

## WILD ISLANDS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA WITH CORAL ADVENTURER

On this 10-day voyage, Coral Geographer explores South Australia's islands and gulf waters, which are some of the best-kept secrets of the Australian coastline. With 5000km of deserted shoreline and more than 300 islands, this region offers a diversity of natural wilderness including spectacular bays, remote islands and stunning sea-cliffs. Best of all, it remains wild and unspoilt. Experience a real sense of adventure and a vast array of wildlife – many of the islands are important sanctuaries for birds, kangaroos, wallabies, seals and sea lions. Along the way, indulge in the tastes of South Australia with fresh local seafood and wines complemented with our traditional warm Australian hospitality.



#### ITINERARY

#### DEPART ADELAIDE

Arrive at the Lakes Resort Hotel Port Adelaide at 2:00pm to meet with the Coral Expeditions team for your for SailSAFE check-in. A pre-cruise transfer will then transport you to Coral Geographer for boarding at 4:00pm, ready to depart Adelaide at 5:00 pm. Settle into your cabin and familiarise yourself with the ship before your first delicious dinner as we cruise towards Kangaroo Island.

#### TROUBRIDGE ISLAND

Today we arrive at Yorke Peninsula's Troubridge Island, where we will enjoy a walk, circumnavigating the small sand cay island by Xplorer guided by our specialist Guest Lecturer and learn of the many birds which have made Troubridge their home. The island's Conservation Park is an important breeding area for birds and is home to a large colony of little penguins, black-faced cormorants, pacific gulls and crested terns – an ideal environment for bird enthusiasts. Visit the site of an operating lighthouse from 1856 until 2002 – the second lighthouse to be built in South Australia. Despite earthquake, fire and constant erosion of this island that continually moves and reshapes itself, the Troubridge Island Lighthouse has survived this far.

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#### ANTECHAMBER BAY & CAPE WILLOUGHBY - KANGAROO ISLAND

Antechamber Bay, located on the north coast of the Dudley Peninsula, is one of Kangaroo Island's finest coastal havens. The deserted, untouched long beach of the bay is where Chapman river meets the sea. The area is covered with Forest of gum trees and narrow-leaf mallee which makes the walk at Lashmar Conservation park truly a magnificent experience. At the other end of the bay, Cape Willoughby juts into the 'Backstairs Passage' - the narrow strait between Kangaroo Island and the Fleurieu Peninsula that was named by Matthew Flinders as the 'private entrance' to the two gulfs. Lighting this 14km wide strait is the Cape Willoughby Light Station. We will visit the Lighthouse keeper's cottage and learn of it's interesting stories and have opportunity to climb the Light house itself. In the grounds, we will do a loop walk from the Lighthouse to the beautiful smuggler's Cove and often the special KI wallaby are spotted along the way. Walks: > Cape Willoughby Light Station Heritage Walk (1 Hour Return, 1.9km, Moderate) A hike into the sheltered gully of the original light station settlement. An insight into how the early light keepers lived, with demanding routine and isolation heightened by the distance between their homes and the light house. Visit the Cape Willoughby Lighthouse (Sturt Light), the first lighthouse in South Australia. > Antechamber Bay Walk - (1 Hour Return, 4.2km One Way, Easy-Moderate) > Cape Willoughby Smuggler's Cove Walk (1 Hour Return, 1.5km one way, Easy) > Lashmar Conservation Park (1 Hour Return, 1km, Easy-Moderate)

#### WESTERN RIVER COVE - KANGAROO ISLAND

Today, land at isolated Western River Cove to visit the beautiful historic homestead. There may be an opportunity to meet the homestead owners and hear their stories. A walk along the ridge reveals spectacular views of the valley at the back of the property, and the beach offers excellent swimming. Weather permitting, visit beautiful Snug Cove. Later, cruise past the rarely viewed norther cliffs of Kangaroo Island towards Cape Borda.

#### **REEVESBY ISLAND**

Head to Reevesby Island, part of the Sir Joseph Banks Group; an archipelago on the eastern coast of the Eyre Peninsula. Accessible only by boat, this island is one of the largest of the group. Women played a major role in the island's history, especially in the early days leading up to the Great Depression. Take a hike around this important seabird breeding site and visit the homestead and machinery sheds. This beautiful chain of islands offers a range of sheltered bays, golden sand beaches and reefs teeming with marine life.

#### FLINDERS ISLAND

Located around 35kms from the Eyre Peninsula Coast, Flinders Island has a long history of sealing, whaling, and farming. Owned by the Woolford family since 1979, they run an established sheep farm, abalone harvesting business and are working to establish a safe haven for vulnerable native species. Meet the Woolford family to learn about the history and conservation projects on the island. Visit the Kapara shipwreck at Bryant's Bay, and stroll through the shearing sheds at the farm. Taste fresh abalone at Eyrewoolf Abalone. Walks: > Western River Cove Walk to Viewpoint (1 Hour, 2km Return, Moderate/Steep) A walk from the beach to the nearby historic Western River Homestead and the river valley beyond. While the beautiful homestead survived, the whole valley was heavily impacted by last summer's fires, with opportunity to look at the effects of these fires and the bushland recovery since. > Flinders Island Shearing Shed Walk (45mins, 1.3km Return, Easy) > Bryant's Bay & Kapara 1\. Sealing Ruins Walk (15mins, 500m,

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Easy) Walk (10mins, 500m. 2\. Kapara Boiler Moderate/Rocky-Sandy) 3\. Sheok Forrest Walk (30mins, 1.5km, Moderate) 4\. Cliff Walk (30mins, 1.5km, Hard/Rocky Climb-Walk)

#### COFFIN BAY

Bordered by sea and National Parks, Coffin Bay is a stunning destination. The pristine waters of the bays in this area are home to numerous pods of dolphins, sea lions, seals and many seabirds. Emus and kangaroos roam and the natural beauty of the turquoise sea, white sand dunes, and bright blue sky is a wonderful backdrop to our day's adventures. Here we will walk through the Coffin Bay National Park at Point Sir Isaac to get an understanding of the forests and environment - enjoy the interpretation of the heathlands, mallee forest and she-oak woodlands. Discover the tranquil bays, protected from the might of the Southern Ocean, and snorkel or kayak with the chance to spot some of the marine life. There is also the opportunity to enjoy an unforgettable wild cuisine experience - enjoy a small boat cruise along the oyster beds to collect and enjoy them fresh from the sea.

#### **BOSTON ISLAND**

Today we explore Boston Island, which lies between Port Lincoln and Cape Donington. Roughly 6km long, Boston Island is very hilly and has four beautiful beaches. Within the island landmass there is about 2,500 acres of grassy, hilly slopes with many sheep. Given its sheltered coastal aspect there is much birdlife on the island with Sea Eagles, Cape Barren Geese, Wedge Tailed and some 40 or so other species that make the island their home. Explore this important seabird breeding area, with walks along golden sand beaches and learn of the history of this island.

#### **CAPE DONINGTON & MACLAREN POINT**

A headland at the most northerly part of the Jussieu Peninsula on the east coast of Eyre Peninsula, Cape Donington is a great spot to enjoy refreshing sea views and rocky coastline. Take a dip at Cape Donington Beach before heading along the 2km trail over to September Beach. Keep an eye out for western grey kangaroos, emus or goannas near the Cape Donington lighthouse, or head out to Donington Island to view long-nosed fur seals or Australian sea lions from the Xplorer. Walks: > Donington Loop Hike - Lincoln National Park (2 Hour Return, 6.2km Circuit, Moderate) Admire offshore islands, granite outcrops and sandy beaches as you explore the Donington Peninsula, Populations of Australian Sea Lions and New Zealand Fur-seals inhabit Donington Island near the lighthouse. > Walk Donington September Beach (1 Hour Return, 2km, Easy) A short, easy hike with refreshing sea views and rocky coastlines. > Stamford Hill Hike to Woodcutter's Beach (1.5 Hour Return, 4km, Hard/Steep and Irregular surface) Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Lincoln National Park, Boston Bay and numerous offshore islands from the historic Flinders Monument at the top of Stamford Hill. A reasonably challenging hike, this trail has some moderate inclines but has a good trail surface.

#### PENNESHAW - KANGAROO ISLAND

As a secondary option, we may visit historical Penneshaw. Landing at Hogs Bay where we will learn of the history of Baudin and Flinders. Walks: > Kangaroo Island Sculpture Trail (1.5km, Easy) The trail is 1.5 km in length; an easy walk but with some steps, offers original artwork in a beautiful natural setting. > Fireball Bates Walking Trail (1-2 hours, 3km) George Bates, called Fireball because of his red hair, was one of the first settlers to Kangaroo Island. He joined a sealing expedition in 1823, jumping ship 13 years before settlers arrived. The trail

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#### begins at the now closed Kangaroo Island Gateway Visitor Information Centre and loops down to near the ferry and back. > Wallaby Track (3km, moderate) It's a 3 km return hike which follows a natural spring fed creek bed with naturally occurring waterfalls into limestone features. A little more challenging, so wear good sturdy walking shoes.

#### ARRIVE ADELAIDE

This morning we arrive into Adelaide at 7:30am for an 8:30am disembarkation.

#### Please Note:

This itinerary is indicative and we may make changes to the itinerary due to weather conditions.

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### **YOUR SHIP: CORAL ADVENTURER**

**Coral Adventurer** 

VESSEL TYPE: LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

Launched in 2018 withher maiden voyage in 2019, Coaral Adventurer has been designed and built to take you closer to unspoilt vistas in comfort, style and safety. A culmination of two years of design and three decades of passion for expedition cruising. BIGGER IS NOT BETTER At a time when cruise ships get larger and glitzier, we remain stubbornly compact and intimate. Our ships are designed to take you to unspoilt destinations not accessible to large ships. We want you to have the luxury of space, dine with whom you please, or find your quiet corner on deck. So Coral Adventurer has just 60 spacious cabins. This preserves the intimate atmosphere we are known for without sacrificing the stability and comfort of a true ocean going vessel. BUILT FOR DISCOVERY The Coral Adventurer features the trademark dual 'Xplorer' tenders cradled on a hydraulic platform slung off the back of the ship, enabling our guests to go ashore in comfort and ease. The shallow draft of the ship enables us to go closer to shore than larger ships. Together with a renowned expedition team, this new ship will offer the most advanced expedition capabilities of any small ship afloat. BUILT FOR COMFORT With active stabilisers dampening sea motion, mostly balcony cabins, and interiors designed with the colours and

textures of tropical Queensland, the Coral Adventurer is a comfortable ship. She features promenade decks, generous communal areas that accommodate all guests, a passenger elevator, and an open kitchen where you can observe our chefs whip up small batch cuisine from locally sourced ingredients. BUILT FOR PERSONAL SERVICE The Coral Adventurer will continue a proud tradition of Australian flagged vessels with friendly and professional Australian crew. The onboard atmosphere remains refreshingly informal and intimate. Take your seat at our bridge lounge, chat with the captain at your leisure or accompany our chefs on a market tour. Food and wine features Single seating dining area with communal 'wine table' finished with Australian stone; serving buffet breakfast and lunch, and multi-course table d'hote dinners Showcase galley visible to guests for fresh small-batch cuisine featuring Australian produce Multiple indoor and outdoor bars, including the Explorer bar on the sundeck for sunset drinks with 180 degree views Curated wine cellar featuring modestly priced boutique wines for daily drinking and exceptional vintage Australian reds. Guest comfort All outside guest cabins with en-suite bathrooms; majority have private balcony Active stabilisers to dampen sea motion Gym equipped with elliptical trainers and treadmills Passenger elevator Wi-Fi available in all

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## PRICING

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