



AUSTRALIA'S COASTAL
WILDERNESS SERIES

2022 & 2023 VOYAGES

GREAT BARRIER REEF

with TORRES STRAIT

SailSAFE

Our Health & Safety Plan for guests & crew

- > Outerknown Adventures on the Great Barrier Reef
- > Torres Strait & Cape York



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AUSTRALIA'S PIONEERING CRUISE LINE



Birdwatching



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Workshops
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REMOTE REACHES OF THE REEF & CAPE YORK FOR TRUE EXPLORERS



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Covering an area of over 2600 km and encompassing over 900 islands, the Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest living structure and home to an abundant and thriving array of marine and birdlife species. It holds pride of place as one of the seven natural wonders of the world and is a UNESCO World Heritage area.

Coral Expeditions pioneered expedition cruises on the outer reaches of the Great Barrier Reef 35 years ago, and since then have forged a reputation for excellence and expertise. Aboard yacht-like *Coral Discoverer*, enjoy immersive 7-day adventures to remote northern reefs. These expedition voyages will explore hidden corners, uninhabited sand cays, small islands and pristine reef systems. Along the way find freedom and solitude amidst this iconic seascape.

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 arrive to the embarkation port on the day prior to departure and schedule your own travel arrangements for the following disembarkation due to unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

Voyage Series

- > **Outerknown Adventures on the Great Barrier Reef**
7 Nights | Departs 2, 9, 16 & 23 Nov 2022
- > **Outerknown Adventures on the Great Barrier Reef**
7 Nights | Departs 7, 14, 21 & 28 Nov 2023
- > **Torres Strait & Cape York**
10 Nights | Departs 12 & 22 Oct 2022

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 small-ship cruising, with refined navigation and nimble Xplorer tenders to bring you close to remote coastlines.



SailSAFE

Our Health & Safety Plan for guests & 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.

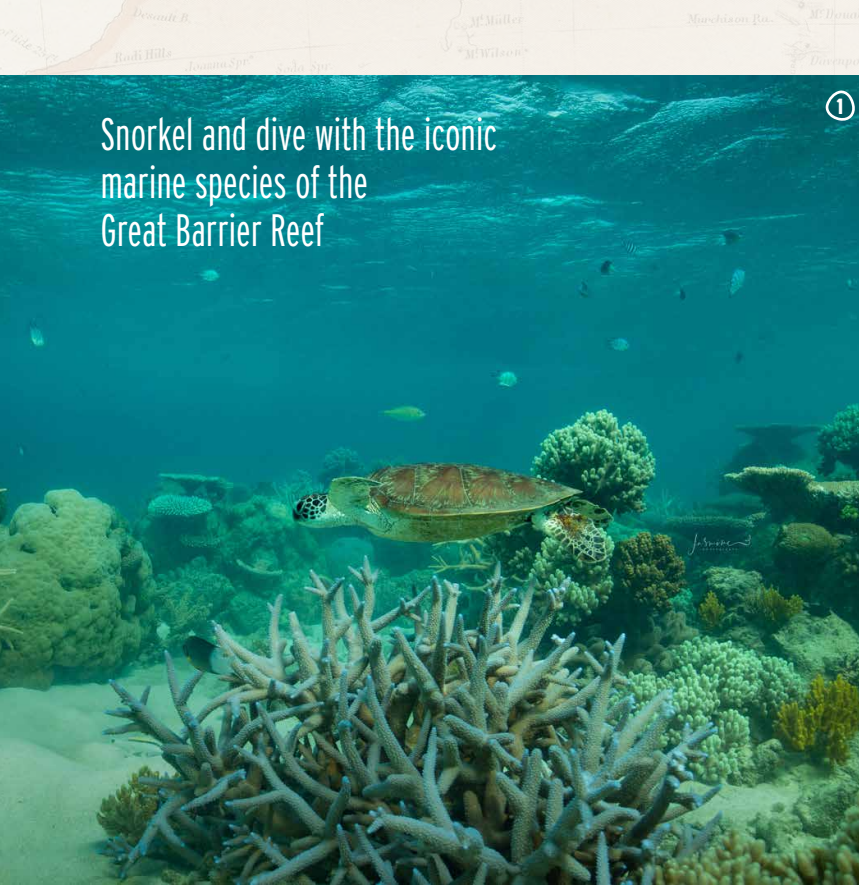
Remote, nature-based expeditions with Australian crew, and small groups less than 99 guests provides a lower-risk environment. The addition of our approved SailSAFE COVID response plan, as well as our thorough pre-cruise testing model, create additional confidence when sailing with us.

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.

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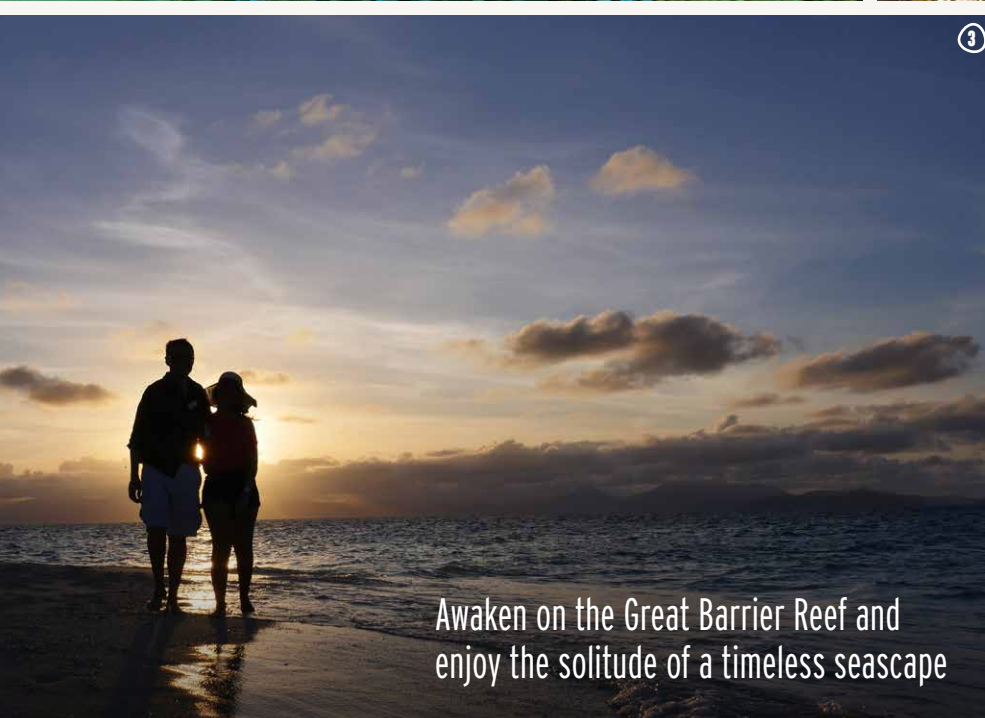
Snorkel and dive with the iconic marine species of the Great Barrier Reef

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Make a connection with Indigenous culture and Australian heritage

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Awaken on the Great Barrier Reef and enjoy the solitude of a timeless seascape

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Discover one of the world's best dive sites at Osprey Reef

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Our renowned 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 Great Barrier Reef region. 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 rich, enlightening and enjoyable as possible by bringing you a new understanding and appreciation of the places you will discover on your expedition.

Meet charismatic marine species including the sea turtles surfing the ocean currents, find clownfish nestled amongst the coral gardens and marvel at the magnificent humpback whale migration in the deep blue of the Coral Sea. Share the journey with soaring seabirds and swim, dive and snorkel at far-flung Osprey, Escape and Ribbon Reefs. Learn about ancient Indigenous culture and Australian heritage at historic Cooktown. Visit a Turtle Rehabilitation Centre at Fitzroy Island and stretch your legs with a hike to the summit of Cook's Look on Lizard Island. Enjoy a sundowner with the sand beneath your toes at deserted Sudbury Cay.

Find freedom in Australia's remote north aboard our small ship expeditions.

IMAGES 1 The 'tip' of Cape York | 2 Danny Gordon, an elder of the Yithuwarra people at the Stanley Island art site | 3 Dance performance, Tiwi Islands

4 Tiwi Island carving | 5 Nudey Beach, Fitzroy Island | 6 Sunset drinks, Sudbury Cay | 7 View from Cook's Look, Lizard Island | 8 Moa Island dance performance



Learn from our onboard marine biologists and guest experts about the diverse life of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed wonder of the world

Sip sundowners and feel the sand between your toes on secluded sand cays



Step ashore on beautiful tropical islands, and hike to catch the view over the Great Barrier Reef



Participate in conserving and protecting the Great Barrier Reef

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 these voyages visiting the world's largest living structure, the Great Barrier Reef. 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.

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OUTERKNOWN ADVENTURES ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

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Expedition Highlights

- › Immerse yourself in one of the world's great seascapes with the Great Barrier Reef experts
- › Make a connection with Indigenous culture and Australian heritage at historic Cooktown
- › Swim, snorkel, dive or simply view the iconic marine species of the Great Barrier Reef
- › Observe the vibrant underwater world of the untouched outer Great Barrier Reef
- › Enjoy solitude and seven magical Queensland sunsets
- › Sip sundowners and feel the sand beneath your feet on isolated sand cays and uninhabited islands
- › Visit a turtle rehabilitation center and participate in efforts to conserve the Great Barrier Reef

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ITINERARY: 7 NIGHTS > CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS

Check-in at 2:00pm before boarding at Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

DAYS 1-7: Our Great Barrier Reef itineraries are flexible, to take advantage of changing weather and reef conditions. Below is a selection of the key destinations we visit.

FITZROY ISLAND

At Fitzroy Island enjoy a walk through the Secret Garden rainforest or a hike to the lighthouse to enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding islands and mainland mountain ranges. Snorkel over the fringing reef, relax on the beach and learn about the life cycle of turtles at the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre where sick and injured turtles are cared for before being returned to the wild.

SUDBURY CAY

Arrive at secluded Sudbury Cay and enjoy the Captain's farewell drinks at sunset on the tiny sand island.

MACKAY REEF

This afternoon, enjoy more spectacular diving and snorkelling opportunities at Mackay Reef, where we look for green sea turtles, and explore the vibrant soft and hard coral gardens.

COOKTOWN

In historic Cooktown, learn the history of the *Guugu Yimithirr*, the first people of this ancient country. Visit the site where Lt. James Cook beached *HMS Endeavour* to effect repairs in 1770. Wander through the rare flora collection at the Botanic Gardens and visit James Cook Museum, where the story of Cook's landing is told from an Indigenous perspective and where artefacts are on display.

Later, we cruise towards Lizard Island, arriving in time for sunset.

LIZARD ISLAND

Hike to the summit of Cook's Look and enjoy the same view Lt. James Cook did when searching for safe passage through the maze of coral reefs. Snorkel over giant clam gardens at Watson's Bay, relax on the white-sand beaches beneath shady she-oak trees and learn about the tragic story surrounding Mary Watson.

There may be an opportunity to visit Lizard Island Research Station, operated by the Australian Museum to facilitate coral reef research and education on the Great Barrier Reef.

OSPREY REEF

Remote Osprey Reef is the summit of a 2,000m undersea mountain located beyond the continental shelf. Enjoy amazing underwater visibility, and observe magnificent corals, plummeting drop-offs and many fish in the crystalline waters. Osprey Reef is a highly prized tropical dive location amongst scuba divers, called an 'oasis for living creatures of all kinds' by Sir David Attenborough.

Osprey Reef is a true expedition-style destination and our visit is subject to appropriate weather conditions.

RIBBON REEFS

The Ribbon Reefs are a line of outer coral reefs on the edge of the continental shelf and are renowned for their prolific marine life and extensive coral species. Enjoy the rare opportunity to snorkel and dive over these excellent reefs, a favourite for its wide variety of marine life and pinnacles cloaked in coral. Join a guided snorkel tour led by our expert Expedition Team and witness this extraordinary ecosystem up close. These northern reefs are renowned for spotting iconic marine species such as potato cod, wrasse, sharks and turtles.

DAY 8: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Disembark in Cairns at 8:00am. Complimentary post-cruise transfer to a CBD Hotel or airport following disembarkation

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RIBBON REEFS: THE AQUATIC GARDENS OF EDEN

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Emily Fosbury
Expedition Leader

Emily has experience in the marine Eco-tourism industry working with dolphins, sea lions, and whales, also volunteering with turtles. Emily studied marine science and conservation biology for her Undergraduate, and marine biology for her Masters. She is excited to expand on her marine background and share her knowledge as she leads expeditions to amazing places around Australia and beyond.

TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK

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Expedition Highlights

- › Enjoy a champagne sunrise or sunset at the tip of Cape York, Australia's northernmost point
- › Learn about Torres Strait art and cultural traditions at remote island Art Centres and be welcomed to communities with song, dance, and traditional feasts
- › Snorkel the clam gardens of Lizard Island and scuba dive the northern Great Barrier Reef at Davie and Osprey reefs
- › Admire Endaen rock art at Stanley Island and hear stories from an elder of the Yiithuwarra people
- › Spend time in the beautiful islands of Cape York & the northern Great Barrier Reef, rich with historic stories and bird-spotting opportunities
- › Be refreshed by the remote beauty of northern Australia

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ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > BETWEEN CAIRNS & HORN ISLAND

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS OR HORN ISLAND

Board in Cairns at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.
Board in Horn Island at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

DAYS 2-10: *Key destinations of your expedition.*

COOKTOWN

Come ashore in historic Cooktown and learn the history of the Guugu Yimithirr, the first people of this ancient country. Discover recent European history with a visit to the site where Lt. James Cook beached *HMB Endeavour* to effect repairs in 1770. Wander through the rare flora collection at the Botanic Gardens and visit James Cook Museum, to learn the story of Cook's landing as told from an Aboriginal perspective and to see artefacts are on display. Later, we cruise towards Lizard Island, arriving in time for sunset.

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' on the island's peak. From this high point, Lieut. Jams Cook found a safe passage through the treacherous reef after repairing the *HMB Endeavour* near Cooktown over 250 years ago. The views from the lookout over the reef and islands are magnificent. Later, snorkel over giant clam gardens in the lagoon.

REMOTE OSPREY REEF

One of the world's best dive sites, Osprey Reef is a submerged atoll in the Coral Sea. The top of a mountain which rises from the seafloor, surrounded by a vast ocean, it draws many beautiful and rare marine creatures to its plummeting walls. Osprey Reef is a highly prized tropical dive location amongst scuba divers, called an 'oasis for living creatures of all kinds' by Sir David Attenborough. The vibrant corals and crystal-clear waters make it an unforgettable place to discover. Here we will spend time in the water exploring the 30m deep lagoon and drift diving the walls, where you may see large pelagic fish, rays, and sharks drawn in from the surrounding deep blue to this ocean oasis.

Osprey Reef is a true expedition-style destination and our visit is subject to appropriate weather conditions.

STANLEY ISLAND & DAVIE REEF

Visit Stanley Island in the Flinders Group and view the isolated Endeian Aboriginal rock art depicting the first sailing ships to visit Queensland shores, and hear stories from a traditional owner of the Yiithuwarra people. At Davie Reef, enjoy swimming and snorkelling and observe the large seabird rookery.



Tom Collis
Guest Lecturer

Tom is a qualified naturalist with extensive knowledge of the tropical environment especially birds, marine life and plants. He has worked as a teacher in Arnhem Land, a lecturer and as a professional fisherman. As a Guest Lecturer with Coral Expeditions since 2010, Tom has taught on natural history and birds, mainly in the Kimberley, Tasmania and the Top End.

FORBES & RESTORATION ISLANDS

At Forbes Island, walk to the grave of beche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster, beachcomb on sweeping beaches and snorkel in the tropical waters. Later we visit Restoration Island, with its tall palm trees and white beaches, which was named by Captain Bligh who landed here after the mutiny on the *Bounty*. It is the home of 'millionaire castaway' David Glasheen. We will visit David and stroll on the beach.

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 visit historical sites at Somerset, Possession Island and Albany Island.

TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

The Torres Strait is home to 200 strikingly beautiful islands, however only 17 are inhabited. Have the privilege of spending three immersive days exploring this remote region, visiting Thursday Island, Badu and Moa Islands where the local communities will welcome you and share their distinctive culture. Visit and purchase art from renowned art centres and enjoy a local meal and exciting cultural performances.

DAY 11: ARRIVE HORN ISLAND OR CAIRNS

Disembark in Horn Island at 8:00am

Disembark in Cairns at 8:00am

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7 Nights - Departs Cairns - Arrives Cairns

Date	Vessel
2 November 2022	Coral Discoverer
09 November 2022	Coral Discoverer
16 November 2022	Coral Discoverer
23 November 2022	Coral Discoverer

2022 Rates: Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$6,650	\$6,175	n/a	\$5,225	\$4,750
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$8,550*	n/a	n/a

TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK

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10 Nights - Departs Cairns & Horn Island

Date	Departs
12 October 2022	Cairns
22 October 2022	Horn Island

Rates: Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$15,260	\$14,170	n/a	\$11,990	\$10,900
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$19,620*	n/a	n/a

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7 Nights - Departs Cairns - Arrives Cairns

Date
07 November 2023
14 November 2023
21 November 2023
28 November 2023

2023 Rates: Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$7,970	\$6,420	n/a	\$5,530	\$5,090
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$8,625*	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.



Cuisine & Wine

On board you will discover a personal and relaxed atmosphere befitting our Australian heritage. We do not have formal nights, organised entertainment or designated seating. Instead, you will enjoy a convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers, with our experienced and friendly crew always at hand.

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 wines sourced from the Australia and New Zealand's finest terroirs at the end of a long day ashore.

WINE SELECTIONS

We offer two wine packages, 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 at \$285.00
- > Connoisseur Selection: with six bottles featuring two Whites, three Reds and French Champagne, at \$355.00

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INCLUSIONS

- > All excursions and sightseeing (excluding optional extras)
- > Snorkelling & equipment (Scuba diving at additional cost)
- > Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- > Daily lectures and briefings
- > All meals, chef-prepared on board
- > Selected wines, beers, and spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner service
- > Coffee and selection of teas
- > All entrance fees to National Parks and Ports
- > Choice of local operator excursions at some locations
- > Tips and gratuities

IMAGES 1 Chefs at work, credit David Kirkland | 2 Dinner served onboard Coral Adventurer, credit Amy Foulkes | 3 Sunset drinks on the Vista Deck

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CORAL DISCOVERER

Our expedition vessel Coral Discoverer will be your home for these voyages. Coral Discoverer accommodates 72 guests in 36 spacious staterooms with all Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms offering private balconies.

Coral Discoverer has over 1000sqm of open deck space including a wrap-around Promenade deck with panoramic views. She is exceptionally nimble and maneuverable, with a shallow draught to get up close to destinations featuring ocean views from all public spaces and all outside facing staterooms. Multiple indoor and outdoor bars, including our Explorer Bar on the Sun Deck, a well-appointed communal lounge and dining spaces create an environment designed for guest comfort. A floor-to-ceiling refurbishment in 2016 meant she was updated to perfectly accommodate Coral Expeditions' style of expedition cruising.

Coral Discoverer is a purpose-built for comfortable ocean voyages and for exploring remote areas inaccessible to larger cruise ships. The ship's lightweight Xplorer expedition tender extends the capabilities of the ship by allowing deeper exploration on shore excursions and an easy, step-on embarkation from the ship's main deck. Coral Discoverer also features active stabilisers for ocean cruising alongside advanced navigation and propulsion systems. Coral Discoverer is Australian flagged and crewed, so you can expect the highest standard of service, environmental responsibility and the intimate and personal experience of small-ship cruising

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	• 20sqm • Private Balcony
Promenade Deck Cat A Staterooms	• 18sqm • Picture Window
Promenade Deck Cat B Staterooms	• 15sqm • Picture Window
Main Deck Cat A Staterooms	• 18sqm • Porthole Windows
Main Deck Cat B Staterooms	• 15sqm • Porthole Windows

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IMAGES 1 Sunset at Sudbury Cay | 2 Guided rainforest walks | 3 Scuba skills lesson, Lizard Island | 4 Beach interpretation with our marine biologist

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