelling tours or introductory and resort-style dives, while more experienced divers are able to participate in challenging dives (scuba diving at additional cost). Our Dive Instructor accompanies you every step of the way. Snorkelling equipment will be assigned to each guest at the commencement of the cruise, and the onboard introductory scuba skills session is complimentary. Scuba diving requires medical clearance and a medical certificate.

# & THE ROWLEY SHOALS



## **Expedition Highlights**

- > Birdwatch at Ashmore Reef and Nature Reserve, where around 100,000 seabirds flock each year
- > Discover remote Adele Island, an Important Bird Area with a unique reef system
- > Marvel at King George River and get in close to the soaring 80m high King George Falls
- > Visit Indigenous rock art galleries and learn about ancient Wandjina and Gwion Gwion art at Swift Bay
- > Get up close to Montgomery Reef and discover the tidal reef's diverse marine life
- > Visit the Important Bird Area of the Lacepede Islands, and spot numerous bird species throughout your voyage, including Eastern Ospreys and White-breasted Sea Eagles
- > Snorkel or dive rarely visited Scott Reef and the Rowley Shoals Marine Park, accompanied by our Marine Biologist
- > Experience the thrill of speeding through the Horizontal Falls in a Zodiac
- > Enjoy sunset canapés and drinks on the beach as dusk settles over the Kimberley

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SCOTT REFF

## ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > BETWEEN DARWIN & BROOME

#### DAY 1: DEPART DARWIN OR BROOME

Board in Darwin at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure. Board in Broome at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

#### DAYS 2-12: KEY DESTINATIONS OF YOUR EXPEDITION

This expedition visits remote outer reefs & islands. Access to these locations will be subject to weather conditions.

#### KING GEORGE RIVER

Cruise down the scenic King George River, through steep-sided gorges carved by a flooded river system that carved a swathe through the Kimberley landscape 400 million years ago. We will take the opportunity to get up close and view the honeycomb erosion patterns of the 80m tall sandstone cliffs.

#### SWIFT BAY

This 'T' shaped bay is composed of heavily fractured sandstone providing an abundance of rock shelters. On the walls of these shelters are examples of both Wandjina and Gwion Gwion style rock art. Spend time observing these ancient rock art sites with expert interpretation by our Expedition Team.

#### **ASHMORE REEF**

Spend two days exploring Ashmore Reef, a very special stop on our voyage. The rich marine environment is revealed with snorkelling and diving expeditions to discover vibrant populations of sea snakes, turtles, and complex coral reefs. Cruise the lagoons by tender to spot the colonies of seabirds.

#### SCOTT REEF

Located 300kms off the coast of the Kimberley, Scott Reef has been treacherous to shipping. We will visit the wreck of the Yarra, an iron barque that was driven onto the reef in 1884, and go on a snorkelling or diving expedition to discover the breathtaking outer walls of the reef.

#### ADELE ISLAND

150km off Cape Leveque, Adele Island is a Class A reserve and Important Bird Area due to innumerable birds that breed and winter here. The turquoise waters surrounding the island are also home to fish, sharks, turtles, and stingrays.

#### MONTGOMERY REEF

Montgomery Reef covers over 300 sq km. As the sea recedes in mammoth tides, the reef rises from the ocean in a cascade of rushing water. Opportunistic birds take advantage of the marine life left exposed in rock pools, and turtles and larger marine life may also be spotted. Witness the spectacle up close, as our Expedition Team share their knowledge on the reef and wildlife.

#### DOUBTFUL BAY

Raft Point guards the entrance to sheltered Doubtful Bay, which harbours significant sites such as the ancient Wandjina rock art galleries. Visit Red Cone Creek and beautiful Ruby Falls and climb up the rock formations to reach the freshwater swimming hole.

#### HORIZONTAL FALLS

Due to the mammoth tides for which the Kimberley is renowned, the Horizontal Falls are created as the ocean thunders through a narrow gorge in the McLarty Ranges. Experience a heart-pumping ride through the rapids aboard our Zodiacs.

#### THE LACEPEDE ISLANDS

Subject to weather and tides, we visit the Lacepede Islands. The low islands are a nature reserve and Important Bird Area, supporting up to 18,000 breeding pairs of Brown Boobies and Roseate Terns, as well as a significant breeding area for the Green Sea Turtle. We explore the island's lagoon by Zodiac and Xplorer, to spot many species of birds and marine wildlife.

#### **ROWLEY SHOALS**

At the edge of the continental shelf, 170 nautical miles offshore, lie the Rowley Shoals, a chain of three coral atolls including Clerke, Mermaid and Imperieuse Reefs. The shoals offer some of the best snorkelling and diving opportunities in the world. Their shallow lagoons are inhabited by myriad coral species and marine life, including giant potato cod, Maori wrasse, at least 233 species of coral and 688 species of fish. Water clarity here is unparalleled, making for superb underwater photography opportunities. Conditions permitting, we will spend 1-2 days here for snorkelling and diving opportunities. Guided by our marine biologist, snorkel away the day in the coral gardens of the Aquarium at Clerke Reef, try a drift snorkel in the channel.

#### DAY 11: ARRIVE BROOME OR DARWIN

Disembark in Darwin at 8:30am Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

A post cruise transfer to the city or airport is included.

#### TRIP LOG

"We crossed the sand bar at the mouth of the King George River and headed into the slightly more sheltered river reaches. Xplorer was soon dwarfed by towering sandstone that was laid down between 1.83 and 1.79 billion years ago. Had we been able to see the landscape from the cliff top, we would have been presented with the flat Kimberley Plateau. The deep river gorge, probably cut through about 20 million years ago, certainly gave no hint of this terrain. We were soon face-to-face with the water-blackened sheer rock faces and tumbling waters of the twin 80-metre high King George Falls. Aboard the zodiacs, we were able to get a much closer look at the sheer power of all that water tumbling off the plateau above."

ALASDAIR MCGREGOR > KING GEORGE RIVER, 19 APRIL 2021



#### Jamie Anderson Expedition Leader

Jamie has been with Coral Expeditions since 2003. With a long career as a naturalist, guide, and teacher in environmental science, Jamie has travelled and worked all over the world. He has extensive experience in diving and photography, and has a tireless energy and love for our destinations. The Kimberley is his favourite place, and he is delighted to share his extensive experience in the region.



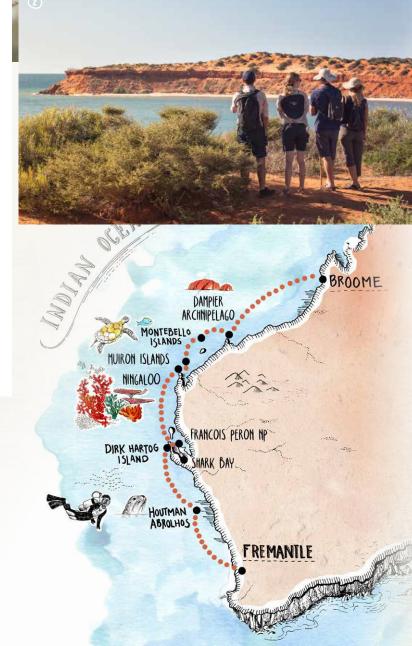
## **Expedition Highlights**

- > Discover the fascinating history and natural wonders of the Abrolhos Islands, as you swim with friendly sea lions, snorkel over the fringing reefs and visit Liddon pearl farm
- > Explore World Heritage Shark Bay with visits to Francois Peron National Park, to discover the history and abundant wildlife of this region
- > Discover World-Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef with a snorkel at Turquoise Bay, and explore Cape Range National Park on a tour from Exmouth
- > Discover sites of cultural significance to Indigenous Australians, including the Dampier Archipelago petroglyphs, with expert interpretation
- > Learn about the coast's fascinating maritime history the wrecks of the Barque Stefano, the Tryall near the Montebellos, and the Batavia at the Abrolhos
- > Birdwatch at the Montebello Islands, known for their large populations of nesting seabirds, and spot numerous bird species throughout your voyage

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### ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > BETWEEN BROOME & FREMANTLE

#### DAY 1: DEPART BROOME OR FREMANTLE

Board in Fremantle at 8:00am for a 9:00am departure. Board in Broome at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

#### DAYS 2-12: KEY DESTINATIONS OF YOUR EXPEDITION

#### DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO

The 42 islands and islets of the Dampier Archipelago are ironred, in bright contrast to the turquoise waters which surround them With exceptional natural beauty and significant National Heritage Listed sites, the region offers an extraordinary expedition experience. The Yaburara people have lived here for thousands of years, evidenced by historic rock engravings and shell middens.

Search for ancient Aboriginal petroglyphs, swim in the vibrant blue water or relax on a leisurely kayak. Look for native wildlife - the largest hawksbill turtle rookery in the Indo-Pacific region is close by and we may spot the elusive Rothschild's rock wallaby. Birdwatchers will have the opportunity to see several species of migratory waders as well as sea eagles and ospreys.

#### MONTEBELLO ISLANDS

More than 250 limestone islands and islets off the coast of the Pilbara, the Montebello Islands are an Important Bird Area, supporting significant populations of fairy and roseate terns.

The islands have an 'explosive' past - Alpha and Trimouille Islands were the site of British atomic weapons tests in the 1950s, and relics of these operations can still be found on the islands, which are now a wildlife haven. Spend a day exploring - swimming from the beach, visiting the atomic Ground Zero and spotting wildlife including the rufous hare-wallaby and lagoon rays.

#### SERRURIER ISLAND & PILBARA INSHORE ISLANDS

Serrurier Island is one of the 170 remote Pilbara inshore islands, and is protected as a nature reserve. The coral competition here is fierce, as is the fish species diversity. Sea-grass beds feed dugongs and several species of marine turtle. Today is all about the in water experience as we snorkel this pristine and seldom visited location.

#### **MUIRON ISLANDS**

The Muiron Islands are well known for their incredible reef, with a variety of dive sites on offer, including swim-throughs and ledges where nudibranchs, eels and angelfish hide. Discover a variety of colourful soft corals, an abundance of turtles, schools of fish and sightings of manta rays. Birdlife is abundant onshore – spot wedgetail shearwaters, roseate terns, osprey, and black-shouldered kites. After in-water activities, stretch your legs on a stroll down the beach on these untouched islands.

#### TRIP LOG

"A steep climb up the red dunes led to a trail that went to the next headland. The abundant animal tracks showed that an invisible menagerie of wildlife lived in these harsh conditions, the sparse vegetation providing habitat for reptiles, small mammals, many land birds and other creatures - there was much to wonder at. We reached the cliff tops and looked down on the beaches lined with sea birds, with rays casually swimming in the shallows.

The scenery was stunning. The jade green of the sea was an amazing contrast to the red of the cliffs and the intense blue of the sky. The shape of the dunes and cliffs and the contrast in colours made this a photographer's paradise. We were also surrounded by thousands of sea birds including large flocks of Pied Cormorants."

TIM HARVEY > SHARK BAY, 15 MARCH 2021

#### EXMOUTH & CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK

Ningaloo Reef's deep waters, reef and coast are in close proximity, resulting in diverse marine life. Humpback whales, giant manta rays, and whale sharks come here during their migrations, and is is an important turtle rookery. Here, there is a significant history of explorers, pearlers, whaling and fishing. Spend time in Cape Range National Park with snorkelling at Turquoise Bay, a 1.2 km nature walk at Yardie Creek, and a visit to the Vlamingh Head lighthouse. Enjoy free time to explore Exmouth and the Ningaloo Centre.

#### NINGALOO COAST

Weather conditions permitting, today we will explore a location on the coastline between Exmouth and Coral Bay. At Bateman Bay, visit a remote snorkelling site known as the Oyster Bridge, backed by 20m sand dunes. Here a spectacular rock formation juts out from the beach, creating a sheltered lagoon for snorkelling - the oyster-covered overhangs provide cover for an array of marine life including Wobbegongs, turtles, and numerous species of fish.

#### SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE AREA

Shark Bay World Heritage Area was the first location in Western Australia to receive UNESCO World Heritage status. Known for colourful landscapes and rare flora and fauna, the region is home to 35% of Australia's bird species. Explore Francois Peron National Park and walk the Wanamalu Trail to spot wildlife from the lookout, taking in the vivid contrasts of the orange dunes with turquoise waters. Cruise past Cape Inscription Lighthouse, where Dirk Hartog came ashore in 1616 - the first recorded landing by Europeans on Australian soil.

#### THE ABROLHOS ISLANDS

The Abrolhos Islands lie in the south-flowing Leeuwin current, a meeting place for diverse sea life. The reefs around the islands have caused many shipwrecks, such as the famous Batavia in 1629.

Spend 3 days exploring three of Abrolhos island groups. At the Wallabi group, land at picturesque Turtle Bay to explore the marked snorkel trail. Conditions permitting we will also visit Beacon Island, site of the Batavia massacre - 'the island of Angry Ghosts'. At the Easter Group, enjoy birdwatching and get up close with friendly sea lions. In the Pelsaert group, visit Liddon Pearls and learn about pearl cultivation and the crayfishing industry from a 4th generation fishing family.

#### DAY 11: ARRIVE FREMANTLE OR BROOME

Disembark in Fremantle at 8:00am Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

A post cruise transfer to the city or airport is included.



#### Joel Moore Expedition Leader

Joel was born on the Gold Coast. Lucky enough to have travelled to more than 30 countries before turning 13, Joel has a vast knowledge of different environments from his work as a Polar Bear guide and naturalist in polar regions, sub-tropical rainforest guide in Australia, and dog mushing guide in Canada. As a qualified teacher, Joel is looking forward to sharing his knowledge and joy of travel with you whilst aboard.



# NINGALOO & THE BLUEWATER WONDERS OF AUSTRALIA'S WEST





- > Snorkel or dive the pristine and rarely visited Rowley Shoals, accompanied by our onboard Marine Biologist
- > Scuba dive the remarkable reefs of the Muiron Islands and seldom visited Serrurier Island
- > Encounter the mega fauna of Ningaloo Reef with the chance to swim with whale sharks and manta rays guided by an experienced local operator (this experience is subject to nature)
- > Explore Cape Range National Park: enjoy a drift snorkel at Turquoise Bay and a nature walk at Yardie Creek
- > Discover sites of cultural significance to Indigenous Australians, including the Dampier Archipelago petroglyphs, with expert interpretation
- > Encounter a proliferation of wildlife, including rare birds and marine life on the remote islands and atolls
- > Visit 'Ground Zero' at the Montebello Islands, which are also classed as an Important Bird Area for seabird species

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#### ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > BROOME TO BROOME

#### DAY 1: DEPART BROOME

Board in Broome at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

#### DAYS 2-10: KEY DESTINATIONS OF YOUR EXPEDITION

#### **ROWLEY SHOALS**

At the edge of the continental shelf, 170 nautical miles offshore, lie the Rowley Shoals. A chain of three coral atolls including Clerke, Mermaid and Imperieuse Reefs, the shoals offer some of the best snorkelling and diving opportunities in the world. Their shallow lagoons are inhabited by myriad coral species and marine life, including giant potato cod, Maori wrasse, at least 233 species of coral and 688 species of fish. Diving along the outside edge of the shoals one can view colourful soft corals, hammerheads and pelagic fish. Water clarity here is unparalleled, making for superb underwater photography opportunities.

Conditions permitting, we will spend 1-2 days here for snorkelling and diving opportunities. Guided by our on-board marine biologist, snorkel the day away in the coral gardens of the Aquarium at Clerke Reef, dive along the sheer vertical walls and through coral canyons, or try a drift snorkel in the channel.

#### MONTEBELLO ISLANDS

The Montebello Islands are an archipelago of more than 250 limestone islands and islets off the coast of the Pilbara. A twitcher's delight, the islands are an Important Bird Area, as they support over 1% of the world populations of fairy and roseate terns, as well as sooty oyster-catchers.

The islands have a fascinating maritime history. The survivors of the vessel *Tryall* swam here after their ship was wrecked, being the first Europeans to land on the islands. The Montebellos also have an 'explosive' past - Alpha and Trimouille Islands were the site of British atomic weapons tests in the 1950s. Relics of the military operation can still be found on the islands.

Spend a full day exploring here, with wildlife spotting opportunities including endangered rufous hare-wallabies and lagoon rays.

There are also opportunities to swim from the beautiful beaches.

#### **MUIRON ISLANDS**

Located approximately 10 nautical miles off the North West Cape, the waters surrounding the uninhabited Muiron Islands are teeming with marine life. A variety of dive sites are on offer, including swim-throughs and ledges where nudibranchs, eels and angelfish hide. With fantastic bommies and protected reef, snorkellers will appreciate the variety of soft corals and gorgonians as well the incredible fish life. After in-water activities, stretch your legs on a stroll down an untouched beach.

#### TRIP I OG

"Our local guides located reef manta rays and we enjoyed a day of interaction with these magnificent animals as they fed on the local plankton concentrations. Many whales were sighted on the eco tour, plus an olive sea snake made an appearance. Later, the drift snorkel along the spectacular Turquoise beach was a wonderful experience, as we spotted a large Hawksbill Turtle, a couple of impressive Cowtail Rays, and a school of large mullet. A Western bowerbird was sighted (and its raucous call heard) at Yardie Creek during our lunch break, while we pondered the engineering of the reefs that have given rise to the landscape we see today."

MARYSIA PAWLIKOWSKA > EXMOUTH, 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

#### SERRURIER ISLAND

Serrurier Island is one of the 170 remote Pilbara inshore islands, and is protected as a nature reserve. The coral competition here is fierce, as is the fish species diversity. Sea-grass beds feed dugongs and several species of marine turtle. Today is all about the in water experience as we snorkel this pristine and seldom visited location.

#### DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO

Consisting of forty-two islands and islets, many protected as nature reserves, the iron red islands of the Dampier Archipelago stand in bright contrast to the turquoise waters which surround them. The archipelago supports the largest Hawksbill turtle rookery in the Indo-Pacific and Bottle-nose dolphins are regularly spotted here. Birdwatchers will have the opportunity to see several species of migratory waders, as well as sea eagles and ospreys. With luck we may even see the elusive Rothschild's rock wallaby.

The archipelago not only offers exceptional natural beauty but significant sites of Indigenous and European history, many of which are in National Heritage Listed Areas. The early inhabitants were the Yaburara people, evidenced by thousands of rock engravings, shell middens and stone arrangements. The islands are named after English explorer William Dampier, who first visited the islands aboard the *Cygnet* in 1699.

Explore the archipelago's pastoral, pearling and cultural past that remains in the form of ruins and petroglyphs.

#### NINGALOO REEF & CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK

The World Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef is the turquoise jewel in the crown of the Western Australian coastline. Spanning over 5000 square kilometres, it's inner and outer reefs create a diverse range of habitats for vibrant corals and more than 500 species of fish. This is where marine life come to feed during their migrations, including humpback whales, giant manta rays, and the majestic whale shark. It is also a coastline with a fascinating heritage, where lonely whalers battled it out against the elements.

Visit Cape Range National Park, where the rugged limestone rnge and arid coastal plain of Cape Range adjoins the turquoise waters of Ningaloo Marine Park. Try a drift snorkel at stunning Turquoise Bay, followed by a nature walk at Yardie Creek.

With an experienced local operator, have the opportunity to swim with whale sharks and manta rays (subject to nature) and snorkel some of Ningaloo's outer reef sites.

#### DAY 11: ARRIVE BROOME

Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

A post cruise transfer to the city or airport is included.



Sally Richards
Dive Instructor

Sally is a Master Scuba Diver Trainer with over 3000 dives under her weight belt. She has spent most of her 6+ year scuba career overseas, from the Maldives to the Caribbean. She has a passion for marine conservation and has volunteered in coral reef surveying and restoration, and turtle nest protection. She is excited to learn and share her knowledge with quests along the way.

- > Birdwatch at some of Australia's most vibrant Important Bird Areas such as the Lacepede Islands and Adele Island for sightings of rare seabirds.
- > Experience the thrill of riding the tidal rapids through Horizontal Falls aboard a Zodiac and feel the power of majestic King George Falls in full flow in the wet season
- > Step ashore and stand at the tip of Australia on Cape York to enjoy a sunset or sunrise toast
- > Beachcomb and explore remote islands and sand cays of the outer reaches of the Coral Sea
- > Dive with sharks and diverse marine species at Osprey Reef - one of the best dive sites in the world
- > Meet traditional elders and share storytelling and sacred rock art sites at Stanley Island and Groote Eylandt.

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### ITINERARY: 18 NIGHTS > BETWEEN BROOME & CAIRNS

#### DAY 1: DEPART BROOME OR CAIRNS

Board in Broome at 4:00pm for a 5:30pm departure. Board in Cairns at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

#### **DAYS 2-18:**

This is an indicative itinerary covering remote areas. Your Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule as necessary to maximise quest experience.

#### LACEPEDE ISLANDS

The Lacepedes are an Important Bird Area and Class A Reserve with a colony of Brown Boobies that is possibly the largest in the world. They are also a habitat for green sea turtles, which can be spotted popping up for air throughout the lagoon. Enjoy the chance to observe wildlife during an Xplorer or zodiac cruise.

#### HORIZONTAL FALLS & TALBOT BAY

Due to the mammoth tides for which the Kimberley is renowned, the Horizontal Falls are created as the ocean thunders through a narrow gorge in the McLarty Ranges. As the tide changes, water is forcibly pushed through the bottleneck, creating a rushing horizontal waterfall of swiftly flowing seawater. Experience a heart-pumping ride through the rapids aboard our Zodiacs.

#### **SWIFT BAY**

This 'T' shaped bay is composed of heavily fractured sandstone providing an abundance of rock shelters. On the walls of these shelters are examples of both Wandjina and Gwion Gwion style rock art. Spend time observing these ancient rock art sites with expert interpretation by our Expedition Team. (Swift Bay features only on the Cairns to Broome direction.)

#### ADELE ISLAND

150km off Cape Leveque, Adele Island is a Class A reserve and Important Bird Area due to innumerable birds that breed and winter here. The turquoise waters surrounding the island are also home to fish, sharks, turtles, and stingrays. Enjoy birdwatching and spotting marine life from the zodiacs.

#### **KOOLAMA BAY**

Koolama Bay is our gateway to the King George River. A cruise up the impressive steep-sided river gorge reveals King George Falls, swollen by seasonal rains, plunging 80 metres into the river below.

#### BERKELEY RIVER

The remote Berkeley River cuts through the eastern edge of the Kimberley, draining into Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. This immense river is home to many saltwater crocodiles, rock wallabies and other wildlife, and is known for its steep-sided gorge and many waterfalls. Today, enjoy a peaceful cruise through the river and gorge to spot wildlife, bathe under the waterfalls and take in the peace and grandeur of this isolated destination. Note we cannot go ashore here due to Indigenous private land ownership.

#### DARWIN

We will clear into Darwin for Northern Territory border requirements.

#### VICTORIA SETTLEMENT & BLACK POINT

The Garig Gunak Barlu National Park is a pristine wilderness. Now it is virtually uninhabited, and here we will explore the ruins of historic Fort Victoria and hear the stories of the failed settlement. On a nature walk, learn about bush tukka plants, and look for monitor lizards and crocodiles.

#### HOLE IN THE WALL

We travel through the narrow channel between Raragala and Guluwuru Islands, known as the 'Hole in the Wall', or Gugari Rip.

#### **GROOTE EYLANDT**

Prior to European settlement, Groote Eylandt had been inhabited by Aboriginal people for thousands of years, and there had been regular contact between local Aboriginal people and Makassan traders, evident in the names of some of Groote Eylandt settlements, such as Umbakumba. Here we will experience a traditional welcome from a local group on Groote Eylandt, and visit art sites accompanied by an Indigenous ranger. (Groote Eylandt features only on the Broome to Cairns direction.)

#### JARDINE RIVER

This morning, arrive on the banks of the beautiful Jardine River. This area has much Indigenous and exploration history. After breakfast, board the Explorer to cruise into the mouth of the river. Zodiacs will provide a closer look at the estuary, with the opportunity to spot birds and wildlife.

#### TIP OF CAPE YORK - 'PAJINKA'

This morning, set foot on the northernmost point of Australia - the 'tip' of Cape York! Celebrate with a glass of sparkling at this iconic location as you watch the sunrise over the Gulf of Carpentaria. Later, enjoy an interpretive walk amongst the coastal rainforest of Australia's most northerly beach, Frangipani Beach, with the opportunity to explore the shoreline by Xplorer.

#### FARMER ISLAND & BAIRD ISLAND

Arrive at Baird Island this morning. We may be able to land ashore to see the seabird colonies on this remote island. Then travel across to nearby Farmer Island to explore the coastal landscape and relax on the sandy beach.

#### STANLEY ISLAND

Today, visit Stanley Island in the Flinders Group and view the isolated Endaen Aboriginal rock art depicting the first sailing ships to visit Queensland shores.

#### **OSPREY REEF**

On the list of the world's best dive sites, Osprey Reef is a submerged atoll in the middle of the Coral Sea. Explore the 30m deep lagoon and drift dive the walls, where you may see large pelagic fish, rays, and sharks. The crystal-clear waters make this an unforgettable place to discover.

#### LIZARD ISLAND

Explore secluded Lizard Island, one of the most beautiful islands on the Queensland Coast, and venture into the crystal clear waters for swimming and snorkelling or take a walk along the white sand beach. The more energetic may join our guides on a walk to 'Cook's Look'. From this high point, Captain Cook was able to navigate a safe passage through the reef.

#### DAY 19: ARRIVE BROOME OR CAIRNS

Disembark in Cairns at 8:00am Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

A post cruise transfer to the city or airport is included.

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## **2021 DEPARTURES & FARES**

## **2022 DEPARTURES & FARES**

12 Nights - Departs Darw	rin				
Date		Depa	arts		
15 October 2021	Darwin				
Rates: Coral Geographer					
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck	
Twin Share	\$20,490	\$15,490	\$12,390	\$9,290	
Sole Use	n/a	\$23,235*	\$18,585*	\$13,935*	

## **ABROLHOS ISLANDS & THE CORAL COAST**

12 Nights - Departs Broo	me			SOLD
Date		Depa	arts	OUT
27 October 2021		Brooi	me	
Rates: Coral Geographer				
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$20,490	\$15,490	\$12,390	\$9,290
Sole Use	n/a	\$23,235*	\$18,585*	\$13,935*

## NINGALOO & THE BLUEWATER WONDERS

10 Nights - Departs Broome							
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Date	Date Departs						
17 May 2021	17 May 2021 Broome						
28 May 2021	21 Broome						
Rates: Coral	Discoverer						
	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B		
Twin Share	\$16,690	\$14,290	n/a	\$12,550	\$11,990		
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$19,725*	n/a	n/a		



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Prices are per person, listed in Australian Dollars (AUD) and include GST. \*Limited sole use occupancy available.

## KIMBERLEY ICONS, ASHMORE & ROWLEY SHOALS KIMBERLEY ICONS, ASHMORE & ROWLEY SHOALS

12 Nights - Departs Darwin & Broome						VISIT	
Date		Dep	parts	Vessel			
12 September 2022			Dar	win	Coral Adventurer		
24 September 2022			Broome		Coral Adventurer		
28 September 2022 Darwin Coral C			Coral G	Coral Geographer			
Rates:	Co	Coral Adventurer			Coral Geographer		
		Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Stater		Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Shar	е	\$21,690	\$16,4	190	\$15,490	\$12,390	\$9,290
Twin Shar	е	\$20,490	-		\$15,490	\$12,390	\$9,290
Sole Use		n/a	n/a	а	\$23,235*	\$18,585*	\$13,935*

## ABROLHOS ISLANDS & THE CORAL COAST

12 Nights - Departs Broome or Fremantle						
Date		Departs	Vessel			
7 Februar	y 2022	Broome	Coral Adventurer			
01 March 2	2022	Fremantle	Coral Adventurer			
20 March	2022	Fremantle	Coral Geographer			
10 October 2022		Broome	Coral Geographer			
30 Novem	ber 2022	Fremantle	Coral Geographer			
Rates:	Coral Adventurer	Coral Geographer				

Rates:	Co	oral Adventurer		Coral Geographer			
		Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Stater		Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Sha	re	\$21,690	\$16,4	190	\$15,490	\$12,390	\$9,290
Twin Sha	re	\$20,490	-		\$15,490	\$12,390	\$9,290
Sole Use		n/a	n/	а	\$23,235*	\$18,585*	\$13,935*

## NINGALOO & THE BLUEWATER WONDERS

VISIT >

10 Nights - Departs Broome					
Date Departs					
Date			рера	115	
16 May 2022	16 May 2022 Broome				
27 May 2022	2 Broome				
Rates: Coral	Discoverer				
	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$16,690	\$14,290	n/a	\$12,550	\$11,990
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$19,725*	n/a	n/a

## **ACROSS THE TOP**

18 Nights - Departs Broome & Cairns					
Date Departs					
1 January 202	1 January 2022 Broome				
20 January 2	20 January 2022 Cairns				
Rates: Cora	l Adventurer				
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$28,910	\$23,540	\$21,520	\$16,140	\$13,450
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$32,280*	\$24,210*	\$20,175*







#### **Features**

- · 2 Xplorer tenders, 6 Zodiacs · Navigator Lounge in Bridge
- $\cdot$  Single seat dining with wine table  $\cdot$  Three cocktail bars
- · Well-equipped gym · Passenger elevator · Anchor-free technology

#### **Stateroom Categories**

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms · 21.4sqm · Private Balcony Promenade Deck Staterooms Coral Deck Staterooms

- 55.8sqm Private Balcony
- · 21.4sqm · Private Balcony
- · 17sqm · Picture Window
- · 17sgm · Porthole Window

#### VIEW DECK PLAN >



#### **Features**

- · One Xplorer tender, 3 Zodiacs · Open Bridge
- · Single seat dining · Three cocktail bars · Panoramic Sun Deck · Spacious lounge and deck areas

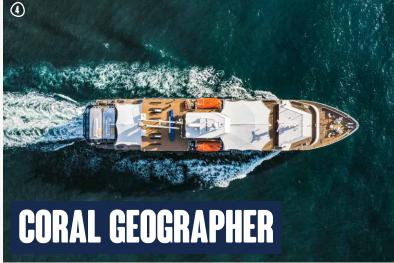
#### **Stateroom Categories**

Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms · 20sgm · Private Balcony Promenade Deck Cat A Staterooms · 18sqm · Picture Window Promenade Deck Cat B Staterooms · 15sgm · Picture Window Main Deck Cat A Staterooms · 18sqm · Porthole Windows Main Deck Cat B Staterooms · 18sam · Porthole Windows

#### **VIEW DECK PLAN >**

IMAGES 1 Coral Adventurer | 2 Explorer Deck Stateroom, Coral Adventurer 3 Tea on the Deck, Coral Adventurer | 4 Coral Geographer | 5 Coral Discoverer

6 Explorer Deck Stateroom, Coral Geographer | 7 Gym | 8 Lounge, Coral Geographer



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#### **Stateroom Categories**

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms Promenade Deck Staterooms Coral Deck Staterooms

- · 37.5sam · Private Balconv
- · 21.4sgm · Private Balcony
- 17sqm Picture Window
- · 17sqm · Porthole Window

#### **VIEW DECK PLAN >**









IMAGES 1 Sunset drinks, Abrolhos Islands | 2 Snorkelling from the beach, Turquoise Bay | 3 Abrolhos Island landmark | 4 Coral gardens, Ningaloo Reef

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