

# DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR VOYAGE TO CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND



## > YOUR PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: CAIRNS TO DARWIN

The Cape York and Arnhem Land expedition is a fascinating tapestry that immerses keen explorers in the very best of Australia's northern coastline.

Guests onboard will explore the islands of the northern Great Barrier Reef, enjoy sunrise at the very 'Tip of Australia' at Cape York, before venturing to Cobourg Peninsula and exploring the rarely visited Tiwi Islands.

Join us aboard *Coral Discoverer* in Cairns for a remarkable 11-night voyage of discovery. Develop a rich understanding of the diverse culture in these areas and explore pristine seascapes as we make passage for Darwin through the remote eastern and northern Australian coastlines.

Coral Expeditions would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the regions we visit in Queensland and Northern Territory and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

### OUR RANGE OF EXPEDITIONS INCLUDE

- > The Kimberley > The Great Barrier Reef > Cape York, Arnhem Land & Torres Strait > Australia's South Coast > Australia's West Coast
- > Tasmania > New Zealand > Papua New Guinea & Micronesia
- > Raja Ampat & Spice Islands > Komodo, Sulawesi & Borneo
- > Small Islands of the Indian Ocean > Japan & The Philippines

### INCLUSIONS

- > All excursions with our Expedition Team
- > Use of Xplorers 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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# SailSAFE

Our Health & Safety Plan for guests & crew



## Welcome to our SailSAFE Plan

It is always our priority to keep our guests and crew safe while travelling with us. In the environment of COVID-19 we want our guests and crew to have confidence that their safety and wellbeing have been thoroughly considered.

We have put in place a range of tested and proven protocols to manage our expeditions in a world in which COVID-19 exists.

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 that is approved by authorities in the regions in which we operate. Our plan is supported by Standard Procedures, developed for each vessel requirements specific to the cruise destination.

We have maintained a high standard of safety and guest comfort for almost four decades - a record we are proud of.

As one of the first cruise lines to return to operations globally in October 2020, we have safely operated over 100 voyages under SailSAFE and accumulated significant expertise in operating in this environment. We trust this SailSAFE Plan offers you peace of mind as you plan your explorations of Australia's coastline and the world with Coral Expeditions.

## Before You Cruise

We ask for your help to keep yourself and your fellow travellers safe, both before and during your cruise. We require mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for all guests and crew. To prepare for your voyage, ensure you have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Following the SailSAFE Plan please complete the following pre-cruise actions:

- Personal Link Questions**  
We require all guests to answer the questions and declarations on the personal link [HERE](#). At your earliest convenience, access the link using your booking number and surname. Mandatory questions include Vaccination Status, Medi-Vac agreement and SailSAFE declaration.
- Pre-Travel - Reduce Your Risk**  
We ask that all guests and crew self-isolate to the extent possible for at least 7 days prior to departure of their cruise. We suggest the following approach:
  - Conduct only essential activities outside of your home
  - Avoid exposure to indoor public spaces and transport
  - Avoid large social gatherings
  - Wear a mask whilst travelling in public transport and in terminals
  - Wash hands regularly
  - Physical distance in public spaces
- Pre-Boarding Check-In & Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)**  
All guests and crew must conduct a RAT test within 24 hours of departure, with a negative result required for boarding. Self-Reporting RAT: Guests are required to self-administer a COVID Rapid Antigen Test within 24 hours prior to arriving at the check-in venue, and upload a photo of the results through our dashboard [HERE](#). This allows you to conduct the test privately, and avoids last-minute uncertainty at the check-in venue. Check-In Venue: Guests must arrive at the designated venue for check-in and clearance prior to embarkation. Guests will also complete a RAT test at the check-in venue.

Please call 1800 079 545 if you require assistance.

Each passenger must complete a separate form, including children.

We thank you for your help in assisting us to create an environment where we can protect our guests and crew.

SMALL SHIPS  
FEWER THAN  
**120 GUESTS**

**VACCINATED**  
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CREW

REMOTE  
**NATURE-BASED**  
EXPEDITIONS

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**SAILSAFE**  
PLAN

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about Indigenous culture and maritime history at Cooktown and Stanley Island
- Visit Thursday Island and learn about the cultures of the Torres Strait
- Enjoy an Xplorer ride through the Hole in the Wall, Gugari Rip, which marks where one island was split into two in the last ice age
- Cruise the Arnhem Land coast, once the trading ground of the Makassan people
- 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
- Visit the spectacular Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre at Yirrkala



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS

Arrive this afternoon at the Cairns Pullman International Hotel, from 3:00pm, meet with the Coral Expeditions team and check-in for your expedition cruise. Pre-cruise transfers will be provided following check-in. Board at Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

Enjoy dinner on board and a chance to meet your fellow travellers as we set sail northwards. This evening join guests and the friendly crew as we enjoy the Captain's welcome drinks and sit down to the first of many delicious dinners.

### DAYS 2-11:

*This itinerary is an indication to the destinations we visit and activities on offer. Throughout the expeditions we may make changes to the itinerary as necessary to maximise your expeditionary experience. Allowances may be made for seasonal variations, weather, tidal conditions and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel.*

*Access to the remote indigenous communities of Arnhem land region is subject to approval by authorities. Some access permits are not currently being issued for the purposes of recreation and tourism, however this may change by the time of cruise departure in line with health management initiatives.*

### 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 and 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 HMB Endeavour near Cooktown over 250 years ago. A photographer's delight, the views from the lookout over the World Heritage-listed reef and surrounding tropical islands are magnificent. Later, snorkel over giant clam gardens in the lagoon.

### STANLEY ISLAND (YINDAYIN) & DAVIE REEF

Visit Stanley Island (Yindayin) 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 & PIPER ISLANDS

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.

Piper Islands National Park for beach combing and wildlife viewing. The Piper group consists of five islands (Beesley, Baird,

Farmer and Fisher islands and Kay Islet) that lie off the north-east coast of the Cape York Peninsula. These low and vegetated cays are home to many species of birds and is recognised by Bird Life International as an Important Bird Area.

### NORTHERNMOST POINT: CAPE YORK (PAJINKA) & THURSDAY ISLAND

This morning for sunrise we head ashore to the Tip of Cape York, the northernmost point of mainland Australia and a true 'bucket list' destination. Sip Champagne and explore the surrounds as the sun rises.

At Thursday Island embark on a coach tour to view the many sites of this historic and culturally diverse island. Disembark at the Japanese Pearl Divers Memorial, and at the monument to Bernard Namok Senior who designed the Torres Strait Islands Flag. Visit and purchase art from the Gab Titui Cultural Centre where fine examples of Torres Strait art are displayed, and view exciting cultural performances.

### CRUISING THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA

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

### YIRRKALA ART CENTRE & BREMER ISLAND

Visit the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre at Yirrkala, outside of Nhulunbuy. The centre represents Yolnu artists from around the region.

Established in 1976 as an act of self-determination, the art centre has forged a vibrant path for Yolnu contemporary art. The museum built in 1988 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.

### HOLE IN THE WALL AND WESSEL ISLANDS

We travel by the narrow channel between Raragala and Guluwuru Islands, known as the 'Hole in the Wall'. Board the Xplorer to get a closer look by cruising through the Gugari Rip, which marks where one island was split into two in the last ice age.

Enjoy presentations by our guest lecturers. You will hear about the fascinating history of the Makassan traders and early explorers of the Arnhem Land coast.

### 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.

## ITINERARY CONTUNUED

### TIWI ISLANDS - PIRLANGIMPI & WURRUMIYANGA

On Melville Island, learn about both traditional and contemporary art on a visit to wholly Indigenous owned Munupi Arts at Pirlangimpi. We will have the opportunity to purchase traditional Tiwi artworks including paintings, fabrics, carving, pottery and clothing.

Experience a traditional welcome ceremony and morning tea (damper and billy tea). On a guided tour, learn of the culture and history of the Tiwis as we explore the museum and the old mission precinct.

Visit Tiwi Design, one of the oldest and most artistically diverse art centres in Australia and produces ochre paintings on canvas and bark, ironwood carvings, screen printed fabrics, ceramics, bronze/glass sculptures and limited edition prints. Under the guidance of a local artist, enjoy an afternoon art session to create your own artwork to take home.

### DAY 12: ARRIVE DARWIN

Arrive and disembark at Darwin's Fort Hill Wharf at 08:30am. Post cruise transfers to CBD hotels or the airport are included. If you're not transferring directly to the airport why not spend the day enjoying the tropical city of Darwin with its landscaped waterfront and harbourside Wave Pool.



**Goyma Gondarra**  
*Guest Lecturer*

Goyma is member of the Golumala Clan from Yolngu people of North East Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. Golumala people had a close association with the Makassan trepangers from Sulawesi for many hundreds of years before European colonisation of Australia. Goyma's education pathway began in Arnhem Land at Shepherdson College, Galiwinku and Raymangirr School on Arnhem Bay. He later moved to Darwin to begin secondary and enhance his use of English in order to translate his culture in future to the outside world. Most of his secondary education took place in Fiji where he was absorbed into a separate culture, with many parallels to the Yolngu culture.

[Read more >](#)



**Ian Morris**  
*Guest Lecturer*

Zoologist, educator, conservationist and author, Ian has worked with Coral Expeditions since 1987. Following a decade in East Arnhem Land, he was engaged as a ranger training officer with the beginning of the federal government's first Indigenous joint land management project - Kakadu National Park. Today, Ian continues his work promoting the magic of the bush as an NT-based environmental consultant working with schools, universities and nature documentary makers like the BBC Natural History Unit and National Geographic Society. Ian speaks Djambarrpynu, Warramirri and Gupapynu - all local Indigenous languages visited on the Cape York & Arnhem Land itineraries.

[Read more >](#)



Stanley Island rock art

## THE CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND REGION

### WEATHER

April is a transitional month in the tropical northern regions of Australia, marking the end of the wet season and the beginning of the dry season. As such, there can be some instability with weather patterns at this time of year - rain is possible but so are calm, sunny days. Daily temperatures will range from low to mid 30 degree Celsius, and the evenings will have lows in the mid to low 20s. It will still be quite humid at this time of year, although dropping off from the summer months.

### SEA CONDITIONS

For much of your Cape York & Arnhem Land cruise, we steam close to the coast or travel through the protection of the Great Barrier Reef. When travelling through more open waters, such as the Gulf of Carpentaria, there is always the possibility of more moderate-rough conditions - this is the case at any time of year. April is a cross over time between wet and dry season so wind and sea conditions can be a bit unpredictable. The Captain and Purser will ensure all guests are aware of daily cruising conditions and take the appropriate measures for safety and seasickness prevention.

## ACTIVITIES ON YOUR EXPEDITION

### TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS ROCK ART

View the Endaen Aboriginal rock art gallery at Stanley Island; this is a unique art site seldom visited due to its isolated location that depicts sailing ships of the last century. We may also have the opportunity to view a rock art site near Somerset, depending on the tide.

### SWIMMING AND SNORKELLING OPPORTUNITIES

There will be 3-4 swimming/snorkelling opportunities on this itinerary at Lizard Island, Davie Reef, Forbes Island and Bremer Island (subject to weather conditions). Please note scuba diving is not offered on this itinerary.

### WALKS & HIKES

Most walks are leisurely strolls along beaches, however, there are some more strenuous walks on offer.

There are some more moderate-to-difficult walks on offer, including those at Stanley Island, which range in duration from a half hour to three hours, often with steep and hot conditions. An alternative excursion will be offered in place of these higher impact walks, such as a cruise in the Xplorer tender vessel to observe wildlife or a short and easy walk along the beach or a boardwalk. The Expedition Team will always advise walking conditions and mobility requirements for each excursion.

It is important that you advise Reservations and later, the Expedition Team, if you have any mobility issues. We may need to plan to accommodate the restrictions you may face.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PURCHASES

Guests have the opportunity to purchase art work for local indigenous artists. EFTPOS is commonly available, and they are also accepting of cash.

## YOUR EXPEDITION PHOTOS

Following your expedition, you will receive a link by email to download the images taken throughout your voyage by our Expedition Team. If you do not receive your link, please contact our office to provide your email address.

## HEALTH & MOBILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

To fully enjoy this expedition, all guests should be in good general health, be able to walk reasonable distances over sometimes uneven terrain and stand during excursions. Should you have any physical limitations please notify us in advance of your departure. It is also advisable to carry with you an up-to-date record of your allergies or any chronic medical issues and the telephone number for your physician's 24-hour answering service.

To avoid dehydration, we recommend guests "sip" water throughout the day and always carry a bottle of water when off the ship.

## ONBOARD PURCHASES

We now offer two wine selections that guests may purchase in addition to our new house selection of wines. These packages showcase contemporary choices of Australian wines and French Champagne.

A Taste of Australia Selection	6 Bottles	\$280.00
Connoisseur Selection	6 Bottles	\$400.00

Our Cruise Collection merchandise, including expedition gear, is also available for purchase in our onboard gift shop.

## WI-FI

Over the coming months our fleet is undergoing an upgrade of our satellite connectivity systems. This may lead to disruptions to our connectivity at times. **We will be providing all guests onboard complimentary wifi through this period.** As a result of possible service interruptions, we advise all guests to be prepared and where possible to download any reading or viewing files prior to boarding and to avoid reliance on service for any important personal needs you may have during the voyage period. We further recommend a domestic or international data roaming SIM be carried by guests who have specific access needs at times we are in service range.

## WHARF & TRANSFER INFORMATION

### CAIRNS DEPARTURES & TRANSFER INFORMATION

**Pre-cruise:** Coral Expeditions will provide a complimentary pre cruise transfer from the Pullman International to the wharf. Meet the Coral Expeditions team for check in from 3:00pm with a transfer and boarding at 4:00pm.

**Depart: Cairns - Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal**  
(berth to be advised)

**Post-cruise:** A complimentary transfer is provided to CBD hotels or the airport.

**Arrival: Darwin - Fort Hill Wharf**

## SUGGESTED READINGS

- *Cairns: Reef to Rainforest* - Peter Jarver
- *The Great Barrier Reef* - James Bowen & Margarita Bowen
- *The Great Barrier Reef* - Len Zell
- *Endeavour: The Ship and the attitude that changed the World* - Peter Moore
- *Australia: The Land Where Time Began* - M.H. Monroe
- *Donald Thomson in Arnhem Land* - Donald Thomson
- *Carpentaria* - Alexis Wright
- *Singing the Coast* - Margaret Sommerville and Tony Perkins
- *The Fethafoot Chronicles* - Pemulway Weeatunga



## PACKING CHECKLIST

### PACKING TIPS

Due to the warm, tropical climate of this region, guests should pack lightweight clothing which can be layered. While daytime conditions will likely be warm, the ship is well air-conditioned and can be cool in the afternoon/evenings. Wet-landings are common and pants which can be rolled up, shorts or a cotton skirt/dress are ideal. A lightweight long-sleeved shirt will help provide protection from the sun or any mosquitoes. Comfortable walking shoes and wet landing shoes such as reef walkers, Texas or old sneakers are recommended. The below packing tips will make packing for your expedition very simple.

### LANDINGS AND EXCURSIONS:

- Small day pack to take on excursions for water or photography equipment and other supplies - preferably waterproof (available for purchase onboard)
- Preferred supplies to stay hydrated: hydralyte powder/tablets for your water bottle, Camelbak or hydration pack
- Sunhat with brim (available for purchase onboard)
- Swimsuit and/or board shorts (for swimming opportunities)
- Sunglasses
- Comfortable, broken-in walking shoes or light hiking boots
- Wet landing shoes such as reef walkers or Texas (see image)
- Comfortable pants, shorts or fitness gear for walks in warm tropical conditions
- Long-sleeve shirt or rashie for sun protection
- Sunscreen & insect repellent - a supply is available onboard, however you may wish to bring your own. We recommend and supply Marine Friendly SPF 50+ sunscreen on board which is non-toxic to marine life.

### EXAMPLES OF WET LANDING SHOES



### ONBOARD:

- Sandals or casual shoes for onboard use
- Comfortable casual or smart-casual clothing
- Light long-sleeved shirt or jumper to layer
- Preferred personal hygiene products (additional to those amenities supplied onboard) and any prescription medications for the length of voyage

### LIST OF SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Neck Buff to soak in cool water before hikes
- Sunscreen, lip balm & insect repellent and sunburn relief products (eco-safe products recommended)
- Journal & pen or pencil
- Protective face mask as precautionary measure
- Hiking sticks for navigating uneven surfaces
- Hand sanitizer for use in remote populated areas (also available onboard)
- Long-sleeve shirt or rashie for sun protection (available for purchase onboard)
- Binoculars
- Camera with battery charger and memory cards
- Seasickness pills or bracelets if you are prone to seasickness
- Rain jacket, lightweight (available for purchase onboard)
- Earplugs and/or eye-shade for light sleepers
- Plug adapters or voltage converters

### PACK IN CARRY-ON:

- Prescription medication
- Extra pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses