

SCIENCE & CONSERVATION ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Step beyond the ordinary and experience the Great Barrier Reef through an educational and immersive expedition designed for curious explorers. Travel alongside reef experts as you snorkel vibrant coral gardens, encounter incredible marine wildlife, and visit remote island destinations while participating in real conservation and research activities. Designed for inquisitive adventurers, this unique voyage offers the chance to learn, discover, and make a meaningful contribution while experiencing the Reef from a perspective few travellers ever see.



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Day 1: Bundaberg | Turtle Sands Resort

Meet your Expedition team at Bundaberg Airport at 4:00pm for a group transfer to Turtle Sands. Independent arrivals may make their own way to Turtle Sands to check in from 2:00pm onwards.

Settle in and enjoy a two-night, all-inclusive pre-cruise stay, enhanced by an exclusive cultural immersion. Be welcomed by Taribelang Bunda Elders in a special Welcome to Country ceremony, offering a rare insight into their enduring connection to Country and cultural heritage. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner among fellow guests and celebrate the start of an unforgettable adventure.

Your stay includes daily breakfast, lunches and dinners.

Day 2: Bundaberg | Mon Repos



Enjoy a breakfast featuring locally sourced regional produce ahead of a day of education and conservation. This morning, meet with local rangers at Mon Repos Turtle Centre, which supports the largest concentration of nesting marine turtles on the eastern Australian mainland. Learn about the challenges and successes faced in protecting these critically engaged species.

After a hearty lunch, we head to Monsoon Aquatics, for a behind-the-scenes experience of coral propagation that goes towards restoring the reef.

Lady Elliot Island

Transfer to Coral Discoverer for an 8:30am embarkation, followed by the program orientation. Your expedition team will introduce the voyage's citizen science activities and distribute the required equipment.

After lunch, arrive at Lady Elliot Island with time to explore its remarkable reef environment and discover the monitoring projects that will shape the days ahead.

Lady Elliot Island

Today we go behind the scenes of Project Manta and meet the researchers at the forefront of manta ray research and conservation. Gain insight into manta behaviours and identification strategies which will be put into practice later today.

After lunch, we snorkel and dive the biodiverse waters surrounding Lady Elliot, including the renowned manta cleaning stations. This will be our first opportunity to deploy monitoring tools and refine our techniques in the field.

Wistari Reef

Set within the remote Capricorn Bunker Group, Wistari Reef offers a more adventurous and immersive reef experience. Located offshore from the Gladstone region, this reef is known for its expansive coral bommies & thriving hard coral species.

Guests enter the water directly from the vessel, creating a more dynamic, open-water snorkeling experience best suited to confident swimmers.

With a focus here on maximising time in the water, the experience is all about exploration and discovery. For those wanting to go further, optional scuba diving offers the opportunity to experience Wistari Reef from an even deeper perspective.

Cumberland Island Group

Today we arrive at the Cumberland Island Group, located off the coast of Mackay. Your onboard team will choose the location of the day's activities according to local weather and tide conditions from a selection of islands including Scawfell and Brampton.

These volcanic islands have a remarkable range of flora and fauna, where reefs and seagrass meadows meet eucalypt woodland and lush rainforest. Here guests can enjoy kayaking sheltered waters, snorkel off a secluded beach and enjoy gentle guided beachcombs and walks documenting any unique wildlife and marine mammals we may encounter. Weather permitting, enjoy a glass bottom boat tour from the surface.

Langford Island & The Northern Whitsundays



Visit Langford Island, where the castaway-style setting provides calm waters, creating ideal conditions for snorkelling Black Island Reef, Blue Pearl Bay and Langford-Bird Reef (pending conditions on the day). Participate in coral monitoring initiatives with Eye on the Reef to support coral health through surveys. Langford Island is also home to the rare Whitsunday Bottle Tree which we will spend some time identifying and surveying.

For those seeking land-based activities, sign-up for a moderate 1.5km hike up to Langford Island Lookout for stunning views accoss the Whitsundays.

Magnetic Island

Known traditionally as Yunbenun, Magnetic Island lies within the land and sea Country of the Wulgurukaba People, whose name means "canoe people". During this exclusive visit, developed with Canoe Projects Inc, Wulgurukaba Elders and local conservation groups, guests will take part in a meaningful Welcome to Country and hands-on citizen science. Activities will focus on protecting the surrounding reef, reducing human impacts and supporting the island's fragile marine environment.

John Brewer Reef

Located offshore from Magnetic Island, John Brewer Reef opens into the central Great Barrier Reef, offering a more exposed, open-ocean setting. Here, visit the Museum of Underwater Art (MOUA) via snorkel or dive. Experience a unique underwater gallery where sculptures are designed to evolve into living reef. Later today join your onboard experts to discuss and analyse results obtained during the Eye on the Reef and Coral Watch monitoring programs.

Yamacutta Reef

Yamacutta Reef is a remote outer-shelf reef system where steady currents support a unique diversity when compared to inshore locations; creating ideal conditions for our continued monitoring programs. On previous visits, guests identified a new manta ray individual in the area. You may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of 'Discoveray' during snorkels and dives. Due to the exposed location, glass bottom boat tours are subject to conditions.

Dunk Island

Just offshore from Mission Beach, Dunk Island is part of the traditional Country of the Bandjin and Djiru peoples. Fringed by seagrass meadows that support sea turtles and dugongs, the island rises into lush, national park-protected rainforest. Spend time swimming in calm tropical waters, walking shaded forest trails or relaxing along quiet beaches. With refreshments served ashore, this is an easygoing day shaped by nature, stillness and the beauty of the Cassowary Coast.

Port Douglas

Today we hang up our snorkels and flippers and head ashore to visit the Forever Reef Project, the world's first living coral biobank. Established by Dr Dean Miller and Great Barrier Reef Legacy, the project is dedicated to preserving the biodiversity of Great Barrier Reef corals and safeguarding them for future research, restoration and conservation. Discover the science behind coral biobanking and view remarkable coral specimens collected from across the Great Barrier Reef, including corals gathered during previous Coral Expeditions voyages. Later today we wrap up our findings and observations on the monitoring programs and discuss impacts, challenges and where our data will be deployed to.



Day 11: Arrive Cairns

Arrive at Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal at 8:00 am. Disembark and say farewell to your fellow guests and crew. Enjoy complimentary transfers to Cairns CBD or airport; transfers to Northern Beaches or Port Douglas can be arranged onboard prior to disemarkment.

Please note:

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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

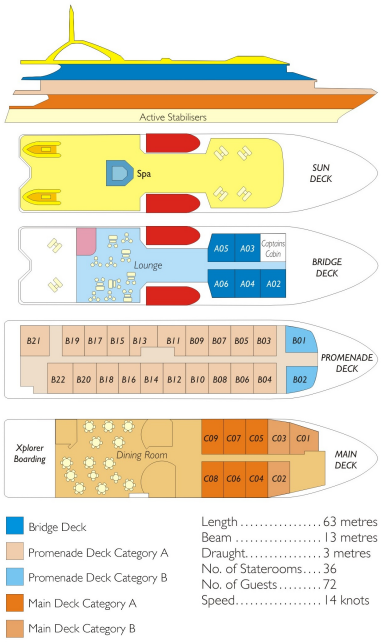
also carry two inflatable landing craft (Zodiacs). Designed for expedition work, these large and heavy-duty inflatables are extremely safe. Separate air compartments retain a large reserve of buoyancy even if the boats damaged. The flat bottom design permits these crafts to land directly onto the beaches.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



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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Bridge Deck
Promenade Deck Category A
Promenade Deck Category B
Main Deck Category A
Main Deck Category B

Length.....63 metres
Beam.....13 metres
Draught.....3 metres
No. of Staterooms.....36
No. of Guests.....72
Speed.....14 knots

Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom



Main Deck A Stateroom



Main Deck B Stateroom



Promenade A Stateroom





PRICING

31-Mar-2027 to 11-Apr-2027

Main Deck B Stateroom	**£5455 GBP pp**
Promenade A Stateroom	**£6455 GBP pp**
Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom	**£7955 GBP pp**
Main Deck A Stateroom	**£5655 GBP pp**