

2023 - 2024 VOYAGES

GREAT BARRIER REEF

and TORRES STRAIT



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



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REMOTE REACHES OF THE REEF & CAPE YORK FOR TRUE EXPLORERS



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

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

Expedition Note

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

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

Voyages

- › **Outerknown Adventures on the Great Barrier Reef**
7 Nights | Departs November 2023 & 2024
- › **Torres Strait & Cape York**
10 Nights | Departs October 2024
- › **Citizen Science on the Great Barrier Reef**
14 Nights | Departs October 2023
10 Nights | Departs March 2024

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.

SailSAFE

Our Health & Safety Plan for guests & crew

Our SailSAFE Plan

It is always our priority to keep our guests and crew safe while travelling with us. We have put in place a range of tested and proven protocols to manage our expeditions in a world in which COVID-19 exists. We have partnered with Respond Global, a specialist medical advisory agency, to develop this system which is among the most thorough in the world.

Our key focus is on preventative measures where our protocol includes mandatory vaccination and COVID-19 testing for all guests and crew prior to boarding. Once on board, we have adopted a wide range of mitigation actions and a response plan which is approved by authorities in the regions in which we operate. Our plan is supported by Standard Operation Procedures, developed for each vessel requirements specific to the cruise destination.

We have maintained a high standard of safety and guest comfort for 40 years - a record we are proud of.

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OUTERKNOWN ADVENTURES ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

CAIRNS > CAIRNS

7 NIGHTS | NOVEMBER 2023 & 2024

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Expedition Highlights

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

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ITINERARY: 7 NIGHTS > CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS

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

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

FITZROY ISLAND

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

SUDBURY CAY

Arrive at Sudbury Cay, a tiny sand cay that barely rises above the Coral Sea. Far removed from civilisation, we enjoy sunset drinks and the company of like-minded explorers as we relax and watch the sun gently sink below the horizon.

MACKAY REEF & CAY

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

COOKTOWN

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

LIZARD ISLAND

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

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

OSPREY REEF

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

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

RIBBON REEFS

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

DAY 8: ARRIVE CAIRNS

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

IMAGES 1 Cooks Look hike, credit Phil Warring | 2 Snorkelling over the reef, Mackay Reef | 3 Fitzroy Island | 4 Male yellow-breasted Sunbird on Lizard Island

QUESTING AFTER THE GREAT 8

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Yellow Fusiliers at the Ribbon Reefs

TRIP LOG

"Arriving early at the outer reef, the expedition team headed out to find the best snorkelling locations for guests to get a taste of the Great Barrier Reef in all its glory. During the morning snorkel we visited the south end of Ribbon Reef #5. Once the boat was moored, we were greeted by schools of trevally hunting on the reef edge over the drop off. Planktivorous fusiliers hovered in the blue scooping up particles drifting by. A number of guests availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the crystal clear waters enjoying a scuba dive along the reef wall. Grey reef sharks patrolled the deeper waters while inquisitive whitetip reef sharks cruised across the top of the reef flat. A second snorkel site at the northern end of Ribbon Reef #5 displayed all the grandeur of the reef edge of the Great Barrier Reef. Upon entering the water, we were greeted by giant sweetlips and groupers. Once again, a variety of reef sharks skirted the edge of the reef. Coral cover was spectacular showing strong signs of recovery after recent disturbances."

DAMON RAMSEY > RIBBON REEF #5, 2 JANUARY 2022

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Emily Fosbury
Expedition Leader

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

TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK

CAIRNS & HORN ISLAND
10 NIGHTS | OCTOBER 2024

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Expedition Highlights

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

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ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > BETWEEN CAIRNS & HORN ISLAND

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS OR HORN ISLAND

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

DAYS 2-10:

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

REMOTE OSPREY REEF

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

STANLEY ISLAND & DAVIE REEF

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



Tom Collis
Guest Lecturer

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

FORBES & RESTORATION ISLANDS

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

TIP OF CAPE YORK: 'PAJINKA'

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

TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

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

DAY 11: ARRIVE HORN ISLAND OR CAIRNS

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



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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CITIZEN SCIENCE ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

CAIRNS > CAIRNS

14 NIGHTS | 23 OCTOBER 2023

PARTNER VOYAGE



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Expedition Highlights

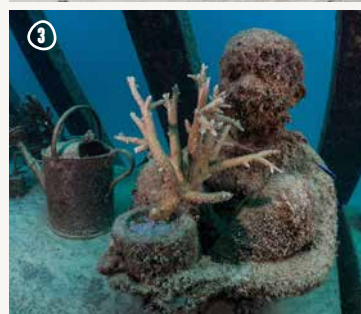
- > Gain valuable insights from onboard Master Reef Guide Katie Tuesley and expert host Adam Smith who will share scientific and conservation knowledge of the reef and its many species
- > Learn about the important mission and work of Turtle Rehabilitation Centre on Fitzroy Island
- > Meet with resident scientific researchers at Lizard Island Research Station to learn about projects that are making a difference in the conservation of the Great Barrier Reef and Coral Sea Marine Park
- > Contribute your observations of native birds to BirdLife Australia, an ever-growing collection of bird observations that track, record and share biodiversity knowledge
- > Participate in scientific and conservation efforts to monitor and research marine biodiversity through programs including Eye on the Reef, GBRMPA Sightings Network, Coral Watch and Mangrove Watch
- > Snorkel and dive at John Brewer Reef, home to the largest installation of Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA)
- > Dive and snorkel in clear waters at remote Holmes, Tregosse and Diamond reefs to encounter a wide variety of marine life

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ITINERARY: 14 NIGHTS > CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS

Arrive at Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal to board Coral Discoverer at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure. Meet your fellow travellers at the complimentary Captain's Welcome Drinks as we sail towards Fitzroy Island for our first day's adventure.

DAYS 1-14: *Our Great Barrier Reef itineraries are flexible, to take advantage of changing weather and reef conditions. Below is a selection of the key destinations we visit.*

FITZROY ISLAND

At Fitzroy Island, enjoy a walk through the Secret Garden rainforest, or for the more adventurous, a walk to the decommissioned lighthouse will reward hikers with panoramic views of Coral Sea, islands and mainland mountain ranges. Visit the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, a non-profit dedicated to the care of sick and injured turtles. Snorkel over the fringing reef, relax on the beach and lend a hand to the volunteers at the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre.

MACKAY REEF & CAY

This afternoon, enjoy more spectacular diving and snorkelling opportunities at Mackay Reef. The shallow and protected reef is home to many sea turtles, giant clams, fish and vibrant coral gardens of soft and hard varieties. Enjoy the pristine underwater conditions and wildlife sightings while participating in citizen science field programs.

LIZARD ISLAND

Visit the Lizard Island Research Station, operated by the Australian Museum to facilitate coral reef research and education on the Great Barrier Reef. Additionally, take in the beauty of the island on a hike to the summit of Cook's Look and enjoy the same view Lt. James Cook did when searching for safe passage through the maze of coral reefs. Snorkel over giant clam gardens from the beach at Watson's Bay, relax on the white-sand beach beneath shady she oak trees and learn about the tragic story surrounding Mary Watson.

OSPREY REEF

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HOLMES REEF

Located to the west of Cairns, Holmes Reef is a remote reef home to colourful corals and diverse marine life. Jump in for a wall dive on Golden Wall, The Cathedral and The Abyss that all drop 1km deep. Snorkel to see two giant pinnacles that host a beautiful array of soft corals and reef fish, sharks, stingrays and turtles with nature interpretation from our expert team. Enjoy the pristine underwater conditions and wildlife sightings while participating in citizen science field programs.

HERALD CAY

Herald Cay is a natural paradise located some 200 nautical miles eastward into the Coral Sea from Townsville and Cairns. It featured in a scientific study conducted by the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland in 1977, which uncovered a total of 125 wildlife species. Along fringing white sand beaches, spy hermit crabs and large numbers of juvenile red-footed booby terns overhead. Dive, snorkel and nature walk to view birdlife and enjoy the serenity of this remote location while participating in citizen science field programs.

TREGROSSE REEF & DIAMOND REEF

Here, the bright blue waters surround the sandy cay with its scraggy green top commonly swarming with sea birds. This wildlife haven is home to sociable hermit crabs and turtle sightings are common. On our visit here, dive, snorkel, beachcomb and climb the navigation tower for an elevated view of this wild and remote seascape.

MAGNETIC ISLAND

With a unique biodiversity, bushland walks and granite boulders, Magnetic Island is a true nature lover's paradise. Interestingly, the island earned its name from Lt James Cook in 1770 when he believed the Endeavor's magnetic compass was affected by the island. On our visit here, enjoy beachcombing on the stretches of sandy beach, spot koala's in the trees and enjoy nature walks.

JOHN BREWER REEF

Home to the largest installation of the Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) created by artist Jason DeCaires Taylor, the reef is a unique diving opportunity. The 25 sculptures made of pH neutral materials to support coral growth shares a message of reef conservation and restoration. On our visit here, snorkel, dive and participate in citizen science field programs.

ORPHEUS ISLAND

Orpheus Island is located some 125km north of Townsville and is known for its natural beauty with several National Parks and fringing reefs. The only way to access the island is by helicopter or private charter. Sightings of reef sharks and green turtles alongside manta rays and humpback whales are possible here, depending on the season. During our visit here, enjoy the serenity of this secluded location while participating in citizen science field programs.

YAMACUTTA REEF

Yamacutta Reef lies approximately 50km off the coast of Mission Beach. The isolated reef offers panoramic blue horizon views. On our visit here, explore the clear waters that teem with marine life by snorkelling, diving and kayaking while participating in citizen science field programs.

SUDBURY CAY

Sudbury Cay is a small sand cay that barely rises above the Coral Sea and is far removed from the bustle of civilisation. Here we slip off our shoes and feel the sand between our toes as the tropical waters of the Coral Sea lap gently against the shoreline. Surrounded by glistening sea and bathed in the glow of twilight, we enjoy sunset drinks and the company of like-minded explorers as we relax and watch the sun gently sink below the horizon.

ARRIVE CAIRNS

Arrive at Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal at 7:30am for disembarkation at 8:00am. Post cruise transfers to Cairns CBD and airport are available while transfers to the Northern Beaches or Port Dougals can be arranged on board with the Purser prior to disembarkation.



Adam Smith of Reef Ecologic Special Guest Lecturer

With 30 years of experience as a marine scientist, marine park manager and environmental consultant, Adam is a bonafide reef expert and acting Director of Reef Ecologic Pty Ltd. The organisation is on the cutting edge of coral reef science, management and policy, providing insight and strategic actions to build a sustainable future. Adam will share his wealth of knowledge about the Great Barrier Reef as we venture to the most remote reaches of this extraordinary marine sanctuary.

CITIZEN SCIENCE ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

BRISBANE > CAIRNS
10 NIGHTS | 19 March 2024

PARTNER VOYAGE



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Expedition Highlights

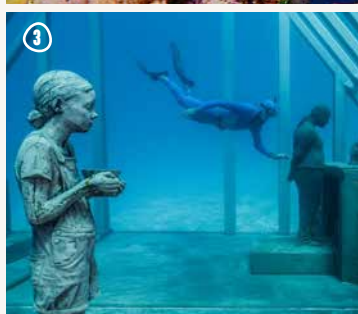
- > Visit the Mon Repos Turtle Centre and enjoy a ranger guided Turtle Tracks and Tales walk exploring the conservation park and learn about turtle conservation, research, turtle tracks and nesting sites
- > Experience the work of dedicated marine scientists in Coral Reef Studies at the oldest and largest marine research station on the Great Barrier Reef, Heron Island Research Station
- > Learn about the Coral Restoration Program and how corals are planted and rejuvenated across the Great Barrier Reef
- > Snorkel and dive at John Brewer Reef, home to the largest installation of Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) sharing in a message of reef conservation and restoration
- > Lend a hand to the volunteers at the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, where sick and injured turtles are cared for before being returned to the wild
- > Meet and learn about how you can collaborate with the Project Manta team, a multidisciplinary research collaboration focusing on the population ecology and biology of manta rays within Australian waters
- > Participate in scientific and conservation efforts to monitor and research marine biodiversity through programs including Eye on the Reef, GBRMPA Sightings Network, Coral Watch and Mangrove Watch

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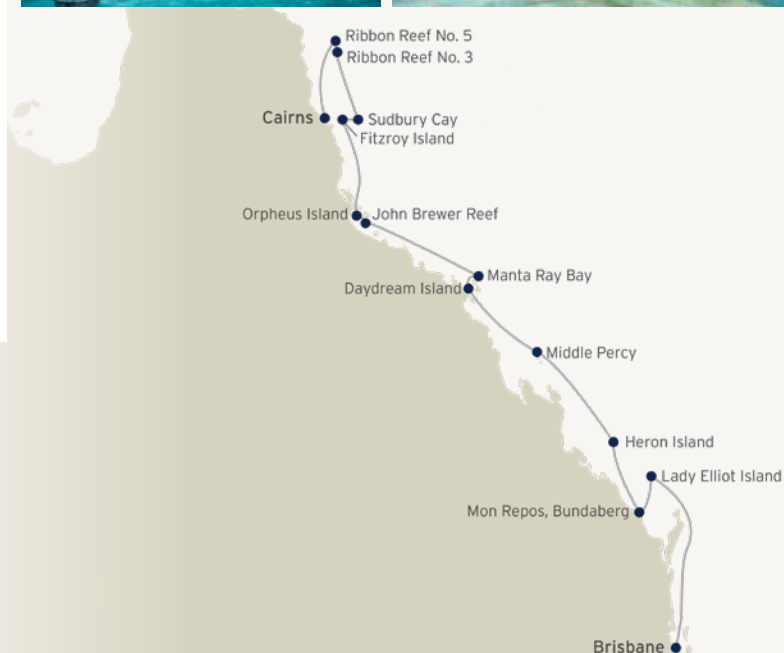
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ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > BRISBANE TO CAIRNS

DEPART BRISBANE

Board *Coral Discoverer* at 8:00am for our 9:00am cast off from Brisbane Cruise Terminal. Settle into your stateroom and mingle with fellow guests and crew at the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

DAYS 1-10: *Our Great Barrier Reef itineraries are flexible, to take advantage of changing weather and reef conditions. Below is a selection of the key destinations we visit.*

LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

Located at the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef, Lady Elliot Island is a coral cay which serves as a sanctuary for over 1,200 species of marine life. Situated in the 'green zone' the island is protected and hosts Project Manta - the research program run by the University of Queensland. Since 2007, Project Manta has been closely monitoring the biology and ecology of the manta rays here. Each manta ray has unique ventral markings, similar to a human fingerprint, and photo-identification of these markings are a primary method of observing the population. On our visit here, learn about Lady Elliot Island's pivotal role in Project Manta and enjoy kayaking, snorkelling, diving and citizen science activities.

MON REPOS, BUNDERBERG

Visit Mon Repos Turtle Centre, the only ranger-guided turtle encounter opportunity on the east-coast and key researcher in turtle conservation, specifically the endangered Loggerhead turtles that frequent the Mon Repos beach. Explore the conservation park and learn all about the wildlife conservation activities that take place here. On a ranger guided excursion, you can witness an ancient life cycle of the animal kingdom as majestic sea turtles make their journey to the shore to lay their eggs and then delight at the sight of their young, hatching weeks later, and making their perilous journey to the sea.

HERON ISLAND

Heron Island is one of the major sea turtle nesting sites on the Great Barrier Reef. Located 80km from Gladstone, the island has a long history, now divided into three sections: the resort, research station and National Park. Tour the marine research station - the oldest and largest on the Great Barrier Reef - where staff will provide insights into research process and the inner workings of the station. Get up close to the marine life by touch tank and enjoy kayaking, snorkelling, diving and citizen science activities here.

MIDDLE PERCY

Middle Percy Island has a colourful history - it has seen famous visitors, including Errol Flynn, and for many years was a leasehold duty-bound to providing fresh water and supplies to passing sailors. The island still has its famous 'A-frame', where visitors could take shelter and find supplies. Go ashore at West Bay beach and visit the A-Frame where Robin and Annie, the island's caretakers, will share some of the history and stories of the island. Enjoy a guided walk, a swim at West Bay, snorkelling and, if the tide permits, a zodiac cruise through the shallow marine nursery of the lagoon.

DAYDREAM ISLAND & MANTA RAY BAY

After a cyclone impacted reefs in the Whitsundays, Reef Ecologic, in partnership with the local community and tourism industry began a reef restoration project with the creation of coral nurseries. On our visit, learn about the Coral Restoration Program projects and observe how the corals are planted and rejuvenated. We will also enjoy kayaking, snorkelling, diving and citizen science activities such as working with Reef Ecologic to assist in coral planting.

JOHN BREWER REEF

Also known as the 'coral greenhouse', John Brewer Reef is in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The reef is notably home to the largest Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) installation with the first underwater building created by sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor. The display aims to aid in the education of reef restoration and allow for a unique learning opportunity through snorkelling or diving the installation. Divers will have the opportunity to explore the display, while snorkellers will enjoy time at the lagoon and reef where turtles and rays are commonly present.

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RIBBON REEFS #3 & #5

The Ribbon Reefs are a narrow line of outer coral reefs on the edge of the continental shelf and are renowned for their prolific marine life and extensive coral species. Enjoy the rare opportunity to snorkel and dive on the Ribbon Reefs which sit on the edge of the continental shelf.

Due to their location far offshore from the Australian coast, the Ribbon Reefs offer excellent diving and snorkelling opportunities, with Ribbon Reef #3 & #5 are a favourite for its wide variety of marine life and pinnacles cloaked in coral. Join a guided snorkel tour led by our expert Master Reef and witness this extraordinary ecosystem up close. These northern reefs are renowned for spotting iconic marine species such as potato cod, wrasse, sharks, and turtles. Get involved in the Eye on the Reef program as we conduct species surveys during a number of snorkel experiences here.

ARRIVE CAIRNS

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7 Nights - Departs Cairns - Arrives Cairns

Date

07 November 2023

14 November 2023

21 November 2023

2023 Rates: Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$8,210	\$6,610	n/a	\$5,700	\$5,240
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$8,880*	n/a	n/a

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14 Nights - Departs Cairns - Arrives Cairns

2023 Rates: Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$18,890	\$15,280	n/a	\$13,180	\$12,130
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$20,460*	n/a	n/a

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

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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, which 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.

2024 DEPARTURES & FARES

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7 Nights - Departs Cairns - Arrives Cairns

Date

11 November 2024

18 November 2024

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	\$8,370	\$6,740	n/a	\$5,810	\$5,340
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$9,060*	n/a	n/a

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10 Nights - Departs Cairns & Horn Island

Date

Departs

21 October 2024

Cairns

31 October 2024

Horn Island

Rates: Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$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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10 Nights - Departs Brisbane - Arrives Cairns

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	\$13,490	\$10,990	n/a	\$9,490	\$8,990
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$14,235*	n/a	n/a

INCLUSIONS

- > All excursions with our Expedition Team
- > Use of Xplorer and Zodiacs
- > 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

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CORAL DISCOVERER

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

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

Coral Discoverer is a purpose-built for comfortable ocean voyages and for exploring remote areas inaccessible to larger cruise ships. The ship's lightweight Xplorer expedition tender extends the capabilities of the ship by allowing deeper exploration on shore excursions and an easy, step-on embarkation from the ship's main deck. *Coral Discoverer* also features active stabilisers for ocean cruising alongside advanced navigation and propulsion systems.

As an Australian flagged and crewed vessel, you can expect the highest standard of service, environmental responsibility and the intimate and personal experience of small-ship cruising on *Coral Discoverer*.

Features

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

Stateroom Categories

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

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IMAGES 1 Coral Discoverer at anchor on the Reef | 2 Guided rainforest walks | 3 Scuba skills lesson, Lizard Island | 4 Beach interpretation with our marine biologist

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FEWER THAN
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