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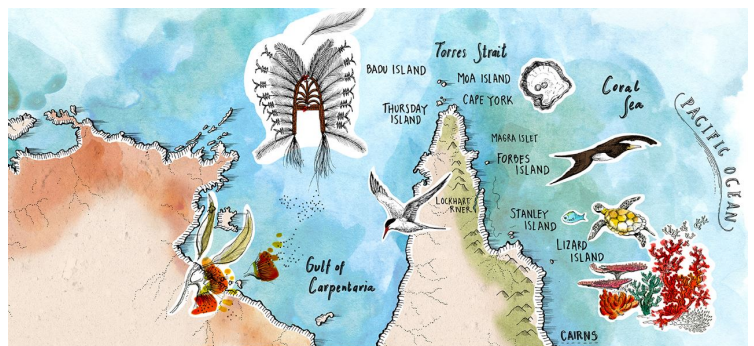
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## TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK - HORN ISLAND TO CAIRNS

Join Coral Expeditions on a small ship adventure to explore the mystical Torres Strait Islands and the remote coastlines to the tip of Cape York. Share an intimate expedition onboard Coral Discoverer with a maximum of 72 guests that takes in small islands and reefs of the northern Great Barrier Reef, coastal walks along Cape York and the magic and mystery of our rarely seen Torres Strait Islands. With almost 300 islands dotted across the narrow stretch of water between Cape York and Papua New Guinea, the people of the Torres Strait Islands have a distinct and vibrant culture. An expedition by small ship is the ideal way to access these remote regions, visiting uninhabited sand cays, remote islands and pristine reef systems. Our expert guides will share their knowledge both above and below the water. With decades of experience and deep respect for the communities of the region, Coral Expeditions will facilitate an enriching journey accompanied and hosted by local elders who will share the customs and stories of this ancient country.



### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: DEPART HORN ISLAND \*

Option for a pre-cruise tour of Horn Island. Board Coral Discoverer at Horn Island at 4pm for 5pm departure. Enjoy afternoon tea onboard and a chance to meet your fellow travellers as we set sail southwards. This evening join guests and the friendly crew as we enjoy the Captain's welcome drinks and sit down to the first of many delicious dinners. There are daily flights to Horn Island Airport from Cairns. These are not included in the cruise fare.

#### DAY 2: THURSDAY ISLAND (WAIBEN) \*

Join an informative tour of Thursday Island to learn about its interesting pearling history and multicultural influences. At Thursday Island we also have free time to explore all the island has to offer, including Gab Titui Cultural Centre and local shopping.

#### DAY 3: MOA ISLAND \*

Visit the art centre and join in print, weaving and jewellery making workshops with local artists. Watch a traditional dance performance and listen to the gorgeous harmonies of the local singers.

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## DAY 4: BADU ISLAND \*

In the morning, we visit the indigenous art centre to watch printmakers at work, with the opportunity to purchase prints that catch your eye. Enjoy traditional kai kai (Traditional Lunch) prepared by the local community - a feast of locally caught crayfish, fresh & curried fish. Spend the afternoon swimming at a local beach, hosted by traditional owners.

## DAY 5: TIP OF CAPE YORK \*

This morning explore historical sites at Albany Island or Somerset. Later, surrounded by glistening sea and bathed in the glow of twilight, we enjoy sundowner drinks and the company of like-minded explorers as we relax and watch the sun gently sink below the horizon at the Tip of Cape York - the northernmost point of the Australian mainland continent.

## DAY 6: FORBES ISLAND & RESTORATION ISLAND \*

Enjoy a day exploring Forbes Island, an excellent spot for swimming, scuba, snorkelling or glass-bottom boat tours from the pristine sandy beaches. Hear the story of beche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster who inhabited this island and visit his gravesite. Visit Restoration Island or Resto, as the locals call it. Here Captain Bligh, of the infamous Mutiny on the Bounty, made his first landfall after a long ocean crossing from Tonga, in May 1789. He named it Restoration Island because the food they found (oysters and native fruits) greatly restored their spirits and because that date was Oak Apple Day, the anniversary of the restoration of King Charles II. Today Restoration Island is not just a National Park; one-third of the island is leased to David Glasheen, a former mining tycoon, who, after losing his fortune in the Black Friday market crash, decided to live a solitary existence on the island, and has done so for over 2 decades. It is an idyllic coastal island with a granite and volcanic peak 116 metres in height and a beautiful shark tooth-shaped beach spit where guest will enjoy water activities and time to explore the island.

## DAY 7: STANLEY ISLAND, DAVIE REEF & CAY \*

Visit Stanley Island in the Flinders Island Group and take a walk to view the isolated Endaen Aboriginal rock art guided by a traditional owner who will offer

an interpretation. The art here depicts the first sailing ships to visit Queensland shores. At Davie Reef enjoy swimming, scuba, snorkelling or glass-bottom boat tours and see Brown Boobie bird colonies at Davie Cay.

## DAY 8: REMOTE OSPREY REEF \*

Osprey Reef is the summit of an undersea 2,000m mountain located beyond the continental shelf with no landmass visible. Enjoy amazing underwater visibility here, and observe magnificent corals, plummeting drop-offs and many fish in the crystalline waters. Osprey Reef is a highly prized tropical dive location amongst scuba divers, called an 'oasis for living creatures of all kinds' by Sir David Attenborough. Osprey Reef is a true expedition-style destination and our visit is subject to appropriate weather conditions.

## DAY 9: LIZARD ISLAND \*

Enjoy the breathtaking natural beauty of Lizard Island. Join an optional hike to Cook's Look and be rewarded with exceptional views over the Great Barrier Reef. Learn about the tragic fate of Mary Watson on a walk to her cottage. Snorkel from the beach over giant clam gardens and colourful coral and visit the Lizard Island Research Station.

## DAY 10: COOKTOWN \*

Discover historic Cooktown, with buildings dating back to the 1870s. Here you will have the choice of a guided indigenous cultural tour, or a guided Cooktown historic tour. You will also have the opportunity for time at leisure to explore Cooktown's attractions which include art galleries, the botanic gardens, James Cook Museum (with original artefacts from the HMB Endeavour), lookouts, and a walk to the top of Grassy Hill. Farewell drinks this evening on a remote island.

## DAY 11: ARRIVE CAIRNS \*

Our incredible adventure of Australia's North comes to an end. Arrive at Cairns at 8am.

Please Note: \*





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This itinerary is indicative. No two cruises with Coral Expeditions will be the same, with each expedition crafted by our experienced Masters and Expedition Leaders. 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

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Coral Discoverer</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>63 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>72 (in 36 rooms)</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2005 / Refurbished</b>

Launched in 2005, Coral Discoverer set a new benchmark standard for small ship cruising in Australia. Refurbished in November 2016, she continues to raise the bar to new levels of sophistication in expedition cruising in the Southern Hemisphere.

The 1800-tonne Coral Discoverer is the grand vision of Coral Expeditions, pioneers in expedition and adventure cruises around Australia, Papua New Guinea and South East Asia. Her shallow draught and manoeuvrability allow her to go where larger vessels cannot. Her tender vessel, Xplorer, can seat all 72 passengers for excursions to beaches and rivers. Coral Discoverer is equipped with latest technology active stabilisers to ensure comfortable cruising in open waters and is fitted with modern safety and navigation equipment and wireless internet facilities.

Coral Discoverer was built to the exacting international SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) standards and specifications in Cairns, Australia, with one aim in mind; to create the ultimate small ship cruising experience. Australian flagged, and staffed entirely by an Australian and New Zealand crew, your experience aboard Coral Discoverer will be unique.

After the refurbishment, the Sun Deck has evolved to become a new social space and the hub of on board community living. This area has been converted into an undercover deck area complete with round 'Explorer Bar' with bar stools and sun deck with lounges and an area for outdoor exercise equipment.

Guest accommodation has also received a substantial upgrade with the addition of six Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms providing coveted inside/outside living quarters. Each of our other Stateroom grades has also received a full upgrade with updated bathroom fixtures, soft furnishings and artwork making for an even more comfortable stay on board Coral Discoverer.

The Coral Discoverer offers five different grades of staterooms, ranging from Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms to Main Deck Staterooms. Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms are on the top deck and have private balconies opening out from french windows. All rooms are furnished with contemporary flair and feature original artwork, a small private en-suite, individually-controlled air-conditioning, an iPod dock, ample storage and Australian toiletries. All staterooms are serviced daily. Each stateroom is spacious, sized between 15sqm (161 square feet) to 20 sqm (215 square feet) and has either a balcony, feature picture windows or porthole windows. Most staterooms can be configured to either junior king or twin bedding.

### FACILITIES ON BOARD

- > Sun Deck with undercover area, sun lounges and ample seating
- > Three fully stocked cocktail bars, including brand new round

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## Explorer Bar on Sun Deck

- > Spacious, modern dining room, recently refurbished
- > Forward lounge
- > Reference library
- > Gift shop
- > Open bridge
- > Workout Area
- > Wireless internet available for laptops, mobile devices or via onboard guest computer
- > Limited laundry facilities available
- > SCUBA diving department (selected itineraries)



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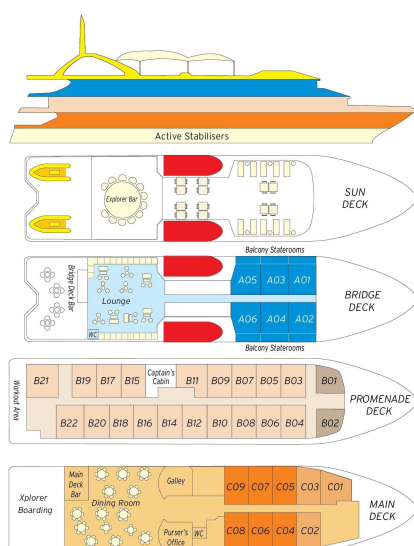
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



### STATEROOM CATEGORIES

- Main Deck Category B
- Main Deck Category A
- Promenade Deck Category B
- Promenade Deck Category A
- Bridge Deck Balcony

Bridge Deck Balcony



Main Deck A



Main Deck B



Promenade A





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## PRICING

**03-Nov-2025 to 13-Nov-2025**

<b>Main Deck B</b>	<b>12030 AUD pp</b>
<b>Main Deck A</b>	<b>13220 AUD pp</b>
<b>Promenade A</b>	<b>15630 AUD pp</b>
<b>Bridge Deck Balcony</b>	<b>16830 AUD pp</b>



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