

2024 - 2025 VOYAGES

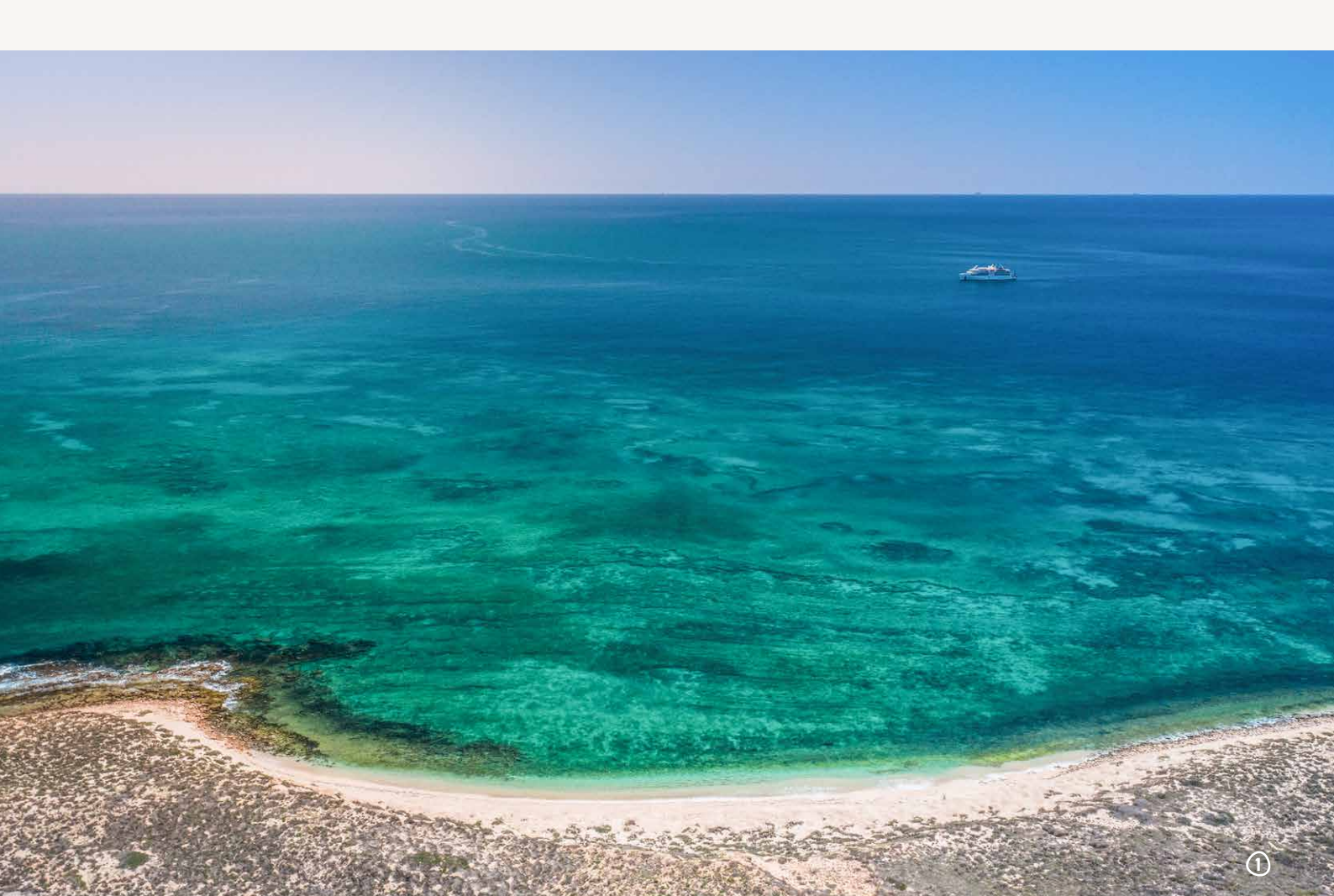
AUSTRALIA'S WEST COAST



- > Kimberley Icons, Ashmore & The Rowley Shoals - 12 Nights - Darwin & Broome
- > Abrolhos Islands & The Coral Coast - 12 Nights - Broome & Fremantle
- > Ningaloo & Bluewater Wonders of Australia's West - 12 Nights - Broome & Broome
- > Whales & Trails of Western Australia - 10 Nights - Fremantle to Fremantle



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AUSTRALIA'S PIONEERING CRUISE LINE



THE WILD WEST COAST FOR TRUE EXPLORERS



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

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

Voyage Series

- > **Kimberley Icons, Ashmore & The Rowley Shoals**
12 Nights | Darwin & Broome
Departs Sept 2024, Mar & Sept 2025
- > **Abrolhos Islands & The Coral Coast**
12 Nights | Broome & Fremantle departures
Departs multiple months 2024 & 2025
- > **Ningaloo & The Bluewater Wonders**
12 Nights | Departs Sept 2024 & May 2025
- > **Whales & Trails of Western Australia**
10 Nights | Departs Oct 2024

Expedition Note

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

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

Australian Hospitality at Sea

Onboard our Australian-flagged expedition ships, discover a personalised, relaxed style of cruising. With a maximum of 120 guests, there is no need for queues or assigned seating. Instead, an intimate, convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded travellers makes you feel at home.

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

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

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

The Expedition Experience

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

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

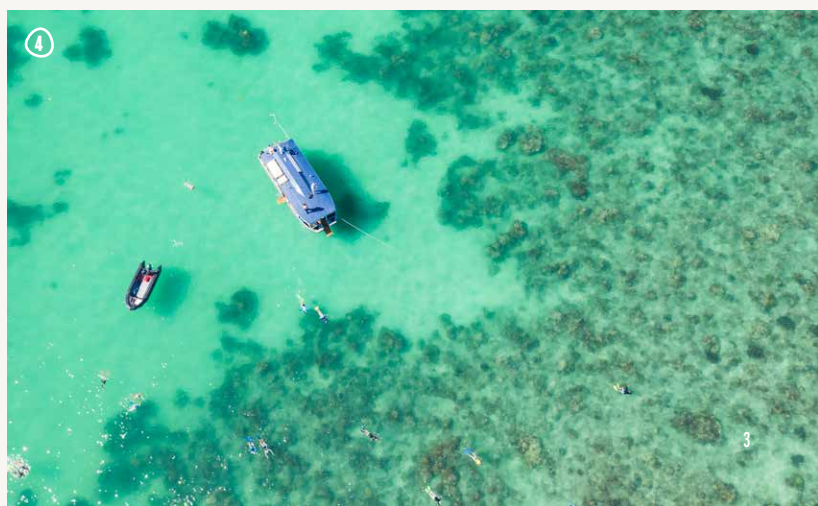


Why Choose Coral Expeditions

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

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 explorer 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.



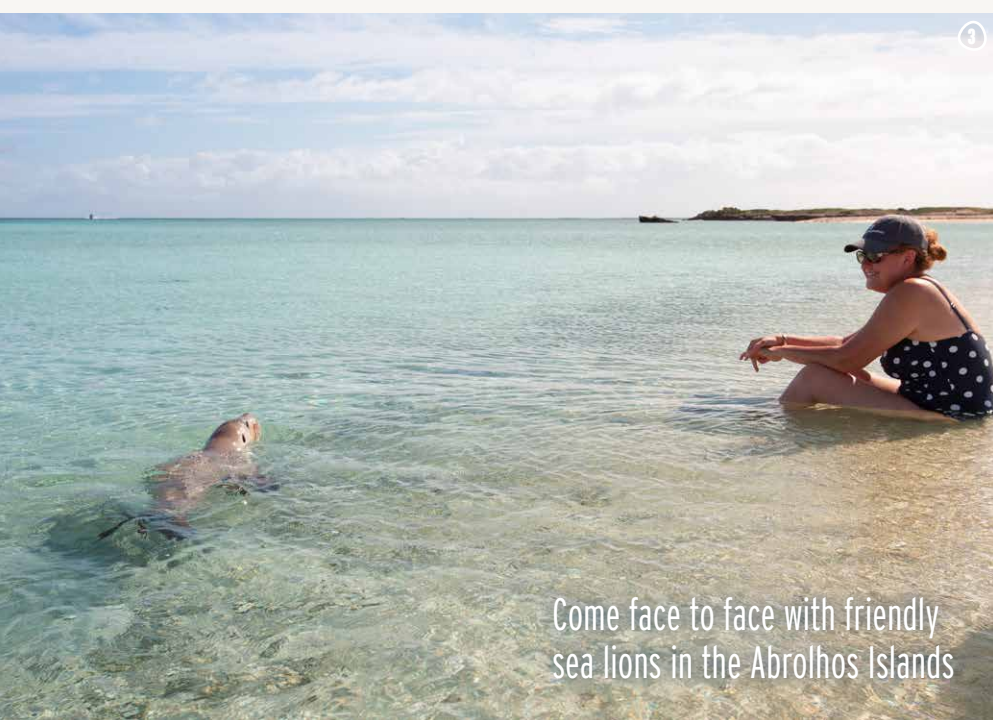
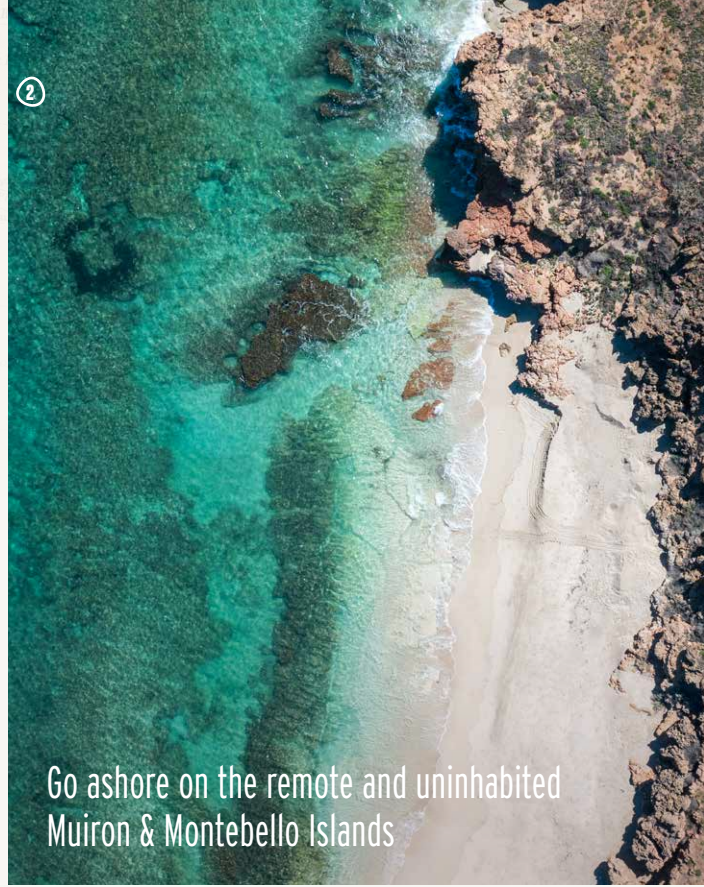
Soak in the West Coast's iconic landscape of red sands & turquoise sea



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Go ashore on the remote and uninhabited Muiron & Montebello Islands



Come face to face with friendly sea lions in the Abrolhos Islands

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Learn about the fishing industry & enjoy freshly-caught local seafood

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

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

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

IMAGES 1 Coastal walk, Francois Peron National Park, credit Greg Fenn | 2 Coast of Muiron Islands, Greg Fenn | 3 Sea lion at Abrolhos Islands, Greg Fenn | 4 Guest Lecturer Howard Gray with crabs, Abrolhos Is | 5 Chefs, Coral Adventurer | 6 Snorkelling, credit Juergen Freund | 7 Rufous hare-wallaby, Montebello Islands



Cuisine & Wine

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

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

Inclusions

- > All excursions with our Expedition Team
- > Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- > Snorkelling equipment (SCUBA diving at an additional cost)
- > Daily lectures and briefings with Guest Lecturers
- > All meals, chef-prepared on board
- > Captain's welcome and farewell events, and open bridge access
- > Selected wines, selected beers and house spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- > 24-hour barista-style coffee and tea station
- > All entrance fees to National Parks, ports, traditional owner fees and charges imposed by governing authorities
- > Tips and gratuities
- > Use of all onboard facilities, incl. a reference library
- > Your expedition photos captured during the voyage
- > Post-cruise transfers
- > Wi-fi access - standard speed connectivity enabling email, social image sharing, web browsing and messaging



Spot rare wildlife such as the rufous hare-wallaby



Snorkel & dive on some of Australia's most vibrant reef systems

Snorkelling & Scuba

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

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

Scuba diving requires medical clearance and a medical certificate.

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ABROLHOS ISLANDS & THE CORAL COAST

BROOME & FREMANTLE

12 NIGHTS | MARCH & SEPTEMBER 2024, FEBRUARY & OCTOBER 2025



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Expedition Highlights

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

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ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > BETWEEN BROOME & FREMANTLE

DEPART BROOME OR FREMANTLE

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

This is an indicative itinerary covering remote areas. Your Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule as necessary to maximise guest experience. This itinerary includes two days at sea.

DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO

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

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

MONTEBELLO ISLANDS

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

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

SERRURIER ISLAND & PILBARA INSHORE ISLANDS

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

MUIRON ISLANDS

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

TRIP LOG

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

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

TIM HARVEY > SHARK BAY, 15 MARCH 2021

EXMOUTH & CAPE RANGE NATIONAL PARK

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

CRUISING THE NINGALOO COAST

The remote and well-hidden Bateman's Bay, just north of Coral Bay, is a much more remote and untouched landscape in comparison with beautiful sand beaches. Weather permitting we will make a short landing on the remote Ningaloo coast between Northwest Cape and Shark Bay, for a swim and a beach comb.

SHARK BAY WORLD HERITAGE AREA

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

THE ABROLHOS ISLANDS

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

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

ARRIVE FREMANTLE OR BROOME

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

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



Melanie Faithfull
Assistant Expedition Leader

Mel worked in environmental education before joining the expedition crew at Coral Expeditions. She prepares equipment, assists guests, shares knowledge, and runs entertainment activities. Mel loves remote locations, and has traveled extensively with us along the coast of Western Australia.

NINGALOO & THE BLUEWATER WONDERS OF AUSTRALIA'S WEST

BROOME > BROOME

12 NIGHTS | SEPTEMBER 2024 & MAY 2025

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Expedition Highlights

- > Snorkel Ningaloo's outer reef with a local operator, with the chance to encounter manta rays and green sea turtles
- > Over two days, snorkel and dive the rarely visited Rowley Shoals, accompanied by our onboard Marine Biologist
- > At the Montebello Islands, visit atomic ground zero, now a haven for wildlife including the rufous hare wallaby
- > Snorkel, dive and beach comb at the Muiron, Mackerel and Serrurier Islands
- > Spend two days in Exmouth with time to explore Cape Range National Park, Yardie Creek and Turquoise Bay
- > Discover sites of cultural significance to Indigenous Australians, with expert interpretation
- > Follow in the trails of early European Explorers - hear the tales of the shipwrecks of *Tryall* and *Barque Stefano*
- > Encounter a proliferation of wildlife, including rare birds and marine life on the remote islands and atolls

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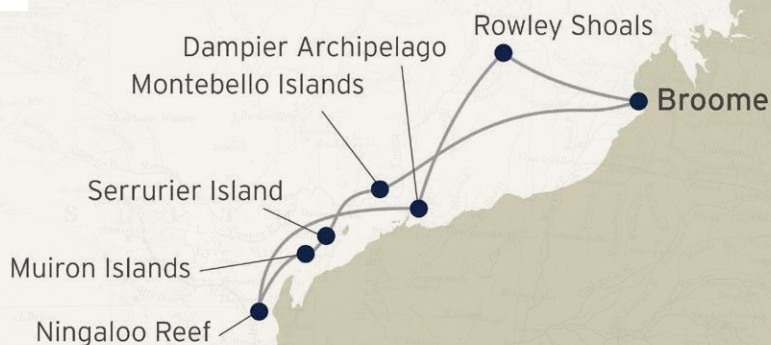
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ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > BROOME TO BROOME

DEPART BROOME

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

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ROWLEY SHOALS

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

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

DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO

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

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

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

MACKEREL ISLANDS

Off the coast of the Pilbara, the Mackerel Islands are 10 atolls, a rarely-visited wilderness. World-class diving, snorkelling and wildlife spotting is accessible from this magic destination.

Spend the day snorkelling the fringing reefs and bommies close to the beach. The untouched coral reefs showcase an array of colourful sea life. Scuba dive sites ranging from 3m to 18m in depth are a dive playground for those seeking new reef frontiers.

Ashore, beach comb on Thevanard Island or for those looking for a longer hike, take the Eco Walk Trail to circle the island and soak in the beauty of the destination.

NINGALOO REEF & EXMOUTH

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

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

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

MUIRON ISLANDS

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

SERRURIER ISLAND

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

MONTEBELLO ISLANDS

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

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

Spend a full day exploring here, with wildlife spotting opportunities including endangered rufous hare-wallabies and lagoon rays. There are also opportunities to swim from the beautiful beaches.

ARRIVE BROOME

Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

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

TRIP LOG

"It wasn't long before the planes were up - and whale sharks had been seen! We prepared and entered the water in our two groups - and then swam for the next few hours alongside these beautiful leviathans of the deep. By a very efficient process of swimming for several hundred metres in formation; and then swapping groups - we all managed to swim alongside the whale sharks, keeping an appropriate distance, but being so close that all sorts of amazing details were clear. The patch near their left rear is unique to each whale shark - like human fingerprints, and Tash gave us an excellent info session, where amongst other things she talked about the citizen science program, whereby researchers are able to track the movement of individual whale sharks by tourist photos taken in great numbers at Ningaloo. Amazing!"

JO McDONALD & CHRIS COOK > EXMOUTH, 22 MAY 2021

KIMBERLEY ICONS, ASHMORE & THE ROWLEY SHOALS

DARWIN & BROOME

12 NIGHTS | SEPTEMBER 2024, MARCH & SEPTEMBER 2025



Expedition Highlights

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

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ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > BETWEEN DARWIN & BROOME

DEPART DARWIN OR BROOME

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

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KING GEORGE RIVER

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

SWIFT BAY

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

ASHMORE REEF

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

SCOTT REEF

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

ADELE ISLAND

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

MONTGOMERY REEF

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

TRIP LOG

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

ALASDAIR MCGREGOR > KING GEORGE RIVER, 19 APRIL 2021

DOUBTFUL BAY

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

HORIZONTAL FALLS

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

THE LACEPEDE ISLANDS

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

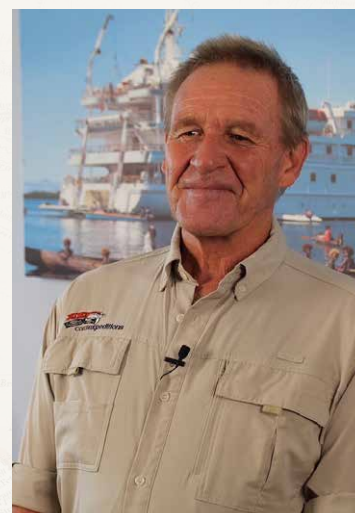
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ARRIVE BROOME OR DARWIN

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Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

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Jamie Anderson Expedition Leader

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

WHALES AND TRAILS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

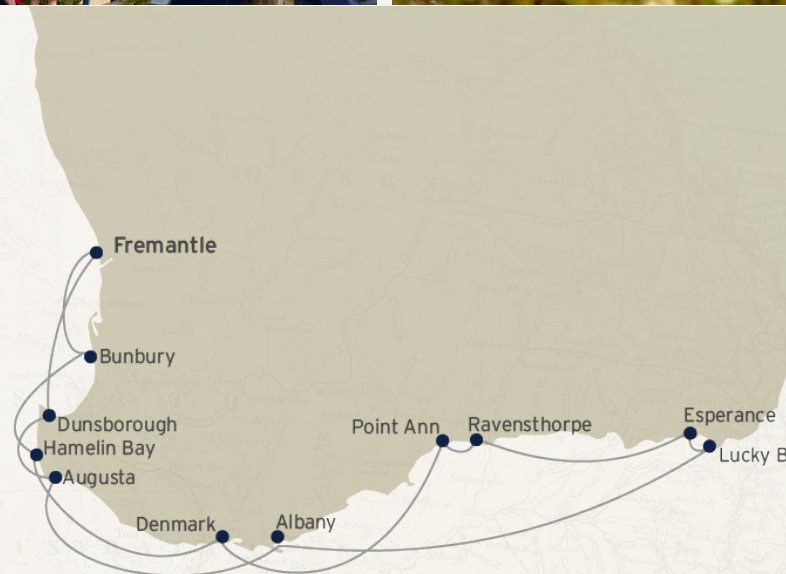
FREMANTLE TO FREMANTLE
10 NIGHTS | 5 OCTOBER 2024



Expedition Highlights

- **Join Australian Geographic Partner Hosts**
[Micheline-Nicole Jenner AM](#) and [Curt Jenner AM](#)
- **Signature Event:** Experience a signature six-course Winemakers Dinner at historic Leeuwin Estate featuring the iconic Art Series wines expertly paired with regionally inspired cuisine.
- Spend a morning whale watching at Flinders Bay, renowned for its frequent whale sightings and explore the sheltered haven of Point Ann in search of Southern Right Whales and their calves
- Enjoy an invigorating swim in the pristine waters of Hamelin Bay surrounded by the curious stingrays and other marine species
- Traversing the scenic coastal vistas on a morning trek along a section of the renowned Cape to Cape trail
- Walk amongst native wildflowers in bloom around the coastal landscapes from Dunsborough to remote Esperance
- Stroll the silica white sands in the company of native kangaroos at Lucky Bay - voted #1 Beach in the world
- Learn about Indigenous coastal culture and traditions of the region and share stories whilst we forage for native tucker on ancestral lands
- Wander the community led Art Trail of Ravensthorpe and hear how collective community engagement has changed the face of this historic goldfield's town

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ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > FREMANTLE TO FREMANTLE

DAY 1: DEPART FREMANTLE (WALYALUP)

Board *Coral Adventurer* at 4:00pm at Fremantle Port and enjoy time to settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure. As dusk falls, meet your fellow travelers and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

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

BUNBURY (GOOMBURRUP)

For approximately 45,000 years, the Noongar people have gathered in this area, which served as a seasonal meeting place abundant with food sources and ceremonial sites. Today we will take a guided tour with descendants of the Noongar people, along the 5.3km Mangrove walk. Learn about the bush foods and medicine used in this area as well as Dreaming stories of the region.

HAMELIN BAY

This morning we will spend time exploring this vast expanse of bright white sand and turquoise waters filled with marine life. The combination of the friendly stingrays, and interesting fish and plant life in the bay make it a great snorkeling spot.

There is the opportunity to walk part of Cape-to-Cape trail to Cosy Corner or Deepdene Beach to view the Elephant Rocks. With a great biodiversity in the area there will be a plethora of native wildflowers throughout both walks including the chance to see native rose, hovea, old mans beard, pink fairy orchid and more.

DENMARK (KOORABUP)

We will arrive in Denmark and begin our day with an Xplorer transfer to Madfish Bay, a hidden wonderland of pools and bays in the William Bay National Park. At low tide it is possible to walk directly across to the small island in Madfish Bay, but at high tide the island is completely cut off from the mainland. From here we will take a short coach transfer to Duckett's Mill Winery. Enjoy a wine flight tasting accompanied by house-made cheeses with platters of local produce as the dedicated team share their knowledge and pairing suggestions.

POINT ANN & RAVENSTHORPE

Today we cruise into Point Ann, where southern right whales come to calve in large numbers in the calm waters of the beautiful bay. Throughout the morning we will anchor in this area and enjoy morning tea onboard as we keep our eyes on the ocean in hope of spotting these incredible creatures.

This afternoon we will arrive at Hopetoun to journey through the community art trail at Ravensthorpe. After a short bus ride, we will explore a section of the trail which was created by local farmers using old machinery and scrap metal to produce large scale sculptures depicting wildflowers and local surroundings.

ESPERANCE (KEPA KURL)

This morning we will wake up at Esperance in the goldfield's region of Western Australia. After a short Xplorer ride to Twilight Beach or Blue Haven Beach we will explore the Wildflower Ocean Walk with options for varied fitness levels. Enjoy the spectacular Esperance coastline from the main esplanade all the way to Twilight Beach. This headland is home to an abundance of birds, wildlife, and wildflowers.

For lunch today we will enjoy the freshest of fish with locally sourced fish from Esperance served as a classic fish & chips onboard. Following our delicious lunch we will visit Lucky Bay in Cape le Grand National Park, voted #1 beach in the world, for a swim and chance to see the local wildlife, including Kangaroos.

ALBANY (KINJARLING)

Western Australia's oldest colonial settlement lies on the northern shore of Princess Royal Harbour, King George Sound. Today we will explore the Quaranup Indigenous Walk which follows the paths walked by the Mineng people to Quaranup (Kwooranup - place of brush tail wallaby) with opportunity to see ancient stone structures, waterholes, artefacts, engravings and flora and fauna. We will then travel around the coast of Kinjarling (Albany), to the Quaranup Cultural Site. Walk along the beach or dunes to ancient engravings and tool quarry sites.

AUGUSTA & FLINDERS BAY RESERVE

This morning we arrive in the waters of Flinders Bay where there will be opportunity to whale watch from the Vista Deck. After lunch enjoy a short Xplorer transfer to Flinders Bay Reserve at Augusta where we will enjoy freshly shucked Margaret River Oysters and complimentary wines. After our beachside tasting experience there will be an optional Coastal Walk following the Blackwood River and Augusta coastline. Along this section of the trail, you will be rewarded with stunning views of Flinders Bay and the Great Southern Ocean, and the chance to climb down and explore among the rocky pools and sandy beaches.

DUNSBOROUGH (QUEDJINUP) - SIGNATURE EVENT

The southwest region of Australia, within which Dunsborough sits, is recognised as one of the oldest continually occupied human habitats anywhere on Earth, with archaeology dating back approximately 40,000 years. Those living on the coast were called Wardandi (sea people). These Indigenous peoples referred to Dunsborough by the name of Quedjinup ("Place of Women").

This morning we will take a short coach transfer to Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse, where we will explore the tip of Cape Naturaliste (Kwirreejeenungup) and partake in coastal foraging. A local Wadandi guide will join us, interpreting the landscape and teaching us how the Noongar seasonal calendar influences the knowledge of food sources available throughout the year. Enjoy morning tea including native food tastings.

Signature Dinner Event at Leeuwin Estate:

Family-owned Leeuwin Estate is one of five founding wineries of the Margaret River district. Leeuwin Estate combines fine wine and food in a picturesque setting. With sweeping views overlooking the majestic karri forest, this evening we will travel to Leeuwin Estate for a six-course combination of exceptional seasonal West Australian produce, focusing on flavour, texture, and aromas, with current Leeuwin Estate wines.

DUNSBOROUGH (QUEDJINUP)

We will spend the afternoon at Ambergate Reserve, which protects the remnants of scrubland and woodlands once common along the coastal plains of Busselton. Over 360 plant species have been recorded here such as marri, jarrah, peppermints, banksia, to creepers, ground covers and orchid. Many animal species inhabit the reserve, including kangaroos, quendas, brush-tailed possums, wallabies, and echidnas. Plus, an enormous variety of birds including tree martins, rainbow bee-eaters, falcons and tawny frogmouths. Alternatively, there will be the opportunity to explore the town of Dunsborough or take a stroll along the coastal walk from Geographe Bay to Meelup with the opportunity to spot many native wildflowers.

DAY 11: ARRIVE FREMANTLE (WALYALUP)

This morning we arrive into the Port of Fremantle at 7:00am before disembarking at 8:00am. There will be post cruise transfers provided to the airport and CBD of Fremantle and Perth.

2024 & 2025 DEPARTURES & FARES

ABROLHOS ISLANDS & THE CORAL COAST

2024 - 12 Nights - Departs Broome or Fremantle

VISIT >

Date	Departs	Vessel
20 February 2024	Broome	Coral Adventurer
2 March 2024	Fremantle	Coral Adventurer
23 March 2024	Fremantle	Coral Adventurer

Rates: Coral Adventurer

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$23,040	\$17,910	\$16,380	\$12,290	\$10,240
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$24,570*	\$18,435*	\$15,360*

2025 - 12 Nights - Departs Broome or Fremantle

Date	Departs	Vessel
27 February 2025	Fremantle	Coral Adventurer
7 October 2025	Broome	Coral Geographer

Rates: Coral Adventurer Coral Geographer

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$23,850	\$18,540	\$17,130	\$12,840	\$10,700
Twin Share	\$22,990	-	\$17,130	\$12,840	\$10,700
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$25,695*	\$19,260*	\$16,050*

KIMBERLEY ICONS, ASHMORE & THE ROWLEY SHOALS

2024 - 12 Nights - Departs Darwin to Broome

VISIT >

Date	Departs	Vessel
10 September 2024	Darwin	

2024 Rates: Coral Adventurer

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$23,240	\$18,090	\$16,550	\$12,410	\$10,340
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$24,825*	\$18,615*	\$15,510*

2025 - 12 Nights - Departs Darwin to Broome

Date	Departs	Vessel
11 March 2025	Broome	Coral Adventurer
24 March 2025	Darwin	Coral Adventurer
12 September 2025	Broome	Coral Geographer
25 September 2025	Darwin	Coral Geographer

Rates: Coral Adventurer Coral Geographer

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$23,850	\$18,540	\$17,130	\$12,840	\$10,700
Twin Share	\$22,990	-	\$17,130	\$12,840	\$10,700
Sole Use	n/a	-	\$25,695*	\$19,260*	\$16,050*

NINGALOO & THE BLUEWATER WONDERS

12 Nights - Departs Broome

VISIT >

Date	Departs	Vessel
16 September 2024	Broome	Coral Discoverer
14 May 2025	Broome	Coral Discoverer

Rates: Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$18,780	\$15,130	n/a	\$13,050	\$11,990
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$20,340*	n/a	n/a

WHALES AND TRAILS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

10 Nights - Departs Broome

VISIT >

Date	Departs	Vessel
5 October 2024	Fremantle	Coral Adventurer

2024 Rates: Coral Adventurer

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$20,800	\$16,300	\$14,600	\$11,100	\$9,200
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$21,900*	\$16,650*	\$13,800*

Prices are per person, listed in Australian Dollars (AUD) and include GST.

Refer to website pricing at time of booking as pricing may be subject to change.

*Limited sole use occupancy available.



CORAL ADVENTURER

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Features

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

Stateroom Categories

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites	• 55.8sqm • Private Balcony
Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms	• 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms	• 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
Promenade Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Picture Window
Coral Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Porthole Window

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CORAL DISCOVERER

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Features

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

Stateroom Categories

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

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CORAL GEOGRAPHER

Features

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

Stateroom Categories

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites	• 37.5sqm • Private Balcony
Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms	• 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
Promenade Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Picture Window
Coral Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Porthole Window

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IMAGES 1 Coral Adventurer | 2 Explorer Deck Stateroom, Coral Adventurer
3 Tea on the Deck, Coral Adventurer | 4 Coral Geographer | 5 Coral Discoverer
6 Explorer Deck Stateroom, Coral Geographer | 7 Gym | 8 Lounge, Coral Geographer



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

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