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CORAL FUTURES EXPEDITION PRESENTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This December, be one of only 60 Citizen Researchers on our limited-edition voyage -- Coral Futures: A Citizen Science Expedition. This is a rare chance to explore the Great Barrier Reef in the company of some of Australia's most respected scientific minds.

In partnership with Australian Geographic, this seven-day journey blends adventure, discovery, and purpose. It's a hands-on mission to understand, protect, and preserve one of the world's most extraordinary natural wonders.

From snorkelling vibrant coral gardens to cruising remote mangrove channels, guests will take part in meaningful conservation work that supports real-world initiatives like the Forever Reef Project, Coral Watch, and Tangaroa Blue Clean up. You'll survey coral colonies, learn about reef health, help document biodiversity, and witness firsthand the science behind reef restoration and preservation--all while soaking in the beauty and magic of the Reef. This voyage is designed for those who want to contribute to reef conservation and offers an accessible entry point into the important and often complex work of protecting the world's largest reef system, all being guided by experts and supported by hands-on activities.



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Depart Cairns

Welcome aboard the Coral Discoverer. Step aboard at 4:00pm, ready to depart at 1700hrs, as your much-anticipated adventure begins. Meet your Australian Geographic hosts and join your fellow travelers for the Captain's Welcome Drinks to toast the journey ahead.

Lizard Island (Dyigurra) for the Tangaroa Blue Project

Lizard Island is a tropical haven with fringing reefs and a turquoise lagoon. Hike to Cook's Look, snorkel over giant clam gardens, relax on the beach, or try a shore dive. Join guided walks, explore by Glass Bottom Boat, and support the Tangaroa Blue Project--helping collect and catalogue marine debris, to stop litter at its source through smarter systems and behavior change.

Tonight, join nature photographer Brett as he shares practical tips and techniques for capturing the perfect wildlife and landscape shot.

- Lead by Brett Lobwein

Stanley Island (Yindayin)

Visit Stanley Island to view rare Endeavour Aboriginal rock art showing the first

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sailing ships to Queensland. Back on board, learn about mangrove ecology and join Mangrove Watch surveys from Xplorers and zodiacs, led by expert Aus Geo hosts and our expedition team.

- Mangroves lecture lead by Murray Hunt

Ribbon Reef #9

Dive or snorkel the vibrant Ribbon Reefs, known for stunning coral and marine life. With warm waters and excellent visibility, conditions are ideal. Our expert team tailors sites to suit all levels, while guests help collect Citizen Science data for a truly immersive reef experience.

- Citizen Science lecture lead by Andrew Ryan

Sudbury Cay & Moore Reef

Explore the vibrant waters of Moore Reef with a snorkel or dive among dazzling coral gardens and marine life. Later, unwind at remote Sudbury Cay --shoes off, toes in the sand, drink in hand--as the sun sets over the Coral Sea with fellow adventurers.

Fitzroy Island

At Fitzroy Island, stroll through the Secret Garden rainforest or hike to the old lighthouse for stunning views. Snorkel the fringing reef, relax on the beach, and visit the Cairns Turtle Rehab Centre to meet volunteers helping rescue and release injured turtles.

Port Douglas

Discover a region rich in gold rush history, sugar industry heritage, and natural beauty, nestled between reef and rainforest. Learn about the Forever Reef Project, preserving coral biodiversity for future generations, then in the afternoon, we welcome Dean's expert team onboard where they will host hands-on coral activities. Enjoy some free time in Port Douglas, with laid-back village vibe before a special farewell dinner onboard.

Lead by The Forever Reef Project Founder Dean Miller

Disembark Cairns

We'll arrive at Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal with disembarkation at 8:30am. Post-cruise transfers to Cairns CBD and the airport are included. If you're heading to the Northern Beaches or Port Douglas, transfers can be arranged onboard with the Purser (at passenger cost), if not already booked before embarkation.

Please note:

This 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.

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YOUR SHIP: CORAL DISCOVERER

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VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	63 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	72 (in 36 rooms)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2005 / Refurbished

Coral Discoverer is a small expedition yacht purpose-built for navigating remote and rarely accessed regions of Australia, including Tasmania, Cape York, Arnhem Land, and the Kimberley. Designed for adventure, she offers an intimate and immersive experience for just 72 guests, with all staterooms facing outwards and public areas showcasing sweeping ocean views. Thanks to her shallow draught, active stabilisers, and advanced navigation systems, Coral Discoverer can access destinations beyond the reach of larger vessels. Onboard, guests enjoy a relaxed, sociable atmosphere with single-seating dining, showcasing small-batch Australian cuisine, and a sundeck bar ideal for sunset drinks. The vessel also features an Xplorer tender for all-passenger shore excursions, zodiacs, kayaks, a glass-bottom boat, and a lecture lounge for expert presentations.

Accommodation includes five stateroom categories, from the spacious Bridge Deck Balcony rooms to cosy Main Deck options, all featuring ensembles and ocean views. Life onboard combines comfort with exploration: guests enjoy over 1,000 square metres of open deck space, a wraparound promenade, and access to the bridge. The atmosphere is informal yet

refined, with no assigned seating, included drinks with meals, and a focus on Australian hospitality. Wi-Fi is available throughout, and facilities include a library, gift shop, and laundry service. With a dedicated Australian and New Zealand crew, Coral Discoverer delivers a truly local and enriching expedition experience.



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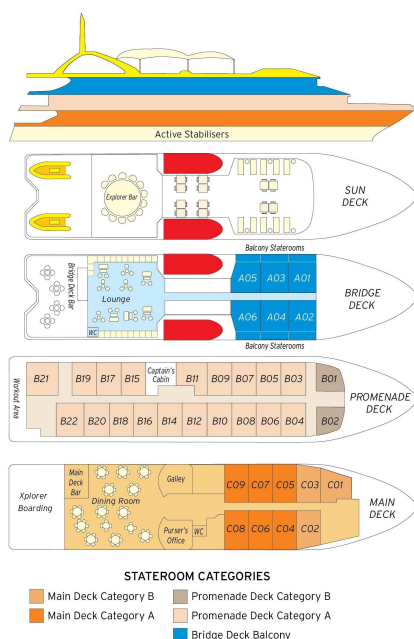
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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom



Main Deck A Stateroom



Main Deck B Stateroom



Promenade A Stateroom



Promenade B Stateroom





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PRICING

04-Dec-2025 to 11-Dec-2025

Main Deck B Stateroom	8650 AUD pp
Main Deck A Stateroom	9250 AUD pp
Promenade B Stateroom	9550 AUD pp
Promenade A Stateroom	10450 AUD pp
Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom	11950 AUD pp

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