

# KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION CRUISE

**HORIZONTAL FALLS • YORK SOUND • MONTGOMERY REEF • LACEPEDE ISLANDS**

## THE OFFER

Wild, remote, ancient and always spectacular. The Kimberley region of Western Australia is what outback dreams are made of. Setting sail in 2022, this 11 day bucket list cruise package with Coral Expeditions - Australia's pioneering small ship cruise line - will take you beyond the well-worn Kimberley tourist trail to experience a world where nature, history and culture take centre stage.

Departing from Darwin and Broome, depending on your chosen date, this trip is the ultimate way to experience the rugged beauty of the Kimberley. Cruise amid the jewel-like islands of Buccaneer Archipelago, take a thrilling zodiac ride through the spectacular Horizontal Falls, view a hidden world emerge from the sea as mammoth tides recede from Montgomery Reef, feel dwarfed by the cliffs of King George Falls, and keep an eye out for turtles, whales and sharks as you cruise the York Sound. Delve into the fascinating history of the region, sip sundowners on deserted beaches only accessible by boat, marvel at Indigenous artworks in the ancient rock art galleries of Swift Bay, visit the bird watchers' paradise of the Lacepede Islands - and so much more! This amazing package includes a 10 night cruise aboard the Coral Adventurer/Geographer with all-inclusive meals and shore excursions, fun and informative talks revealing the stories of the region and more.

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FROM

**\$8250**

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

**CORAL DECK STATEROOM**

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**PROMENADE DECK STATEROOM**

**\$9850**

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Adele Reef is one of the more unique reef habitats on the planet, with exclusive discoveries reported in this area. This area is of great scientific interest as it provides an environmental link between the Kimberley's oceanic and inshore reef systems.

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Early in the waterfall season, we will cruise around the base of the thundering King George Falls and touch the spray from the waterfall, while in later months, when the falls have reduced to a trickle, we take the opportunity to view the honeycomb erosion patterns of sandstone cliffs up close.

As the incredible Kimberley adventure draws to a close, enjoy the last evening aboard with the Captain's farewell drinks amongst new-found friends.

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#### Day 12 Cruising

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#### Day 13 Arrive Darwin

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Post cruise transfers to CBD hotels or the airport are included.

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**Meals included:** Breakfast





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#### 13 DAY PACKAGE EX DARWIN

##### Day 1 Depart Darwin

Board the Coral Expeditions ship at 8.00am. Enjoy time to settle into the cabin and mingle with fellow travellers before a 9:00am departure. Spend a luxuriant sea day at leisure as the ship ventures across Joseph Bonaparte Gulf and sails into Western Australian waters.

Take the time to become acquainted with all the facilities onboard and join the Expedition Team in the Lounge for an insightful introduction to the Kimberley. As dusk falls, strike up a chat with your newfound friends, the Captain and crew at the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

Onboard, discover a personalised style of cruising with no need for queues, waiting, or assigned seating. Instead, the relaxed and friendly atmosphere will give you an opportunity to meet fellow travellers and feel right at home. The Australian and New Zealand crew share their passion for our destinations and the explorer's life. Join engine room tours, watch the chefs at work in the open galley, or chat with the Captain or officers on the bridge – they will be delighted to have your company.

The chefs, inspired by destination flavours, prepare cuisine from fresh regional produce. You'll also enjoy Australian wines and artisanal beers and spirits in the relaxed venues. Guests love to mingle over drinks as the sun sets, enjoy daily educational presentations by lecturers, participate in stargazing sessions after dark, or simply find a quiet corner on deck and enjoy the solitude.

The ships are built for environmentally responsible small-ship cruising, with refined navigation and nimble Xplorer tenders to bring you close to remote coastlines, and shore excursions that promote environmental and cultural appreciation. Small

group size ensures that your experience is personal, with minimal impact on the communities and environments visited.

*Please note: This Kimberley Expedition itinerary is flexible, to take advantage of changing weather and tidal conditions. This itinerary showcases a selection of the key destinations we visit.*

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**Meals included: Dinner**

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**Meals included:** Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 5 Scott Reef

A group of four separate reef structures including Scott Reef South, Scott Reef Central, Scott Reef North and Seringapatam Reef – These atolls are situated on the continental shelf in the Timor Sea.

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**Overnight:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 6 Adele Island

The remote and beautiful Adele Island is pristine, teeming with breeding bird and supported by coral reef that surrounds it. Declared a Nature Reserve in 2001, Adele Island is recognised for its bird breeding sanctuary, classified by BirdLife International as an Important Bird Area for its seabirds and waders.

Adele Reef is one of the more unique reef habitats on the planet, with exclusive discoveries reported in this area. This area is of great scientific interest as it provides an environmental link between the Kimberley's oceanic and inshore reef systems.

**Overnight:** Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer Ship

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

#### Day 7 Montgomery Reef

Montgomery Reef is a biologically diverse area covering over 400sq km and was named by Phillip Parker King. Twice daily, as the sea recedes in mammoth 11m tides, Montgomery Reef emerges from the Indian Ocean in a cascade of rushing water revealing a flat-topped reef pockmarked with rock pools and rivulets.

As the reef appears, get up close in the 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 and dolphins too are also attracted to feeding opportunities as the ocean recedes.

The ocean is awash in a swirl of eddies and whirlpools as the



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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.

**Overnight: Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer Ship**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 8 Doubtful Bay & Raft Point

Raft Point guards the entrance to Doubtful Bay, a vast body of sheltered water which harbours significant sites such as the ancient Wandjina rock art galleries, considered some of the finest in the Kimberley, which you will have the opportunity to visit on a guided tour.

Doubtful Bay is the traditional country of the Worrora people who follow the Wandjina, their god, law-maker and creator. Images of Wandjina are found throughout the Kimberley, recording their stories, knowledge and culture in stone.

Other sites we aim to visit in Doubtful Bay on the expedition tender vessels include the mighty Sale River, Steep Island and Ruby Falls at Red Cone Creek.

**Overnight: Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer Ship**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 9 Horizontal Falls & Buccaneer Archipelago

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

The Horizontal Falls are 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. Riding the rapids on the Zodiac inflatable tenders is one of the highlights of the 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, before enjoying sunset drinks at Nares Point.

**Overnight: Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer Ship**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 10 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, explore the lagoons by Xplorer and Zodiac tender vessels and enjoy a sightseeing tour of the islands with expert Expedition leaders to witness and learn more about the marine sea birds that call these islands home.

**Overnight: Coral Adventurer or Coral Geographer Ship**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

#### Day 11 Rowley Shoals

At the edge of the continental shelf, 170 nautical miles offshore, lie the Rowley Shoals a chain of 3 coral atolls including Clerke, Mermaid and Imperieuse Reefs. The shoals, named by Captain Phillip Parker King, offer some of the





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best snorkelling and diving opportunities in the world. Their shallow lagoons are inhabited by myriad coral species and marine life, including giant potato cod, Maori wrasse, at least 233 species of coral and 688 species of fish – many of which are not found on other coral reefs. Diving along the outside edge of the shoals one can view colourful soft corals, hammerheads and pelagic fish. Water clarity here is absolutely unparalleled, making for superb underwater photography opportunities.

Conditions permitting, we will spend 1-2 days at Clerke and perhaps Imperieuse reefs, with ample time for snorkelling and diving opportunities. With each atoll covering approximately 90sq km, there will be plenty to see! Guided by our on-board marine biologist, snorkel away the day in the coral gardens of the Aquarium at Clerke Reef, or dive along the sheer vertical walls and through coral canyons. Try a drift snorkel in the channel, or beach comb on Bedwell Island, keeping an eye out for the red-tailed tropicbird that roosts there.

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#### Day 12 Cruising

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#### Day 13 Arrive Broome

Your incredible adventure along the Kimberley Coast concludes in Broome this morning at 8:00am. Bid farewell to new-found friends and the Captain and crew. Post cruise

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**Meals included: Breakfast**





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#### HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise along the spectacular Kimberley coast

Discover the Lacepede Islands Nature Reserve, a bird watcher's paradise - spot Brown Boobies, Roseate Terns, Osprey and many more

Take a thrilling zodiac ride through the rushing tide at Horizontal Falls

Marvel at the beauty of the Buccaneer Archipelago, home to more than 800 islands

Sip sundowners on remote and uninhabited islands

Climb to witness the remarkable Wandjina rock art gallery, and hear interpretation from an Indigenous guide at Raft Point

Marvel at Gwion rock art galleries, estimated to be up to 25,000 years old

Explore Doubtful Bay, the traditional country of the Worrora people

Witness breathtaking Montgomery Reef emerging from the sea with the receding 11 metre tides

Keep an eye out for crocodiles, turtles, sharks and whales while cruising York Sound

Marvel at a well-preserved WWII era US Airforce C-53 Skytrooper wreck on the Anjo Peninsula

Admire the steep-sided gorges of King George River on a river cruise, and get up close to the spray from towering King George Falls

Soak up the relaxed lifestyle of Broome, home of famous Cable Beach

Visit the tropical city of Darwin, known for its WWII history

Cruise the Prince Regent River to the beautiful terraced falls of Kings Cascade (11 day cruise only)

Visit the huge Mermaid Boab Tree in Careening Bay, carved in 1820 by the crew of the HMC Mermaid (11 day cruise only)

Explore the mangroves and monsoon rainforest covered islands of Prince Frederick Harbour by Xplorer and zodiac, spotting birds and crocodiles (11 day cruise only)

Explore the sandstone caves and tunnels of Hathaway's Hideaway (11 day cruise only)

#### CRUISE

10 night 'Definitive Kimberley Expedition Cruise' with Coral Expeditions

A small ship cruise with maximum 100 guests per sailing

Sail aboard the Coral Adventurer/Geographer ship

Enjoy all-inclusive shore excursions on your cruise (scenic helicopter flight at Mitchell Falls additional cost)

#### DINING

Enjoy 29 meals including high-quality Australian influenced meals onboard

Selected wines, beers, spirits, juices, and soft drinks are served complimentary with lunch and dinner

24-hour complimentary barista-style coffee and tea station

#### TOUR INCLUSIONS

National park fees

Professional Australian & New Zealand based Expedition Leaders & Guest Lecturers

Cruise taxes and surcharges

#### TRANSFERS

Pre cruise transfer from Broome CBD Hotel, Visitor Information Centre or Broome Airport to the ship

Post cruise transfer to Darwin/Broome CBD Hotel or Darwin/Broome Airport





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All of the above mentioned inclusions, plus the following:

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2 additional nights aboard the Coral Adventurer/Geographer ship

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Enjoy all-inclusive shore excursions on your cruise for these 2 additional days

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Enjoy an additional 6 high-quality Australian influenced meals onboard

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Explore the Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve, home to significant marine turtle nesting area and migratory bird populations

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## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 22nd of August 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, no discounts apply.

### Departure Dates (2022)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Surcharges

Please note: dates/months in May, June and July incur a peak season surcharge stated below:

- Coral Deck Stateroom: \$1100 per person
- Promenade Deck Stateroom: \$1040 per person
- Explorer Deck Balcony Stateroom: \$2300

per person

- Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom: \$2000 per person
- Bridge Deck Balcony Suite: \$3140 per person

### Departure City

Broome / Darwin

## COVID-19 POLICY

### Health & Safety Plan

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*Please note: All health checks and the PCR Swab test will be at the customers expense*

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 4.5 Star self-rated

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*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 People.

### Child Policy

No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a*

*responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

Not Available

### Bedding Configuration

2 x Twin or 1 x Junior King (subject to availability).

*Please note: Twin share is not available in Bridge Deck Balcony Suite Category*

## CRUISE

### About the Coral Adventurer

Launched in April 2019, Coral Adventurer is a 99 passenger ship built to take you closer to unspoiled vistas in comfort, style and safety. When Coral Expeditions set out to build Coral Adventurer, they wanted a ship that would last decades. Their search for build quality and technology took them to the shipbuilders of Norway who have a long history of building durable ships for the harsh environments of the North Sea. They then looked deep inside to capture the requirements of their guests, their crew and the areas they sail to. The result is a happy marriage of modern shipbuilding technology and cruising Australian style.

### Cabins

#### Bridge Deck Balcony Suite

The two Cairns and Darwin suites are spacious and elegant retreats after a busy day ashore. Suites are equipped with a lounge area, minibar and personal coffee machine. They have a spacious super King-sized bed. The 8 square metre private balcony has an outdoor daybed and lounge chair for two. A unique outside-facing bathroom with picture windows, bath and separate shower complete the suite experience. The complimentary minibar is replenished daily.

Cabin Size: 55.8 square metres

#### Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom

The two Bridge Deck staterooms are comfortably furnished with a junior King size bed which can be separated into two singles. A wardrobe, desk and armchair are included. The compact ensuite has a toilet, shower and ample storage. French windows opening to a balcony with seating for two gives you a private perch to watch the panorama unfold



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outside. These staterooms are located on the bridge deck with superb views and adjacent to the Cairns and Darwin suites.

Cabin Size: 21.4 square metres

## Explorer Deck Balcony Stateroom

The Explorer Deck staterooms are located below the Bridge Deck and are comfortably furnished with a junior King size bed which can be separated into two singles. A wardrobe, desk and armchair are included. The compact ensuite has a toilet, shower and ample storage. Your private balcony has seating for two from which to view the passing coastal vistas.

Cabin Size: 21.4 square metres

## Promenade Deck Stateroom

Promenade Deck Staterooms are located below the Explorer Deck and are identically furnished with a junior King size bed which can be separated into two singles. A wardrobe, desk and armchair are included. The compact ensuite has a toilet, shower and ample storage. A large picture window gives you wide views of the world outside.

Cabin Size: 17 square metres

## Coral Deck Stateroom

Coral Deck Staterooms are located below the Promenade Deck and furnished with a junior King size bed which can be separated into two singles. A wardrobe, desk and armchair are included. The compact ensuite has a toilet, shower and ample storage. A porthole window gives you views of the world outside.

Cabin Size: 17 square metres

## EXCLUSIONS

- Flights/transfers not stated in the itinerary
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional activities/tours such as Mitchell Falls helicopter flight
- Personal expenses
- Pre-cruise health check and PCR Swab Test
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### CORAL EXPEDITIONS - TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Comprehensive Travel Insurance is

strongly recommended for all travellers as protection against any unforeseen events that may necessitate the cancellation or interruption of your holiday and should be purchased at the same time as you purchase your cruise.

- Please note and share the following facts when considering insurance coverage and speaking with suppliers:
- -- Coral Expeditions do not have Doctors or Nurses onboard their domestic cruises, however, the senior crew are trained and qualified in remote area first aid. If a passenger has injured themselves or is having a medical issue on board, the crew will make contact with doctors on land to determine whether a medical evacuation is necessary. For this reason, it is advisable that passengers obtain a policy with remote area evacuation and repatriation coverage.
- -- The domestic cruises on the Great Barrier Reef, Kimberley, Cape York and Arnhem land and Tasmania do not leave domestic waters, however, our locations are considered remote.
- -- Coral Expedition ships are Australian flagged.
- -- On selected International cruises there will be a Guest Doctor and a first aid room onboard Coral Adventurer. It is important to note that these services are for medical emergencies only and do not offer a clinic service.
- -- Travel Insurance is required by each travelling guest and if an urgent medical event or situation occurred that required medical evacuation or offload from the ship, it is mandatory that this is financially covered by insurance or by guest payment at the time.

### THE CORAL EXPEDITIONS EXPERIENCE

- Coral Expeditions have built a reputation on offering an authentic and educational expedition cruise experience:
- No organised entertainment onboard – instead, they offer a daily program of lectures, briefings and themed documentaries and movies.
- No multiple glitzy restaurants – but the chefs prepare fresh daily, high-quality cuisine using Australian and local ingredients.

- No 'formal' nights or assigned seating – you can dine with whom you please and share the day's stories.
- No room service menus – but the crew will be happy to serve you a meal in-room if you would prefer to eat in.
- No minibars – guests love to mingle over drinks on the sundeck or in one of the comfortable lounges.
- No casino – but captains welcome you to the bridge to observe operations and have a chat.
- No butlers and spas – but all staterooms have their own ensuites, some with balconies, large picture windows or portholes, all outward facing. Serviced daily and come with nightly turndown service.
- No extra charge for shore excursions.
- They welcome young and old.

### CORAL EXPEDITIONS - ITINERARY

- Coral Expeditions will endeavour to follow the Cruise itinerary as described in the itinerary and the passenger accepts that Coral Expeditions has the right to change the itinerary, the Ship or cancel the Cruise as a result of some Unexpected Event or prevailing inclement weather conditions and the passenger accepts that the passenger will not be entitled to any compensation or a refund of the fare paid should this occur.

### CORAL EXPEDITIONS - STAFF/CREW

- Throughout your cruise, you will delight in the attentive service of the professional Australian and New Zealand residency crew. Carefully selected for their engaging personalities, attention to detail and commitment to delivering the highest standards of service, our staff will ensure you receive a warm welcome aboard.
- On each voyage, Expedition Leaders bring guests the depth of experience required to put together daily programmes given prevailing weather and local conditions. They are complemented by an expert Guest Lecturer, with knowledge of disciplines ranging from anthropology, geology, history and flora and fauna of the region, offering layers of insight relevant to your itinerary and to support the depth of immersion in your travel experience.
- The Kimberley and Cape York, Arnhem

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Land and Torres Strait expeditions have a renowned Australian team of Expedition Leaders and regular Guest Lecturers who have a specialist understanding of the unique landscapes, flora and fauna and indigenous cultures of the region. Having guided expeditions in the region for over three decades we know the nooks and crannies others don't. The Expedition Team provide local expertise especially on guided nature walks and with bird and wildlife spotting.

## CORAL EXPEDITIONS - ALL INCLUSIVE SHORE EXCURSIONS

A Coral Expeditions cruise is not about just passing through a region and seeing it from the ship's deck. Instead, each day you will travel ashore and fully immerse yourself in the stunning landscapes, fascinating history and vibrant cultures of these remarkable locations.

On most days you'll have the opportunity to participate in two shore excursions or activities (one in the morning and one in the afternoon), along with onboard briefings and presentations. The vast majority of excursions are included in your cruise price and in key locations, you will have the opportunity to enhance your experience through participation in optional activities (additional cost applicable) such as a helicopter flight over the Kimberley's spectacular Mitchell Falls.

## ACCESS TO REMOTE DESTINATIONS

- Access to remote destinations and communities is unique in three special ways:
- Firstly, the shallow draught of the small ships allows them to safely access and anchor in close to bays and landscapes that larger ships cannot reach, allowing a bird-eye view of spectacular beaches, bays and at times, bustling port communities.
- Secondly, the unique Xplorer tenders, comfortably appointed with shading and on-board toilet facilities, enable penetration inland with explorations into shallow rivers and streams, close to waterfalls and other extraordinary landscapes. Inflatable Zodiacs and kayaks enable guests an up-close-and-personal view of reefs, islands and atolls and allow peaceful explorations of sheltered

locations.

- Lastly, the experienced Expedition Team, guided by an Expedition Leader and complemented by qualified experts with specific knowledge of local people, cultures and landscapes have the knowledge and connections, enabling unique access to areas often restricted to other travellers.

## CORAL EXPEDITIONS - CUISINE AND WINE

- At Coral Expeditions dining is a celebration of great food and good company enjoyed in extraordinary destinations. People and place are key to enjoyable dining experiences, where food becomes the vehicle for conversation and creating memorable occasions. The approach to "small batch" cuisine is about simplicity and generosity, creating dishes bursting with flavour made from fresh ingredients sourced locally and sustainably wherever possible.
- Coral Expeditions' cuisine has a distinctly Australian accent influenced by the culinary landscape of regions we visit. Wonderful friends and unique locations will always enhance the eating experience, allowing the produce to speak for itself.
- From Australia's Kimberley and Great Barrier Reef regions through to the exotic Spice Islands, New Guinea and islands of the South Pacific, Coral Expeditions foster a community of local providers, farmers and growers. Regional menus champion seasonality, allowing chefs to adapt menus and source local produce at its seasonal best.

### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Start your day with a tempting choice from a fresh continental or a hot breakfast. The fleet of small expedition ships offer a sumptuous hot and cold family share platters complemented by daily made-to-order specialties.
- Family share platters for lunch showcase a selection of hot and cold dishes, from salads and cold cuts to soups, fresh local seafood and seasonal tropical fruits.
- Evenings are a convivial time to dine with new friends and reflect on an exciting day of discovery over dinner. We welcome you on board with a seafood dinner on the first night. Other evening meals vary between a

barbeque, carvery or a three-course table d'hôte dinner menu, when selections are offered as you enjoy table service.

- All expeditions feature a memorable pre-dinner event ashore where the crew serve sunset drinks and canapés, often on a beach, and always in a beautiful location with a sunset view. These casual 'sundowners' are hosted by the Captain and are the perfect time to kick off your shoes and enjoy a beer, wine or cocktail while mingling with fellow guests in a relaxed atmosphere.
- Lunch and dinner are accompanied by a curated beverage list featuring boutique Australian and New Zealand wines and beers.
- Each voyage the Captain hosts a Captains Table for invited guests and ship's Officers will endeavour to host dinner guests on an evening when operational matters allow.

## CORAL EXPEDITIONS - HEALTH & SAFETY

Coral Expeditions takes the safety and wellbeing of passengers very seriously. The team have collaborated with experienced medical advisory agency Respond Global to create an extensive SailSAFE Plan, which includes enhanced onboard sanitisation protocols, a pre-screening process prior to departure, and a government approved Covid response plan. All guests and crew must complete a pre-screening process seven days prior to travel. This includes a questionnaire and visit to your GP, a recommended self-isolation to the extent possible prior to departing, and a PCR Swab test within 72 hours of boarding to be provided to Coral Expeditions medical staff at check in to be cleared for travel. More information can be found here:

<https://www.coralexpeditions.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/SailSAFE-plan-final-1.pdf>

*Please note: All health checks and the PCR Swab test will be at the customers expense*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Darwin

The dry season (May – October)

- The dry season, from May until October, is characterised by warm, dry sunny days and



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cool nights. Temperatures typically range from 21.6– 31.8°C, and humidity levels are much lower: around 60 – 65 per cent.

- Relatively cool weather arrives in May, and until July, nights are crisp with temperatures ranging from 17 - 23 °C. It is also the perfect time to explore the more remote areas of the region that can be off-limits during the wet season.

## CRUISE

### Disembarkation

- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals

Most meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however, cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility

Our vessels are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: For most activities, a relatively low level of exertion is required. You will need to climb into and out of zodiacs and other excursion tenders for excursions ashore: there will be staff and crew members on hand to assist. Ashore, you must be able to walk moderate distances over sometimes rough terrain. Whilst there are lifts on these Coral Expeditions ships, they are expedition vessels and not equipped for guests with major self-mobility issues. The stairways between decks are steep, so a reasonable agility is required. Participants will most enjoy the remarkable opportunities these expeditions offer if they travel with a spirit of adventure.*

### Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not required for Coral Expeditions cruises.

### Sightseeing

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket, date/accommodation changes or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is

unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.