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## **GLIMPSES OF LOST MYANMAR**

These Myanmar voyages spend a full 5 days exploring its rarely visited Andaman coastline, including the remarkable towns of Dawei and Mwalamyine and the famed Mergui archipelago. A highlight of the journey is the half day navigation of the mighty Irrawaddy, possible due to the shallow draft and navigation capabilities of the Coral Discoverer. Your Myanmar immersion is complemented by visits to delightful Melaka and Pangkor in Malaysia and the marine wonderlands of Ao Nang and Tarutao National Marine Park off the Thai coast. This is a complete vignette of South East Asia



### ITINERARY

### Day 1: Yangon, Myanmar

Board Coral Discoverer at 5pm at our river berth in the very heart of the city > Captains welcome drinks on the Sun Deck against a spectacular city backdrop

### Day 2: Yangon & Irrawaddy Delta, Myanmar

Yangons Shwedagon Pagoda and nearby monastery help unravel the intricacies of Buddhism > take a walking tour around Yangons historic colonial buildings > depart Yangon in the afternoon > our cruise begins with a 40km stretch of the Irrawaddy Delta to the Gulf of Martaban > take a birds eye view of riverside life as we leave the city behind

### Day 3: Mawlamyine, Myanmar

Dock at Mawlamyine, Myanmars 4th largest city > experience rich history > view colonial-style architecture and World War II era wooden buses > visit the infamous Siam-Burma death

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railway Memorial at Thanbyuzayat

### Day 4: Myanmar Coast/Dawei, Myanmar

Today make expedition stops on our southward journey to visit local markets and isolated beaches > stop in at the sleepy town of Dawei and view interesting colonial architecture > picnic lunch on a pristine stretch of beach

### Days 5 & 6: Mergui Archipelago & Lampi Island Marine Park, Myanmar

Spend two full days exploring the group of 800 deserted islands that lie at the heart of our sailing area > embrace white sand beaches lined with swaying palm trees, azure waters teeming with colourful reef life and coral, the dense jungle alive with bird and wildlife > hear the silence as we will likely be the only visitors in this unspoilt destination > visit a Moken village and learn about their nomadic, sea-based culture

#### Day 7: Swinton Island, Myanmar

Make landfall at Kyun Pila (Great Swinton Island) for beach walks and a more strenuous hike up a mountain to a small Buddhist pagoda > continue to the port city of Kawthoung for immigration clearances

### Day 8: Kawthoung/Andaman Sea Cruising

Cross into Thai waters, meandering our way past stunning limestone karst outcrops along the Andaman Sea we stop where the mood takes us > cruise toward well-known resort islands of Koh Phi Phi and Phuket

### Day 9: Ao Nang, Thailand

Beautiful Ao Nang is our base to experience Thai village life > meet local friends and enjoy a cooking demonstration > learn about Thai life, customs and farming methods

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### Day 10: Tarutao National Marine Park, Thailand

Feel like you can reach out and touch the spectacular limestone karsts of the Andaman Sea as we manoeuvre between islands > travel ashore to explore uninhabited beaches and stretch the sea legs with island walks > swim and snorkel warm tropical waters, SCUBA dive or kayak if you prefer

### Day 11: Pulau Pangkor, Malaysia

West coast Malaysia and the island of Pangkor with thriving fishing and boat-building industries are best experienced in the hands of a trusted local guide > visit the islands best beach > enjoy a delicious seafood steamboat, a local speciality

#### Day 12: Melaka, Malaysia

The city of Melaka presents with a rich colonial history and influences from Portuguese, Dutch and British heritage and is listed with UNESCO > embrace the historical and culinary diversity on a walking tour and sample street food > back on board, enjoy the Captains farewell drinks

#### Day 13: Singapore

Part ways with newfound friends after breakfast

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## **YOUR SHIP: CORAL DISCOVERER**

**Coral Discoverer** 

YOUR SHIP:	
VESSEL TYPE:	
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	

Yacht-like Coral Discoverer set a new benchmark standard of sophistication in expedition cruising when she was constructed by us in 2005. Coral Discoverer sailed on pioneering expeditions through Papua New Guinea, the islands of the South Pacific, Vanuatu, New Zealand, West Papua, and the Spice Islands. She led explorations into remote areas, focusing on destinations that were largely inaccessible to larger cruise ships. Coral Discoverer is exceptionally nimble and maneuverable, with a shallow draught to get up close to destinations, ocean views from all public spaces, an expansive open-air sun deck, all outside-facing staterooms, and state-of-the-art tools for exploration including the Xplorer, zodiacs, a glass-bottom boat, and kayaks. A full refurbishment in 2018 saw the addition of private balconies, the much-loved Xplorer sundeck bar, and all new furnishings throughout the ship. Comfortable, reliable, and intimately scaled, Coral Discoverer now conducts expeditions across Australia's coast - Tasmania, Cape York and Arnhem Land and the Kimberley. Australian flagged and staffed by an Australian and New Zealand crew, your experience aboard Coral Discoverer will be memorable. Onboard Accommodation Onboard accommodation comprises 36 spacious modern

staterooms. You can select from Bridge, Promenade or Main Deck staterooms offering a choice of twin through to junior king-size doubles. All staterooms have an ocean view, en-suite facilities, settee, large wardrobe, desk, luggage storage, individual air-conditioning control, and are serviced daily. Onboard Facilities What you would expect of a much larger cruise ship: Large sundeck Spa Pool Guest computer Comprehensive reference library Phone and fax facilities Lecture lounge with large plasma screen Limited laundry facilities Two fully stocked cocktail bars Boutique and dive shop Air-conditioned public areas Coral Discoverer is equipped with the latest technology active stabilizers and is fitted with state-of-the-art safety and navigational equipment and is the only Australian passenger ship registered with full SOLAS compliance allowing opportunities to explore a multitude of international voyages. Dining All meals during the cruise are included. Breakfast and lunch are served in the Dining Room located on the Main Deck and are buffet-style while dinner is table d'hote. Coffee and tea is available 24 hours. Standard hours are breakfast from 7:00-8:30am, lunch at 12:30pm and dinner at 7:30pm however meal times may vary according to the day's activities. Meal times will be advised in the onboard daily bulletins. Excursion Boats And Zodiacs The "Xplorer" is a specially designed aluminium excursion vessel used for the majority of our excursions. This vessel has high horsepower engines and will accommodate all passengers at one time. The "Xplorer" will be used for landings and for extensive exploration of rivers and tributaries. For your added convenience and comfort, the "Xplorer" is equipped with an awning and toilet. We

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also carry two inflatable landing craft (Zodiacs). Designed for expedition work, these large and heavy-duty inflatables are extremely safe. Separate air compartments retain a large reserve of buoyancy even if the boats damaged. The flat bottom design permits these crafts to land directly onto the beaches. Expect nonetheless to wade through shallow water to reach the shore. See photo



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# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**



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# PRICING

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