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AUSTRALIA'S PIONEERING CRUISE LINE

EXPEDITION ATLAS

2023-2025

CALLING ALL EXPLORERS!





The spirit of adventure that resides in all of us, young and old, is the fuel that has kept Coral Expeditions going as an independent cruise company for 40 years. If you love nature, the sea, and the notion of exploring the world around you far away from the tourist trail, then read on!

OUR SMALL SHIPS

At the heart of the Coral Expeditions experience are our purpose-built small expedition ships and unique tenders. In an age of glitzy mega-vessels, our ships are truly intimate, carrying no more than 120 guests. This means that we can navigate into shallow bays, step ashore onto remote beaches and jetties, and visit small villages to make connections without overwhelming a community. We have designed the fleet to explore tropical waters with comfort and ease and to allow you to connect with the landscape we explore.

OUR CREW

Our crew live and breathe our destinations and the opportunity to show you a true expedition experience. We are the modern-day seafaring pioneers of Australia, and we are proud to share our knowledge on coastal explorations with guests from around the globe. On our ships, we have no 'back office' roles. From our chefs to our engineers, our crew are here because they love to interact with people and show you their world. Join our engine room tours, view our chefs in our galley or chat with our officers on the bridge - they will be delighted to share company with you.

OUR HOME TURF

When it comes to expedition cruising, there is no replicating experience. For 40 years, we have steadily accumulated a wealth of local knowledge and contacts in the coastal regions surrounding Australia. Our crew know the charts, the tides and the winds like no other to ensure you are in the right place at the

right time. Whether you travel with us in the ancient Kimberley, Tasmania's wilderness, the frontier lands of Papua New Guinea, or New Zealand's majestic fiordlands, you will be assured a local perspective, with local guides, authentic interactions, and a true taste of local culture and cuisine.

OUR RESPECT FOR COMMUNITIES

We have always made a determined effort to support the communities we visit. Our guests join in enthusiastically. We visit remote villages, participate in art and cultural traditions, and interact in local schools. We initiate and contribute to regional projects to support conservation, provide training and employment, and distribute economic benefit and relief supplies, all with guest support and involvement. It is an enriching and rewarding part of our expedition experience that leaves a lasting joy for us all.

THE FUTURE

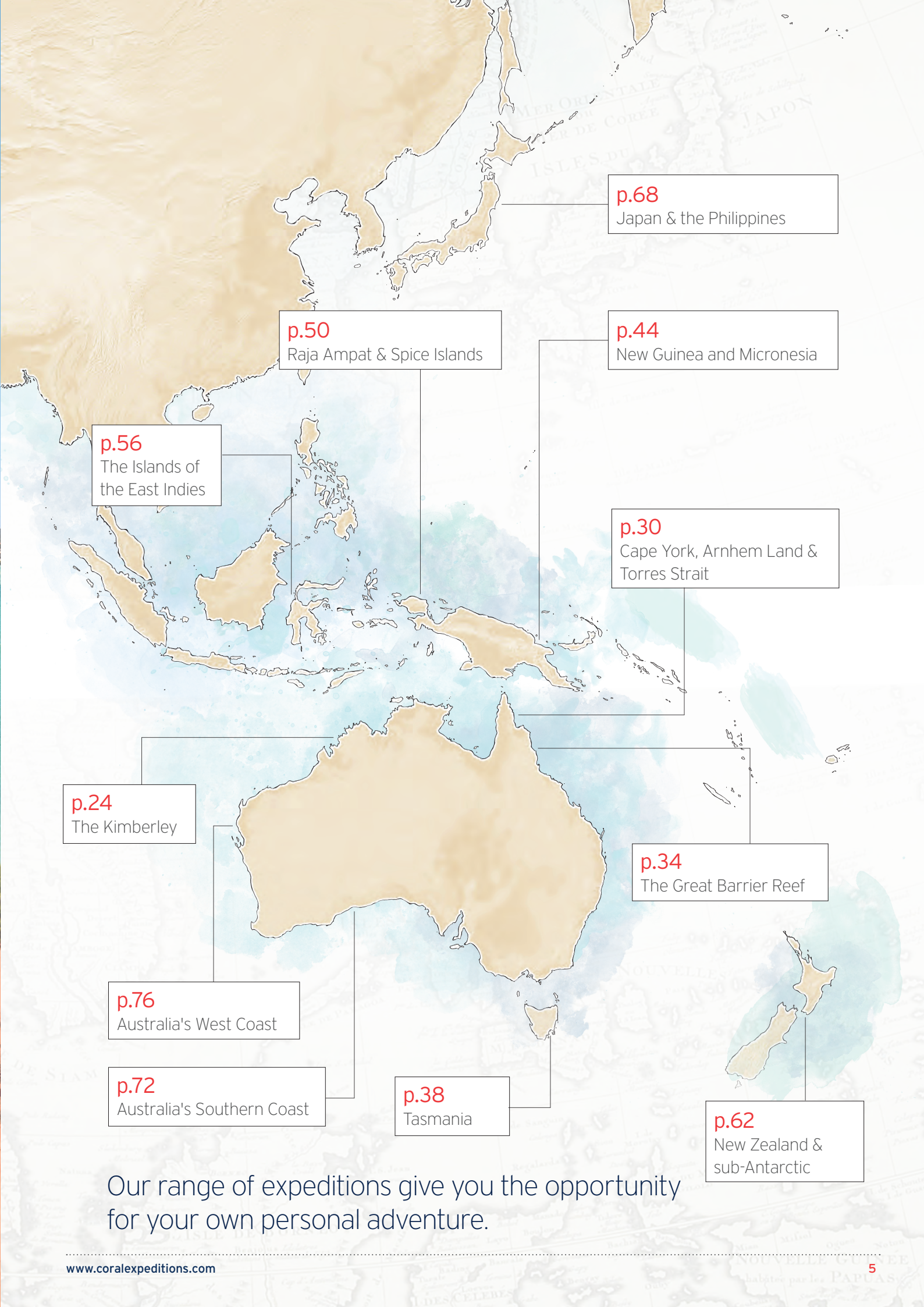
As Coral Expeditions enters its fifth decade in existence, we remain true to our pioneering foundations. We have a new fleet of technologically advanced ships that provide many of the comforts of a large vessel, but without the crowds. We have embarked on a series of new adventures exploring the small islands of the world and broadening our footprint around our home shores of Australia. Yet, our purpose remains the same - taking small groups of like-minded explorers to beautiful parts of the world in our uniquely Australian style!

We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

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Cruise past the historic Cape Inscription, the site of Dirk Hartog's landing, and enjoy a refreshing swim off a remote sandy beach



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sub-Antarctic

Our range of expeditions give you the opportunity
for your own personal adventure.

SMALL SHIP CRUISING PIONEERS

The shallow draft and high manoeuvrability of our purpose-designed expedition ships let us get you closer to sheltered bays and hidden inlets



WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA'S PIONEERING CRUISE LINE

Started in 1983, our company's original vessel, *Coral Princess*, a converted World War II submarine chaser, pioneered and set the standard for small ship expedition cruising in northern Australia with 5-night cruises on the Great Barrier Reef.

Today, the Coral Expeditions' fleet includes three purpose-built small ships that can be found anywhere from the tropical waters of Australia's north to the rugged shores of Tasmania, from the coastal villages of Papua New Guinea and the Spice Islands, to sheltered sounds and glacial fiords of New Zealand.

While our range of cruise itineraries has expanded into new regions, we have maintained our home in Cairns and continue to be the only major operator of extended small ship cruises on the Great Barrier Reef.

NEW SHIPS, NEW DESTINATIONS

A new *Coral Princess* was built in 1988 and *Coral Princess II* followed eight years later, allowing us to pioneer small ship expedition style cruising in the remote and rugged Kimberley. Both vessels were renamed *Coral Expeditions I* and *Coral Expeditions II* in line with the company's 2015 name change, and to better reflect the expedition cruise experience. We were the first operator to introduce onboard interpretive guides to our expeditions and on the strength of growing customer loyalty and demand, we commissioned the build and launch of *Coral Discoverer* (formerly *Oceanic Discoverer*) in 2005. It was with this landmark vessel with global ocean capabilities, built to the highest standards in Australia, that we forged new expedition journeys into Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and the Spice Islands of the East Indies.

INTRODUCING CORAL ADVENTURER AND CORAL GEOGRAPHER

Drawing on the latest technical advances and more than 40 years of expedition cruising experience, our newest vessels, *Coral Adventurer* and *Coral Geographer*, are also designed for blue water ocean explorations to remote areas inaccessible to large cruise vessels. They enable us to visit the farthest reaches of the world away from the well-trodden tourist trails.

They are the largest vessels in our fleet, yet carry a maximum of only 120 guests, preserving the relaxed and intimate atmosphere of every Coral Expeditions adventure.

We proudly manage our Australian flagged and crewed ships to Australian maritime standards and conform to the highest standards of quality, operational redundancy and environmental compliance to be found anywhere in the world.

While our fleet has been completely modernised and our range of cruise itineraries has expanded into new regions, we have maintained our home in Cairns and continue to be the largest and most experienced expedition cruise operator in Australia. Our company is proudly 100% Australian owned and operated and we are the largest employer and trainer of seafarers in the region.

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Mark Fifield, Managing Director



WHY CHOOSE CORAL EXPEDITIONS

There are many reasons why our guests return to Coral Expeditions. Ours is a true and authentic expedition experience.

A child dancer in regalia chats with
guests in Kwatisore, West Papua



Our fleet of three specialised expedition ships and tenders take guests to some of the most beautiful, yet undiscovered islands and coastal regions of the world. Our guests are attracted by our relaxed small ship atmosphere and itineraries that larger ships cannot replicate.

At a time when the cruise industry is moving to larger and less personal ships with more gimmicks, we have purposefully limited the size of our ships to maximise the expedition experience. Our cuisine is prepared in small batches from our onboard galley using quality Australian produce and wine. We operate to high Australian standards of safety with qualified Australian crew wherever we go. We were the first to offer interpretive programs reflective of the destinations we visit and to employ Expedition Leaders, Guest Lecturers, Marine Biologists, and SCUBA Instructors - a tradition that continues today.

- > **We focus on the destinations.** Connecting guests with nature, culture, and heritage with more time ashore in remote natural areas away from the crowds.
- > **A true expedition ethos.** Small ships mean fewer guests and more intimate and personal encounters along the way. We have deep respect and strong connections with the places we visit and maintain flexibility in our planning to make impromptu stops if extraordinary opportunities in nature present.
- > **Warm Australian hospitality.** Our all-Australian crew are passionate and proud to share the adventure with you. Always attentive and caring with a friendly and approachable style in keeping with our Australian values.
- > **Purpose built ships.** Designed for tropical expedition access, our fleet is comfortable, safe, and manoeuvrable enabling you to get in shallow and close to nature with ease where other operators cannot. Plenty of wide-open public spaces and all outward facing cabins connect you with the destination.
- > **Our unique Xplorer tenders.** The safari jeeps of the sea; our Xplorers enable guests safe and easy access onto excursions into remote rivers, reef systems and isolated beaches. All guests get out on excursion at once with no queues or waiting. Comfortable seats, open sides and audio systems enhance the journey. These are supported by Zodiacs along the way.
- > **Local expertise that is unrivalled.** Our expert guides and local crew have decades of experience to draw on regarding the tides, the charts, and the seasons. We get you to the right place at the right time and always explore in a respectful and caring manner.
- > **All inclusive.** Your cruise fare covers everything that matters most including excursions, activities, meals and drinks, expert guides, taxes, and fees. Unpack once and then simply relax and enjoy the experience.
- > **Our service and care.** Our friendly staff and crew have one focus - to help you enjoy the trip of a lifetime. We will always be willing to assist and with a genuine care that is part of our culture.

At Coral Expeditions we have built our reputation on offering a truly immersive and authentic expedition cruise experience. It is more relevant today than ever and sets us apart from the pack.

A diver in a blue shirt and white shorts is swimming horizontally underwater, facing right. A large whale shark with a white body and dark spots is swimming below the diver. The water is clear and blue.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR JOURNEY



CULTURAL TRADITIONS

On many of our journeys we visit remote villages and community outposts, where we are privileged to have the locals share their unique culture and traditions with us.



WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Each destination provides rare opportunities to get up close to native wildlife, from the ship, tender vessels, on or under the water and on walking tours ashore.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Our Expedition Team run a thoughtfully curated onboard program of talks and workshops ensuring an enriching and informative interpretation experience that heightens your experience. Ask any questions you have; they love to share their knowledge.

COASTAL TREKKING

We regularly come ashore on pristine beaches and in coastal havens where our guides lead interpretive walks and treks that highlight the flora and fauna. We are dedicated to ensuring that we leave these areas in immaculate condition, while being conscious of the environment and culture.

SNORKELLING AND SCUBA DIVING

Explore the diverse and abundant underwater world in many of our destinations. With all equipment provided and dive masters onboard you can have the confidence to discover unforgettable marine wildlife and vibrant coral reefs.



BIRDWATCHING

Our expeditions venture into remote and pristine coastal habitats which provide regular opportunities to sight rare bird species up close and in their natural habitat.

ART SITE VISITS

Visit ancient Indigenous sites with our guest lecturers and Indigenous guides who introduce you to the cultural heritage and stories of these special places. Sit with traditional elders in shoreside or onboard art workshops and learn about these ancient traditions and the storylines they preserve.



KAYAKING

Our aquatic activities include kayaks that can be used by guests to explore coastal shores and fringing reefs.



PHOTOGRAPHY

On our expeditions, photographic opportunities abound, and nature and landscape photography enthusiasts are well looked after. On some of our expeditions we have photographic workshops or guest photographers to help you capture memorable moments.

ALL INCLUSIVE





CORAL EXPEDITIONS CRUISES INCLUDE

- › All excursions with our Expedition Team
- › Use of Xplorer and Zodiac tender vessels, kayaks, or glass bottom boat
- › Daily lectures and briefings with Guest Lecturers
- › All meals, chef-prepared onboard
- › Captain's welcome and farewell events
- › Open Bridge Lounge access and Engine Room tours
- › Selected wines, beers and spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- › 24-hour barista-style coffee and tea stations
- › All entrance fees and permits to National Parks, ports, known Traditional Owner fees and charges imposed by governing authorities
- › Tips and gratuities
- › Use of all onboard facilities, including a reference library
- › Your expedition photos captured during the voyage
- › Pre-cruise check-in and post-cruise transfers to airport or CBD hotels
- › Wi-Fi Access - Standard speed connectivity enabling email, social image sharing, web browsing and messaging

DINING EXPERIENCE

Fresh, local and delicious!



OUR REGIONAL MENUS CHAMPION SEASONALITY

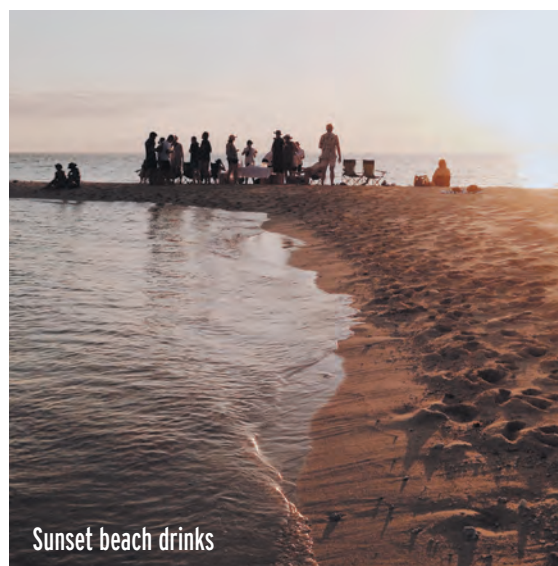
At Coral Expeditions dining is a celebration of great food and good company enjoyed in extraordinary destinations. Our approach to cuisine is about simplicity and generosity, creating dishes bursting with flavour made from fresh ingredients sourced locally and sustainably wherever possible. With only 72-120 guests onboard, our chefs can freshly prepare all meals onboard in our open galley.

Our cuisine is simple, healthy and inspired by the regions we visit. In New Zealand our chefs might craft their own distinctive take on local fish and chips, whereas in Indonesia it could be a delicious nasi goreng with authentic chicken satay and fried shallots.

There is a generous daily breakfast buffet with a regular rotation of speciality hot dishes and eggs, a set course lunch with new delights each day, and a nightly three course dinner which always includes a healthy vegetarian option. In between, our chefs will welcome you back from your shore adventures with freshly baked treats or delicious canapés to accompany your sunset pre-dinner drinks. Special diets and food allergies can be well catered for with advance notice.

Complementing lunch and dinner is our selection of boutique beers and premium wines and spirits, with a strong focus on the iconic wine growing regions of Australia and local artisan producers.

Unlike a large cruise ship, all our vessels have 'open' galleys located right next to our dining rooms, so feel free to peep in and see our friendly chefs in action!



TASTE OF TASMANIA IN A DAY

sample menu

Breakfast

Assorted grain cereals, fresh fruit platters and berry compotes, Tasmanian dairy and yoghurts, poached eggs benny with wild caught smoked salmon, wilted spinach and hollandaise

Lunch

Hobart Brewing IPA battered local flathead fillets
with crunchy beer battered chips

or

Roast chicken and avocado panini
with rocket, chutney and crunchy beer battered chips
Both served with Aussie coleslaw Seasonal fruit platter

Dinner

Entrée

Tasmanian Seafood chowder with toasted sour dough

or

Chicken liver parfait with bread, mixed pickles,
onion marmalade relish

Main Course

Meander Valley pork cutlet, German potato salad, green beans,
pickled red cabbage-kraut, miso apple and mustard jus

or

Grilled blue grenadier with caper, parsley,
dill and cornichon relish, paprika oil

or

Stuffed zucchini, wild mushroom, parmesan gremolata (V, GF)
Both accompanied by duck fat potatoes, broccolini and Dutch carrots

Dessert

Chocolate fudge brownie, chocolate ganache,
fresh strawberries, and King Island double cream

or

Bruny Island cheese platter



Roast carvery dinner



Cuisine features Australian ingredients



BBO night on the Vista Deck

On each voyage enjoy our hallmark culinary experiences onboard including the Captain's Welcome Dinner, Sunset Beach Drinks, Vista Deck BBQ, and our Pursers Wine Tasting.



These passionate explorers provide specially themed onboard presentations and briefings and are keen to chat with you to share their expertise and answer all your questions. They want to ensure your experience is as rich, enlightening, and enjoyable as possible by adding to your understanding and appreciation of the places you will discover as part of your expedition. Here we introduce you to some of these wonderful people.

LIZ ZNIDERSIC **KIMBERLEY | TASMANIA**

Liz, a research scientist and environmental educator, has conducted work globally, from remote outposts like Cocos Islands and Christmas Island to US swamps. She contributed to translocating the endangered Cocos buff-banded rail and specialises in monitoring secretive birds like rails and bitterns. Liz managed invasive species eradication and leads monitoring for the French Island cat eradication project. Holding a PhD and a Masters in Natural Resource Management, she lectures at Charles Sturt University, guides at Saffire, and is part of Homeward Bound for women in STEMM leadership. Liz pioneers projects like Eavesdropping on Wetland Birds, integrating technology for environmental monitoring. She advises Open Ecoacoustics, promoting open access ecoacoustics tech. Passionate about sharing knowledge, Liz is excited to be able to provide engaging and informative experiences with Coral Expeditions.

ANITA BRITTEN **GREAT BARRIER REEF | AUSTRALIA'S WEST COAST KIMBERLEY**

Anita grew up in western NSW and then moved to the coast where she fell in love with the sea. She has a Bachelor of Marine Science degree with a major in Environmental Management which has given her a sense of purpose to educate others about how we can protect our underwater world. She has a passion for learning and sharing her knowledge for ocean conservation and marine biology.

IAN MORRIS **KIMBERLEY | CAPE YORK AND ARNHEN LAND | INDONESIA**

Ian brings his expertise in indigenous culture and conservation as he joins specific expeditions to the Kimberley and Cape York and Arnhem Land. With a background as a zoologist, educator, conservationist, and author, Ian has extensive experience working with Aboriginal Traditional Owners, including his time as a ranger training officer in Kakadu National Park. Currently, Ian works as an environmental consultant, collaborating with schools, universities, governments, and nature documentary producers to promote the beauty of the bush and its preservation.

MICHAEL HERMES **TASMANIA | INDONESIA CAPE YORK AND ARNHEN LAND | KIMBERLEY**

Michael studied archaeology and anthropology at the ANU in the 1980's and then trained as a teacher. He has worked in various educational and heritage roles, including as a teacher in Arnhem Land, heritage specialist with BHP and the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service and as a lecturer in Cultural Resource Management at the Top End's Bachelor Institute. He has worked on cultural heritage sites in all states and territories in close consultation with Traditional Owner groups. He has led and participated in a number of study tours through eastern Indonesia, exploring links between the people of Arnhem Land and the Kimberley coast with the Indonesian trading port of Makassar. He has been with Coral since 2015.

DAME CAROL KIDU **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Dame Carol Kidu, a former teacher, retired from the Papua New Guinea Parliament in 2012 after 15 years in politics. During her career, she held various positions, including Minister for Community Development and Leader of the Opposition. She focused on social development, advocating for legislative and policy reforms with a human rights-based approach, particularly for marginalised and vulnerable populations. After retiring, she remained active internationally, received numerous awards and honours including five Honorary Doctorates, and founded organisations such as the Sir Buri Kidu Heart Institute and the Ginigoda Bisnis Development Foundation. She continues to work as a consultant, primarily on women's political leadership.

QUENTIN CHESTER **SOUTH AUSTRALIA | TASMANIA | KIMBERLEY**

Quentin has always been fascinated by islands and has a long history of living and exploring various island destinations in Australia, including Kangaroo Island, Encounter Bay, and Dangar Island. As a writer, he has contributed to Australian Geographic for over 35 years, covering diverse regions and writing nature essays for Wild magazine. Quentin's passion for outdoor exploration led him to work as an outdoor guide in the Himalayas, Flinders Ranges, and Victoria's high country. Currently based on Kangaroo Island, he and his wife are involved in preserving the island's lighthouse heritage, protecting sea lion colonies, and engaging in conservation projects.



ENRICHING YOUR EXPERIENCE

Coral Expeditions' knowledgeable expedition leaders and guest lecturers are with you throughout your cruise and on shore activities.

FROM THE BRIDGE

True expedition cruising is a shared experience. You are welcome on our bridge where our crew proudly shares their skills and insights as a unique feature of the voyage.



We operate an open bridge policy and encourage guests to visit the bridge and observe ship operations. Our Captains enjoy the open interaction with our guests



EACH NEW DAY BRINGS A NEW ADVENTURE

Deep in the Spice Islands of Indonesia, a small ship is days away from any large ports. In the still of the early morning, all the passengers are gathered expectantly on the foredeck as it approaches a narrow channel hidden among the trees and dotted with islets. There is a lot of excited chatter – everyone already knows everyone as there are no big crowds here – and cameras are at the ready as this is a new destination for the ship, in fact our local guide informs us that no ship has ever been into this anchorage before. Even the most modern charts are not accurate for this area, a myriad of islands and channels; but the ship is small and manoeuvrable and the crew are well trained and confident. Before entering the narrow approach channel, the ship's tender, known as Xplorer, is launched with experienced crew aboard. Some of the passengers take the opportunity to go ahead with them on a recce. What a great photo opportunity, as they lead the ship, surveying the channel depth as they go using a combination of modern navigating technology and a more traditional leadline set up! All the while recording charts for our next visit. The ship follows slowly behind, and with the Xplorer calling the depths, winds its way down the calm, clear waters of the narrow channel. As the ship gets deeper into the labyrinth the view becomes even more spectacular and passenger's cameras are clicking away flat out, both on the foredeck and aboard Xplorer. Limestone cliffs, caves and beehive islands slide past, a few locals in their small craft wave excitedly and wide eyed as we pass. The ship creeps in between towering pinnacles to the inner basin and, exactly in the middle of the inlet, the anchor is lowered to the bottom and the ship brought to rest, perfectly sheltered and secure. This is pure expedition cruising!

AS MUCH ACTION AS YOU WANT

The crew swing into action – Zodiacs are hoisted and lowered, kayaks made ready, Xplorer recovered on the unique aft platform that allows passengers to disembark easily and safely. Guests spend the remainder of the day enjoying a range of activities – snorkelling directly over colourful reefs, exploring the surrounding inlets by kayak or venturing further afield in the myriad of channels in Xplorer. When it's time for a break, our guests come back aboard to refresh with a coffee or cold beer or simply relax on the deck, all without waiting in line. To finish the day, everyone gathers on the Sun Deck for drinks followed by a barbeque on the Vista deck as the sun sets. With no rushed itinerary, the ship overnights in this calm anchorage and everyone gets a good night's sleep ready for a new day of adventure.

That is just one day of an expedition cruise with Coral Expeditions, but it is very typical of what we do. Whether you are cruising with us in the mighty Kimberley, historic Tasmania, wild Papua New Guinea or the exotic Spice Islands, we visit wild and remote areas – the places that other cruise ships do not go to, simply because they cannot. We meet locals who rarely get visitors and are keen to show off their culture. Our guests can snorkel and dive over pristine reefs and get to see firsthand wildlife that few others do – from tawny nurse sharks to birds-of-paradise, from tiny Monjon rock wallabies to enormous whale sharks, from sea eagles to striated herons.

On our expedition cruises you visit areas of incredible history – Aboriginal sites tens of thousands of years old, failed settlements and abandoned forts, traditional fishing villages and landing points of the great maritime explorers.

Leave the crowds behind, make new friends and explore fascinating destinations. Each authentic experience immerses you in the region's nature, culture or history, giving you the chance to explore, discover, relax, and create lifelong cherished memories.

INTRODUCING OUR FLEET



*Coral Adventurer's
Bridge Deck Balcony Suite*



*Captain's Welcome Dinner -
gourmet seafood buffet*



*Attend lectures in our specially
designated lecture lounge*



*Explore our collections
of Indigenous artworks*



*Indulge in beverages
and scenery from our Vista Deck*



Coral Discoverer on the Great Barrier Reef



CORAL DISCOVERER
LAUNCHED IN 2005 | 72 GUESTS

CORAL ADVENTURER
LAUNCHED IN 2019 | 120 GUESTS

CORAL GEOGRAPHER
LAUNCHED IN 2021 | 120 GUESTS

Our small ships have all been designed and built with tropical region expedition cruising in mind and under the guidance of our crew and management team, harnessing our four decades of operating experience and advanced seafaring technology. They are perfectly suited to the unique destinations we explore and are designed take you to some of the most beautiful and remote regions of Australia, the Asia Pacific, South Pacific and the Indian Ocean. On board you will discover a personalised style of cruising. With our ships carrying only 72 to 120 guests, you can say goodbye to queues, long waits, and assigned seating. Instead, enjoy a relaxed, convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers.

We have advanced navigation and propulsion systems, shallow drafts, and active stabilisers to ensure comfortable blue-water cruising and high manoeuvrability so we can access shallow marine environs such as remote reefs, islands, rivers and lagoons with ease to ensure that your expedition experience is the best it can be. All vessels are equipped with our hydraulic Xplorer tender platform which helps us to dispatch all guests simply and safely allowing you to spend more time ashore and out on excursions.

All guest cabins are outside facing with an ensuite bathroom, premium amenities, and the majority have private balcony settings to help you enjoy spectacular vistas on your journey. In addition to well-appointed dining areas, they have a range of indoor and outdoor bar areas which are both spacious and stylish. Each ship has a comfortable lounge area on the bridge deck where guests can relax, attend presentations, and enjoy evening films and activities. Our larger vessels are fitted with a lift and intimate gym and we have recently upgraded the fleet with new technology satellite systems to enable improved Wi-Fi connectivity.

Each ship has an open bridge fitted out with guests lounge and navigational workspaces so guests can participate in the voyage planning experience. Without crowds to worry about, our chefs can prepare small-batch meals made with Australian ingredients. Our open galleys located adjacent to the dining room allows guests to interact with our chefs and see meals being freshly prepared. Throughout our ships, we have carefully curated galleries of nature photography and indigenous art and artefacts from the communities we visit.

Our entire fleet are Australian Flagged general licenced vessels, staffed by qualified Australian seafarers and held to the highest standards of operational safety by the Australian Marine Safety Authority.

Australian flagged vessels





OUR TENDER VESSELS

Master Matthew Fryer shares what is so special about our launch vessels.





Experience a connection with the nature surrounding you

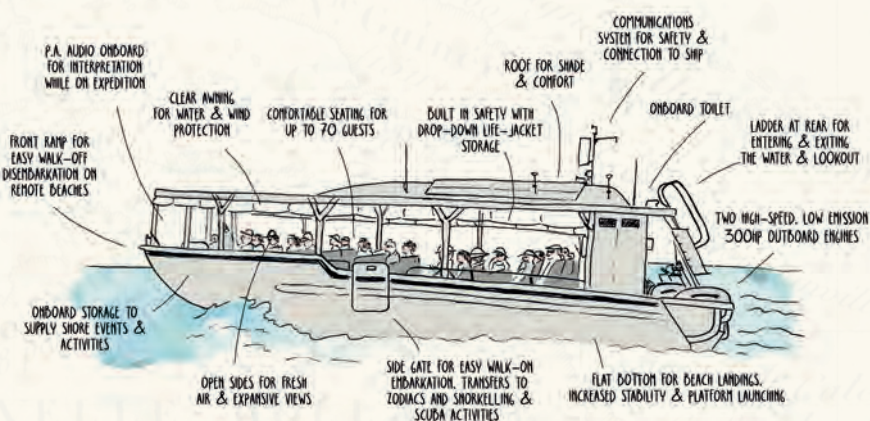


Xplorer tenders facilitate ease of disembarkation



Board our Xplorers from the ship with confidence and safety

“ We carry several boats aboard, but it’s really our expedition launch vessels, the Xplorers, that sets us apart from any other operator in the world when it comes to delivering an expedition. It is an aluminium boat that sits on the aft deck and is easily lowered and lifted to the waterline using a heavy-duty hydraulic platform. The Xplorer accommodates all guests for their shore excursions in a high level of comfort. It is covered from the sun, has comfortable seats and a toilet aboard along with audio equipment for commentary along the way. It is powered by twin 300HP low emission outboard engines with a cruising speed of over 22 knots and a long-range giving us access to the upper reaches of wild river systems and into shallow coral lagoons.



Riding the rapids on our Zodiac tenders



The hydraulic loading platform makes it unique, as we can pick the Xplorer vessel up and lift it to the most suitable deck level, where everyone can simply walk aboard and get seated before we lower her back down into the water and head off on the excursions. The process takes less than 10 minutes in total and negates the need for guests to negotiate stairs and ladders at sea.

To back up the Xplorer we carry between 3 and 6 Zodiacs which can take 10 guests at a time, which allows us to add to the range of excursions we can offer by getting into tighter places or different spots in variable sea conditions. They also allow us to split up the group for more intimate and personal interpretation at special places.

Master Matthew Fryer



Lowering an Xplorer tender hydraulically

EXPLORE THE ANCIENT LANDS OF THE KIMBERLEY



The Hunter River is home to an ecologically important population of mangroves located in Porosus Creek



This vast and ancient land, shaped by the powerful forces of nature, is one of the world's most beautiful and awe-inspiring wilderness areas.

The Kimberley's rugged coastline of magnificent rock formations is battered by raging tides. Up close it reveals secluded palm-fringed gorges and cascading waterfalls, millions of years in the making. After the monsoonal rains of a tropical summer, inviting plunge pools and peaceful oases flourish with a diverse variety of plant and animal life.

The Kimberley is a land steeped in ancient Aboriginal culture, intriguingly portrayed through indigenous rock art estimated up to 60,000 years old.

We uncover the legends of Australia's pioneering past too, as we retrace the journeys made by explorers along this remote coastline hundreds of years ago.

Explore the highlights of this ancient region with expert interpretation of the landscape, nature, wildlife, culture and history. There are many opportunities for thrilling experiences and close-up wildlife spotting aboard our tender vessels and on shore.

With over 30 years' experience in the region and a crew with unsurpassed knowledge and passion, our expedition focus ensures that your Kimberley cruise is an experience you will remember forever.

THE KIMBERLEY CRUISE

10 Nights | Between Darwin & Broome

Apr to Sep 2024 & 2025 | 3 vessels | 42 departures per year

BEST OF THE KIMBERLEY AND TIWI ISLANDS

10 Nights | Between Darwin & Broome

Aug & Sep 2024 | 1 vessel | 2 departures per year

KIMBERLEY ICONS, ASHMORE & THE ROWLEY SHOALS

10 Nights | Between Darwin & Broome

Sep 2024, Mar & Sep 2025 | 2 vessels | 4 departures per year



View itineraries



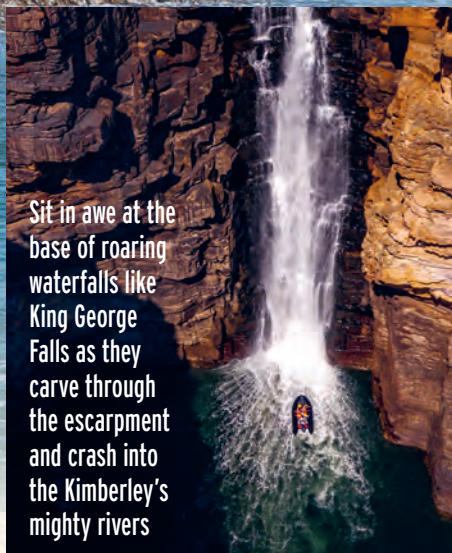
Day 4 | Winyalkan Island

We returned to the ship for a quick turnaround for drinks and canapés on the beach of Winyalkan Island. Everyone was having a wonderful time on the beach, with champagne and a little dancing in the sand when the most amazing spectacle occurred... a flatback sea turtle decided to join the party. The female flatback turtle seemed to be on a mission and crawled straight past the erected gazebo and up above the highest tide mark to lay her eggs. Within 20 minutes she was digging her hole to the amazed look of guests and crew, who all agreed that this was a most remarkable sight.

Be surrounded by the peace and tranquillity of one of the world's most remote and uninhabited coastlines: just you and nature



Watch Montgomery Reef rise from the sea as the tide recedes



Sit in awe at the base of roaring waterfalls like King George Falls as they carve through the escarpment and crash into the Kimberley's mighty rivers

Guest Review

"No words can describe this magnificent voyage to do it justice. It was far beyond my expectations with outstanding experiences I shall never forget. The crew and Guest Lecturers made all the excursions interesting, their enthusiasm shone through to passengers, so we were like sponges soaking up information always learning. The crew were so helpful on our landings, walks and Zodiac experiences to ensure safety. I thank you wholeheartedly for the outstanding planning to visit amazing scenery I never knew existed. Australia, our wondrous country that all Australians can discover."

Christine | April 2022

Expedition Team

Expedition Leader | David Keech

Dave has spent the past 15 years working as an Eco-Guide and Expedition Leader, allowing him to explore pristine and remote wilderness areas in Australia and the South Pacific while sharing his passion for nature and conservation. He has held roles in various environments, including as a Wilderness Park Ranger in The Kimberley and a Whale Shark and Snorkelling Guide on the Ningaloo Reef. Dave has also managed guiding departments in luxury accommodation venues in Freycinet Tasmania and the Great Barrier Reef. Currently, he is in his seventh year with Coral Expeditions, embarking on adventurous journeys and discoveries in places like the Kimberley Coast, Arnhem Land, Great Barrier Reef, Ningaloo Reef, Tasmania, Indonesia, and Melanesia.



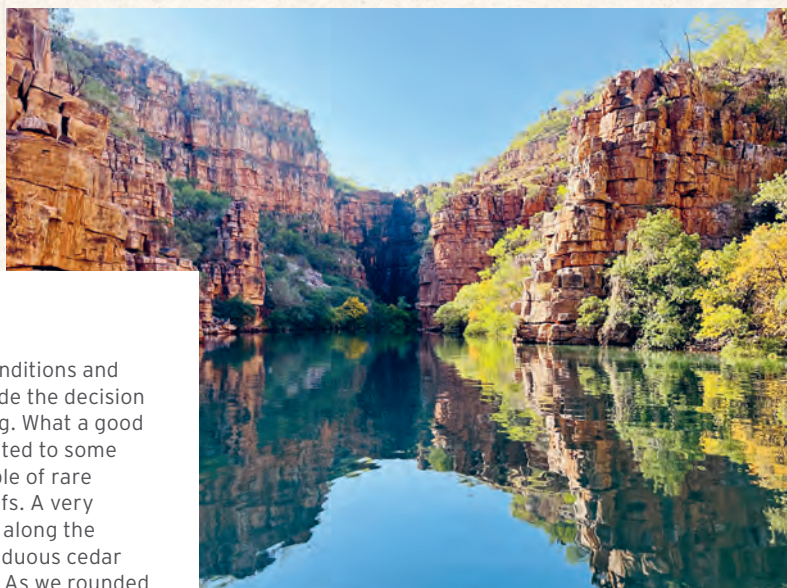
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Master Matthew Fryer
 Expedition Leader Ashleigh Peters
 Guest Lecturers Lindsay Trott and
 Keith Morris



Day 2 | Berkeley River/Koolama Bay

Due to the combination of extremely calm conditions and a suitable tide level, our Expedition Team made the decision to visit Berkeley River and Gorge this morning. What a good decision that turned out to be... We were treated to some clear sightings of fishing behaviour by a couple of rare snub-nosed dolphins in the shadow of the cliffs. A very placid, white-breasted sea eagle was spotted along the mangrove-lined estuary, as well as some deciduous cedar mangroves revealing their autumnal colours. As we rounded a bend in the river, the red/orange 1.8-billion-year-old Warton sandstone bluffs began rearing up close around us. Another treat was our visit to the Red Amphitheatre with a viewing of 2 crocs, the reflections of the magnificent geology pressing in, and a gently tinkling waterfall rounding off the morning.

Day 4 | Swift Bay/Mitchell Falls

A clear and windless day greeted guests travelling to Mitchell Falls by helicopter. After transferring to a nearby beach, they were whisked away for a visit to the magnificent falls up on the plateau via the expansive sandstone savannah country spread out below. Some hardy souls also took a dip in the cool Mitchell River. Our land-based adventures took us to Warrabii East where we needed to scramble up some steep rocky slopes to arrive at a magnificent gallery of mixed art styles, animistic, Gwion Gwion and Wandjina. Expedition team members Richard and James guided us around the gallery and offered some explanations of the wonderful images and the mystery associated with them.





Day 6 | Porosus Creek/Thors Hammer

We anchored in the magnificent Prince Frederick Harbour near the sheer bluff of Indian Head and headed off to the mangrove-lined Porosus Creek for a morning of mud and mangroves, all from the comfort of our shaded Xplorers. The backdrop of rusty-coloured Wunaamin Miliwundi (previously King Leopold) sandstone behind verdant green mangroves made for a great photo opportunity. One group spotted crocodiles early on, while the other group had to wait until on their way home before a great viewing of his apparently open-mouthed bored "yawn" at our close approach.

Our afternoon expedition saw us cruise around Naturalist Island and travel on to visit Thor's Hammer, a geological feature with a King Leopold sandstone 'head' that sits precariously on a 'handle' of cemented rock fragments and quartz crystals, several of which Asha retrieved for closer inspection. A busy pair of ospreys provided some great photos of a pair looking after their rocky perch with a great ocean view, and a couple of green turtles surfaced for a quick check on our progress.



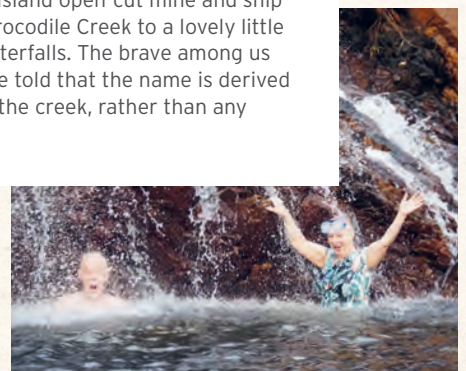
Day 8 | Montgomery Reef and Talbot Bay

As we approached the High Clifly Isles and the iconic Montgomery Reef some crested terns and fairy martins joined us around the ship. Lindsay provided a very informative talk on the characteristics of this unique inshore coral reef and how it was formed. We also heard about the mystery surrounding the Yawajjaba people, or 'tide riders' who lived on the High Clifly Isles until 1929. These were a tall group of people who used the marine life of Montgomery Reef as a source of food, but suddenly disappeared from their island homes for no apparent reason. This talk was a great basis for us to embark on the Xplorers for a bumpy short crossing to the 'river', a sheltered drainage channel between two large sections of Montgomery Reef. Despite the rain, we were able to be mesmerised by the emerging reef and the cascading waterfalls as the tide dropped. Several grey and white phase reef egrets were seen feeding on the exposed reef platform.



Day 10 | Nares Point/Crocodile Creek

After crossing to Nares Point, we saw another striking example of the folding sandstone formations in this area, with the sandwiched layers of siltstone being more readily eroded and producing cavities and beach caves behind the beach. On landing, we were able to examine the caves more closely and viewed a couple of microbats seeking shelter in the caves. The two cosmopolitan beach creepers morning glory (*Ipomoea*) and *Canavalia* were spreading over the sand. There were several mammal tracks on the beach, most likely the water rat and a bandicoot. Following a cruise down the Canal to view the Koolan Island open-cut mine and ship loader from a distance, we meandered up Crocodile Creek to a lovely little waterhole with accompanying spring-fed waterfalls. The brave among us took a dip in the not-so-warm water. We were told that the name is derived from the shape of a rock at the entrance to the creek, rather than any reptilian inhabitants.



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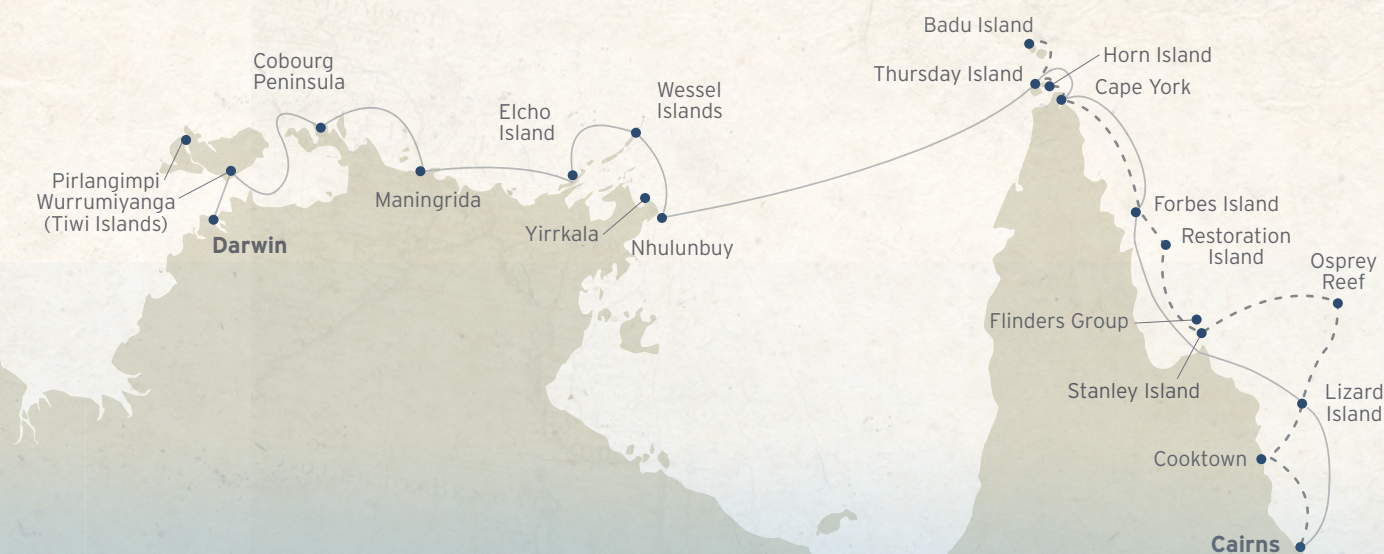


View itineraries



Voyage log | 13 October 2022

We awoke to find ourselves anchored off Stanley Island, the site of a remarkable history and heritage. The island has numerous rock art galleries that have been here for hundreds of years. This important cultural heritage now has a well-constructed board walk to enable visitors to view one of the main galleries. Stanley Island is an integral part of the geographical and mythological complex of the Flinders Group. The rock art covering the walls of the ship shelter shows ships from several nations and different periods, painted in red and white ochre on the red sandstone. Phillip Walker, one of the Traditional Owners of Stanley Island showed us the rock art and explained its importance to him and his people.



Soak up the spectacular beauty of remote islands, rocky coastlines, and wide-open sea of northern Australia

Guest Review

"...Wherever we visited, we were warmly greeted by people proud of their heritage and skillful with various forms of art. They were unstinting in their willingness to welcome us and were very articulate in describing their life and the features of their settlements."

Harold L | TripAdvisor November 2019



Explore the remnants of the unsuccessful Victoria Settlement within Garig Gunak Barlu National Park



See Indigenous art being created and hear the stories that it tells in remote art centres along the Arnhem Land coast and Torres Strait



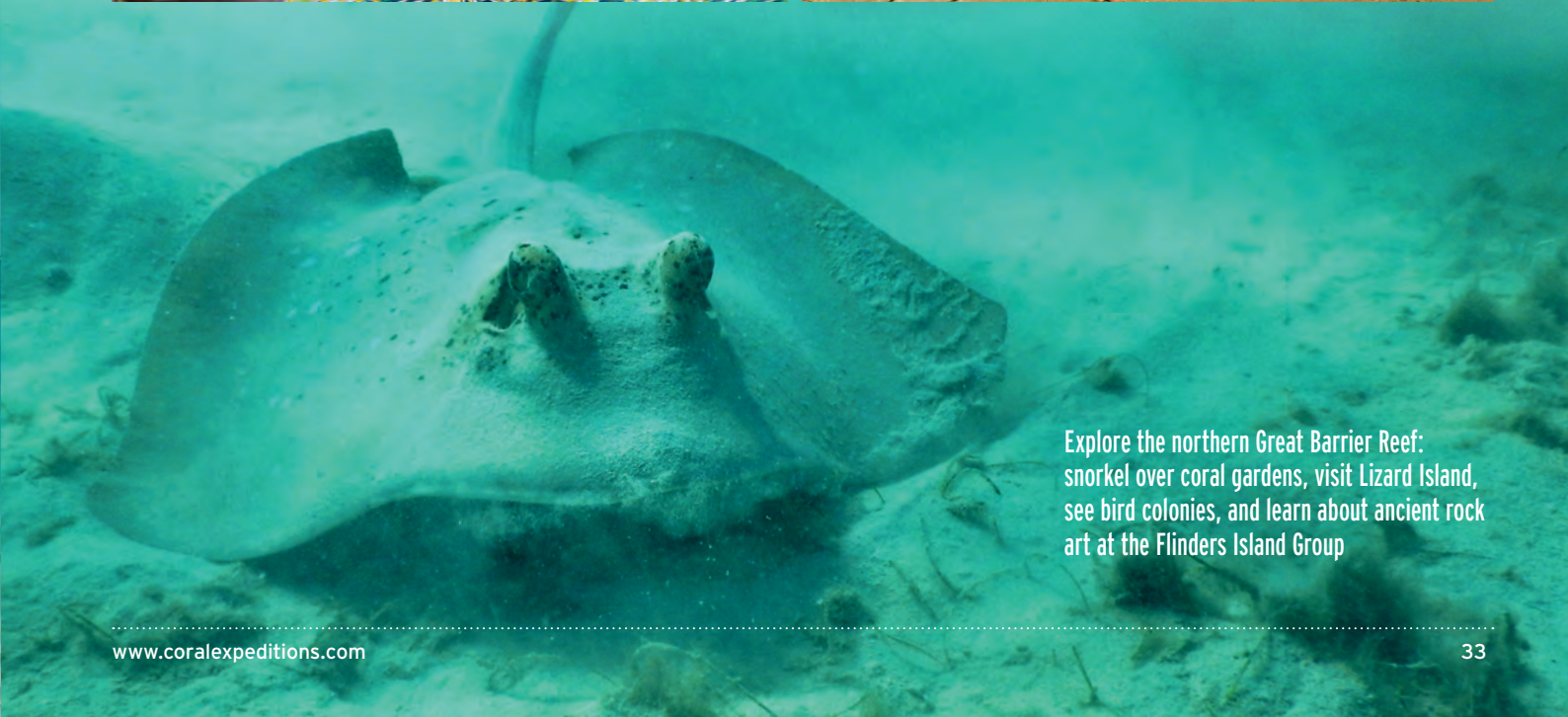
Expedition Team

Guest Lecturer | Goyma Gondarra

Goyma is member of the Golumala Clan from Yolngu people of NE Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. Golumala people had a close association with the Makassan trepangers from Sulawesi for many hundreds of years before European colonisation of Australia. Goyma is conversant in a variety of Arnhem Land languages as well as Fijian. Today he continues a long association with the Australian Army through the Regional Force Surveillance Unit of northern Australia.



Discover the renowned culture, art and hospitality of the Torres Strait



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TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK

10 Nights | Between Cairns & Horn Island
Oct 2024 | 1 vessel | 2 departures per year



Get a close-up view of marine wildlife and learn from our resident Marine Biologist

Image courtesy Andrew Watson

Great Barrier Reef | Day 6 | Ribbon Reef #5

The calm warm and clear waters invited us to spend hours exploring this paradise. There were fluted clams, sea-stars, feather stars, soft and hard corals, sponges, ascidians, clownfish and sharks. And there were at least five different types of sea-cucumbers including black, sandy black, spiny stichopus and floppy wet-sock synaptid sea cucumbers. It was like being a kid again, searching the reef for all sort of animals.

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Guest Review

"Brilliant trip on Outer Known Adventures on the Great Barrier Reef departure 9 Nov. It's a rare trip that you struggle to come up with a negative but this was one of them. The ship and staff were first class all the way. Everyone was genuinely friendly and couldn't be more helpful. We were lucky with the weather so we had a brilliant week of snorkelling in some amazing places that most don't get to. The days were punctuated by the serving of incredible food. How they do this is mind boggling. We will be back again at some point..."

David H | TripAdvisor Nov 2022

Expedition Team

Expedition Crew & Master Reef Guide
Katie Tuesley

Katie has a big passion for the ocean and has worked in a lot of different locations around this fantastic country including the Whitsundays, Fraser Island, Ningaloo Reef, The Kimberley, Abrolhos Islands, Thredbo, the Gold Coast and Morten Island as a marine and land tour guide or coxswain skipper. She also has a background of hospitality and was training for the Olympics in swimming while in school. She is part fish and always happy near the water.

Hike up Cook's Look on Lizard Island and take in the bird's eye view over the northern reef

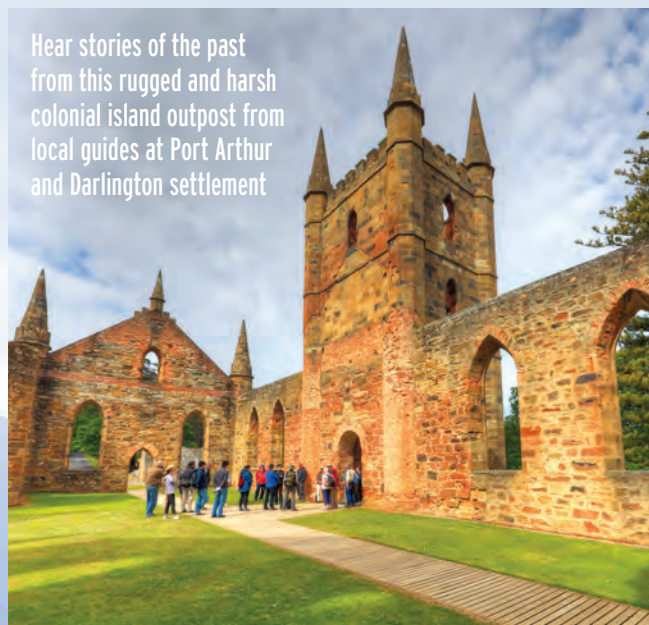
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View itineraries



Day 4 | Wukaluwikiwayna / Maria Island

East Coast Tasmania

The weather was kind to us, and the many on the shore side enjoyed the rich history and diverse fauna of the island. Tasmanian native hens and Cape Barren geese abounded as did Bennett's wallabies, pademelons and Forester kangaroos. There was also some evidence of the nocturnal Tasmanian devil in the form of scats, easily identified by the finely crushed bone and tufts of fur. Wombats were scarce until the last minute, and as if they didn't want to leave us disappointed, they came out as we were departing. A mother wombat with its joey close on its heels was the subject of many photos!

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Expedition Team

Tasmanian Expedition Guide | Amber Howard

Amber is relatively new to the company with a background in Tourism. A Tassie girl at heart, she has spent the last few years planning and guiding Sea Kayaking and Bushwalking trips around her home state. Adventuring is her passion and she loves to help facilitate a unique experience for those around her.



Guest Review

"Overall, we loved the cruise, going to places that bigger ships couldn't. The friendliness of the crew makes all the difference and adds so much to the small ship experience. Most passengers seemed like-minded in their cruising ideals - to go places, see things and enjoy treks that you can't ordinarily do. Coral Expeditions did this superbly. Really, the bottom line boils down to this: would we recommend Coral Expeditions to our friends? The answer is a clear Yes. We loved the cruise, many thanks, and we'll see you again."

Kerry | February 2023



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Master John Mehmet
 Expedition Leader Alistair Kent
 Guest Lecturers Dale Williams,
 David Williams and
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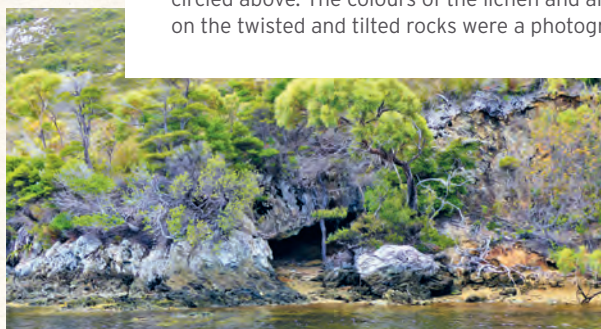


Day 2 | Melaleuca and Clayton's Corner

After a hearty breakfast we joined the Xplorer for a cruise through the Narrows into Bathurst Harbour up to Melaleuca Inlet. Dale briefed us on the amazing ancient rocks that make up this wilderness area (metamorphosed quartzites 1.4 billion years old). The breeze lessened and we were treated to spectacular reflections of the trees and rocks in the calm water. We divided into smaller groups and headed up to the historic huts, museum and bird hide, and walked along the Needwonee Boardwalk. Luckily we were able to see the endangered orange bellied parrot at the Hide, and several pairs were also spotted along the walk and near the wharf.

Day 3 | Bramble Cove and Maatsuker Island

We joined the Xplorer for an amazing early morning cruise along the coastline of Bramble Cove, Bathurst Harbour and the Breaksea Islands. Conditions were kind and we were treated to close views of the ancient rock formations, sea caves, and bull kelp - while four white bellied sea eagles circled above. The colours of the lichen and algae and sunlight on the twisted and tilted rocks were a photographer's delight!





Day 4 | South Bruny Island and Franklin

After an early breakfast we had a couple of options for exploring the areas around Great Taylor Bay. Some opted for a 4km walk on the Labillardiere Peninsula whilst others opted for a leisurely walk on the beach. Christmas Bells and Peppermint Gums were seen, and a variety of bird songs were heard along the longer walk. The beach walkers came across a variety of interesting marine fauna and flora, including a giant spider crab, an octopus, various fish, and small crabs. After lunch, we headed up the Huon River and visited the Huon Wooden Boat Centre, Frank's Cider House and the old church to view the local sunflower exhibition.

Day 5 | Adventure Bay South Bruny Island

After lunch, we boarded the Xplorer for a cruise past Penguin Island and the blowhole at the base of the Fluted Cape. We were treated to sightings of resting Australian fur seals, a pod of dolphins, and a variety of seabirds. Following a beach landing, we visited the Bligh Museum. Many were able to also take in a walk on the beach and were rewarded with sightings of the hooded plover, pied oystercatchers with a chick as well as a group of chestnut teal ducks.



Day 6 | Maria Island

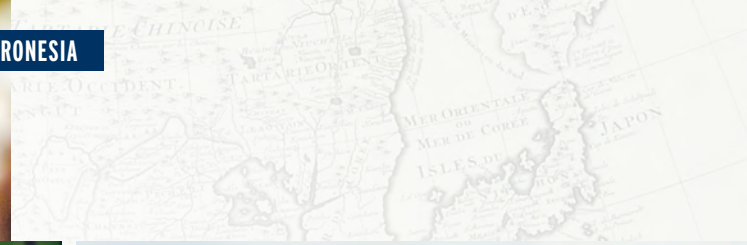
Today three different walks were on offer: moderate walks to the Fossil Cliffs or the Painted Cliffs, or a short walk to the historic Darlington Settlement. As we approached the island in the Xplorer it became clear that this was a special place. Many parts of the landscape are like a manicured garden with large expanses of lawn grazed by wallabies, wombats, Tasmanian native hens (turbo chooks) and Cape Barren geese. We had great views north as far as Freycinet Peninsula.





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Day 12 | Sepik River | Bin Village

We were welcomed by a group of men and women performing a dance formerly restricted to men and seen only within the sacred Tambaran House, and were then seated in front of a rendition of the PNG National Anthem by the village schoolchildren, accompanied by the raising of the national and provincial flags. This was followed by a series of dances and dramatisations, including a stunning performance by a young man and his 'mother', illustrating scenes from their lives and culminating in his attack and possession by four bush spirits.

Expedition Team

Guest Lecturer | Jamie Anderson

Has worked with Coral Expeditions for the past 20 years, as Expedition Leader, and most recently on a new journey as Guest Lecturer. Jamie Anderson is very well known by the majority of our guests who have travelled with us in the Kimberley, Tasmania, Papua New Guinea, and across the top of Australia on our Cape York and Arnhem Land expeditions. Jamie shares his extensive knowledge of the natural environment and local people of these regions.



Visit WWII battle-sites and see war relics at Buna and Sanananda



Snorkel or dive on vibrant, rarely visited coral reefs



Visit volcanic islands and hear the mythical tales of the Dei Dei hot springs

Guest Review

"Out trip started in Cairns to Papua New Guinea – 13 days. This was a fabulous life experience. From boarding the crew made the trip. They remember your name, what you like, what your needs were and most of all, friendly and knowledgeable."

This is a real service-oriented crew... The lectures are professional, interesting, and very knowledgeable about the area!"

Arriet | November 2018



Voyage	Frontier Lands of Papua New Guinea	Master	Jacopo Barchetti
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Depart	Cairns 30 October 2019	Guest Lecturer	Chris Ballard
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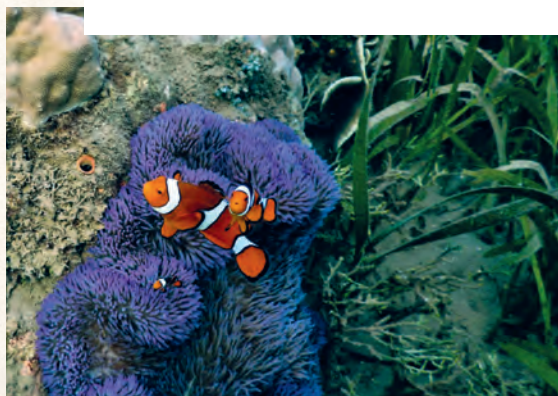


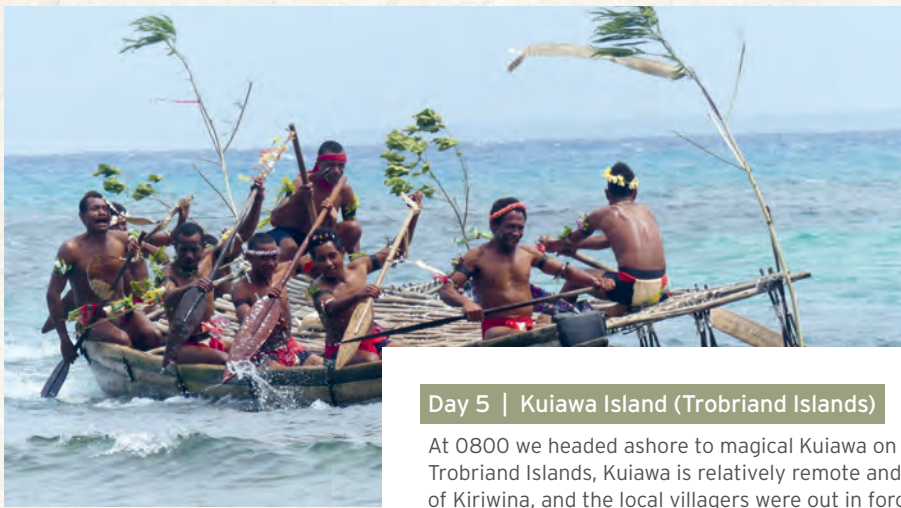
Day 3 | Samarai Island and Sewa Bay

After lunch, we edged through the narrow passage into beautiful Sewa Bay, on the west coast of Normanby Island, where the Xplorer landed us on the beach at Pwanapwana village. We were greeted by a throng of children and their parents and led along an avenue of trees to the grounds of the community school. Seated under an L-shaped canopy of pandanus thatch, we were treated to a series of dances by the school children, all dressed in traditional clothing, and then led to a series of different demonstrations of pandanus weaving, sago processing and local cooking. Many of the school teachers and children kindly guided us up the hill behind the school and into their homes, and then the entire community followed us down to the water's edge, where Bosun Bryan revved up the Xplorer's engines, showering the more adventurous kids with spray, to their absolute delight.

Day 4 | Dei Dei (Ferguson Island) & Dobu Island

We took up a position off the smaller conical volcanic island of Dobu, its ash slopes deeply scored by eroded valleys. With volcanoes to our right and left, and geysers and vents elsewhere we were now well within the Ring of Fire! We were also now in the area known as the Kula ring, a traditional network of exchange involving ancient shell and stone valuables in which Dobu Island played a central part. Senior chiefs in the hierarchical societies of these islands continue to participate in these competitive and prestige exchanges which see white armshells called mwali move in a more or less counter-clockwise direction between the D'Entrecasteaux and Trobriand Island groups, against a counter-current of bagi shell necklaces moving clockwise. Dobu is one of the most famous mission stations in PNG, with an old church bearing the name of the first missionary, William Bromilow, and where we were treated to delightful renditions of the national anthem by schoolchildren, followed by dances and a display of Kula valuables, strung out along a pole.





Day 5 | Kuiawa Island (Trobriand Islands)

At 0800 we headed ashore to magical Kuiawa on the Xplorer. Even within the Trobriand Islands, Kuiawa is relatively remote and removed from the main island of Kiriwina, and the local villagers were out in force to greet us. We were given an official welcome and then enjoyed several traditional Trobriand dances and songs performed by all age groups. The costumes, instruments and style of dancing were notably different to anything we had experienced so far. The Trobriands are expert carvers and their style is unique. Proud mothers and sisters would dash out from the crowd to hang shell necklaces over the dancers. As guests were shown through the village by enthusiastic guides there were small stalls along the way where we could purchase our own piece of the Trobriands and take home an expertly made carving or woven basket.

After lunch on board the ship, it was time to get in the water and enjoy some excellent snorkelling on the reef at the entrance to Kuiawa village. Other guests chose to return to shore and spend more time in the village.



Day 6 | Tufi Fjord & Natade Village

Traditional canoes expertly steered by children and led by a magnificent leader standing on a canoe platform to deliver his welcome, ferried us across to a welcome by black-painted warriors and girls throwing petals. On a grassy expanse in the pretty village of Natade, dancers performed for us, dressed in beaten barkcloth or tapa, decorated with ancient clan designs, and sporting elaborate headdresses topped with the plumes of Raggiana birds-of-paradise, cassowary and cockatoos. This was followed by a number of well-designed demonstrations of traditional practices, including the tattooing of women's faces, fire-making, the production and decoration of tapa, and the application of traditional medicines. A stunning range of local artefacts, including lengths of decorated tapa, shell necklaces and string bags, was available in a market that sprang up out of nowhere, and the dancers continued to beat their drums long after we had filed back to the landing and returned to the ship for lunch.

Day 7 | Buna & Sanananda

The Xplorer landed us, much like troops in the war, on the black sand beach of Buna, only we were greeted by a line of beautiful children wearing traditional costumes and placing flower garlands over our heads. We then enjoyed a powerful traditional dance by senior men beating hand drums and women holding sheets of tapa barkcloth over their heads.

From there some walked in groups along the long beach while others took the Xplorer to Buna government station, where we read a number of commemorative plaques put up in memory of fallen US and Australian soldiers. Passing an aircraft wing inserted vertically into the ground, we walked up a long straight road through Buna village, visiting the local medical aid post and a small community museum which had been opened just the day before, stocked with helmets, weapons and the other debris of war found in the surrounding fields.



JOURNEY INTO RAJA AMPAT & THE SPICE ISLANDS



Retrace the ancient spice trade routes around the legendary Spice Islands, explore the nature lover's paradise that is Raja Ampat.

Snorkel and dive on some of the best coral reefs in the world, at the centre of the Coral Triangle



Day 3 | Cenderawasih Bay | Kwatisore

After an incredible experience with the Whale Sharks, everyone returned to the ship around 10:45 am for light morning tea. Afterward we boarded the Xplorers again to visit Kwatisore Village for a wonderful mid-morning cultural experience. As we arrived, we were greeted by music and dance, and everyone stepped on a wooden paddle - a tradition in the village. We were then led up to the grass where the music continued. After, we gifted supplies to the community, and the dancers performed for us. We then had the opportunity to explore the village and engage in games of football and frisbee with the locals.



Experience the culture and history of the Spice Islands and West Papua



Combining scenery of outstanding natural beauty, inimitable coral reefs, and fascinating communities alive with history, our Spice Islands and Raja Ampat voyages are an adventure like no other. Rarely visited islands are unveiled as we sail through the Spice Islands and visit ancient kingdoms built on nutmeg and cloves.

Natural beauty is all around, as you stroll empty stretches of soft white sand, view rainforest covered volcanoes and explore pristine reefs bursting with marine life.

Wherever your expedition leads, expect a warm welcome from the local people. Discover their lifestyle and traditions as they share the dances, ceremonies, cookery, and art of their vibrant individual cultures.

Discover ancient megalithic structures, abandoned forts and forgotten villages in West Papua, hear the legend of the Four Kings of Raja Ampat or learn of the influences of European colonialism sparked by the early exploration of the Maluku Islands in search of valuable spices. This region's colourful history and extraordinary beauty is just waiting to be explored.



View itineraries



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Expedition Team

Expedition Leader | Cara Cavanagh

Cara's passion is with the ocean, scuba diving and in particular the Great Barrier Reef where she has spent two decades diving and working. She has attained Master 5 and Marine Engine Driver 2 qualifications. Cara has been involved in research work and participated in Crown of Thorns Starfish eradication programs. She is also an avid traveller, so this style of expedition cruising makes for a perfect role of adventure and experience. She enjoys birdwatching, photography and loves 'experiencing the itineraries through the eyes of our guests'.

WEST PAPUA, RAJA AMPAT & MICRONESIA

16 Nights | Darwin to Yap

Aug 2024 & 2025 | 2 vessels | 1 departure per year

RAJA AMPAT & SPICE ISLANDS

18 Nights | Between Darwin & Sorong

Jan, Feb & March 2025 | 1 vessel | 4 departures per year



Enter the remarkable Bird's Head Seascape of Raja Ampat. Explore breathtaking locations such as Wayag Island, with its vibrant marine life and scattering of stunning 'gumdrop' islands



Be welcomed to the historic Banda Islands surrounded by a flotilla of colourful Kora Kora canoes gliding over the water



Swim with the gentle giants of the sea, the unforgettable whale sharks, at Cenderawasih Bay



Explore Fort Belgica, a Dutch outpost built in 1611, and learn the fascinating history of the Spice Islands and the spice trade



Guest Review

"Excellent snorkelling in the pristine waters of Raja Ampat, and wonderful to visit the remote villages of the Indonesian Spice Islands. The highlight was swimming with around 8-10 whale sharks in Cenderawasih Bay, Papua. I will never forget the experience of a 6-metre whale shark swimming slowly beside me eye-to-eye only about 30cm apart!"

Richard P | 10 April 2023

Voyage Raja Ampat & Spice Islands

Vessel *Coral Adventurer*

Depart Biak 11 April 2023

Arrive Darwin 14 April 2023

Master

Expedition Leader

Guest Lecturers

Miles Hammond

Ashleigh Peters

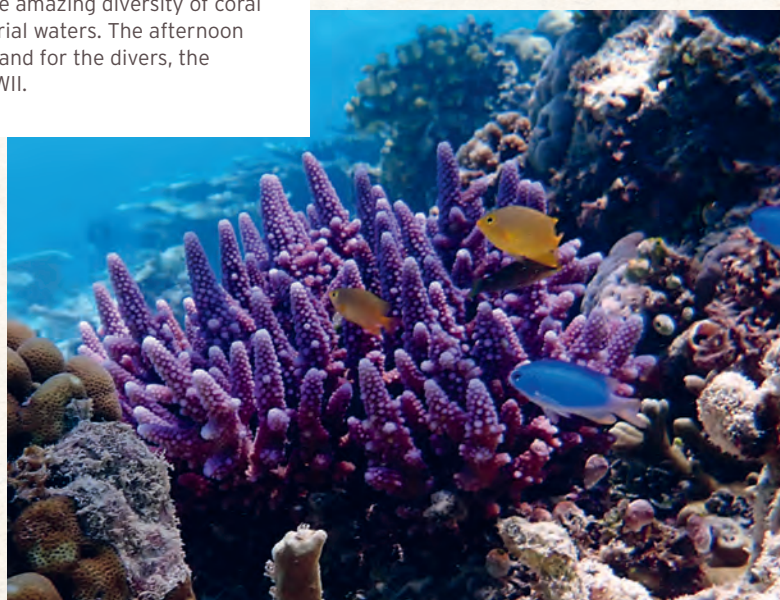
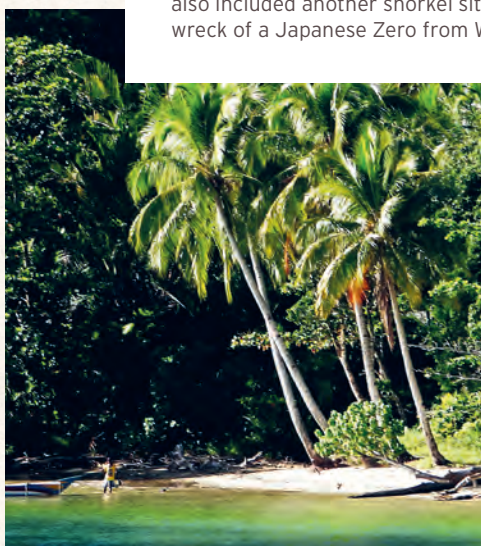
Howard Gray,
Linda Hoffman &
Tim Harvey


Day 1 | Biak

On arrival, we were greeted by a traditional Papuan performance before heading off to the Binsari Caves. Our journey there allowed us to see the village and lifestyle of the local people. The Binsari Caves – otherwise known as the Japanese Caves, featured in the WWII Battle of Biak during which the Allied forces sought to gain control of the local airfields. The caves in which the Japanese were sheltering are huge and the stories of the Japanese resistance and the American strategies to dislodge them were quite gruesome. Quite a number of artefacts remain, and a museum displays some of the many relics recovered from the jungle.

Day 2 | Cenderawasih Bay - Pulau Roon

After our mandatory briefings on snorkel and diving etiquette, we were ready for our first snorkel and dive on the beautiful reefs on the edge of Roan Island. It was a great opportunity to start to become familiar with the amazing diversity of coral and other reef life in these equatorial waters. The afternoon also included another snorkel site and for the divers, the wreck of a Japanese Zero from WWII.

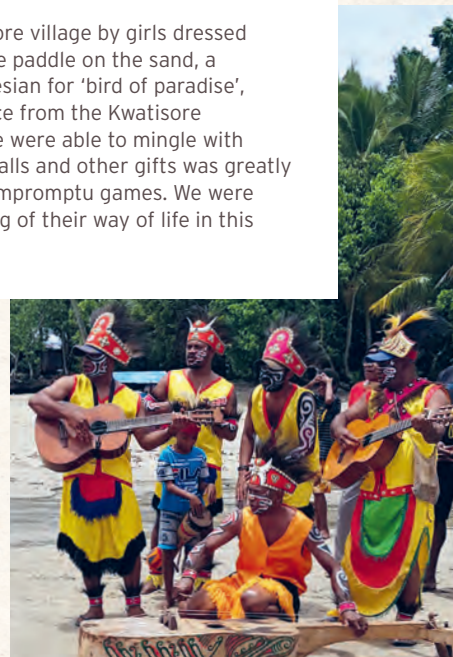




Day 3 | Cenderawasih Bay – Kwatisore Village

Our day began with a visit to the fishing platform (bagan) where the local fishermen spend the nights catching fish and squid, and during the day, when the opportunity arrives, provide a whale shark feeding encounter for visitors. It was absolutely mind-boggling to be swimming with a half dozen of these huge sharks, totally unperturbed by our presence. We were treated to a second round to the delight of all aboard. The whale shark feeding encourages the local fishermen to generate an income without harming them by fishing for them.

We were greeted on the shoreline at Kwatisore village by girls dressed in traditional costumes and stepped onto the paddle on the sand, a traditional welcome. Cenderawasih is Indonesian for 'bird of paradise', so it was appropriate that the welcome dance from the Kwatisore Community was a bird of paradise dance. We were able to mingle with the local villagers and our donation of footballs and other gifts was greatly appreciated, with our crew joining in some impromptu games. We were able to wander the village and see something of their way of life in this remote outpost.





UNIQUE ISLAND ENCOUNTERS OF THE EAST INDIES



Explore National Parks at Ujung Kulon and Tanjung Puting, home to endangered species such as Orangutans, Macaques, Deer, and the Javan Rhinoceros

Our pioneering spirit is forging new frontiers as we voyage deep into the paradise of Indonesia's less visited islands.

From around the 16th century, Makassan fishermen began to venture down from their homeland in Sulawesi to the shores of the Kimberley coast and Arnhem Land. Today the latest addition to our fleet, the comfortable and manoeuvrable, *Coral Geographer*, retraces the path of these intrepid seafarers as it voyages to the Indonesian archipelago or the island of Sulawesi.

Each expedition takes you into the heart of the region to discover diverse and timeless traditional cultures, shaped by a stunning mix of religious and maritime traditions, colonial influences and natural environments.

Share in village ceremonies, sample the local foods and marvel at the skilful handcrafts or time-honoured boatbuilding traditions.

With the help of our expert expedition team you can uncover the underwater secrets of these alluring islands as you snorkel or dive on world-renown coral reefs in Indonesia's marine parks.

There is more wildlife to discover on land with many rare species such as the tiny tarsiers, the Celebes macaque, the Komodo dragon and the sun bears and orangutans of Kalimantan.

Ranging from 14 to 20-night experiences, the itinerary you choose will determine exactly which locations you will visit on your unforgettable adventure into the Islands of Indonesia.

Visit the villages of the Bajo people, the sea gypsies, whose traditional lifestyle, at one with the ocean, is now threatened



View itineraries



IN THE WAKE OF THE MAKASSANS

14 Nights | Between Darwin & Makassar

Mar & Apr 2024 & Jan 2025 | 1 vessel | 2 departures per year



AN EQUATORIAL ADVENTURE ACROSS NORTH BORNEO

16 Nights | Manila to Singapore

Nov 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

SULAWESI CIRCUMNAVIGATION

20 Nights | Makassar to Makassar

Apr 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF SUMATRA

18 Nights | Singapore to Singapore

Nov 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

RAJA AMPAT & SPICE ISLANDS

18 Nights | Between Darwin & Sorong

Jan, Feb & March 2025 | 1 vessel | 4 departures per year

INTO THE WILDS OF BORNEO

16 Nights | Singapore to Makassar

Dec 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

Guest Review

"It was an enormous thrill to visit such a remote and stunning area. The snorkelling opportunities were wonderful. The marine life, the scenery and geography were mind blowing."

Angela P | April 2023



Expedition Team

Guest Lecturer | Linda Hoffman

For over thirty years American-born Linda Hoffman has trekked and sailed through Indonesia's most remote regions and waters as a freelance travel writer, tour leader and guest lecturer. Linda's credits include authoring a large format pictorial book for Jakarta's Ragunan Zoo as well as three travel guides about Indonesia, and she has been a contributing update editor for 13 other guidebooks. Her articles have appeared in numerous magazines throughout Southeast Asia, and her photographs have been featured in books on topics ranging from traditional textiles to endangered wildlife. Linda lives in a bungalow on the outskirts of Yogyakarta in Central Java, where she continues to share with visitors her passion for Indonesia.

Experience a once in a lifetime journey deep into Torajaland, known for its striking architecture, ancestor worship, and lavish funeral ceremonies



Snorkel and dive at exciting Marine Parks such as Taka Bonerate, Bunaken, and Karimunjawa



Day 13 | Tanjung Puting National Park

Borneo

Today, expeditioners tumbled out of their beds for grab 'n go snacks before boarding the Xplorers for a much-anticipated visit to Tanjung Puting National Park, Kalimantan. Upon arrival at the Sekoyner River we transferred to wooden 'klotok' boats that would be our transportation for the remainder of the day's adventure. A breakfast of Frittatas prepared by chef Jamie and his team was served on board as we cruised upriver spotting wild orangutans, orangutan nests, proboscis monkeys, kingfishers and other birdlife.



Voyage To South Sulawesi & Borneo For Christmas
 Vessel *Coral Geographer*
 Depart Broome 13 December 2022
 Arrive Singapore 30 December 2022

Master Jacopo Barchetti
 Purser Aaron Shaw
 Expedition Leader Cara Cavanagh
 Guest Lecturers Mike Sugden, Greg Watson and Linda Hoffman



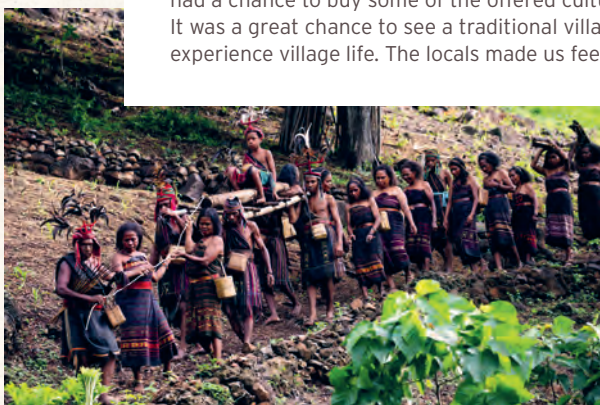
Day 3 | Kupang, Timor

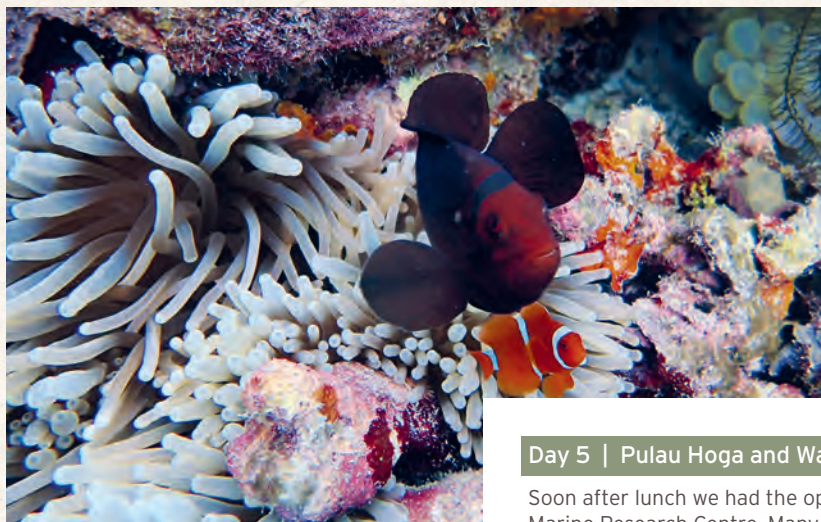
At 1330 we began our first snorkel diving on the local coral reef. This was followed by a visit to the local beach for a Sasando Welcome Performance. We enjoyed our first session ashore and were made to feel very welcome. The costumes worn by the local dancers were very beautiful.



Day 4 | Pulau Alor

In the morning the reef was enjoyed by both snorkel and scuba divers. This was our first opportunity to experience the huge diversity of coral life in the renowned "Coral Triangle" for this trip. After a well-deserved lunch we were ready to begin our exploration of this island of Alor. The ship had come alongside Kalabahi Wharf and we were given a traditional welcome once ashore. Buses then took us through Kadelang City to its Moko Drum Museum and sprawling marketplace. Guides interpreted and led us through the museum and busy marketplace before we once again boarded the buses for our trip out to Latafui Village. We were given a traditional welcome and experienced some of the traditional ceremonies and dances of the village. Refreshments were offered as we had a chance to buy some of the offered cultural artefacts. It was a great chance to see a traditional village and experience village life. The locals made us feel very welcome.





Day 5 | Pulau Hoga and Wakatobi National Marine Park

Soon after lunch we had the opportunity to explore Hoga Island with its Marine Research Centre. Many also took the opportunity to snorkel or scuba dive on the local coral reef and were rewarded with some beautiful coral and a rich diversity of marine organisms. At 1600 we headed over to Sampella Village. Here we enjoyed a stroll through the sea bound village on the boardwalk to view the houses raised above the ocean on coral platforms. We received a very warm welcome from the locals who were once nomads of the ocean.

Day 6 | Baubau, Sulawesi

We made an early start for the colourful city of Baubau, exploring the extensive Wameo Market, with much fresh local produce on display. The Sulaa Weaving Village gave us an excellent opportunity to view the weavers at work in a very warm and friendly atmosphere. Many of the local children were keen to get selfies with the expeditioners. The Wolio Buton Palace was also visited. The huge fortifications were evidence of previous troubled times. We were given an exceptional welcome in the Buton Palace and provided with some of the local foods, beautifully presented by numerous costumed hostesses.


Day 7 | Tinabu Island

An overnight sail found the ship lying off Tinabu Island - a speck of green amongst the waves. This had not always been the case. Much of the vegetation on this small island has been planted by visitors - including us! Guests were invited to participate in the ongoing restoration process by planting some casuarina seedlings, the success and vigour of the trees was indicated by the fact that some guests (and staff) had already contributed on previous visits. Their trees were well past seedling stage and rocketing skywards. How could they tell? Their names were commemorated on a plaque in front of each tree. Already, birds like Lemon bellied White-eyes could be seen and heard flitting amongst the branches.

Other restoration projects that guests joined in were coral transplanting efforts and the release of a dozen or so hatchling green turtles. Snorkelers found the fringing reef drop-off to be "fishier" than previous sites - proof of the ability of even small protected areas to recover - given time and protection.



NEW ZEALAND & SUB-ANTARCTIC FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE



Awe-inspiring coastal landscapes, traditional Māori culture, quaint seaside towns and an abundance of unique wildlife make New Zealand and the sub-Antarctic a truly remarkable expedition cruise destination.

Spend multiple days exploring the awe-inspiring landscape of Fiordland. Get closer to Milford Sound, Dusky Sound and Doubtful Sound



Six itineraries aboard *Coral Geographer* and *Coral Adventurer*, ranging from 10 to 16-nights, showcase some of the most beautiful and remote attractions along New Zealand's 7,000 kilometres of spectacular coastline and rugged, isolated islands. You will quickly discover much of this coast is best accessed by small ship as our voyages reveal the dramatic beauty of Fiordland, rugged and remote Stewart Island and captivating Marlborough Sounds. Marlborough's tranquil waters are steeped in history. Migrating Māori from the North Island traditionally sheltered there. During the 1770s Captain Cook also took refuge there, discovering via the view from one of its hilltops that New Zealand was in fact two separate land masses.

On your journey, you will wake to a stunning new vista each day. Make sure you have your camera ready as you soak up 360-degree views of New Zealand's endless natural beauty from the Sun Deck.

Voyage deep into the Southern Ocean and discover the World Heritage sub-Antarctic islands of Australia and New Zealand. These thriving ocean havens are the last landfall before Antarctica. Explore Ulva Island's tranquil forests and observe New Zealand's most iconic birds. Venture to the untouched World Heritage areas of the Snares Island Group, Auckland Islands, Campbell Islands, and the renowned Macquarie Island wildlife reserve where rare flora including megaherbs, mosses and lichens flourish. When it is time for shore or water-based adventures our expedition team are on hand to lead you on guided bush walks and kayak adventures, and assisted by local rangers, will help you get close to the local wildlife including dolphins, seals, wekas, tuis and keas.

NEW ZEALAND'S EAST COAST

12 Nights | Auckland to Milford Sound

Dec 2023 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

WORLD HERITAGE ISLANDS OF THE SUB-ANTARCTIC

12 Nights | Bluff to Melbourne

Jan 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

SOUTH ISLANDS & FIORDS OF NEW ZEALAND

12 Nights | Bluff to Wellington

Dec 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

WORLD HERITAGE ISLANDS OF THE SUB-ANTARCTIC

14-15 Nights | Between Bluff & Melbourne

Dec 2024 & Jan 2025 | 1 vessel | 2 departures per year



FIORDLAND & THE SOUTH COAST

10 Nights | Wellington to Bluff

Jan 2025 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

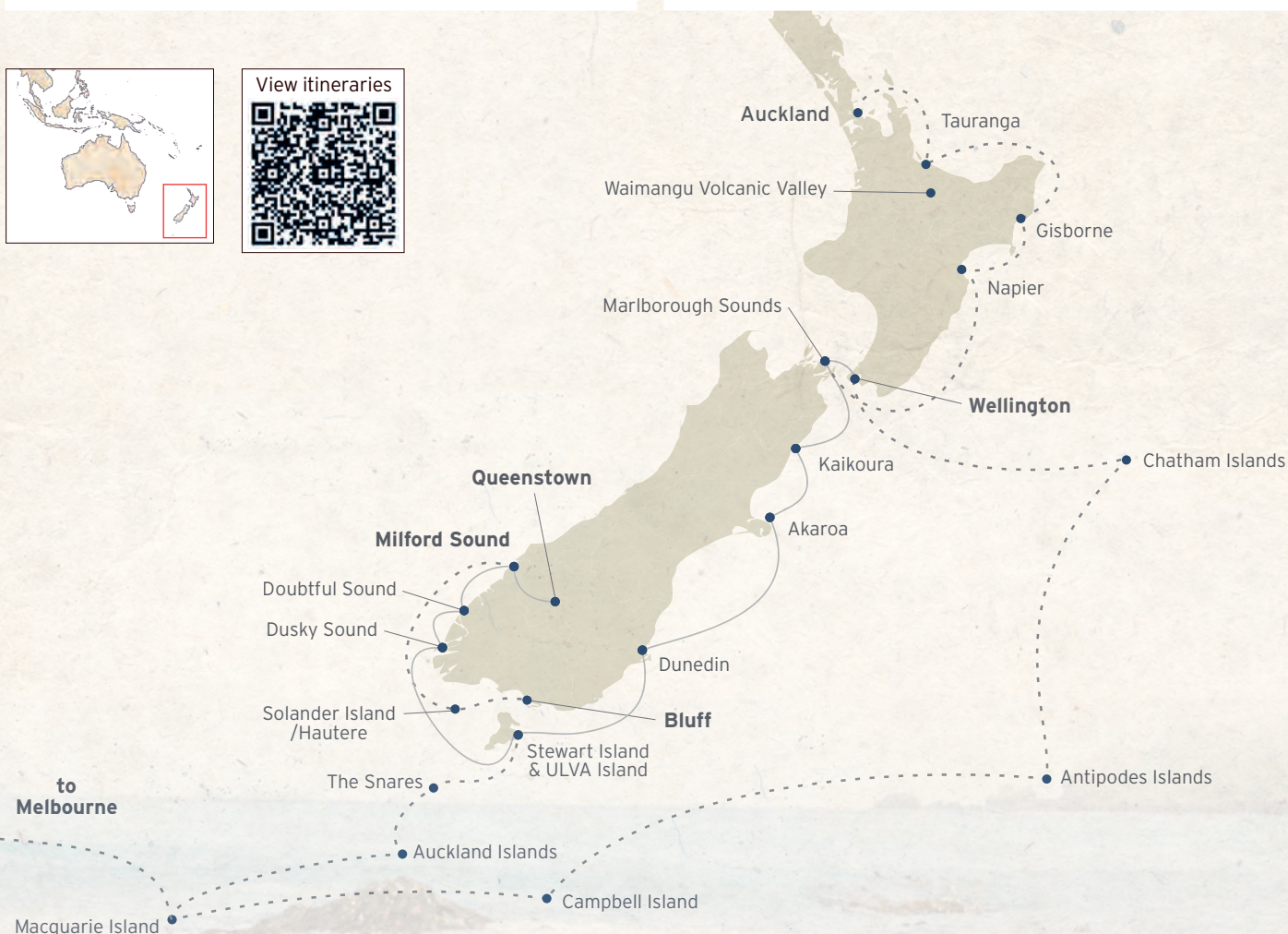
EXPEDITION TO THE ALBATROSS LATITUDES

16 Nights | Milford South to Wellington

Jan 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year



View itineraries



to
Melbourne

Visit remote Stewart and Ulva Islands, home to vast numbers of native birds and wildlife such as penguins, kiwis, and weka

Spend time exploring Marlborough Sounds, including the fiord-like Queen Charlotte Sound. Enjoy a multitude of guided excursions

Guest Review

"When on the tours we saw so many different wildlife species, headed by Mateo and Peter we were always so well informed. At the blink of an eye they would highlight what was happening around us and point out unusual and exceptional things. The excitement of seeing the mammals was infectious – together immersed in the brilliance of nature – whales, dolphins, seals and birdlife. Kaikoura and Akaroa were breathtaking – after the storm to be sailing into these beautiful harbours and to be surrounded by nature and silence was astonishing. Albatross welcomed us entering into Dusky Sound – to be cruising through Fiordland with blue skies and calm seas was such a treat. In Thompson Sound we took the Zodiacs and Emily found a number of fur seal colonies – one had around 4 pups sun baking and suckling from the mum – she said they would have been one month old – who gets to see that!"

Catherine | January 2023



Expedition Team

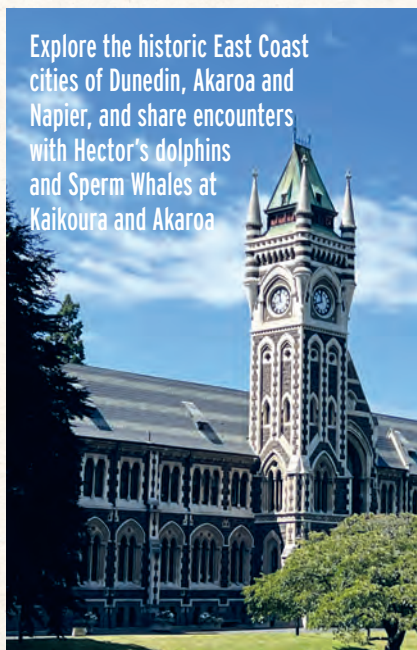
Guest Lecturer | Mark Steadman

Mark's youthful fascination with nature led him to study biology and environmental science, unveiling intricate ecological connections. He refined his expertise with endangered species at an Australian zoo and shared natural history insights as a wildlife guide in various countries. Shifting from teaching to Coral Expeditions, Mark seamlessly merged organisational skills with a passion for the outdoors. His global expeditions enriched his appreciation for diverse cultures, histories, and wildlife, especially in Indonesia. Eager for further exploration, Mark anticipates continuing his journey with Coral Expeditions as a devoted Expedition Leader.



Encounter Māori culture at Gisborne – be welcomed to a marae and witness a Kapa Haka cultural show

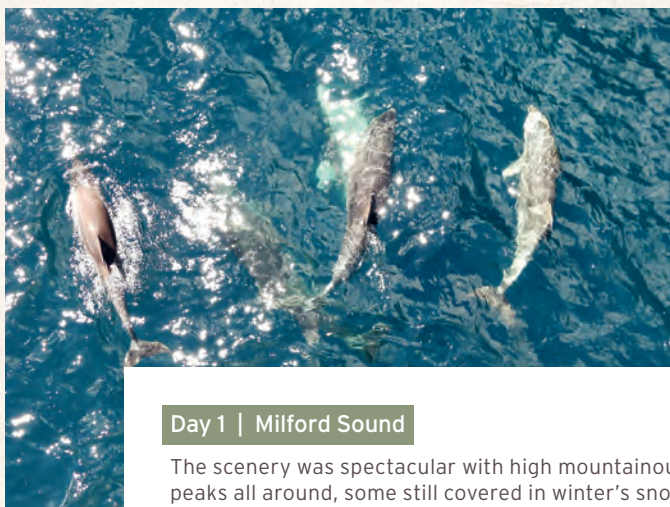
Explore the historic East Coast cities of Dunedin, Akaroa and Napier, and share encounters with Hector's dolphins and Sperm Whales at Kaikoura and Akaroa



Day 4 | Rakiura/Stewart & Ulva Islands

Rakiura /Stewart Island is approximately 85% national park and is home to about 20,000 brown kiwi and 400 resident humans. Ulva Island is also home to kiwis, as well as the endangered saddleback, robins, kaka, weka and mohua (yellowhead). Some of the groups this morning were lucky enough to spot a kiwi casually strolling along the path, probing the ground for tasty invertebrates. Kiwi are usually nocturnal but are often seen during the day on Rakiura.

Voyage	New Zealand Fiordland and the South Coast	Master	Miles Hammond
Vessel	<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	Purser	Sara Walker
Depart	Milford Sound 19 January 2023	Expedition Leader	Alistair Kent
Arrive	Wellington 27 January 2023	Guest Lecturers	Mark Steadman Mateo Winter

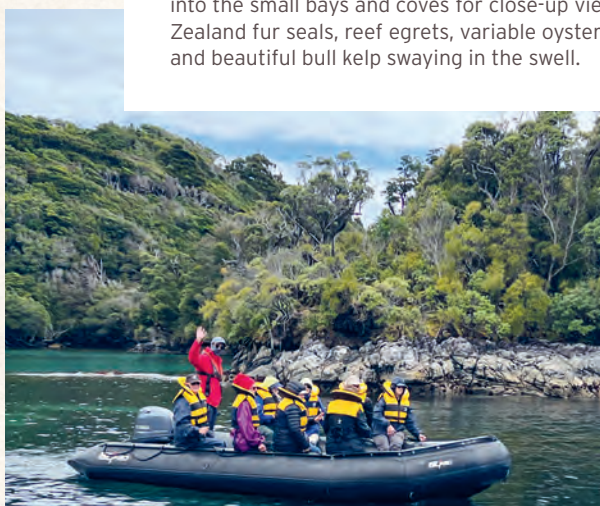


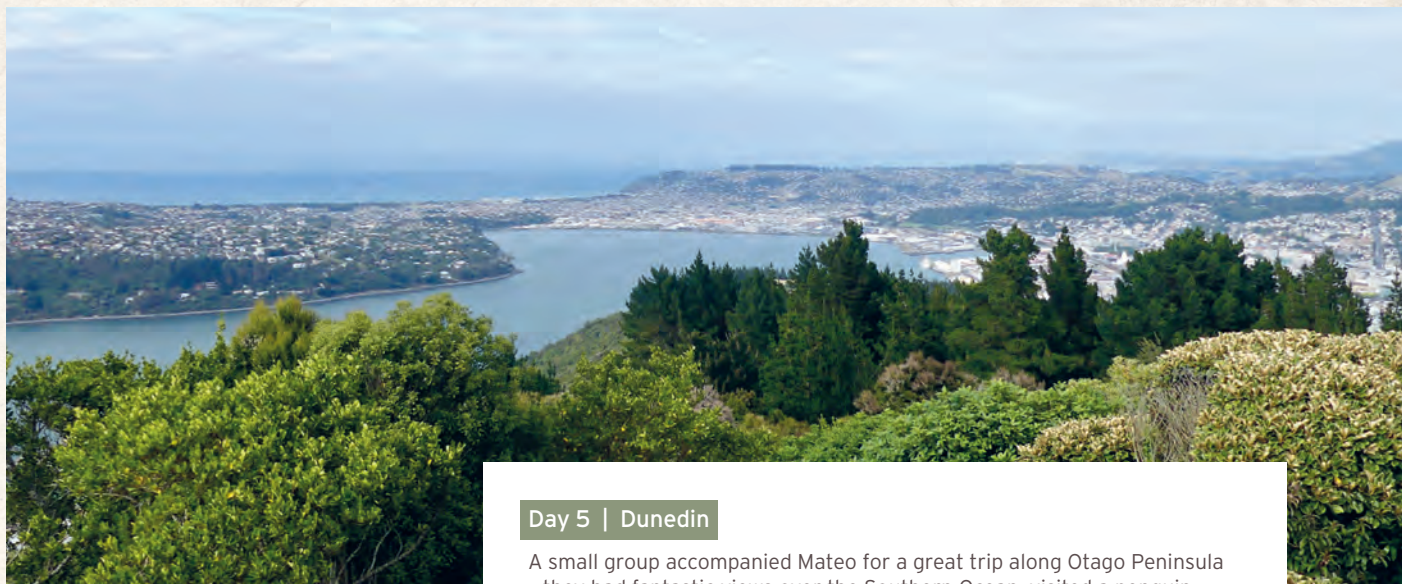
Day 1 | Milford Sound

The scenery was spectacular with high mountainous peaks all around, some still covered in winter's snow. Soon after driving through the eerie Homer Tunnel, we ascended into Milford Sound, truly an amazing sight to behold. The expedition team met us at Deep Water Cove jetty and quickly transferred us to *Coral Adventurer*. After lunch Captain Miles sailed us through the glacier-carved fiord and past mighty Mitre Peak, standing at 1692m. He then thrilled us with a close encounter with Sterling Falls - the bow of our ship being just metres from the cliffs. As we cruised further through the sound, a small pod of rather large bottlenose dolphins (up to 3.5m long) accompanied us having lots of fun riding our bow wave.

Day 3 | Dusky Sound

Coral Adventurer pulled up her anchor and glided over to Resolution Island - the site of an amazing effort during the 1890's to save the flightless Kakapo and Kiwi from introduced predators. We were all certainly eager to board the Xplorers once again for a cruise to Pigeon Island, where Richard Henry set up his house for his 14-year stay transferring over 750 of the endangered birds to the newly established Resolution Island sanctuary. Next, we cruised over to a secluded cove called Luncheon Cove where Mark and Mateo explained the extraordinary history of New Zealand's first sealing gang, first permanent dwelling and first ship built (in 1792), and NZ's first shipwreck and marooning of 35 people (in 1795). We also enjoyed rides in the Zodiacs maneuvering into the small bays and coves for close-up views of New Zealand fur seals, reef egrets, variable oystercatchers and beautiful bull kelp swaying in the swell.





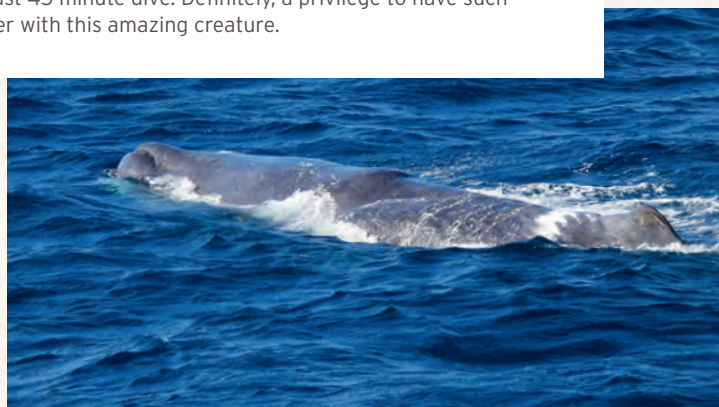
Day 5 | Dunedin

A small group accompanied Mateo for a great trip along Otago Peninsula - they had fantastic views over the Southern Ocean, visited a penguin rehabilitation sanctuary, cruised along the back roads past lagoons and bays, and visited the city's iconic sites. Meanwhile, a second group accompanied Mark to discover a more in-depth look at the city and its heritage. We visited Baldwin St, which is officially the world's steepest street; the university clock tower and railway station with their incredible architecture; Signal Hill and Olveston House; and even large sandstone sculptures at the mouth of the harbour in the shape of molars. Some passengers chose to just spend the morning casually strolling the streets of George and Princes St, doing a little bit of shopping and taking in the sights of this historic city.



Day 7 | Kaikoura

The reason for our visit today, of course, was to view the majestic Sperm Whale - it's mostly the bachelor males who live in this area. The males can grow up to 18m long and weigh up to 40 tonnes. Our catamaran, Wheketere (meaning fast squid) took all of us approximately 20km out to sea in search of the elusive cetacean. Captain Puki had the hydrophone in the water several times listening for their echolocation clicks. As the tension and excitement grew, he suddenly announced that a whale had been spotted. It was a Sperm Whale - Zeus. We watched him floating on the surface, taking in huge lungfuls of air and slowly reoxygenating his body after the last 45 minute dive. Definitely, a privilege to have such a close encounter with this amazing creature.



DISCOVER THE SMALL ISLANDS OF JAPAN & THE PHILIPPINES

Join an epic adventure series exploring hard to reach island outposts, traditional cultures preserved in time and dramatic war time history through the remote Western Pacific.



Visit Japan's highly regarded Arita-yaki pottery



Visit Bohol's Tarsiers Conservatory to see the world's smallest primate

Join us on our inaugural expeditions to the small islands of Japan and The Philippines combining history, culture and striking biodiversity as we venture to islands that lay off the beaten track.

Sail to the small islands of the Japanese Ryukyu, Ogasawara and Izu archipelagos, most of which remain untouched by Western travellers. Discover remote island life at traditional fishing villages and experience authentic encounters with local people, culture and nature.

Several voyages allow the opportunity to take to the water to discover untouched marine ecosystems. Passing through the Mariana Islands, snorkel or scuba to the undersea walls, shipwrecks and vivid coral reefs that surround the islands. At Yonaguni Island, Japan, discover the submerged stone structures of what's thought to be an ancient underwater city sunk by an earthquake approximately 2,000 years ago.

This is Japan and The Philippines most visitors have never seen. Choose from a range of cruise options from 14 to 25 nights to discover these unexplored outposts.



Cuatro Islas is an idyllic location for relaxing and water activities including snorkelling, diving, kayaking and cruising around the tropical paradise by Xplorer



View itineraries



JOURNEY TO JAPAN

14 Nights | Yap to Tokyo

Sep 2023 & 2024 & 2025 | 2 vessels | 1 departure per year

ISLAND TRAILS OF THE PHILIPPINES

16 Nights | Keelung to Manila

Oct 2023 & 2024 & 2025 | 2 vessels | 1 departure per year

THROUGH THE HEART OF JAPAN

14 Nights | Tokyo to Fukuoka

Sep 2023 & 2024 & 2025 | 2 vessels | 1 departure per year

THROUGH THE ISLANDS AND ATOLLS OF MICRONESIA

25 Nights | Manila to Kavieng

Nov 2023 & 2025 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

THROUGH JAPAN'S RYUKYU ISLANDS

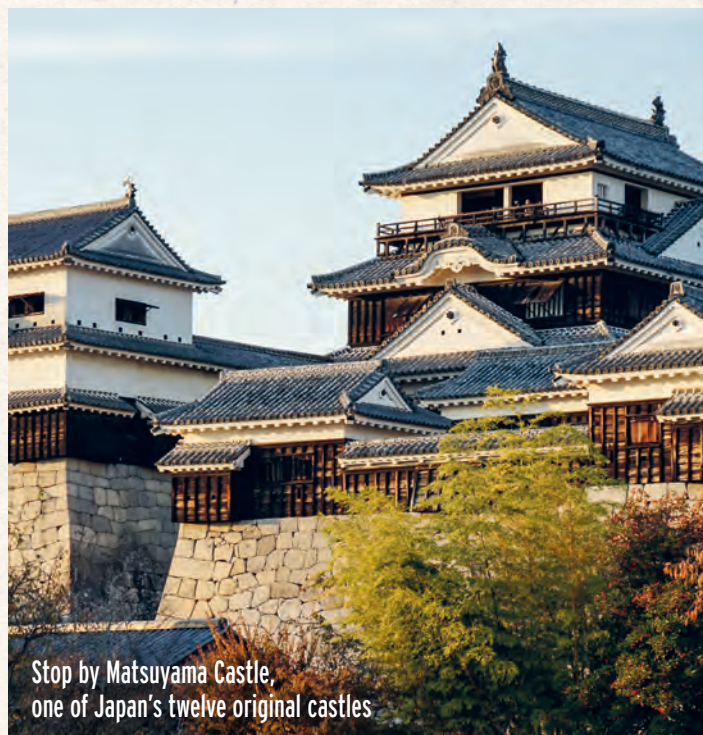
16 Nights | Fukuoka to Keelung

Oct 2023 & 2024 & 2025 | 2 vessels | 1 departure per year

Maripipi, along with its satellite island Sambawan, has earned the moniker 'Isle of Gems' due to its crystal-clear waters, hospitable locals, and white sand beaches



Yakushima's UNESCO-listed cedar forest features a 25-metre-tall tree estimated to be up to 7,200 years old



Stop by Matsuyama Castle, one of Japan's twelve original castles



Visit the famous tea plantations of Shimizu



Learn about Yapese stone money 'coins' known as Rai

Guest Review

"This purpose-built ship was the way to go, crew were fantastic, the Xplorer (tender) took us everywhere in great comfort, toilet onboard and comfortable seats. The scenery was breathtaking and coming back after a day of exploring to such a beautiful ship with so much comfort and delicious meals was just what you needed. Having an open bridge was a bonus as I loved early mornings with the master!"

Sue | June 2019

Shisa (guardian lion-dog) are a prevalent presence throughout Okinawa, often seen in pairs on rooftops or positioned beside gates, doorways, and even bridges



TRAVERSE AUSTRALIA'S UNEXPLORED SOUTHERN SHORES

Discover wild and unspoilt islands forged by the power of the Southern Ocean and alive with diverse marine life and rare seabirds in pristine natural habitats.

A walk along the ridge at Western River Cove reveals spectacular views of the valley

South Australia's islands and gulf waters are some of the best-kept secrets of the Australian coastline. With 5000km of deserted shoreline and more than 300 islands, this region offers a diversity of natural wilderness including spectacular bays, remote islands and stunning sea-cliffs. Best of all, it remains wild and unspoilt. Experience a real sense of adventure and a vast array of wildlife - many of the islands are important sanctuaries for birds, kangaroos, wallabies, seals and sea lions. Along the way, indulge in the tastes of South Australia with fresh local seafood and wines complemented with our traditional warm Australian hospitality.



View itineraries



Day 10 | Reevesby Island

Southern Spencer Gulf, South Australia

The animal that everyone particularly wanted to see, the Australian Sea-lion, was loafing on rocks and up into the vegetation on the island's cap. There were numerous adult females with pups, plus a number of playful and inquisitive juveniles, many of whom swam out to inspect the boat (from a safe distance). Others leapt spectacularly from the water. A dolphin was also sighted nearby.

BOUNTY OF THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

8 Nights | Adelaide to Melbourne

Dec 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year

WILD ISLANDS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

10 Nights | Adelaide to Adelaide

Nov & Dec 2023, Oct & Nov 2024 | 2 vessels | 4 departures per year

ACROSS THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

13-14 Nights | Fremantle to Adelaide

Oct 2023 & 2024 | 2 vessels | 1 departure per year

AUSTRALIA'S GREAT SOUTHERN COASTLINE

14-15 Nights | Melbourne to Fremantle

Feb 2024 & Jan 2025 | 2 vessels | 1 departure per year



Experience kayaking alongside local wildlife
at Point Sir Isaac, Coffin Bay's northernmost tip



Take a moment to appreciate discovered treasures

Expedition Team

Expedition Leader | Dawn Singleton

Over her 25-year career at sea, Dawn has been fortunate to circumnavigate the world almost twice, covering over 120,000nm offshore. She has lead expeditions in many different countries and remote areas including Asia, Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia plus the Islands off Central America. Dawn is a Scuba Instructor with 7,000+ dives and Master 200gt. Dawn's passions include the marine world, biology, photography, and rock climbing.



Wallabies of Kangaroo Island amidst the beauty of Antechamber Bay



Explore Jewel Cave, adorned with exquisite examples of helictites, cave coral, pendulites, stalagmites, and flowstone

Guest Review

"I have just returned from the most amazing trip on the Coral Adventurer where we toured the Wild Islands of South Australia... On this trip we got to do so many things — kayaking, snorkelling, tasting local cuisine and wines from the different regions of SA, hiking with amazing views, spotting beautiful birds and wildlife while learning about their habitat and much more. And this is all inclusive on this trip — how nice to disembark without a hefty bill for the 'extras'! South Australia has so much to offer!"

Maz | TripAdvisor Feb 2022

EXTRAORDINARY ISLAND OUTPOSTS OF AUSTRALIA'S WEST COAST



Little Sandy Island is home to the
largest colony of sea lions in the Abrolhos



Discover the wildly natural marine environs of Western Australia where abundant marine encounters and rich maritime history collide.



Australia's west coast is home to some of the country's most extraordinary wonders – many of which are only accessible by sea. Travel by small ship cruising to remote archipelagos, world-famous reef systems, and imposing geological formations that few have the opportunity to visit. Our knowledgeable Expedition Team and Guest Lecturer program provide expert guidance and insightful presentations that allow you to see the big picture.



View itineraries



ABROLHOS ISLANDS & THE CORAL COAST

12 Nights | Between Broome & Fremantle

Feb, Mar & Sep 2024, Feb & Oct 2025 | 1 vessel | 4 departures per year

WHALES & TRAILS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

10 Nights | Fremantle to Fremantle

Oct 2024 | 1 vessel | 1 departure per year



NINGALOO & THE BLUEWATER WONDERS OF AUSTRALIA'S WEST

12 Nights | Broome to Broome

Sep 2023 & 2024 & May 2025 | 1 vessel | 3 departures per year

ACROSS THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

13, 14 & 15 Nights | Fremantle to Adelaide

Oct 2023 & 2024, Jan 2025 | 2 vessels | 1 departure per year

Explore Shark Bay World Heritage Area,
the first location in Western Australia
to receive UNESCO World Heritage status

Discover the methods of pearl farming and crayfishing operations on Post Office Island



Expedition Team

Expedition Leader | Melanie Faithfull

Before joining Coral Expeditions Melanie worked with the Parks and Wildlife program 'Nearer to Nature' as an environmental Education Guide in Perth, after completing a Bachelor Degree in Coastal and Marine Science. She loves the opportunity of being able to work in remote, beautiful parts of Australia and sharing knowledge about the environment, animals and especially the ocean.



Rowley Shoals offer some of the best snorkelling and diving opportunities in the world

Guest Review

"A remarkable expedition! Sailing through sparkling waters, snorkelling over coral reefs, swimming, exploring islands and enjoying new friendships.... Scientists, passionate about their work, sharing their knowledge of the local history and habitat.... The expedition leaders, organising challenging adventures, yet prioritising passenger safety.... The crew, most attentive with excellent teamwork.... Fine facilities, outstanding food, opportunities to create art, movies for night owls and sunrise yoga.... The experience of a lifetime...."

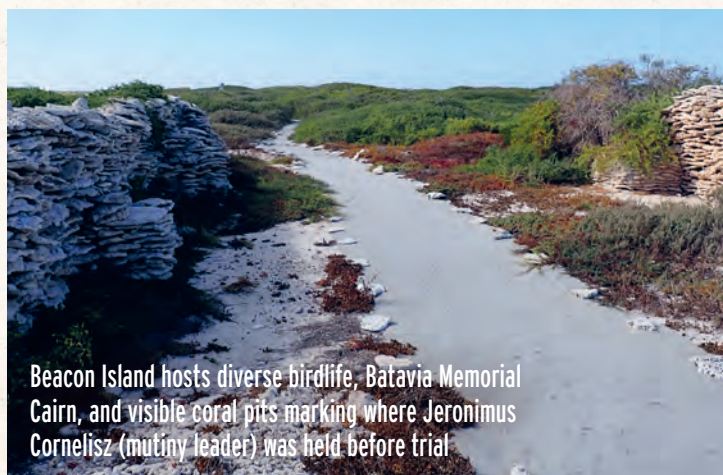
Liga T | TripAdvisor Feb 2023



Day 2 | Houtman Abrolhos Islands - Easter and Wallabi Groups

We took a cruise along the edge of Rat Island where the shacks and jetties of the cray fishermen create a unique setting, with clouds of sooty terns in the background. The stories of the early explorers, guano miners and fishermen make this historically significant like many other places in the Abrolhos.

As *Coral Geographer* moved north to the Wallabi Group we enjoyed another beautiful lunch and viewed the islands where the grim *Batavia* wreck and aftermath played out. With ideal sea conditions, the divers aboard later ventured to the wreck site of the *Batavia*, swimming above the cannons and anchors that still lie on the seabed and among the many species of fish that make it home.



Beacon Island hosts diverse birdlife, Batavia Memorial Cairn, and visible coral pits marking where Jeronimus Cornelisz (mutiny leader) was held before trial



OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Australian Government
Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority



Reef
Authority

High Standard Tourism Operator

At Coral Expeditions, we're passionate about the locations we are privileged to visit and believe in leaving these environments better than when we arrived. We are committed to sustainable practices and are always looking for ways to preserve and protect landscapes both above and below the water. Our voyages showcase the wonders of nature, and the health and wellbeing of both the ocean and land are at the forefront of our minds and integral to the quality of our expeditions.

Some of the initiatives we have launched include parting ways with plastic straws in 2018, bringing water and supplies to drought-stricken small island communities, onboard environmental education programs, and involvement in coral species collection for the world's largest Coral Biobank.

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

In line with our commitment to ecotourism and environmental sustainability, Coral Expeditions, supports a range of programs and initiatives, including those listed below.

Eco Certified Accreditations

Coral Expeditions is proudly accredited and has been recently listed as a Hall of Fame ecotourism cruise operator with world-leading Ecotourism Australia whose ECO certification program has achieved approval status by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC). Our expeditions are deemed sustainable according to highest international standards.

Eye on the Reef

We are proud to participate in this reef monitoring and assessment program run by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. By sharing our observations and collecting valuable information about reef health, marine animal behaviour, incursions and incidents, we contribute to the reef's long-term health and protection.

Australian Geographic Society

Our annual partnership voyages, Citizen Science expeditions and presenting partnership of the Adventurer of the Year awards engages guests and contributes funds to the Australian Geographic Society to promote the nature and conservancy values which we share.

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair - Curators and Collectors Program

Now in its 5th year, our annual major sponsor partnership with CIAF supports the attraction and hosting of art collectors and curators from around the globe to experience some of the most vibrant First Nations art and meet the artists from across the Cape York and Torres Straits face to face. We have procured the art collections onboard our fleet from this association.

Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTS) Control Program

Coral Expeditions participates in this program by reporting to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, any sightings of Crown of Thorns Starfish, a creature which poses a major threat to the reef. We carry a permit to remove these animals.

Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre - Fitzroy Island

This centre has achieved phenomenal rates for successful turtle rehabilitation since it was established in 2000. We are pleased to offer support through the donations we make on every visit, and which are boosted by the additional donations made directly by our guests. We also provide logistical support such as transport for turtles, staff and equipment when possible.

Bare Sands Turtle Sanctuary - The Kimberley

Since 1996, this sanctuary has attracted researchers and volunteers who gather data on nesting turtles. Coral Expeditions donates to this valuable research project, and when possible, offers logistical support to transport staff, equipment and turtles.

PAST GUEST COMMUNITY



XPLORERS CLUB WELCOMES YOU

We are delighted to extend a special welcome to the many guests who, after experiencing their first expedition, return to cruise with us once, twice or many times more. Our exclusive Xplorers Club is our guest community, designed to offer you even greater rewards and benefits when you embark on future expeditions.

You become a member of our Xplorers Club when you complete your first cruise with us. Your membership level is calculated from the number of nights you have spent aboard any of our vessels. With four tiers of membership, the more cruises you enjoy, the greater the rewards.

Our promise is that you will be recognised and welcomed back aboard as if part of our family. As thanks, you will enjoy our Xplorer Club discounts, priority access to new releases and events, complimentary wine, and a range of other benefits.

We value your ongoing support and look forward to many more shared adventures together.

	Silver 6-13 NIGHTS	Gold 14-50 NIGHTS	Platinum 51-100 NIGHTS	Lifetime 101+ NIGHTS
> Member Savings on Future Voyages	5%	10%	10%	15%
> Welcome Wine of Your Choice	House Selection	Premium Selection	Premium Selection + Champagne	Premium Selection + Champagne
> Internet Access Onboard	Standard	Standard	Premium	Premium
> Ship Shop & Bar Discount	5%	10%	10%	15%
> Loyalty Cruise Credit [^]			Cruise credit worth \$5,000 per person (on reaching 50 nights)	Cruise credit worth \$5,000 per person (every 50 nights)
> One Category Stateroom Upgrade when Booking*				✓
> Priority Pre-release access to new expeditions & Special Events		✓	✓	✓
> Invitations to Xplorer Club Events & Partner Events		✓	✓	✓
> Personalised Name Badges & Luggage Tags	✓	✓	✓	✓
> Expedition Gift on board			✓	✓
> Complimentary Laundry			✓	✓
> Private Transfers*			✓	✓
> Annual Family & Friends Benefit Voucher (Pass on your Xplorer savings if a friend or family member makes a booking)	2 PER YEAR	2 PER YEAR	4 PER YEAR	4 PER YEAR

*Conditions apply

THEMED & SPECIAL VOYAGES

THEMED ITINERARIES FOR A SPECIAL FOCUS

The Coral Expeditions experience is built primarily around the destination experience, but also with consideration to delivering on key themes of art and culture, maritime history, food and wine and natural encounters.

In recent years we have developed a series of specially themed itineraries that go deeper into each of these particular themes, with guidance and participation from specially chosen experts who offer an immersive expedition focus. Whether you want to delve deeply into traditional arts and cultural history, explore flavours and produce of a region, spend quality time on nature treks in remote wilderness environments or follow in the wake of one of the world's most exhilarating yacht races, Coral Expeditions has a number of themed cruises to join.

Art themed

CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND - ART THEMED 11 NIGHTS | OCTOBER 2024

Commencing in Darwin, voyage to the Tiwi Islands, and experience unique cultural performances and learn the history of the islands. A visit to Tiwi Designs, one of the oldest and most artistically diverse art centres in Australia, reveals the rich artistic heritage in stunning carvings, paintings, and fabric printing. At Maningrida, visit the Arts Centre, the Djomi Museum, and the Bábbarra Women's Centre. Be welcomed to remote townships on Elcho Island, and visit the Elcho Island Art Centre at Galiwin'ku. Each stop is another opportunity to experience the creative expression of one of the world's oldest cultures and hear their stories. We continue on to the Torres Strait Islands. Here you will witness the traditional and contemporary blend of Torres Strait art forms. At the very tip of Australia, enjoy champagne as you look south toward the Great Barrier Reef. As we approach the end of our expedition, see rock art from the contact period at rugged Stanley Island, and have an opportunity to snorkel at vibrant reefs. Join Coral Expeditions on this exciting expedition to the far reaches of Australia's Northern coastline.



Science themed

CITIZEN SCIENCE ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF - TURTLES & RAYS 10 NIGHTS | MARCH 2024 & 2025

Join Coral Expeditions as we undertake our 3rd unique science themed expedition along the length of the Great Barrier Reef to learn about two iconic species - Turtles and Rays. With a maximum of 70 guests and with leading research experts onboard, our small expedition ship *Coral Discoverer* will call on remote reefs, islands, and significant wildlife habitats in the Coral Sea marine zone.

Along the way get hands on experience with marine conservation at the Mon Repos Turtle Centre in Bundaberg and as you meet with resident researchers at work. Connect with the Project Manta team in the protected "green zone" sanctuary of Lady Elliot Island. Participate in species surveys on guided snorkelling sessions at the John Brewer and Ribbon Reefs. Travel with a community of conservation-minded explorers and gain access to far reaching atolls and reefs such as Orpheus, Middle Percy and Heron Islands. Contribute to conservation programs including biodiversity databases, wildlife rehabilitation and coral science throughout the voyage.





Trek themed

COASTAL TREKS OF TASMANIA

10 NIGHTS | JANUARY 2024 & 2025

This 10-night hiking-themed itinerary takes you to explore the remote coastlines of Tasmania's east, and the iconic treks of the region. Guests will enjoy a variety of shore excursions, with both challenging and less strenuous walks on offer. The imposing cliffs, sandy beaches and sapphire waters of the rugged coast of Tasmania offer an experience of spectacular beauty. Guided by experienced bush-walkers, explore breathtaking coastal hikes along with insights into the region's unique ecosystem. Some of the hikes include Mount Beattie, Mount Milner, Fluted Cape Walkway, Cape Hauy, Hazards Loop and Bishop and Clerk. After the day's exertions, retire to *Coral Discoverer's* panoramic Xplorer bar and recharge with a Tasmanian single malt or two.

Culinary themed

BOUNTY OF THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

8 NIGHTS | DECEMBER 2024

Join us on our inaugural Southern Ocean Bounty expedition celebrating the culinary landscape of coastal South Australia and Victoria. Along the way enjoy the freshest seafoods, native ingredients and organic produce accompanied by world class wines and artisanal spirits. Enjoy a true farm-to-plate adventure as we meander through these bountiful shores on our expedition ship *Coral Adventurer*. Discover the rich flavours of wild ocean farmed abalone on Kangaroo Island and freshly caught Australian lobster in the quaint fishing village of Robe. Forage for fungi whilst learning about their diverse flavours and uses from an off the grid grower and explore native indigenous bush ingredients in the wild. Meet passionate local producers, growers and distillers and share their handicrafts and stories. Connect with nature as you enjoy a leisurely circumnavigation around the remote seal colony of Lady Percy Island and share the waves with dolphins on a sunset sail by of the 12 Apostles. Our expert guides will lead the way on this uniquely Australian adventure at sea.



THE AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY SPECIAL EXPEDITIONS



Coral Expeditions have joined forces with the Australian Geographic and the Australian Geographic Society in a long-term partnership bringing together a shared heritage of exploration and conservation of the coastlines around Australia. Our alliance will allow for an even deeper level of guest immersion on board the Coral Expeditions fleet.

The partnership encompasses the development of a series of special Australian Geographic co-curated expeditions to key destinations each year which will be escorted and hosted by special guests selected from the society who are able to share insights and content to enhance the voyage experience. Under this partnership we also commit to being high level sponsors of the annual 'Adventurer of the Year' award and also the 'Nature Photographer of the Year' award which encourage and promote the spirit of adventure and conservation that resides in us all.

Chrissie Goldrick, Editor-in-Chief at Australian Geographic

"Australian Geographic are delighted to be partnering with Coral Expeditions as both companies share a passion for promoting a love of nature through inspiring and enabling Australians to explore, experience and immerse themselves in these beautiful remote locations. These special expeditions will be supporting scientific endeavour in some of our most remote regions via the unique scientists in residence programs running on board Coral Adventurer. In addition to this, part proceeds from these expeditions will also go towards supporting the Australian Geographic Society in its endeavours to fund Adventure and Conservation projects."

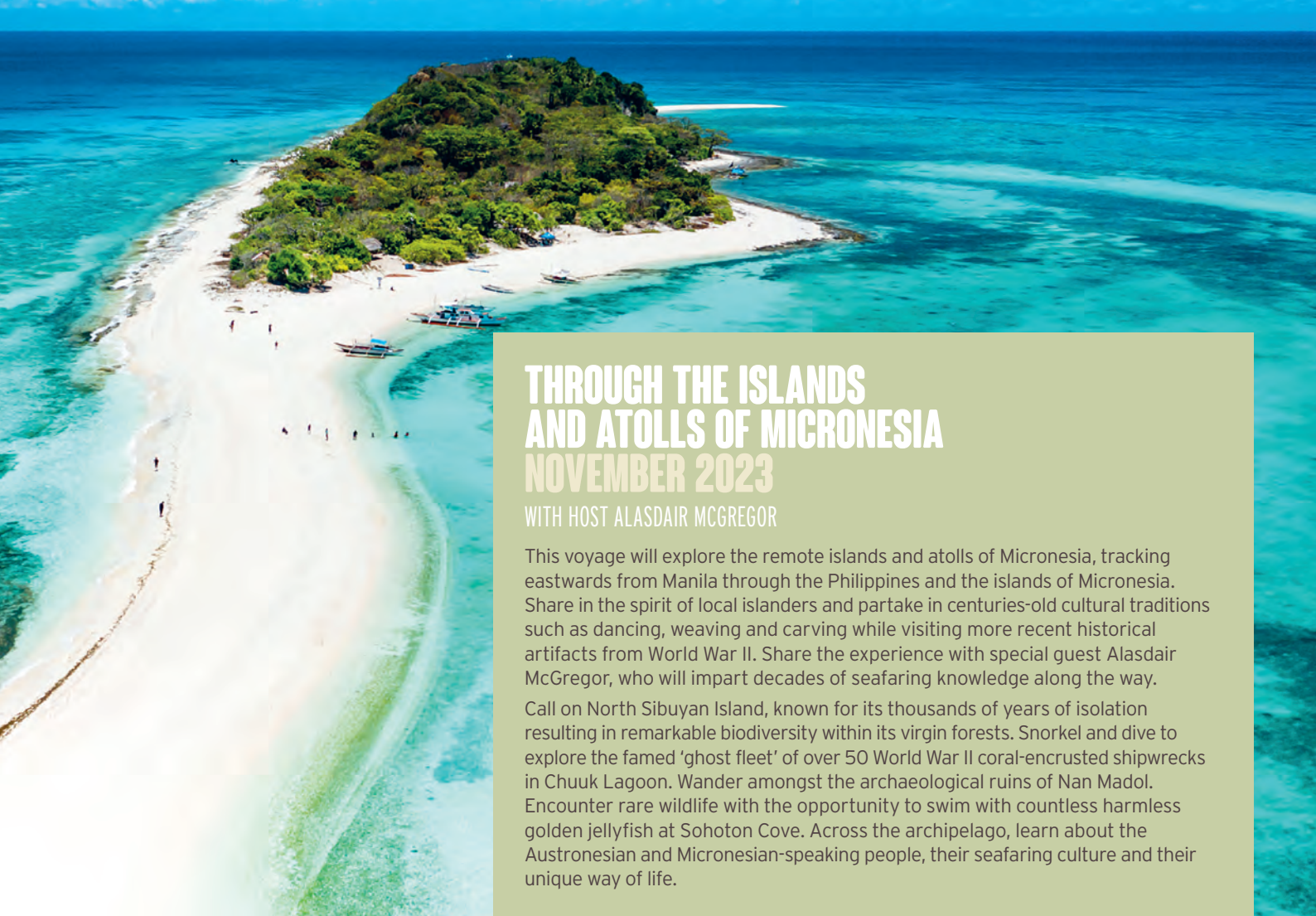
Come on an adventure while raising funds for the Australian Geographic Society at the same time.

CITIZEN SCIENCE ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF OCTOBER 2023

WITH HOST DR ADAM SMITH

Coral Expeditions announces the next edition of the 'Citizen Science' series as we undertake an immersive scientific expedition exploring the outer reefs and unique marine ecosystems of the Great Barrier Reef, in partnership with Australian Geographic. Departing Cairns with only 66 guests and researchers, our small expedition ship *Coral Discoverer* will visit remote reefs and wildlife habitats in the Coral Sea.

Learn about marine conservation work at the Turtle Rehabilitation Centre on Fitzroy Island as you meet with resident scientists at work along the way. Travel with a community of conservation-minded explorers and special guest lecturer Adam Smith of Reef Ecologic, who will share his extensive scientific and ecological knowledge. Gain access to far reaching and rarely visited atolls and reefs such as Holmes, Tregrosse and Diamond Reefs while contributing to conservation programs including biodiversity databases. Explore the historic *Foam* shipwreck with a senior maritime archeologist. Combine environmental impact and an expedition holiday on this hands-on journey of science and conservation.



THROUGH THE ISLANDS AND ATOLLS OF MICRONESIA NOVEMBER 2023

WITH HOST ALASDAIR MCGREGOR

This voyage will explore the remote islands and atolls of Micronesia, tracking eastwards from Manila through the Philippines and the islands of Micronesia. Share in the spirit of local islanders and partake in centuries-old cultural traditions such as dancing, weaving and carving while visiting more recent historical artifacts from World War II. Share the experience with special guest Alasdair McGregor, who will impart decades of seafaring knowledge along the way.

Call on North Sibuyan Island, known for its thousands of years of isolation resulting in remarkable biodiversity within its virgin forests. Snorkel and dive to explore the famed 'ghost fleet' of over 50 World War II coral-encrusted shipwrecks in Chuuk Lagoon. Wander amongst the archaeological ruins of Nan Madol. Encounter rare wildlife with the opportunity to swim with countless harmless golden jellyfish at Sohoton Cove. Across the archipelago, learn about the Austronesian and Micronesian-speaking people, their seafaring culture and their unique way of life.



EXPLORING THE WALLACE LINE APRIL 2024

WITH HOST LIZ GINIS

From the 16th century, Makassan trepangers began to venture from their homeland in South Sulawesi. Travelling through the Flores and Savu seas, they arrived at the shores of the Kimberley and Arnhem Land. On their journeys, Makassans encountered the peoples of northern Australia and left an impact on the cultures that survive to this day.

We invite you to embark on your own journey through the straits of the East Indies to Makassar on this 14-night voyage aboard *Coral Geographer*. Explore lesser-visited islands home to traditional seafaring traditions and rich cultural practices including at Alor and Torajaland. At Tana Beru, witness ancient traditional Phinisi boat building and visit one of the last traditional subsistence whaling villages at Lamalera. From encountering Komodo Dragons on a walking tour with local rangers to exploring the colourful underwater realm of Takabonarate Marine Park, these voyages are a feast for the senses.



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WITH HOST DANAH LEARY

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WORLD HERITAGE ISLANDS OF THE SUB-ANTARCTIC DECEMBER 2024

WITH HOST DR LOUISE EMMERSON

Voyage deep into the Southern Ocean and discover the World Heritage sub-Antarctic islands of Australia and New Zealand. These rugged and isolated islands provide a natural sanctuary for rare seabirds and marine mammals, thriving in a pristine and protected natural habitat. These thriving ocean havens are the last landfall before Antarctica. Explore Ulva Island's tranquil forests and observe New Zealand's most iconic birds. Venture to the untouched World Heritage areas of the Snares Island Group, Auckland Islands, Campbell Islands, and the renowned Macquarie Island wildlife reserve where rare flora including megaherbs, mosses and lichens flourish. Walk along rugged shorelines with expert guides and rangers amongst seals and penguins colonies that inhabit this untouched wilderness. Learn about the captivating history and pioneering heritage of early explorers, completing a truly unforgettable journey of exploration and discovery.



WHALES AND TRAILS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 2024

WITH HOST DR KAREN MCGHEE

Join us on our inaugural Whales and Trails expedition as we explore the imposing coastline of South Western Australia with adventures on land and sea. Follow the migratory trail of the humpback, southern right and blue whales. Onshore, we will fill our days exploring the renowned wine region of Margaret River, enjoying leisurely coastal walks along a section of the scenic Cape to Cape nature trail and discovering wildflowers in full springtime bloom around Dunsborough and Esperance. Stroll the silica white sands at Lucky Bay - voted #1 Beach in the World. Cruise the sheltered waters of Point Ann to witness whales and their calves and later, swim with the stingrays in Hamelin Bay. Along the way, connect with Traditional Owners and learn of their history and heritage. Our adventure culminates with a signature winemakers dinner event at famed Leeuwin Estate Winery pairing the exceptional 'Art Series' wines with locally harvested cuisine.

CHARTERS, INCENTIVES & OCCASIONS



Expedition cruising offers an exceptional opportunity to build strong bonds with your travelling companions as you experience unique adventures together and create lifetime memories to share.

CHARTERS AND GROUP TRAVEL

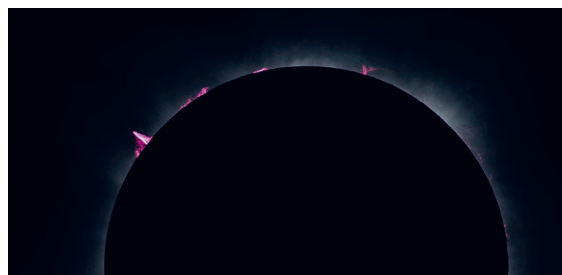
Whether you want to arrange an exclusive cruise or make an extended group booking for your business colleagues, club members, family or friends, Coral Expeditions can deliver the perfect itinerary across our fleet.

CHARTER FOR A CUSTOMISED CRUISE

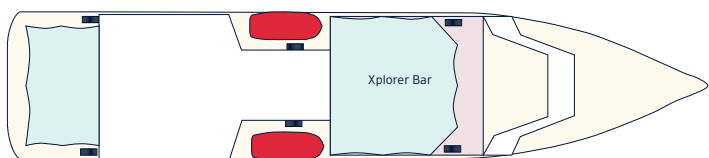
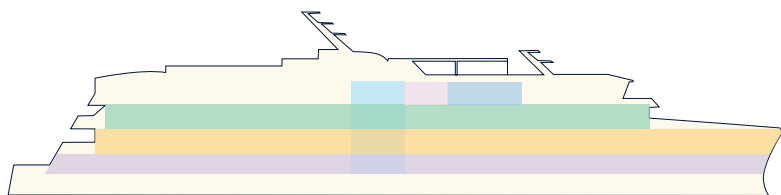
We have hosted private charters from around the globe, including immersive events for special interest communities, employee incentive rewards for major corporations, research and historic expeditions for groups from respected institutions, and cruises specially tailored for guests to observe seasonal phenomena such as whale migrations or the even rarer events of eclipses and other astronomical occurrences. Our dedicated Product Manager will work with you to develop your unique charter itinerary, tailored to the themes and content of your choice. Our Guest Lecturers are available, if desired, to complement your program.

GROUPS ARE WELCOME

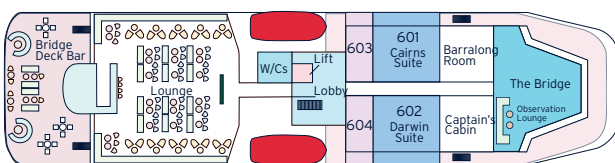
And remember if your group is not quite large enough to warrant the exclusive charter of a Coral Expeditions ship, we are able to offer special terms for groups of travellers.



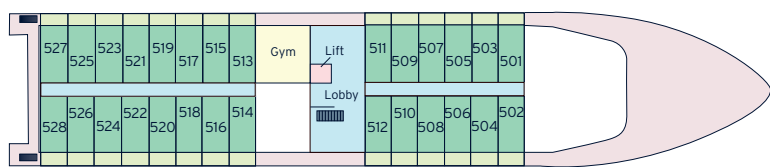
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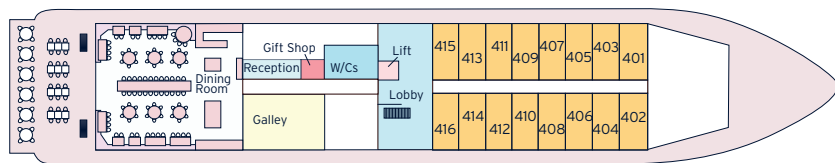
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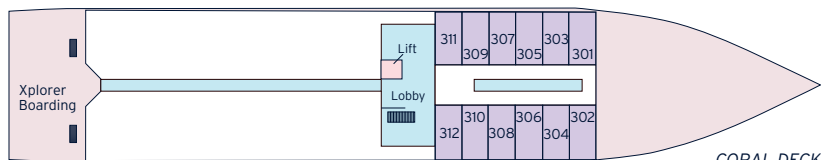
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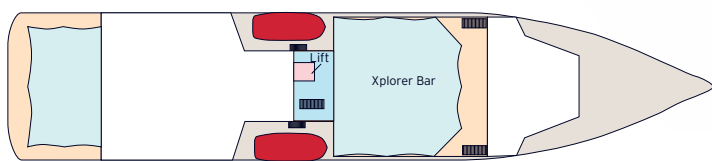
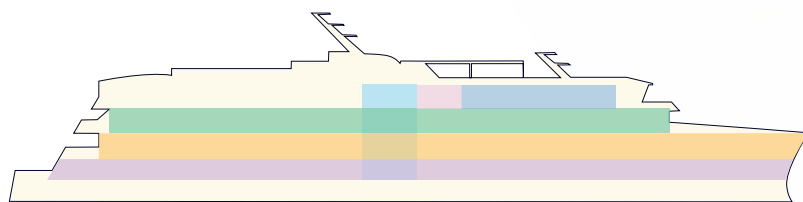
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- 16 Promenade Deck Staterooms
- 12 Coral Deck Staterooms

Length	93.4 metres
Max Breadth	17.2 metres
Draught	4.5 metres
Gross Tonnage	5599
Construction	VARD
Main Engines	Caterpillar 3512C
Crew	48
Cruising Speed	13.8 knots
Guests	120
Staterooms	60

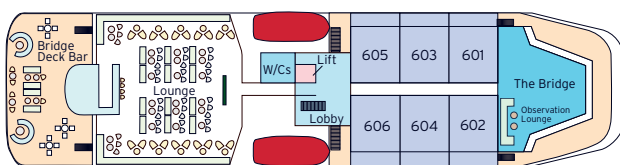
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- Laundry services available (costs apply)
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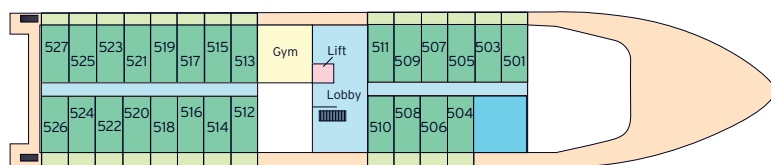
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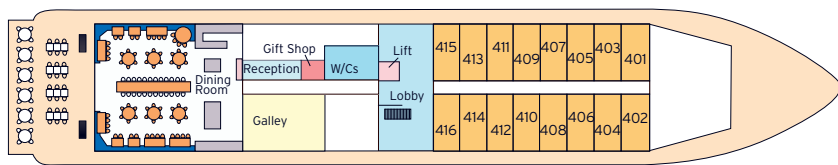
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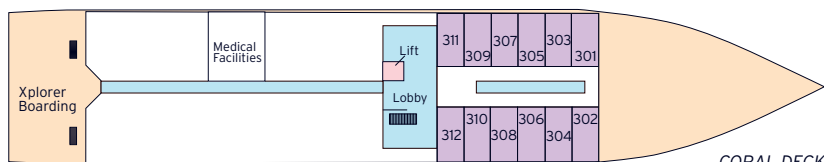
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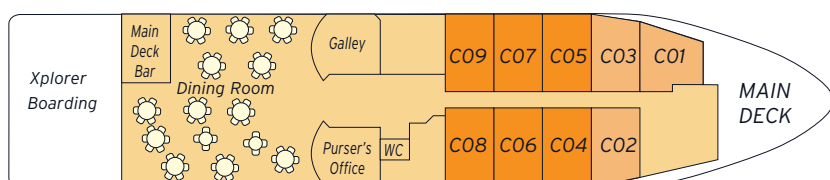
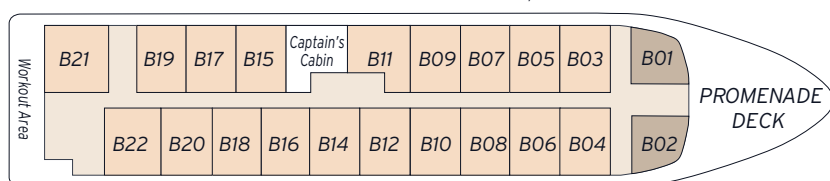
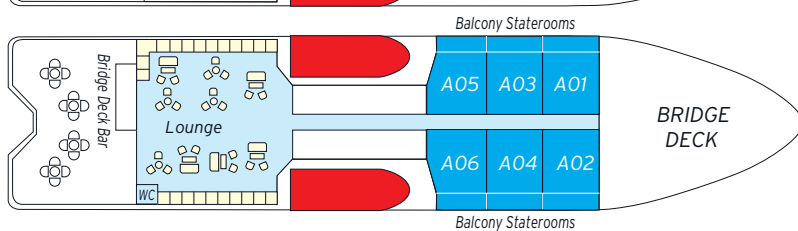
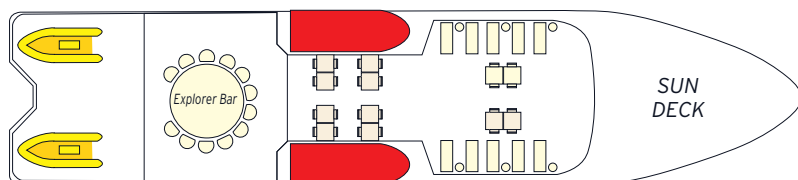
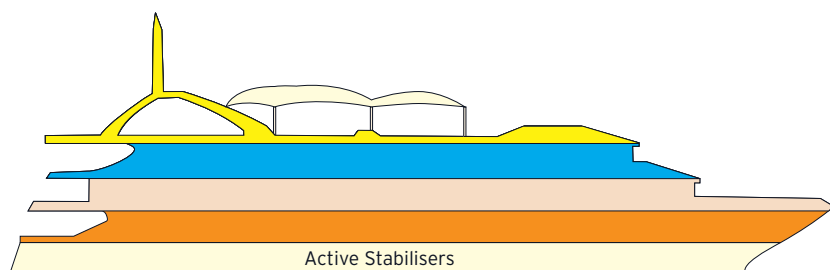
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CORAL DISCOVERER



STATEROOM CATEGORIES

- 6 Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms
- 19 Promenade Deck Category A Staterooms
- 2 Promenade Deck Category B Staterooms
- 6 Main Deck Category A Staterooms
- 3 Main Deck Category B Staterooms

Length	63 metres
Max Breadth	13 metres
Draught	3 metres
Gross Tonnage	1779
Construction	NQEA
Main Engines	Caterpillar 3512B x 2
Crew	24
Cruising Speed	10-12 knots
Guests	72
Staterooms	36

FEATURES

- Xplorer tender, Zodiacs and kayaks
- Sun Deck
- Three cocktail bars
- Indoor and outdoor lounge areas
- Single seating Dining
- Reference library
- Open Bridge
- Wi-Fi access
- Laundry services available (costs apply)



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