

CORAL FRONTIERS & KIMBERLEY ICONS AUSTRALIA CRUISE

This itinerary combines our classic Kimberley itinerary with a visit to the spectacular Rowley Shoals Marine Park and Ashmore Reef. Witness magnificent coastal vistas created by towering rock ridges, silent secluded gorges, abundant wildlife, and massive tidal movements. Expert guides interpret 40,000-year-old rock art, and retrace the history of Phillip Parker King who first charted this spectacular coastline 200 years ago. Board our Xplorer tender and witness the magnificent King George River and its towering 80-metre sandstone escarpments. Join an expert guide to learn about the history of the ancient Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock paintings. Witness waterfalls cascading off Montgomery Reef as it rises out of the ocean on the ebbing tide, whilst discovering the reef's diverse marine life. Finish off the voyage at a chain of coral atolls offering some of the best snorkelling and diving opportunities in the world.



ITINERARY

Day 1: DEPART DARWIN / BROOME

Darwin Departures: Arrive at Darwin Fort Hill Wharf for boarding at 9:30am, with time to settle into your stateroom before our 10:00am departure. There will be a light breakfast available upon boarding before we cruise across Joseph Bonaparte Gulf and sail into Western Australian waters.

Broome Departures: Arrive at our designated meeting point at 3:30pm before our transfer before our transfer to Broome Deep Water Port for boarding at 4:00pm. Settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure.

Take the time to become acquainted with all the facilities onboard before join the expedition team in the Bridge Deck Lounge for an introduction to the Kimberley. As dusk falls meet your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS



Cruise down the scenic King George River, through steep-sided gorges carved by a flooded river system that carved a swathe through the Kimberley landscape 400 million years ago. We will take the opportunity to get up close and view the honeycomb erosion patterns of the 80m tall sandstone cliffs.

DAY OF ROCK ART

Depending on tides and weather, step ashore at either Bigge Island, Swift Bay, or Wollaston Bay, remote locations famed for their remarkable Wandjina and Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) rock art. On short walks of no more than 600 metres return, discover ancient galleries painted on sandstone cliffs, cave walls, and low rock overhangs. Learn about the stories behind these sacred sites, from early contact depictions to the iconic Wandjina figures. Keep an eye out for local wildlife, including little rock wallabies, nesting turtles, and crocodile tracks along the shore.

ASHMORE REEF

Located on the outer edge of the continental shelf, Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island are remote coral and sand islands teeming with marine and birdlife. Declared a National Nature Reserve in 1983, the reef supports over 250 coral species, 70 fish species, nesting turtles, and visiting dugongs, dolphins, and whale sharks.

Depending on conditions, enjoy diving and snorkelling in the crystal-clear waters of Ashmore Reef, with also the chance to kayak. Between activities, take time to birdwatch and spot marine life around this pristine sanctuary, where nature thrives far from human habitation.

SCOTT REEF

Some 300km off Australia's northwest coast, Scott Reef comprises four atolls, including Seringapatam Reef, site of the 1884 Yarra wreck. Visited by Indonesian fishermen for centuries, the reef has faced recent coral bleaching but remains rich in marine life. Enjoy snorkelling, diving, photography, and nature interpretation, with possible glass-bottom boat tours. Weather and tides may allow a landing on a remote sand cay for a rare and isolated perspective.

MONTGOMERY REEF

Montgomery Reef is a biologically diverse area covering over 300 sq km and was named by Phillip Parker King. Twice daily, as the sea recedes in mammoth 11m tides, Montgomery Reef rises from the Indian Ocean in a cascade of rushing water revealing a flat-topped reef pockmarked with rock pools and rivulets. As the reef emerges, we get up close in our Xplorer and Zodiac inflatable tenders to witness the spectacle as our Expedition Team share their knowledge on the formation of the reef and the myriad wildlife. Opportunistic birds take advantage of the emerging reef, feeding on marine life left exposed in rock pools. Turtles, dolphins, dugongs and sawfish too are also attracted to feeding opportunities as the ocean recedes. The ocean is awash in a swirl of eddies and whirlpools as the moon's gravitational force takes hold. Then, a few hours later the entire water-borne drama is reversed as the tide comes in and Montgomery Reef disappears below sea level.

HORIZONTAL WATERFALLS & TALBOT BAY

The Horizontal Falls are one of the Kimberley's biggest attractions and are a result of the mammoth 11m tides for which the Kimberley is renowned. Naturalist David Attenborough described the Horizontal Falls as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world.' This natural phenomenon has been



created as the ocean thunders through a narrow gorge in the McLarty Ranges. Water builds up on one side and is forcibly pushed through the bottleneck, creating a rushing horizontal waterfall of swiftly flowing seawater. Witnessing the rapids on our Zodiac inflatable tenders is one of the highlights of our Kimberley expedition cruises. Talbot Bay is at the heart of the Buccaneer Archipelago, where rocks on the 800 or so islands are estimated at over 2 billion years old. At Cyclone Creek, you will see evidence of massive geological forces in the impressive rock formations and cruise through the Iron Islands past Koolan Island.

Please Note: 2026 will be the final year we can operate tender cruises through the First Gap. From 2027 onwards, we'll still be able to take you by zodiacs and tenders right up to the Gap, where you can witness the powerful tides rushing in and out at their peak flow for the day.

THE LACEPEDE ISLANDS

The Lacepede Islands are a protected class-A nature reserve and are significant as a seabird nesting rookery for brown boobies and roseate terns. Other species often sighted at the Lacepedes include Australian Pelicans, frigate birds, egrets and gulls. The four low-lying islands are also an important breeding and nesting habitat for green turtles. If weather and tide conditions are suitable, we will explore the lagoons by Xplorer and Zodiac tender vessels.

ROWLEY SHOALS

The Rowley Shoals sits 170 nautical miles offshore, Rowley Shoals' three atolls, Clerke, Mermaid, and Imperieuse, which all offer unique diving and snorkelling. With sheer walls, channels, and crystal-clear water, the site provides striking underwater scenery. Conditions permitting, explore via Xplorer with guided snorkels, drift channels, and beachcombing on Bedwell Island, home to red-tailed tropicbirds.

Day 11: ARRIVE IN BROOME / DARWIN

Our incredible adventure along the Kimberley Coast concludes. Bid farewell to new-found friends, the Captain and crew.

Broome Arrival: Arrive in Broome this morning for a 8:00am disembarkation. A post-cruise transfer to Broome CBD, Cable Beach or Airport is included. If you're not transferring directly to the airport why not spend the day visiting world-famous Cable Beach or stroll the historic streets of Chinatown in central Broome.

Darwin Arrival: Arrive in Darwin at 9:00am and disembark Darwin's Fort Hill Wharf. 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.

Please note:

This itinerary is an indication of the destinations we visit and activities on offer. Throughout the expedition 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. Coral Expeditions suggests that you do not arrive on the day of embarkation or depart on the day of disembarkation due to any changes that may occur in scheduling. Visits to outer reefs, islands and atolls will be subject to weather conditions at the time. If we cannot



visit these locations they will be replaced with additional locations on the Kimberley Coast.

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YOUR SHIP: CORAL GEOGRAPHER

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

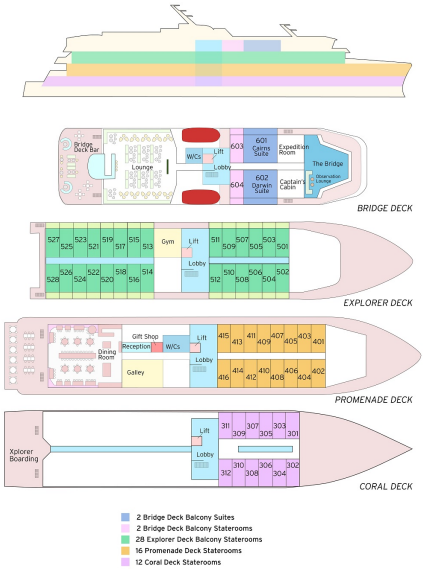
As a sister ship to Coral Adventurer, the Coral Geographer will be another authentic expedition ship. Designed as a 'next generation expedition ship', she is small enough to go to untouched places, focusing on bringing small numbers of like-minded guests closer to nature and cultures with personal attention and professional service. Coral Geographer will have 6 bridge deck suites with horizon bathtubs amongst her 60 cabins. The Coral Geographer features the trademark dual 'Xplorer' tenders cradled on a hydraulic platform slung off the back of the ship, enabling 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 ship will offer the most advanced expedition capabilities of any small ship afloat. Comfort State of the art stabilisers will dampen any 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, a passenger elevator, and an open kitchen where you can observe the chefs whip up small batch cuisine from locally sourced ingredients. Expedition capabilities > Two trademark Xplorer tenders seat all passengers and facilitate comfortable shore excursions > Six zodiacs for more intrepid exploration > Lecture lounge for daily expedition briefings and expert presentations > Small onboard library featuring books on destinations and wildlife > Shallow draft and advanced navigation and propulsion systems allowing access to locations closed to large cruise ships Marine immersion > Navigator lounge in the bridge > Over 1000 square metres of open deck space including a wrap-around promenade deck with panoramic views > Engine room tours and a high level of crew interaction with guests Food and wine features > Single seating dining with communal table serves buffet breakfast and lunch, and multi-course table d'hote dinners > Showcase galley with viewing window creating fresh small-batch cuisine featuring Australian and local produce > Multiple indoor and outdoor bars, including our Explorer bar on the sundeck for sunset drinks > Curated wine cellar featuring boutique wines and exceptional vintage Australian reds Guest comfort > All outside-facing guest cabins with en-suite bathrooms; the majority have a private balcony > Active stabilisers to dampen sea motion > Well-equipped gym > Passenger elevator > Wi-Fi available in all



guest areas



INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Bridge Deck Balcony Suite



Coral Deck Stateroom



Explorer Deck Balcony Stateroom



Promenade Deck Stateroom





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