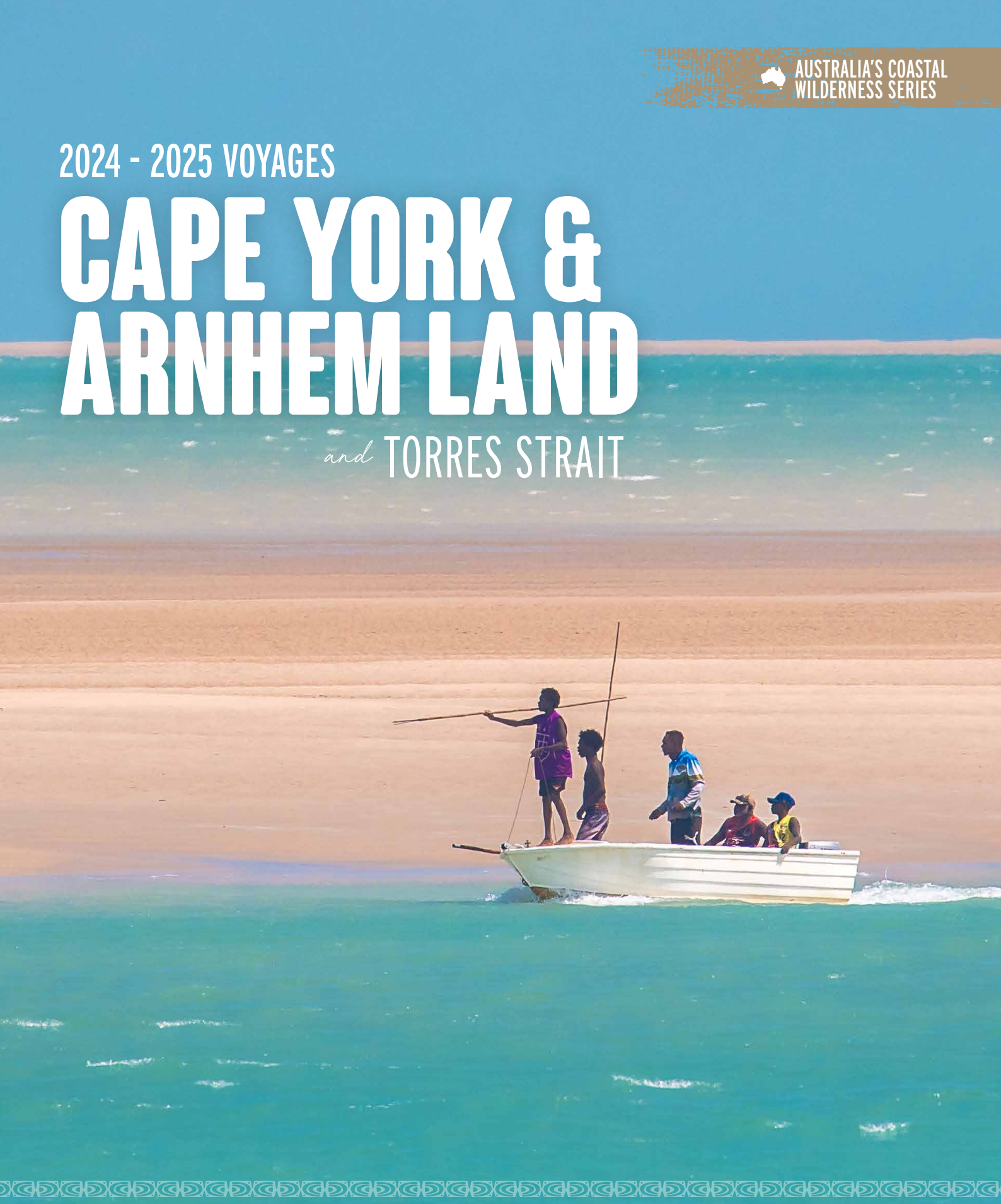




2024 - 2025 VOYAGES

CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND

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AUSTRALIA'S PIONEERING CRUISE LINE





AUSTRALIA'S REMOTE NORTH FOR TRUE EXPLORERS



Become immersed in ancient Indigenous cultures and prehistoric landscapes on a voyage of discovery that takes you far off the beaten track. On our expeditions of the remote Northern Australian coastline, experience ancient traditions and a remote coastline that only a fortunate few get to visit.

Experience the rich cultures of the Tiwi Islands and the Torres Strait where guests are warmly welcomed to Country. Journey into traditional lands from Cape York to Yolngu territory in Arnhem Land. Learn and understand the song-lines and lore that shaped Australia's ancient cultures, and visit ancient rock art sites with local guides. On our Indigenous Art voyages, observe vibrant artistic traditions at world-renowned art centres, and learn to make your own creative works onboard with a First Nations artist. We have had the privilege of introducing guests to northern Australia for over three decades, so you can be assured of a personal journey guided with respect and cultural sensitivity.

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.

Voyages

- > **Cape York & Arnhem Land**
11 Nights | Departs Mar 2024 & Apr 2025
- > **Cape York & Arnhem Land - Art Themed**
11 Nights | Departs Oct 2024 & 2025
- > **Torres Strait & Cape York**
10 Nights | Departs Oct 2024, Oct & Nov 2025

Australian Hospitality at Sea

On board our Australian-flagged expedition ships, discover a personalised, relaxed style of cruising. With a maximum of 72 guests, there is no need for queues or assigned seating. Instead, an intimate, convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded travellers makes you feel at home.

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

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

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

The Expedition Experience

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

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

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

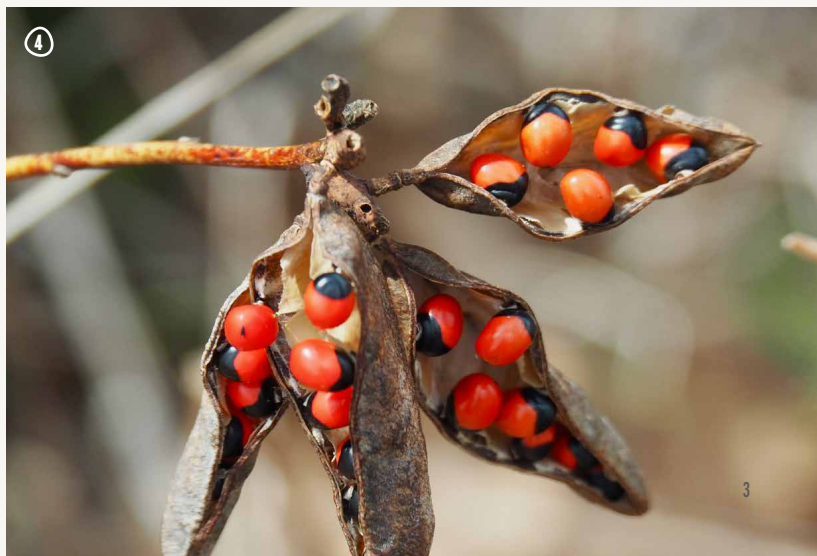


Why Choose Coral Expeditions

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.

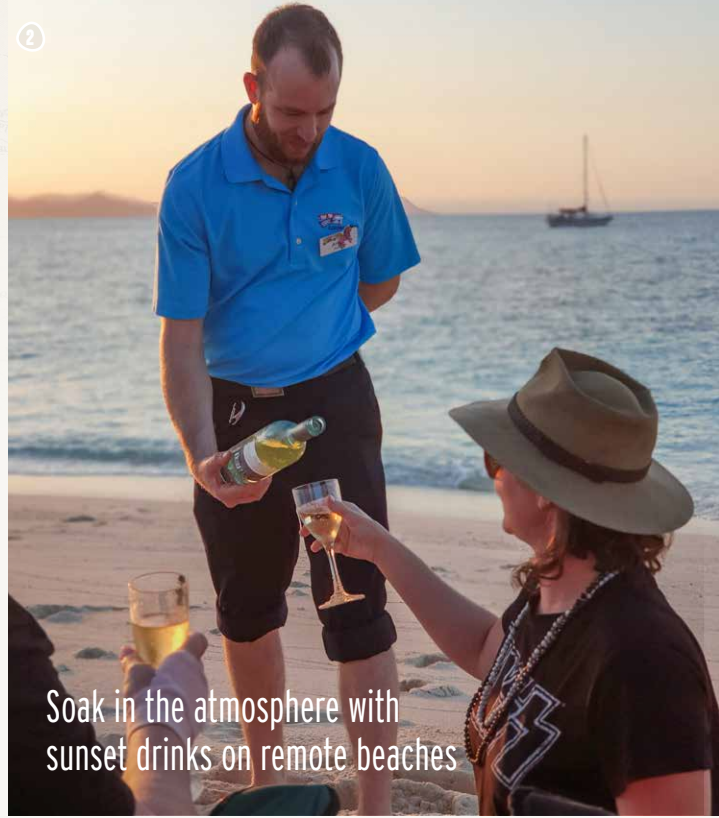
At a time when the cruise industry is moving to larger and less personal ships with more gimmicks, we have purposefully limited the size of our ships to maximise the expedition experience. Our cuisine is prepared in small batches from our onboard galley using quality Australian produce and wine. We operate 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.



Stand on Australia's northernmost point, the 'Tip' of Cape York, at sunrise or sunset

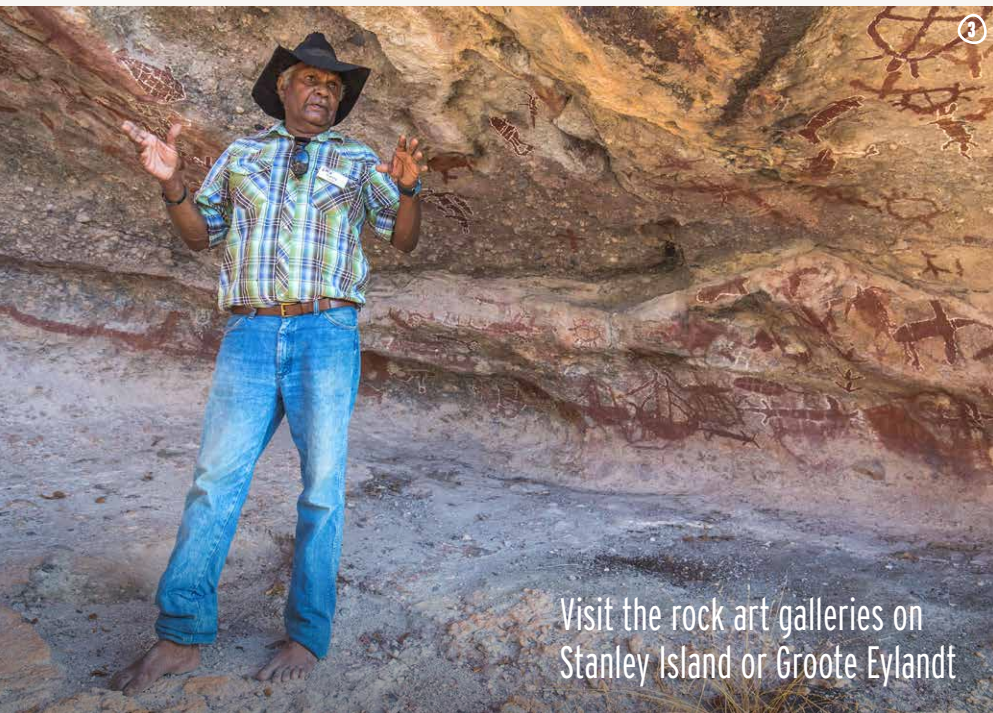


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Soak in the atmosphere with sunset drinks on remote beaches



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Visit the rock art galleries on Stanley Island or Groote Eylandt



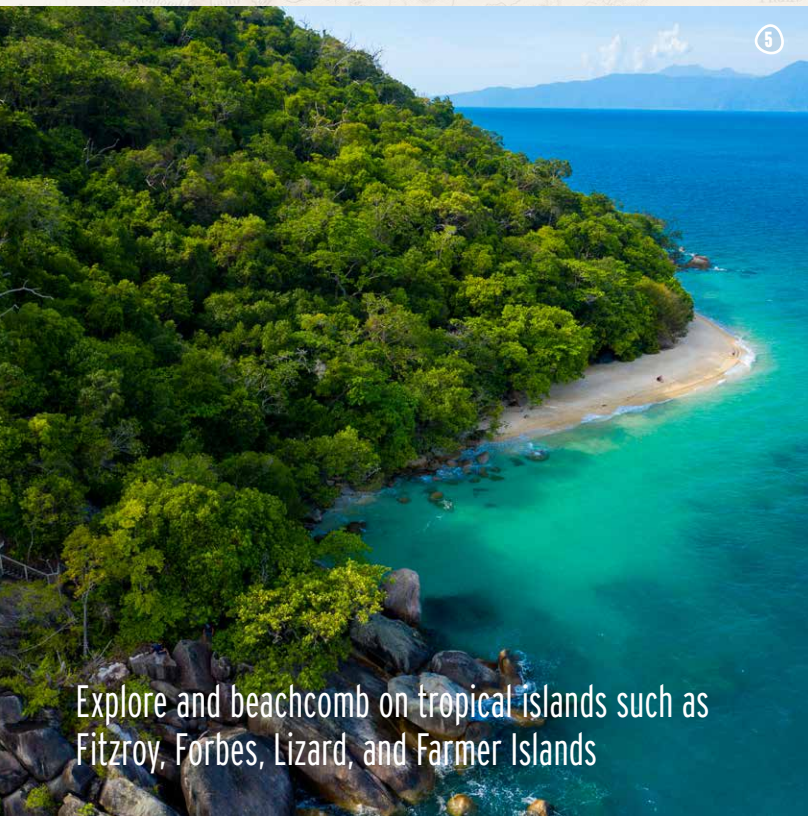
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Visit world-renowned art centres in remote places & meet local artists

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 Australia's North. 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.

Our expeditions across the top of Australia offer an immersion into the diverse and ancient Indigenous cultures of remote Cape York, Arnhem Land and the Torres Strait Islands. Meet the Tiwi people of Bathurst and Melville Islands, the Yolngu clans of Arnhem Land, and the Torres Strait Islanders of Thursday, Badu and Moa islands. You'll also discover a remote and captivating natural wilderness as you swim and snorkel over the colourful coral gardens of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef, go ashore on rarely-visited islands, and cruise through coastal rivers shaped by countless monsoon seasons.

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



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Explore and beachcomb on tropical islands such as Fitzroy, Forbes, Lizard, and Farmer Islands



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Snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef

Snorkelling & Scuba

The opportunity to snorkel and scuba dive over spectacular coral gardens and come face to face with brightly coloured tropical fish is a highlight of these voyages, as they journey through the Great Barrier Reef along the Queensland coast.

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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CUISINE & WINE

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

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

WINE SELECTIONS

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

- > A Taste of Australia Selection: Six bottles featuring Australian wines - three reds, two whites and a rosé
- > Connoisseur Selection: Six bottles featuring two whites, three reds and French Champagne.

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INCLUSIONS

- > All excursions and sightseeing (excluding optional extras)
- > Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- > Daily lectures and briefings
- > All meals, chef-prepared on board
- > Selected wines, beers, spirits, juices and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner service
- > Coffee and selection of teas
- > All entrance fees to National Parks and Ports
- > Choice of local operator excursions at some locations
- > Tips and gratuities
- > Wifi Access - Standard speed connectivity enabling email, social image sharing, web browsing and messaging

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

CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND

CAIRNS & DARWIN

11 NIGHTS | MARCH 2024 & APRIL 2025



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Expedition Highlights

- > Be immersed in the world's oldest surviving culture in Arnhem Land
- > Spend a full day exploring the rugged Cobourg Peninsula for historical ruins and fascinating wildlife
- > With a local guide, visit the remote and culturally rich Tiwi Islands
- > Learn about Indigenous art at Elcho Island and Maningrida Art Centres
- > Stand on the very tip of Australia at Cape York for a champagne sunset
- > Visit Thursday Island and learn about the cultures of the Torres Strait
- > Explore Lizard Island and the northern reaches of the Great Barrier Reef
- > Discover the Arnhem Land coast, once the trading ground of the Macassan people



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ITINERARY: 11 NIGHTS > CAIRNS TO DARWIN

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS

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

DAYS 2-11

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

LIZARD ISLAND

Explore secluded Lizard Island, one of the most beautiful islands on the Queensland Coast, and venture into the crystal clear waters for swimming and snorkelling or take a walk along the white sand beach. The more energetic may join our guides on a walk to 'Cook's Look' on the island's peak. From this high point, Lt. James Cook found a safe passage through the treacherous reef after repairing the *HMB Endeavour* near Cooktown over 250 years ago. The views from the lookout over the reef and islands are magnificent. Later, snorkel over giant clam gardens in the lagoon.

FLINDERS GROUP & DAVIE REEF

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

FORBES ISLAND

Enjoy a day exploring Forbes Island, an excellent spot for swimming or snorkelling from the pristine sandy beaches. Take a walk to the grave of beche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster. This tiny island has few human visitors so wildlife is prolific.

TIP OF CAPE YORK: 'PAJINKA'

Set foot on the northernmost point of Australia - the tip of Cape York. Celebrate with a glass of sparkling at this iconic location as you watch the sun set over the Gulf of Carpentaria. We will also visit historical sites at Somerset, Possession Island and Albany Island.

THURSDAY ISLAND & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

The Torres Strait is home to 200 strikingly beautiful islands, however only 17 are inhabited. Spend 1-2 immersive days exploring this remote region, visiting Thursday Island, Badu and Moa Islands where the local communities will welcome you and share their distinctive culture. Purchase art and enjoy a local meal and exciting cultural performances. Thursday Island, or Waiben, is the hub of the Torres Strait and here we learn of the region's pearling history.

CRUISING THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea with time to attend informative presentations by our guest lecturers.

HOLE IN THE WALL & WESSEL ISLANDS

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

ELCHO ISLAND: GALIWIN'KU AND GAWA

The friendly locals of Elcho Island proudly welcome us to their community this morning. Meet some of the local artists who have their unique art exhibited in the famous art galleries of the world including the Louvre. In the afternoon, visit the community and school of Gawa.

MANINGRIDA

Anchor in the mighty Liverpool River and travel ashore to explore the Djomi Museum, and the local boutique. Maningrida is home to a remarkable art centre and this is a unique opportunity to purchase sought-after Indigenous artworks and textiles directly from the artists.

COBOURG PENINSULA, VICTORIA SETTLEMENT

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

TIWI ISLANDS

Be welcomed to the Tiwi Islands with a smoking ceremony, dancing, and an afternoon tea of home-made damper and billy tea. With local Tiwi guides, learn about the unique Tiwi culture and visit the art centre. Enjoy a cultural performance and painting or basket-weaving demonstration before enjoying a traditional Australian afternoon tea of damper and billy tea.

DAY 12: ARRIVE DARWIN

Disembark in Darwin at 8:30am

Post cruise transfers to CBD hotels or the airport are included.



Ian Morris
Guest Lecturer

Zoologist, educator, conservationist and author, Ian has joined our expeditions since 2001. He has worked with the traditional owners of Arnhem Land for decades, and speaks the Indigenous languages of Djambarrpuynu, Warramirri, and Gupapuynu. He has also worked as a Ranger in Kakadu, Uluru and the Pilbara. He is passionate about helping people understand and experience nature and Indigenous culture.

CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND - ART THEMED

CAIRNS & DARWIN

11 NIGHTS | OCTOBER 2024 & 2025



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Expedition Highlights

- > Experience these artistic traditions firsthand during workshops with internationally recognised Torres Strait artist [Brian Robinson](#) who will be travelling onboard
- > Be immersed in the world's oldest surviving culture in Arnhem Land
- > Spend a full day exploring the rugged Cobourg Peninsula for historical ruins and fascinating wildlife
- > With a local guide, visit the remote and culturally rich Tiwi Islands
- > Learn about Indigenous art at Elcho Island and Maningrida Art Centres
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ITINERARY: 11 NIGHTS > CAIRNS TO DARWIN

DAY 1: DEPART DARWIN

Make your way to Darwin's Fort Hill Wharf to board Coral Discoverer at 7:00am ahead of our 8:00am departure. A light breakfast will be served on board. Spend time getting to know your fellow travellers over lunch ahead of our first excursion at the Tiwi Islands.

DAYS 1-11:

Access to remote indigenous communities are subject to approval by authorities. Should access to these communities not be available at the time of travel, the itinerary will be altered to include more time in the permitted nature based areas and in Torres Strait/Cape York.

WURRUMIYANGA (TIWI ISLANDS)

Visit remote Bathurst Island, where with local Tiwi guides, we learn of the unique culture and visit the art centre. Experience a Welcome to Country and basket-weaving exhibition before enjoying a traditional Australian afternoon tea of damper and billy tea.

COBOURG PENINSULA

Discover Garig Gunak Barlu National Park on the Cobourg Peninsula. Join Park Rangers in Port Essington, famous for the failed Victoria Settlement, and explore the ruins while learning about the fascinating history of this early colonial outpost.

AT SEA / HOLE IN THE WALL (GUGARI RIP)

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

YIRRKALA & BREMER ISLAND (DHAMBALIYA)

Visit the spectacular Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre at Yirrkala, outside of Nhulunbuy. Here, the Yirrkala Art Centre represents Yolgnu artists from around the region. Established in 1976 as an act of self-determination, the art centre has forged a vibrant path for Yolgnu contemporary art. The museum houses a collection of works detailing historical artefacts and important moments, including the Message Sticks from 1935 and the Yirrkala Church Panels from 1963. In the afternoon we go ashore to Bremer Island, or Dhambaliya as it is known to the traditional owners of the area. This island is home to an eco-sensitive beach retreat built in partnership with the Yolgnu people of the region. Spend the morning beachcombing, bird watching, and taking in the scenic surrounds.

DAY AT SEA

Enjoy a day at sea with presentations by our Guest Lecturer and on board art workshops hosted by guest artist Brian Robinson. You will also hear about the fascinating history of the Makassan traders and early explorers of the Arnhem Land coast.

BADU ISLAND ART CENTRE

At rarely visited Badu Island, visit the Art Centre, and view fine examples of printmaking, etching and carvings produced by local artists, some of whose works are collected by the National Gallery of Australia and displayed all over the world. Enjoy the hospitality of the locals with a delicious kai-kai of locally caught seafood.

THURSDAY ISLAND (WAIBEN) & THE TIP OF CAPE YORK (PAJINKA)

Join an informative tour of Waiben (Thursday Island) to learn about its interesting pearling history and multicultural influences. We also have free time to explore all the island has to offer, including Gab Titui Cultural Centre and local shopping. Later, surrounded by glistening sea and bathed in the glow of twilight, we enjoy sundowner drinks and the company of like-minded explorers as we relax and watch the sun gently sink below the horizon at the Tip of Cape York - the northernmost point of the Australian mainland continent.

FORBES ISLAND (WUTHARA)

Enjoy a day exploring Forbes Island, an excellent spot for swimming, or snorkelling from the pristine sandy beaches. Hear the story of Bêche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster who inhabited this island and visit his gravesite. Depending on tides we will visit the remote Piper Islands for bird watching and beachcombing, or the island home of 'million dollar castaway' David Glasheen at Restoration Island (Ma'alpiku). It is here Captain Bligh of the infamous Mutiny on the Bounty made his first landfall after a long ocean crossing from Tonga, in May 1789.

STANLEY ISLAND (YINDAYIN)

This morning we visit Stanley Island in the Flinders Group. View the Endaen Aboriginal rock art gallery with interpretation by a Traditional Custodian of this region. This is a unique art site seldom visited due to its isolated location that depicts sailing ships of the previous centuries. This afternoon snorkel the remote and pristine Davie Reef, and tide permitting land on the cay to observe bird life.

LIZARD ISLAND (DYIIGURRA)

Explore one of the most beautiful islands on the Queensland Coast. Enjoy swimming and snorkelling or take a walk along the white sand beach. The more energetic may join our guides on a walk to 'Cook's Look' on the highest lookout on this part of the reef. From this high point, Captain Cook was able to navigate a safe passage back through the treacherous waters after repairing the Endeavour near Cooktown over 200 years ago. A photographer's delight, the views from the lookout are magnificent.

COOKTOWN (GUNGARDIE)

We visit historic Cooktown where Captain Cook took refuge during his voyage of discovery. Embark on a guided walk led by our expedition team along the esplanade and learn about history of the town, a Cooktown coach tour will also be available. The Milbi Wall at the Wharf tells the story of the Guugu Yimithirr people in hand-painted tiles, and the views from Grassy Hill over the Endeavour River are spectacular. Visit the Cooktown Museum and examine the relics of Australia's exploration era.

DAY 12: ARRIVE IN CAIRNS

Our Cape York & Arnhem Land adventure concludes in Cairns this morning as we bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew, disembarking at 8:00am.

A complimentary transfer is provided to CBD hotels or the airport. Transfers to the Northern Beaches or Port Douglas can be arranged on board with the Purser (at cost), if not already arranged prior to embarkation.



Brian Robinson
Guest Artist

"Brian Robinson is a multi-skilled contemporary artist whose practice includes painting, printmaking, sculpture and design. Creative from a young age, he has enjoyed a long career as a curator and visual artist. His work is inspired by his Torres Strait Islander heritage and combines his passion for experimentation crossing boundaries between reality and fantasy."

- Ashley Wadman

TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK

CAIRNS & HORN ISLAND

10 NIGHTS | OCTOBER 2024, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2025



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Expedition Highlights

- > Experience the vibrant art, culture and natural beauty of the Torres Strait Islands, including community visits of Badu and Moa Islands
 - > Land at the northernmost tip of Australia at Pajinka on Cape York for a sunset champagne toast
 - > Experience remote Osprey Reef, called an 'oasis for living creatures of all kinds' by Sir David Attenborough.
 - > Snorkel remote reefs and bird-watch at Davie Cay on the northern Great Barrier Reef
 - > Explore Lizard Island's reefs and beaches and hike to historic Cook's Look
 - > Share time with local artists and purchase from the source in community art centres
 - > View rock art at Stanley Island, with interpretation by a traditional owner guide
- Learn about Indigenous culture and maritime history at Cooktown and Restoration Island

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ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > BETWEEN CAIRNS & HORN ISLAND

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS OR HORN ISLAND

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

DAYS 2-10:

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

COOKTOWN

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

LIZARD ISLAND

Explore secluded Lizard Island, one of the most beautiful islands on the Queensland Coast, and venture into the crystal clear waters for swimming and snorkelling or take a walk along the white sand beach. The more energetic may join our guides on a walk to 'Cook's Look' on the island's peak. From this high point, Lt. Jams Cook found a safe passage through the treacherous reef after repairing the *HMB Endeavour* near Cooktown over 250 years ago. The views from the lookout over the reef and islands are magnificent. Later, snorkel over giant clam gardens in the lagoon.

REMOTE OSPREY REEF

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

STANLEY ISLAND & DAVIE REEF

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



Tom Collis
Guest Lecturer

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

FORBES & RESTORATION ISLANDS

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

TIP OF CAPE YORK: 'PAJINKA'

This morning, set foot on the northernmost point of Australia - the 'tip' of Cape York. Celebrate with a glass of sparkling at this iconic location as you watch the sunrise over the Gulf of Carpentaria. Later visit historical sites at Somerset, Possession Island and Albany Island.

BADU ISLAND

In the morning, we visit the indigenous art centre to watch printmakers at work, with the opportunity to purchase prints that catch your eye. Enjoy traditional kai kai (Traditional Lunch) prepared by the local community - a feast of locally caught fresh fish, curried fish and crayfish. Spend the afternoon swimming at a local beach, hosted by traditional owners.

MOA ISLAND

Visit the art centre and join in print, weaving and jewellery making workshops with local artists. Watch a traditional dance performance and listen to the gorgeous harmonies of the local singers.

THURSDAY ISLAND (WAIBEN)

Join an informative tour of Thursday Island to learn about its interesting pearling history and multicultural influences. At Thursday Island we also have free time to explore all the island has to offer, including Gab Titui Cultural Centre and local shopping.

DAY 11: ARRIVE HORN ISLAND OR CAIRNS

Disembark in Horn Island at 8:00am
Disembark in Cairns at 8:00am

TRIP LOG

"Today was a perfect geological contrast; we would be visiting one of each of the two main types of island we have on the Great Barrier Reef; Forbes, an example of a continental shelf island, and Magra, an example of a coral cay. The former we visited in the morning. Here we crossed over a coral reef forming a literal barrier to the bay. We landed on a beautiful sand island and Tom our guest lecturer took the group off to visit Lancasters lonely grave. Meanwhile, the first of our guests ventured into the clear calm water for a snorkel. While the reef wasn't the most colourful, there were fish to be seen, including a huge guitarfish, a large type of ray. Upon return to the ship we had lunch, and this was followed by me giving a talk on the common groups of fish encountered on the coral reef, including Butterflyfish, Angelfish, Parrotfish, Wrasse, the Damselfish (including Nemos!), and Surgeonfish & Tang."

LEA McQUINLLAN > FORBES & MAGRA, 8 APRIL 2021

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2024 DEPARTURES & FARES

CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND

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11 Nights - Departs Cairns & Darwin

Date	Theme	Departs	Vessel
31 March 2024		Cairns	<i>Coral Discoverer</i>
09 October 2024		Darwin	<i>Coral Discoverer</i>

2024: *Coral Discoverer*

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$21,110	\$16,990	n/a	\$14,650	\$13,480
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$22,860*	n/a	n/a

TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK

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10 Nights - Departs Cairns & Horn Island

Date	Departs
21 October 2024	Cairns
31 October 2024	Horn Island

2024 Rates: *Coral Discoverer*

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$16,020	\$14,880	n/a	\$12,590	\$11,450
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$20,595*	n/a	n/a

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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.

2025 DEPARTURES & FARES

CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND

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11 Nights - Departs Cairns & Darwin

Date	Theme	Departs	Vessel
1 April 2025		Cairns	<i>Coral Discoverer</i>
05 October 2025		Darwin	<i>Coral Adventurer</i>

2025: *Coral Discoverer*

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$21,110	\$16,990	n/a	\$14,650	\$13,480
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$22,860*	n/a	n/a

2025: *Coral Adventurer*

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$28,830	\$23,580	\$21,410	\$16,060	\$13,380
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$32,115*	\$24,090*	\$20,070*

TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK

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10 Nights - Departs Cairns & Horn Island

Date	Departs
24 October 2025	Cairns
03 November 2025	Horn Island

2024 Rates: *Coral Discoverer*

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$16,830	\$15,630	n/a	\$13,220	\$12,030
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$21,630*	n/a	n/a

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