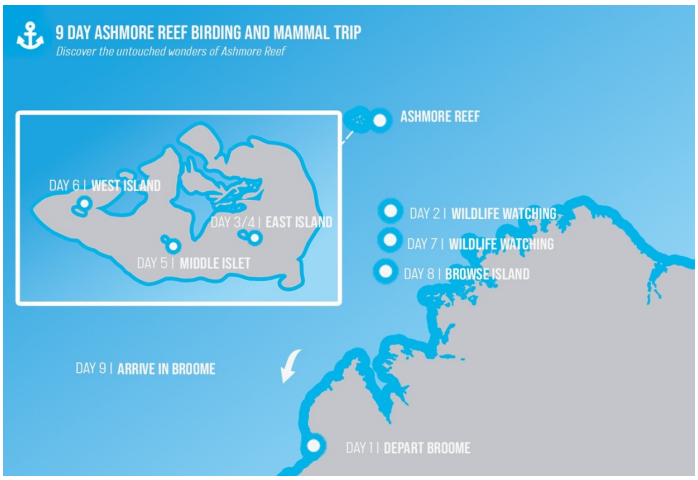


9 DAY ASHMORE REEF BIRDING & MAMMAL TRIP

Embark on a 9-Day Ashmore Reef Birding & Mammal Cruise, a voyage from Broome across the continental shelf to one of Australia's most remote and biodiverse marine reserves. This exclusive journey offers unparalleled opportunities to observe rare seabirds, marine mammals, and vibrant coral ecosystems. Spend dawns exploring West, East and Middle Islands, snorkel in pristine waters, and witness the untouched beauty of Ashmore Reef. All while enjoying the comfort and luxury of our fully-equipped expedition vessel.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart Broome

Board Diversity II in Broome for a morning departure (around 7:00am, precise departure time to be advised). We set sail across the edge of the continental shelf, keeping watch for seabirds and marine life as we head offshore. Enjoy a welcome dinner on board as we continue steaming through the night.

Day 2: Shelf Break & Slope Waters

Today we cruise through waters that are prime territory for seabird encounters. Keep your eyes peeled for Abbott's Booby, Wedge-tailed Shearwaters, Brown Boobies, Silver Gulls, terns, Humpback Whales and playful Dwarf Spinner Dolphins. Overnight, we continue north past Scott Reef towards Ashmore.

Day 3: Arrival at Ashmore Reef (West Island)



Around mid-morning we arrive in Ashmore Reef's sheltered lagoon. After lunch on board, we venture ashore by tender to West Island, home to an incredible diversity of birdlife. Possible sightings include White and Red-tailed Tropicbirds, Brown Boobies, Crested Terns, Eastern Reef Egrets, Buff-banded Rails, Siberian Peregrine Falcons, plovers, greenshanks and more. We remain on the island until dusk before returning to the vessel.

Day 4: West & East Islands

At first light, we return to West Island for early morning birding before enjoying a hearty breakfast on board. The late morning offers a chance to snorkel or simply relax. After lunch we set off by tender to East Island and nearby Splitgerber Cay. These smaller islands are highlights for their large colonies of noddies and shorebird roosts at high tide.

Day 5: Middle Island & Horseshoe Sandbar

This morning we head ashore to Middle Island, a key site for breeding seabirds. Later, we visit Horseshoe Sandbar, a favoured shorebird roost during high tide. After returning to the vessel for lunch, the afternoon is dedicated to further viewing activities and island exploration.

Day 6: West Island Snorkelling

We return once again to West Island in the morning for further exploration and birding. Midday brings a refreshing snorkel opportunity in the pristine reef waters, before an afternoon landing on one of the islands depending on tides and conditions.

Day 7: Sail to Browse Island

Our final morning at Ashmore begins with a dawn excursion to West Island. After several hours of birdwatching, we bid farewell to Ashmore mid-morning and begin the journey south. En route to Browse Island, enjoy dinner on board as the vessel steams overnight.

Day 8: Browse Island

At first light we board tenders to access Browse Island, an important seabird nesting site and turtle rookery. We spend the morning ashore before setting sail once again for Broome. The return steam takes approximately 35 hours, giving time to relax, reflect, and enjoy the vessel's comforts.

Day 9: Arrive in Broome

Arriving around midday, Diversity II docks back in Broome. Guests are transferred by coach to their accommodation or the airport, marking the end of an unforgettable expedition.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:



We operate these adventure cruises on two luxurious power catamarans, each offering an intimate experience with a maximum of 12 passengers onboard. Both vessels in the Diversity fleet are fully air conditioned and feature 6 spacious ensuite cabins (with large panoramic windows) that are serviced daily. Both vessels offer indoor and outdoor dining areas, a large spacious back deck dining area, and 3 expedition tender vessels. You will be joined by 5 exceptional crew members, and have Starlink Wifi available complimentary throughout.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP

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