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GREAT BARRIER REEF CONSERVATION CRUISE

Experience the Great Barrier Reef like never before, over seven nights, alongside marine researchers and conservationists who have dedicated their lives to protecting and restoring this natural wonder. The Expedition has been structured to travel to remote coral reefs and across vast seascapes, due to turtle and seabird nesting season there will be limited opportunities to set foot on land.



ITINERARY

Night 01 Cairns

Start your adventure in Cairns as we set sail to explore the northern Great Barrier Reef, and learn more about the toolkit being developed to restore and protect this global icon. Our first evening together will include sunset drinks and canapes, an introduction to the Great Barrier Reef from conservation experts, and evening dinner cooked by your on-board chef.

Day 01 Ribbon Reef Exploration

Today's adventure is a diver and snorkeller's dream. We begin the day immersed in the underwater splendour of Ribbon Reef No. 3, a true coral wonderland teeming with dazzling marine life and kaleidoscopic reef formations. Whether you're a seasoned diver or prefer the serenity of a snorkel, the waters here are a breathtaking window into the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.

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Next, we venture to Ribbon Reef No. 10, home to one of the reef's most iconic dive sites - Steve's Bommie. Known for its vibrant coral towers and rare marine species, this world-renowned site is a hub for critter lovers and macro photographers alike. Watch in awe as schools of snapper shimmer past, giant clams nestle in the coral, and the elusive nudibranch makes a cameo beneath the surface. Between dives, unwind with a fresh juice or a chat with our onboard marine biologist - there's no better way to deepen your connection with this fragile and spectacular ecosystem.

Day 02 Lizard Island

As well as snorkelling and diving to see marine life under the water, including the giant clams of the Clam Gardens, guests will be able to tour the world-leading research station, which is a supplier of on-reef facilities for coral reef research and education. Lizard Island was also ground zero for the bleaching event of 2016, which saw as much as 40% of corals in nearby waters show signs of bleaching, alongside an invasive crown-of-thorns starfish outbreak (COTS) which devastated the local coral populations. The island has become a key site for restoration activities on the Great Barrier Reef. Scientists from all over the world visit to develop solutions to these challenges common including advancements in reproductive technologies to vastly increase the number of corals that can be replanted, as well as innovative ways to predict and respond to COTS outbreaks.

Day 03 Sandbanks National Park

The northern tip is commonly known as Shark City, as whitetip, grey and silvertip reef sharks are often seen cruising along the wall. Masses of fish gather along the steep wall which is covered with an incredible variety of colourful corals and invertebrates.

Day 04 Tijou Reef

Tijou Reef is home to many different dive sites, particularly the coral gardens on the inner side and wonderful wall dives on it out of eastern side.

Day 05 Wreck Bay

Wreck Bay is a beautiful site for exploring caves, ledges and bommies, and swimming amongst corals, clownfish, turtles and gropers. Spend the morning with researchers who are tagging whale sharks. Once tags are applied, you'll be able to snorkel with these incredible creatures. Or jump in a helicopter in search of whale sharks, Omura Whales and Oceanic Manta Rays. We will showcase some of the technologies that are being deployed to research large marine mammals, including to underpin management and conservation decisions being made by Reef managers. The afternoon will be spent moored up behind Wreck Bay where there are numerous spots for snorkelling and diving.

Day 06 Return to Cairns

Today we'll make our way to Lockhart River to connect with our charter flight back to Cairns along the beautiful Queensland coastline.

Day 07 Lockhart River

Disembark True North II at Lockhart River for a charter flight to Cairns along the beautiful Queensland coastline.

Please note:

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YOUR SHIP: TRUE NORTH

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The TRUE NORTH allows discerning adventurers to experience wilderness in surroundings more akin to one of the world's most exclusive hotels. Guests are able to take advantage of a number of lavish vantage points including a sundeck, a forward observation lounge, a ship's lounge and an alfresco bar. The ship's naturalist presents interpretative information on plasma screens and, an internet cafe enables convenient communication with the outside world. A popular venue on any North Star cruise, the lower deck dining room offers the ultimate in comfort and uninterrupted vista - large panoramic windows ensure that guests never miss any of the action, even when they are enjoying the 'finest in fine dining'. All cabins feature stylish decor, en-suite facilities, in-house entertainment and satellite telephones. The Explorer Class staterooms and the River Class cabins offer king size beds that can be converted to singles and the Ocean Class twins feature roomy single beds. Multiple expedition boats provide guests with greater opportunity to do "what they want, when they want" and, to add yet another dimension to adventure, most cruise options feature an onboard helicopter! The purpose built TRUE NORTH is able to explore the upper reaches of shallow river systems - guests need only step

out of their cabins to experience wilderness and, the latest in computer controlled motion stabilizers ensures a



comfortable ride.

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INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Upper Deck

Explorer Class

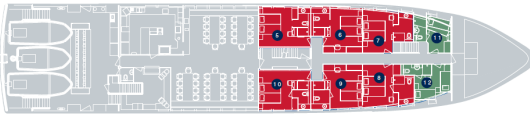
1. Bradshaw
2. Dampier
3. Durack
4. Parker King



Main Deck

River Class & Ocean Class

5. Prince Regent River
6. Mitchell River
7. Berkeley River
8. Drysdale River
9. Hunter River
10. King George River
11. Camden Harbour
12. Lacedpede Islands



Lower Deck

Ocean Class

13. Koolama Bay
14. Montgomery Reef
15. Jackson Falls
16. Kings Cascade
17. Imperieuse Reef
18. Atlantis Bay



Explorer Class - Stateroom



Ocean Class - Twin



Ocean/River Premium Cabin



River Class - Double





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PRICING

05-Dec-2026 to 12-Dec-2026

Explorer Class - Stateroom	£9798 GBP pp
Ocean Class - Twin	£6798 GBP pp
Ocean/River Premium Cabin	£9298 GBP pp
River Class - Double	£8498 GBP pp

12-Dec-2026 to 19-Dec-2026

Explorer Class - Stateroom	£9798 GBP pp
River Class - Double	£8498 GBP pp
Ocean Class - Twin	£6798 GBP pp
Ocean/River Premium Cabin	£9298 GBP pp