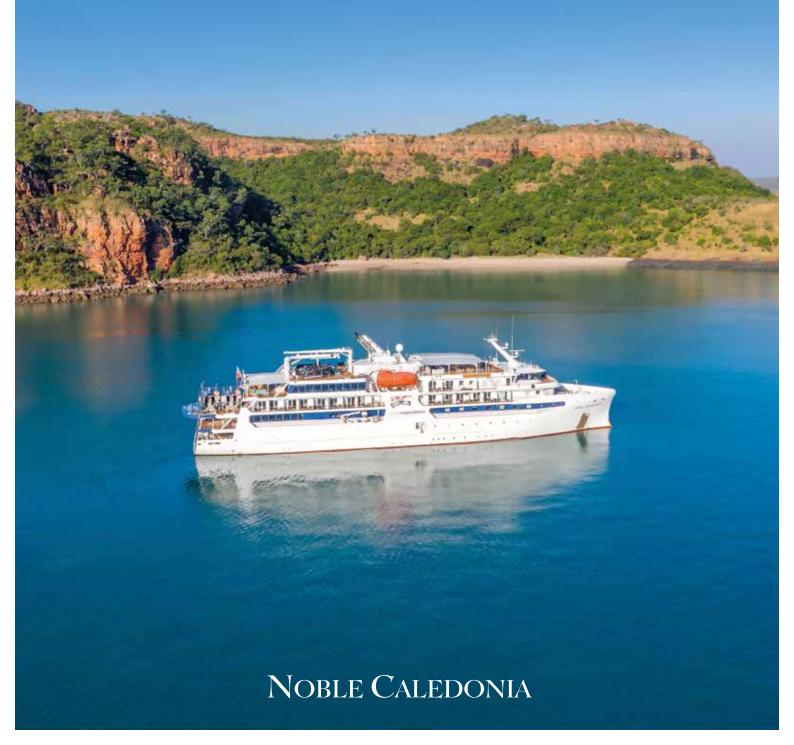


SMALL SHIP CRUISING IN AUSTRALASIA

ABOARD THE CORAL ADVENTURER
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CORAL ADVENTURER – A UNIQUE SMALL SHIP FOR AUSTRALASIA



For our small ship adventures in Australia and New Zealand, we have chosen to partner with Coral Expeditions and their vessel the Coral Adventurer which was purpose built to explore the remote and tropical regions of Australasia. An Australian-owned and operated company established over forty years ago, Coral Expeditions share our passion for small ships and our aim of bringing small groups of like-minded travellers to some of the most beautiful and culturally fascinating places in the world accompanied by a team of experts and in a high degree of comfort.

We have exclusively chartered the Coral Adventurer which was launched in 2019 and is simply the perfect small ship for the region. Accommodating a maximum of 120 passengers (limited to just 100 for our exclusive charters) and featuring a shallow draft and high manoeuvrability, the vessel can navigate inaccessible reef systems, rivers and shores which are out of reach to larger vessels. In addition to a fleet of Zodiacs, the Coral Adventurer carries two unique Xplorer tenders which provide guests with unrivalled access to nature with ease. The atmosphere on board is relaxed and informal with the focus being on exploration and the excellent Australian crew are dedicated to providing attentive hospitality with a warm and relaxed Australian style.

EXPLORING ASHORE

An unrivalled and unique benefit of sailing aboard the Coral Adventurer are the two tender vessels which simplify travelling ashore and were designed with flexibility and guest comfort in mind. The Xplorer vessels ensure that all guests can travel to shore or explore hidden bays and inlets safely and comfortably. The Xplorers are very easy to board directly from the deck and provide comfortable seating. Onboard, a microphone and speakers assist the guides in sharing their expert commentary, a canopy overhead protects from the sun, and there is a toilet for remote convenience. The Xplorers can be boarded directly from the ship's Coral Deck, before the hydraulic platform gently lowers into the water, making it easily accessible for all guests. The twin Xplorers are equipped with 2x twin 225 horsepower engines and can reach up to 20 knots in speed. The onboard Zodiacs provide a further flexible option for shore excursions and can be paired with the Xplorers for navigating narrow inlets and waterways.





YOUR SPACE

Public areas throughout the ship are open, light and airy with large picture windows to take in the surrounding vistas. The comfortable lounge on the Bridge Deck is a place to relax with a good book, attend lectures and presentations and enjoy evening films and activities. The elegant Dining Room on the Promenade Deck features indoor and outdoor seating and operates an open seating arrangement meaning you can sit with whom you like each evening. In addition to the Dining Room and Bridge Lounge Bar there are two additional outdoor bar areas. A much-loved aspect of the onboard experience is the open bridge policy which allows you to spend time with the Captain and Officers learning about all aspects of navigation and trip planning. In addition, for those intrigued by the inner

workings of the vessel, engine room tours provide fascinating access below decks. For guests seeking to maintain their wellness routine while at sea there is access to onboard fitness equipment and a small gym, enabling active guests to make the most of their days at sea. There is also a resource library on board with a selection of books covering natural history, geology, local cultures, and flora & fauna, as well as fictional novels and games to enjoy. Outside there is over 1000 square metres of open deck space with a wrap-around promenade deck providing panoramic views. Another unique attribute of the Coral Adventurer is the wonderful indigenous artworks which you will discover throughout the vessel.



Lounge



Open Bridge

Bridge Deck & Bar

YOUR DINING

The culinary experience on board emphasises freshness, seasonality, and sustainability and is inspired by the regions being discovered. Meals are prepared daily in small batches in the open galley, maximising freshness and minimising waste. There is a generous daily breakfast buffet which offers a wide choice of hot and cold options, cereals, pastries, fruit and juices. Lunches on board feature a selection of hot and cold dishes including freshly prepared salads, local seafood and seasonal tropical fruits whilst dinner is a three course affair. In between meals, chefs will welcome you back on board with freshly baked treats and will prepare delicious canapés to accompany pre-dinner drinks. Complementing lunch and dinner are a selection of included wines, beers and soft drinks. There is also a 24-hour tea and coffee station with biscuits and fresh fruit always available.



On board you can expect laid-back Australian hospitality and a relaxed convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers. With no designated seating and few formalities, a spirit of camaraderie and friendship flourishes. You will be accompanied by an expert team who will inform and entertain through their presentations and each evening the Expedition Leader will provide an overview of the next day's activities. A Daily Newsletter outlining excursion information, meal hours, and onboard activities for the following day will also be delivered to your cabin each evening during turn down. The Australian crew enjoy a high level of interaction with the guests and after a day of exploration, guests are invited each evening to gather on deck for pre-dinner drinks.



Restaurant



YOUR CABIN

All cabins are outside facing with ensuite bathroom, premium amenities, wardrobe, desk, armchair and many feature a private balcony allowing you to enjoy the spectacular vistas from your cabin. With the exception of the two suites on board, all staterooms feature a junior king sized bed which can be separated into twin beds. Staterooms on the Coral and Promenade Decks measure 17 square metres with those on the Coral Deck featuring portholes whilst those on the Promenade Deck feature a large picture window. Staterooms on the Explorer and Bridge Decks measure 21.4 square metres and feature a private balcony with seating for two. There are two very spacious suites on the Bridge Deck which measure 55.8 square metres and are equipped with a super king sized bed, lounge area, private balcony, minibar, personal coffee machine and a large bathroom.



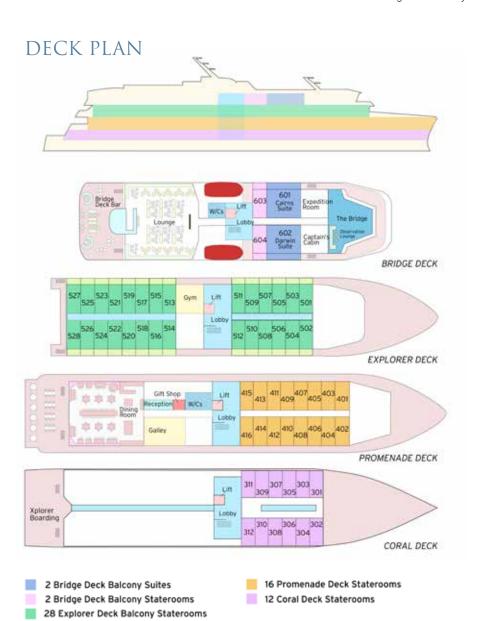
Promenade Deck Stateroom



Explorer Deck Stateroom



Bridge Deck Balcony Suite



CORAL ADVENTURER VIDEO ONLINE



For further information on the vessel and what to expect, you can view a video tour of the Coral Adevnturer on our website www.noble-caledonia.co.uk



During these voyages you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions

will be made by the onboard Xplorer and Zodiac landing craft. These cruises will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.



Open Galley



Promenade Deck

NEW ZEALAND COASTAL VOYAGE

An in-depth exploration of the wonders of New Zealand aboard the Coral Adventurer 29th November to 18th December 2026

With a stunning, meandering coastline and the vast majority of the 'must see' places being either on the coast or close by in the hinterland, New Zealand is uniquely suited to small ship cruising, and there isn't a vessel more perfect for our exploration than the Coral Adventurer which we have exclusively chartered for this journey.

With vast open spaces filled with stunning rugged landscapes and a temperate climate, New Zealand is a land of rare natural beauty and contrasts. There are steep-sided fiords, geysers and boiling mud, coastal rainforests, snow-capped mountains, rolling green pasture lands, often spectacular geothermal activity, enchanting sandy bays and coves, fast flowing rivers and a variety of birdlife. By contrast, in the cities and towns you can experience that unique combination of New World and British heritage, see some splendid gardens, visit wonderful vineyards, encounter fascinating wildlife and meet the friendly people.

We have devised our itinerary which explores both North and South Islands, on the basis that most travellers from the UK will only tour New Zealand once and the trip should therefore be as comprehensive and as full of contrasts as possible. We will explore the beautiful city of Napier with its Art Deco buildings, discover historic Dunedin with its rich blend of both Māori and Scottish heritage and visit the nation's capital of Wellington. For scenic splendour we spend time in the Bay of Islands, explore the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula, visit the Abel Tasman National Park, cruise through the Marlborough Sounds which divide New Zealand's islands, sail around the renowned World Heritage region of the

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Resolution

Wellington

Christchurch

Akaroa

South Island

Fiordland National Park, one of the world's most spectacular natural landscapes and stroll through the serene forests of Ulva Island.

All this is best achieved travelling by a small ship and with the Coral Adventurer we can drop anchor in remote bays, navigate channels and fiords and call into harbours both large and small. With the unique Xplorer tender vessels and the Zodiac landing craft on board we will be able to land in otherwise inaccessible places, making the most of New Zealand's extraordinary natural attractions. We will also learn of New Zealand's colourful and dramatic history and at the end of each day, return to the Coral Adventurer and indulge in the delights of the celebrated cuisine and wine along with the convivial company of fellow passengers.

THE ITINERARY

 $\textbf{Day 1 London or Manchester to Auckland, New Zealand.} \ \ \textbf{Fly by scheduled indirect flight.}$

Day 2 En-Route.

Day 3 Auckland. Arrive into Auckland and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure.

Day 4 Auckland. This morning you may choose to relax in the hotel or join a morning city tour. We will meet for a light lunch before transferring to the Coral Adventurer to embark.

Day 5 Bay of Islands. Discovered by Captain Cook in 1769, this area is the cradle of European civilisation in New Zealand and has important historical significance for both Māori and Europeans. The Coral Adventurer will be at anchor and we will transfer ashore aboard the Xplorer. During our guided morning tour we will visit the Waitangi Treaty House where in 1840 the treaty was signed between the Māori and the British Crown. We then continue to Kerikeri, where the Māori first welcomed missionaries in 1819, and see the oldest buildings of New Zealand dating from the 1820s.

Day 6 Whitianga, Coromandel Peninsula. After a morning at sea we arrive at our anchorage off the small town of Whitianga, our base to explore the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula. We will transfer ashore using the Xplorer launch vessel and drive the short distance to the 'Driving Creek Railway', a narrow gauge bush and mountain railway. Once on board the train, we will cross ten bridges and pass through three tunnels as it climbs to the Eyefull Tower viewing platform which offers wonderful views over the Harauki Gulf. On our return to Whitianga we will make a stop at the historically significant Wharekaho Beach. It was here local chiefs welcomed British explorer Captain James Cook and botanist Joseph Banks to their shores in 1769. Under the

ancient sprawling Pohutukawa tree that still reaches along the beach today, Ngati Hei warmly acknowledged the crew of the Endeavour with the very first official ceremony (Powhiri) recorded in New Zealand.

Day 7 Tauranga for Rotorua. From our berth in Tauranga we drive inland to the famous thermal springs at Rotorua. Discover Wai-O-Tapu, meaning Sacred Waters, an active geothermal area with colourful hot springs, steaming ground and boiling mud pools. Marvel at the incredible palette of vibrant hues displayed in the pools, lakes and craters, and enjoy the melodic sounds of birds singing in the native forest. From here we visit a Māori marae where we will enjoy a traditional Māori welcome and lunch.

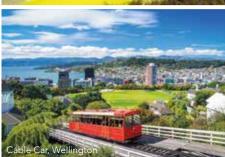
Day 8 Gisborne. Spend the morning cruising to Gisborne, where Captain James Cook first made landfall in New Zealand in 1769. This afternoon a scenic drive takes us along the seafront, past the Captain Cook monument, then out into the beautiful countryside through stunning scenery of hills, valleys, farmlands, orchards and vineyards to the Eastwoodhill Arboretum, the National Arboretum of New Zealand which encompasses over 131 hectares planted in exotic and native trees, shrubs and climbers. After a short introduction there will be a choice of walks from flat, tree-lined paths to walks skirting the higher ridges around the arboretum with great views of Douglas Park and Glen Douglas.

Day 9 Napier. Arrive this morning in Napier and join a tour of this beautiful town including its charming Art Deco buildings. Totally rebuilt after the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake, Napier's Art Deco is unique, with Māori motifs and the buildings of Louis Hay, admirer of the great Frank Lloyd Wright. We also visit a local vineyard to sample the region's wines. Alternatively join the excursion to the gannetry at Cape Kidnappers, a 13 hectare reserve which is home to the saddle and black reef gannet colonies.













Day 10 Resolution Bay & Ship Cove. This morning we will sail through the beautiful Marlborough Sounds which divide the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Arrive in the early afternoon at Resolution Bay on the South Island where keen walkers can enjoy a longer hike over to Ship Cove along the Queen Charlotte Track enjoying fantastic views over the archipelago of islands. Alternatively you can choose to alight a little later at Ship Cove where Captain James Cook spent much of his time in New Zealand. View the monument dedicated to Cook or maybe walk the forest trail.

Day 11 Abel Tasman National Park & Nelson. There will be a choice of excursions today. Choose to disembark after breakfast to visit Abel Tasman, New Zealand's smallest national park, protecting over 23,000 hectares of the most easily accessible coastline in the country. Enjoy a coastal walk and scenic cruise with excellent wildlife opportunities including seal colonies and numerous aquatic birds including penguins. Alternatively enjoy a morning exploring Nelson which has for many years attracted resident artists. There are more than 350 working artists and craftspeople living in Nelson and their work is often inspired by the region's exceptionally beautiful geography incorporating coastal, forest and valley landscapes.

Day 12 Wellington. Returning to the North Island we spend the day in Wellington, the nation's capital. From our central berth we will explore the city on a guided walk and see St Paul's Cathedral, the parliament buildings, stroll through the Botanical Gardens and take a ride on the iconic cable car. After the tour, you can choose to visit the impressive Te Papa National Museum of New Zealand and enjoy lunch ashore independently or return to the vessel for lunch followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore further.

Day 13 Akaroa. Akaroa meaning, 'Long Harbour', in Māori, was founded by French whaling Captain Jean Langlois on his ship Cachelot in 1838. He returned in 1840 with 60 settlers on the Comte de Paris to create a French colony. Arriving over lunch we will spend the afternoon here and there will be a choice of excursions including a dolphin watching trip using local boats to explore the scenic coastline and search for the rare Hector's dolphin or a guided historic walk in Akaroa and through the native bush of the Garden of Tane.

Day 14 Dunedin. Arrive this morning in Dunedin and enjoy a guided tour including the gracious 19th century buildings and the beautiful botanical gardens, the oldest in New Zealand containing over 6,800 plant species. Alternatively choose to drive to the Otago Peninsula where we board local boats to view Tairoa Head, the world's only mainland albatross nesting place. Continue to the Royal Albatross Centre where we can learn more about these fascinating birds. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to discover more of Dunedin at your own pace.

Day 15 Stewart Island. New Zealand's third island is well off the usual beaten tourist track. It is a wonderfully tranquil place, the scenery of untouched bushland is stunning. We will enjoy a morning on the small Ulva Island where we will use Zodiacs to go ashore for a choice of walks with our local guides. We will explore the dense vegetation and keep an eye out for the amazing birdlife. This afternoon we land at Oban on Stewart Island and will have the chance to wander amongst the shops and see the museum or

join a drive along some of the 15 miles of sealed road to some of the beauty spots including Observation Rock with views over Iona and Ulva Island.

Days 16 &17 Fiordland. We have two days to explore the incredible wilderness of the fiords in the southwest corner of the South Island. This is an area rich in history, Captain Cook landed here on HMS Resolution in 1773, majestic scenery and abundant wildlife. The area is only accessible by sea, making it the most remote region of New Zealand. Our schedule may include Astronomer's Point, Doubtful Sound and Dusky Sound but final itinerary decisions will be made by the Captain and Expedition Leader based on weather conditions. The Xplorers and Zodiacs will be used to transfer from the ship to a landing site, or as our transport to explore the fiords beyond the ship's anchorage position.

Day 18 Bluff to Christchurch. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Christchurch. On arrival we will check into a hotel before an afternoon city tour.

Day 19 Christchurch to London or Manchester. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London or Manchester.

Day 20 London. Arrive this morning.

SHIP TO SHORE

This voyage is a combination of both expedition style cruising and small ship destination cruising. Whilst we will be alongside in most ports, we will be at anchor in Paihia, Whitianga, Ship Cove, Akaroa, Stewart Island and Fiordland. The vessel's Xplorers and Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore and to explore the more remote regions.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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	DECK	CABIN DESCRIPTION	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE				
	Promenade	Stateroom with picture window	£13995	£13495				

SPECIAL OFFER - SAVE f500 PER PERSON

Explorer Stateroom with private balcony £15495 £14995 Bridge SOLD OUT **SOLD OUT** Stateroom with private balcony Bridge SOLD OUT SOLD OUT Suite with private balcony Coral Stateroom with porthole for sole use SOLD OUT SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Auckland & Christchurch with breakfast • 14 nights aboard the Coral Adventurer on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Onboard Team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers

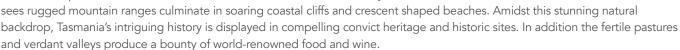
Not Included: Travel insurance, New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (eTA), dinner on days 3 & 18.

TIMELESS TASMANIA

A circumnavigation of Tasmania aboard the Coral Adventurer 15th January to 2nd February 2027

The oldest and smallest continent has it all, extraordinary wildlife, unique flora, forests which appear to go on forever, rolling pastureland, vineyards, plantations, mountains, rivers, and dramatic coastal scenery. Nowhere is this more true than on the island of Tasmania which, due to its isolated position, has retained a refreshingly 'untouched' feel both in its landscape and heritage. The old cliché of 'more British than the British' sits easily with Tasmania, where the predominant settlers were Anglo Saxon in origin. Due to its small population and isolation, the island has been by-passed by any massive economic development and the result for the visitor is sheer bliss.

Australia's island state is poised at the edge of the world, where the Southern and Pacific Oceans collide. Pristine World Heritage wilderness and national parks teem with native wildlife and Tasmania's natural beauty



Such beauty and diversity is best explored by small ship and we have chartered the Coral Adventurer for this fascinating expedition which will circumnavigate Tasmania. The itinerary is brimming with highlights and includes a wonderful balance of history, culture, flora, fauna and architecture. Working with the Australian owners of the Coral Adventurer, we have planned our unique voyage to include seldom visited World Heritage Sites and pristine wilderness areas of Tasmania, a place renowned for its amazing diversity.

With the Coral Adventurer we can drop anchor in remote bays, navigate channels and call into harbours both large and small and with the unique Xplorer tender vessels and the Zodiac landing craft we will be able to land in otherwise inaccessible places, making the most of Tasmania's extraordinary natural attractions. At the end of each day we return to the Coral Adventurer and indulge in the delights of the celebrated cuisine and wine along with the convivial company of just 100 fellow passengers. We will be joined on board by an expedition team including guest speakers, some of whom call Tasmania home and have a wealth of knowledge of the flora, fauna and indigenous cultures.



- Explore the beautiful Freycinet National Park. Stroll the white sand of Wineglass Bay and hike to the lookout.
- Spend time on Maria Island witnessing the endemic wildlife and learning about the island's history as a penal colony.
- Visit remote Flinders Island. Experience one of Tasmania's 'Great Short Walks' in Strzelecki National Park.
- Witness the 300 metre high sea cliffs at Tasman National Park, the highest in the Southern hemisphere.
- Hike the Fluted Cape Track at Bruny Island.

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- Encounter iconic wildlife including wombats, wallabies, kangaroos, the Tasmania Devil and fur seals.
- Taste cool climate wines at the vineyards of Tamar Valley and Bangor Vineyard.



THE ITINERARY

 $\textbf{Days 1 \& 2 London or Manchester to Melbourne, Australia.} \ \textbf{Fly by scheduled indirect flight}.$

Day 3 Melbourne. Arrive this morning and transfer to our central hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your journey or explore the city independently.

AUSTRALIA

• Melbourne

King Island

TASMANIA

Bruny Island

Port Arthur

Cradle Mountain National Park Flinders

_Tamar Valley -Launceston

Maria Island

Tasman National Park

Freycinet National Park

Bangor Vineyard

Burnie 🔪

Day 4 Melbourne. After breakfast in the hotel you can choose to take a morning city tour including Federation Square, the Botanical Gardens and Melbourne Museum. Alternatively join a full day tour of the Great Ocean Road. On this glorious coastal drive we will visit Bells Beach, spot koalas in the wild, enjoy a guided tour of the Otways rainforest and marvel at the amazing rock formations of the Port Campbell National Park, including the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. Along the way we will see pristine beaches and rugged rocky outcrops of the Great Ocean Road. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Day 5 Melbourne to Hobart. Enjoy some time at leisure this morning before we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Hobart. On arrival we will transfer to the Coral Adventurer and embark before we sail in the early evening.

Day 6 Maria Island. Arrive this morning at Maria Island National Park which is perhaps best known as the site of Tasmania's second penal settlement which opened in 1821. By the early 1830s it was decided that the site was too expensive to be viable so the convicts were returned to the penitentiaries of the mainland and the whalers, sealers, farmers and smugglers moved in. Today the only reminder is the remains of the penal settlement in Darlington, however Maria Island is also home to diverse flora and fauna including reintroduced animals such as forester kangaroos, Bennetts wallabies, Tasmanian native hens and Cape Barren geese that







had been wiped out during the European occupation. The very things that made the island a convict settlement now make it an ideal refuge for plant and animal species that are under threat elsewhere. Join a nature walk, stroll amongst the ruins and beautifully restored buildings of the Darlington convict settlement or take a walk to the striking formations of the Painted Cliffs, where rich iron deposits have stained the sandstone cliffs with coloured streaks of red, purple and orange.

Day 7 Freycinet Peninsula. This morning we will explore the Freycinet National Park. The majestic beauty of Freycinet's granite mountains and white, sandy beaches fringed by eucalypts have long been admired by naturalists, artists and writers and the area was reserved as a National Park in 1916. From our anchorage in Promise Bay we will land at Hazards Beach from where we can see the stunning red and pink granite peaks known as The Hazards. From here we take the isthmus track across the iconic Wineglass Bay where there will be the chance to swim in the cool azure waters. Those feeling active may wish to take the hike up to the lookout.

Day 8 Flinders Island. Awake this morning off wild and rugged Flinders Island, one of the 52 islands in the Furneaux Group dotted across the Bass Strait. Here we find a combination of white sandy beaches, the pink and gray granite mountain ranges of Strzelecki National Park and a landscape of lagoons and wetlands. We will land on the picturesque Trousers Point beach, the starting point for one of 'Tasmania's Great Short Walks', as we follow the coastal track to Fotheringate Beach with its fascinating granite caves and rock formations and views over to the other Bass Strait islands. Meanwhile, as we explore the island we learn of the sombre history of the Wybalenna Settlement. It was to here that Aboriginal people from the Tasmanian mainland were exiled in the 1830s and 1840s, however most died from disease on the island before being transferred back to Tasmania's south. Also, see relics of Flinders maritime past at the Furneaux Museum and pass by the seaside villages.

Day 9 Launceston & Tamar Valley. One of Australia's oldest cities, Launceston is situated at the meeting of the North and South Esk rivers, where the Tamar River begins its journey to Bass Strait, and has one of the best preserved early cityscapes in Australia with its elegant colonial and Victorian architecture and century-old parks. On a full day tour we have the morning to enjoy some sightseeing around the city taking in the architecture of the historical buildings and the gardens that lace the streets. Also see the magnificent Cataract Gorge and learn about the fascinating collection of

history, fauna and people of this region. We will return to the ship via one of the vineyards of the Tamar Valley which is renowned as one of the premium cool climate wine growing regions of Tasmania and where we will enjoy a tasting.

Day 10 Burnie. Continuing our journey along the north coast we arrive at Burnie. Settled as an industrial port by the Van Diemans Land company in the early 19th century it was a centre for the timber industry. Today, whilst many of the bigger firms have moved away, the town retains a number of artisans producing delicious foods, hand-made paper and single malt whiskey. Today you can choose to take a morning tour to the nearby Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens and Fern Glade Nature Reserve before some free time to explore Burnie at your own pace, maybe visiting the Makers Workshop which honours the town's history. Alternatively join a full day tour to Cradle Mountain National Park, part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and one of the island's iconic sites. Here we find rich vegetation including grasslands and rainforest with many endemic plants and trees offering a rich habitat for wildlife including Tasmanian devils and birds. We will have time to walk at Dove Lake to see the wonderful views of Cradle Mountain whilst those feeling active may wish to tackle the summit.

Day 11 Stanley. Overnight we sail the short distance to Stanley. This is a town of well-preserved colonial buildings sheltering in the shadow of 'the Nut', an imposing volcanic plug which rises 150 metres above the town. This old volcanic land formation created from dried magma has steep sides and a flat top and we can either take the steep walking path or a more leisurely chairlift ride to the top to enjoy the views. Afterwards we will learn more about the region's history on a town tour including Highfield House, where European settlers first established themselves in Tasmania. Built in 1834 as a residence for Edward Curr, chief agent for the British Van Diemen's Land Company, the estate is a rare example of residential architecture and graceful design from the Regency period. Alternatively drive to the Tarkine Wilderness a 447,000 hectare area which includes Australia's largest patch of temperate rainforest as well as sand dunes, mountain ranges, moorland, wild rivers, caves and coastal heathland. Wildlife here includes wombats, platypus, bandicoot, giant crayfish and the Tasmanian devil as well as rare birds such as the orange bellied parrot and grey goshawk.

Day 12 King Island. Located in the Bass Strait which separates Tasmania with Victoria lies King Island, a peaceful paradise with rugged coastlines, beautiful beaches and wonderful nature walks. King Island's largest town













is Currie which is home to 700 residents and set on a scenic harbour with amazing views of the vast Southern Ocean. Currie has a history of shipwreck salvage, agriculture and fishing, with a sleepy seaside village atmosphere. During our tour we will see the Currie Lighthouse which was built in the 1870s to help prevent shipwrecks in a dangerous stretch of water known as the 'Eye of the Needle' and still stands guard over the ocean today. Also see the calcified forest which is made up of hundreds of weirdly shaped limestone features. The structures that make up the forest were created when calcium carbonate attached to the deep roots of coastal vegetation and have since been exposed when the surrounding sand has blown away.

Day 13 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day at sea as we cruise along the west coast of Tasmania. Home to striking mountain ranges, ancient pines and untamed rivers, the wild west coast is the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and a true frontier. Relax on board and take in the dramatic scenery from the deck and join one of the lectures.

Day 14 Bruny Island. Arrive this morning off the southern Tasmania coast at Adventure Bay which is on the east coast of Bruny Island. Here, those feeling active have the option to join a strenuous walk along the dramatic coastal cliffs of Fluted Cape where we hope to see Bennett's Wallabies. If weather permits, we will cruise the base of these near-vertical dolerite cliffs using the Xplorer tender vessels or Zodiacs. We will also learn about how southern right whales were almost hunted to extinction and Adventure Bay housed four whaling stations before the industry's decline in the mid-1840s. We can see the ruins of these stations on a walk to Grass Point.

Day 15 Tasman National Park & Bangor Vineyard. The Tasman Peninsula is known for its fascinating geological formations like the Tessellated Pavement, Tasman Arch, and the soaring 300 metre high dolerite sea cliffs of Cape Raoul, Cape Pillar and Cape Hauy – the tallest in the southern hemisphere. Watch fur seals hauling out on the rocks, as well as playful dolphins feeding and magnificent albatross soaring amongst the updrafts created by the sea cliffs. This afternoon we will drive to the Bangor Vineyard. After strolling through the vines we will learn about the cultivation of the wines and the history of the property before enjoying a tasting.

Day 16 Port Arthur. Named after Van Diemen's Land Lieutenant Governor, George Arthur, Port Arthur started as a timber station in 1830, but it is best known for being a penal colony. From 1833, until 1877, it was the destination for the hardest of convicted British and Irish criminals, those who were secondary offenders having re-offended after their arrival in

Australia. Today, the Historic Site has over 30 buildings, ruins and restored period homes set in 100 acres of landscaped grounds which we will discover with Port Arthur's knowledgeable guides. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before we make our way back to Hobart.

Day 17 Hobart. Tasmania's capital was founded in 1804 as a penal colony but today Hobart is a cosmopolitan city. After we disembark this morning, you can choose to learn more about the history of the city built by the early convicts. See the cathedral, the old jail and treasury and end up in the Salamanca Wharf area, a historic docks area which was built for the whaling industry. Alternatively take a journey to the summit of Mount Wellington measuring 4000 feet with wonderful views over the city returning via the Royal Botanical Gardens built along the Derwent River. Created in 1818 they are home to an extensive collection of native flora. After lunch in a local restaurant we will transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 18 Hobart to London or Manchester. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London or Manchester.

Day 19 London or Manchester. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy

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PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Melbourne & overnight hotel accommodation in Hobart with breakfast • 12 nights aboard the Coral Adventurer on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Onboard Expedition Team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Australia ETA, dinner on days 3, 4 & 17.

Stateroom with porthole for sole use



WILDLIFE & WONDERS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

An expedition exploring the islands, reefs & remote coastline of Western Australia aboard the Coral Adventurer

19th March to 4th April 2027



Australia's west coast is home to some of the country's most extraordinary wonders, many of which are only accessible by sea. Join us aboard the Coral Adventurer and explore this endlessly fascinating destination as we visit remote archipelagos, offshore coral reefs and pristine coastlines that only few have had the opportunity to visit. Our voyage offers true explorers the opportunity to visit natural world destinations that are unlike anywhere else in the world. Encounter endemic marine species, spot native animals and birdwatch in Important Bird Areas. In addition the region has a fascinating maritime and indigenous history, from the Malgana people of Shark Bay and the Yaburara people of the Dampier Archipelago to the exploratory journeys of William Dampier, Dirk Hartog, Baudin and Freycinet.



Western Australia's wild and largely untouched coast, with its contrasting coastal palette of rich red sands and turquoise sea is simply perfect for expedition cruising and our itinerary features numerous natural world highlights with the many coastal reserves harbouring an abundance of birdlife and fascinating marine species. We will discover the renowned Abrolhos Islands, often referred to as the Galapagos of the Indian Ocean, where in addition to the abundance of rich marine life which inhabit the waters, the islands are also a breeding site for over two million sea birds across 35 species. We also spend time in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, one of the world's greatest wilderness treasures; this westernmost part of Australia has a unique combination of wildlife, flora and stunning scenery unlike that found anywhere else. Continuing north we spend a day in the Cape Range National Park where we will explore the crystal clear waters of World Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef, one of the longest and most pristine fringing reefs in the world. Our final three island groups are the Muiron Islands known for their incredible reef, colourful soft corals, and abundance of turtles and schools of fish; the Montebello Islands or 'Montes', an archipelago of more than 250 limestone islands and islets which are considered an Important Bird Area and finally the Dampier Archipelago which consists of 42 islands and islets, 25 of which are nature reserves and where the iron-red islands stand in bright contrast to the turquoise waters which surround them.

For this unique expedition we have exclusively chartered the Coral Adventurer and working with the Australian owners of the vessel have devised an exciting itinerary. We will be able to drop anchor in remote bays and use the unique Xplorer tender vessels and the Zodiac landing craft to land in otherwise inaccessible places, making the most of Western Australia's extraordinary natural attractions.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the islands, reefs and remote coastlines of Western Australia.
- Discover the fascinating history of the Abrolhos Islands, swim with friendly sea lions, witness the fantastic birdlife and snorkel over beautiful reefs.
- Visit the plinth which marks ground zero at the Montebello Islands, a site for atomic bomb testing in the 1950s and now a haven for wildlife including the rufous hare wallaby.
- See the marine wonders of Ningaloo Marine Park, in the waters of the Leeuwin current – at the Muiron Islands and Turquoise Bay.
- Explore World Heritage Shark Bay where the temperate climate of the south meets the desert climate of the north, resulting in unique and abundant wildlife ashore and under the water. Walk the Wanamalu Trail at Cape Peron and cruise past historic Cape Inscription.
- Learn about Western Australia's fascinating maritime history including the wrecks of the Barque Stefano (Exmouth), the Tryall (Montebello Islands), and the Batavia (Abrolhos Islands).

THE ITINERARY

Please note that this is an expedition cruise in its truest sense and we will be exploring many places only accessible by sea. Flexibility will be key to a successful expedition and whilst we have outlined an itinerary below, the final schedule will be determined by our Captain and the Expedition Leader based on sea and weather conditions and the wildlife we encounter.

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Day 3 Perth. After breakfast in the hotel we enjoy a tour of Perth which will include a guided walk around Kings Park, perched on Mount Eliza. Absorb impressive views of the city and the Swan River and see some of Western Australia's remarkable flora in the Botanical Gardens. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon before we meet tonight for our welcome dinner.

Day 4 Perth to Fremantle. After breakfast in the hotel we will transfer to the Coral Adventurer moored in Fremantle. We will sail later this morning and spend the remainder of the day cruising and settling in on board.

Days 5 to 7 Abrolhos Islands. The Abrolhos Islands consist of 122 islands, clustered into three main groups: the Wallabi, Easter and Pelsaert Groups. Lying in the stream of the southward flowing Leeuwin current, the marine







environment here is a meeting place for tropical and temperate sea life. Common marine mammals include Australian sea lions and bottlenose dolphins, and over 90 species of seabird have been identified. The treacherous reefs around these islands have claimed many wrecks over the centuries, the most famous being the 'Batavia' in 1629 whose Dutch crew swam ashore only to experience a brutal mutiny. The Abrolhos Islands offer a near-pristine natural environment with a diverse range of marine and terrestrial fauna and flora and the area also has a rich history including shipwrecks and remnants of early colonial industries such as guano mining and commercial fishing. We will spend three days exploring the area, visiting all three main groups: Pelsaert (Southern), Easter Group and the Wallabi Group. A broad range of activities will be available across these three days including visiting historical sites, wildlife viewing and world-class snorkelling sites. We will enjoy the chance to snorkel off picturesque Turtle Bay and take a short walk along the beach where you may see tamar wallabies, skinks, and the endemic Abrolhos dwarf bearded dragons. We will cruise past the Pidgeon Islands, the wealthiest of the crayfishing islands. Birdwatch for ospreys, white-bellied sea eagles and caspian terns amongst other birdlife. Conditions permitting, we hope to visit Beacon Island, also known as the Island of Angry Ghosts, where 126 men, women and children were massacred by the blood thirsty mutineers of this area over 400 years ago. This island is home to fantastic birdlife, as well as the Batavia Memorial cairn and the coral pits that are still evident from where Jeronimus Cornelisz (the mutiny ringleader) was held prior to his trial and execution. At the Easter Group we will have the opportunity to visit the sea lion colony at Little Sandy Island, home to the largest colony of sea lions in the Abrolhos. There will be opportunities to snorkel in the vibrant coral reefs at locations such as Squid Hole, the Anemone Lump or Morley Island. Also enjoy the opportunity to bird watch at Wooded Island. At the Pelsaert (Southern) group we will have the opportunity to visit Liddon Pearl Farm and crayfishing operations on Post Office Island. Here we learn what is involved with growing the pearls, learning the different shells and pearl categories, and how the different types of pearls are set. We will also gain insights into the renowned cray fishing industry of the island, from the family who has been in the Abrolhos for four generations, and hope to have the chance to snorkel the blue holes from the jetty.

Days 8 & 9 Shark Bay. Explore the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, the first location in Western Australia to receive UNESCO World Heritage status in 1991. This is a region of colourful landscapes, rare flora and fauna, and

home to a staggering 35% of all of Australia's bird species. Explore Francois Peron National Park where red desert cliffs meet the turquoise sea. Cruise past historic Cape Inscription, the site of Dirk Hartog's landing in 1616, and time permitting enjoy a refreshing swim off the sandy remote beach.

Day 10 Cruising the Ningaloo Coast. The remote and well-hidden Bateman's Bay, just north of Coral Bay, is a remote and untouched landscape with beautiful sand beaches. Weather permitting we will make a short landing on a section of the Ningaloo coast between Northwest Cape and Shark Bay where we can enjoy a swim and beachcomb.

Day 11 Exmouth & Cape Range National Park. One of the longest and most pristine fringing reefs in the world, Ningaloo Reef has an unusually narrow continental shelf. The deep oceanic waters, reef and coastline communities are close in proximity, resulting in a huge array of significant and healthy marine life coexisting in one area. The Ningaloo Coast is also one of the most important turtle nesting rookeries in the Indian Ocean and has a significant maritime history from explorers, traders, pearl luggers, whaling and fishing. We will spend the day at Cape Range National Park with options to snorkel at Turquoise Bay, visit Yardie Creek on a nature walk, head up to the Vlamingh Head lighthouse or visit the Ningaloo Centre. There will also be some free time to explore Exmouth. It is also a coastline with a fascinating heritage, where lonely whalers battled it out against the elements.

Day 12 Muiron Islands & Serrurier Island. The Muiron Islands are located approximately ten nautical miles off the Northwest Cape. The islands are well known for their incredible reef, colourful soft corals, an abundance of turtles, schools of fish and even sightings of manta rays. With fantastic bommies and protected reef, snorkellers will appreciate the variety of soft corals and gorgonians as well as the incredible marine life. Birdlife is abundant onshore and we hope to spot wedge-tail shearwaters, roseate terns, osprey, and black-shouldered kites. Serrurier Island is located a further 20 nautical miles northeast of the Muirons. Here we will experience great coral competition and seagrass beds that feed the local dugongs. After some in-water activities, you can stretch your legs on a stroll down the beach on these untouched islands.

Day 13 Montebello Islands. The Montebello Islands or 'Montes' are an archipelago of more than 250 limestone islands and islets off the coast of















the Pilbara. The islands are considered an Important Bird Area, as they support over 1% of the world's population of fairy and roseate terns, as well as sooty oystercatchers. The Montes have an 'explosive' past. Alpha and Trimouille Islands were the sites of three British atomic weapons tests in the 1950s. Relics of the military operation can still be found on the islands today. We will visit the plinth, which marks Ground Zero at Trimouille Island, where now you will find a haven for wildlife, including the rufous hare wallaby. A fascinating maritime history surrounds Montebello Islands. Survivors of the British East India ship 'Tryall' swam here after their ship was wrecked in 1622, therefore being the first Europeans to land on the islands. We will spend a full day exploring this island group, including wildlife spotting opportunities and beautiful beach walks. Keep watch for the rare rufous hare wallaby and lagoon rays while exploring amazing vistas.

Day 14 Dampier Archipelago. Consisting of 42 islands and islets, 25 of which are nature reserves; the iron-red islands of the Dampier Archipelago stand in bright contrast to the turquoise waters which surround them. The archipelago not only offers exceptional natural beauty but significant sites for Aboriginal and European Heritage, many of which are in National Heritage Listed Areas. Named after English explorer William Dampier who first visited the islands aboard the 'Cygnet' in 1699, the islands' earliest inhabitants were the Yaburara people, as is evidenced by the thousands of rock engravings, shell middens and stone arrangements scattered across the area. In the company of local indigenous rangers, there will be ample opportunity to explore the area's historical and cultural sites before taking to the azure waters for swimming. Birdwatchers will have the opportunity to see several species of migratory waders as well as sea eagles and ospreys. With luck, we may even see the elusive Rothschild's rock wallaby. Please note viewing of aboriginal petroglyphs is subject to approval and guidance by traditional owners of the area and cannot be guaranteed.

Day 15 At Sea. Relax on deck as we spend a day at sea, with presentations from the onboard Guest Lecturers, workshops, and demonstrations.

Day 16 Broome to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 17 London. Arrive today.

EXPLORING ASHORE

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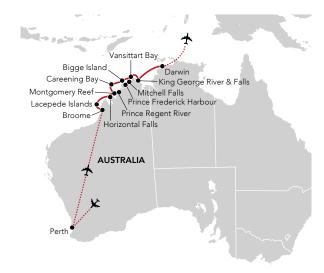
ACROSS THE TOP OF AUSTRALIA

Discover the remarkable Kimberley region aboard the Coral Adventurer 31st March to 14th April 2027



Join us aboard the Coral Adventurer and discover the Kimberley, Australia's real 'outback'. Due to its wild and undeveloped nature, the region is a wonderful place for the genuine traveller to explore and is simply perfect for expedition style cruising. It was the last great empty section of Australia to be explored, with European settlers arriving only just over a hundred and fifty years ago and even today much of the region remains uncharted. Covering nearly 423,000 square kilometres, the region is truly one of the world's last great wildernesses, rich in natural, cultural, and historical significance with an incredibly diverse variety of wildlife.

There are so many highlights, it is difficult to know where to begin when extolling the virtues of an expedition in the Kimberley. From the King George River and Falls to the tidal phenomena at the Montgomery Reef, from the fantastic wildlife viewing opportunities of Bigge Island to the horizontal waterfalls near Talbot Bay and the hundreds of islands in the Buccaneer Archipelago. The whole vast area offers a cornucopia of



natural world delights on a scale seldom witnessed anywhere else in the world and we have timed our exploration for the end of wet season when you can experience rushing waterfalls and creeks, with abundant wildlife and lush greenery.

For our expedition we have exclusively chartered the Coral Adventurer and working with Coral Expeditions, the Australian owners of the vessel whose local expertise is unrivalled, have devised an exciting itinerary. Coral Expeditions pioneered expedition cruising on the Kimberley coast and the onboard team have a deep knowledge and passion for the region. We will be able to drop anchor in remote bays and use the unique Xplorer tender vessels and the Zodiac landing craft to land in otherwise inaccessible places, making the most of the Kimberley's extraordinary natural attractions. At the end of each day we return to the Coral Adventurer and indulge in the delights of the celebrated cuisine and wine along with the convivial company of just 100 fellow passengers. We will be joined on board by an expedition team including guest lecturers who have a wealth of knowledge of the unique landscapes, flora and fauna and Indigenous cultures of the Kimberley. Passionate explorers, marine biologists and naturalists, they will provide lectures and interpretation on board and are always keen to chat with you and share their expertise.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Get up close to Montgomery Reef and discover the tidal reef's diverse marine life.
- Witness King George River and the 80 metre tall twin King George waterfalls.
- Cruise the Prince Regent River to the 'hanging garden' King Cascade waterfall.
- Encounter Indigenous rock art galleries and learn about ancient Wandjina and Gwion Gwion art.
- Spot native wildlife and birdlife in their natural habitat.
- Enjoy sunset canapés and drinks on the beach as dusk settles over the Kimberley.



THE ITINERARY

This is an expedition cruise to a remote region. No two trips are ever the same in the ever changing Kimberley region. Your Captain and the Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise your experience. The following itinerary is indicative of what is planned, however please note some variation may occur due to weather and tidal conditions, safety or local community requirements.

Day 1 London to Perth, Australia. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Perth. Arrive and transfer to our centrally located hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your journey or explore the city independently.

Day 3 Perth. After breakfast in the hotel we enjoy a tour of Perth which will include a guided walk around Kings Park, perched on Mount Eliza. Absorb the impressive views of the city and the Swan River and see some of Western Australia's remarkable flora in the Botanical Gardens. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon before we meet tonight for our welcome dinner.

Day 4 Perth to Broome. After breakfast in the hotel we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Broome. On arrival we transfer to the Coral Adventurer and sail this evening.

Day 5 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, frigatebirds, 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, we will explore the lagoons using the Xplorer vessels and Zodiacs.









Day 6 Horizontal Falls & Buccaneer Archipelago. The Horizontal Falls are one of the Kimberley's biggest attractions and are a result of the 11 metre mammoth tides which the Kimberley is renowned for. Naturalist David Attenborough described the Horizontal Falls as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world.' This natural phenomenon has been 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. Talbot Bay is at the heart of the Buccaneer Archipelago, where rocks on the 800 or so islands are estimated at over two billion years old. At Cyclone Creek, we will see evidence of massive geological forces in the impressive rock formations and will cruise through the Iron Islands, past Koolan Island, before enjoying sunset drinks at Nares Point.

Day 7 Doubtful Bay. Red Cone Creek flows gently downstream until it meets the small but impressive Ruby Falls which were named by local mariner Captain Chris Trucker after his daughter. Red Cone Creek is carved through rock formations stacked atop each other like building blocks. These rock walls are great for climbing and clambering over before reaching a series of freshwater swimming holes and waterfalls. Raft Point guards the entrance to sheltered Doubtful Bay, which harbours significant sites such as the ancient Wandjina rock art galleries. Doubtful Bay is the traditional country of the Worrora people who follow the Wandjina. Their stories, knowledge and culture have been recorded in stone for millennia.

Day 8 Montgomery Reef. Montgomery Reef is a biologically diverse area covering over 300 square kilometres and was named by Phillip Parker King. Twice daily, as the sea recedes in mammoth 11 metre tides, Montgomery Reef rises from the Indian Ocean in a cascade of rushing water revealing a flat-topped reef pockmarked with rock pools and rivulets. As the reef emerges, we will be able to get up close using the Xplorer vessels and Zodiacs to witness the spectacle as members of the 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, dolphins, dugongs and sawfish too are also attracted to feeding opportunities as the ocean recedes. The ocean is awash in a swirl of eddies and whirlpools as the 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.

Day 9 Prince Regent River & Careening Bay. King Cascade is a classically beautiful, terraced waterfall and is one of the most photographed waterfalls in the Kimberley. Falling from a considerable height and around 50 metres wide, water tumbles down a staggered terrace of Kimberley sandstone. Layer upon layer of ochre-hued and blackened rock sprouts grasses, mosses and ferns in a sort of lushly vegetated hanging garden. We will reach King Cascade after using the Xplorer tenders to cruise down the steep-sided Prince Regent River which is a remarkable anomaly as the river runs dead straight along a fault line. Lieutenant Phillip Parker King named nearby Careening Bay after he beached his leaking vessel HMC Mermaid to effect repairs. While stranded on this remote coastline for 17 days the ship's carpenter carved HMC Mermaid 1820 into the bottle-shaped trunk of a boab tree near the beach. Over 200 years later, the Mermaid Boab Tree has since split into two trunks and sports a mammoth girth of 12 metres. Significantly, the bulbous tree is listed on the National Register of Big Trees and the carpenter's careful inscription now stands almost as tall as a person.

Day 10 Prince Frederick Harbour & Bigge Island. Prince Frederick Harbour is one of the Kimberley's most spectacular locations at the southern end of York Sound. The harbour is dotted with islands lined with mangroves and monsoon rainforests, set against a backdrop of ochre-hued escarpment. White-bellied sea eagles and other birds of prey are often seen here, and at low tide, expansive mudflats reveal large populations of mudskippers and mangrove crabs. We will use the Xplorer tenders to cruise up Porosus Creek to view some striking rock formations. Bigge Island's indigenous name is Wuuyuru, and the Indigenous Group of the area is the Wunambal people.

Day 11 Mitchell Falls & Wollaston Bay. Tumbling down the Mitchell Plateau in a series of tiered waterfalls and emerald, green rock pools, the Mitchell Falls are the photogenic poster child for the Mitchell River National Park. Today there will be the opportunity to take a scenic helicopter flight (additional cost) to the multi-tiered Mitchell Falls where rock pools cascade down the escarpment and ancient rock art galleries are concealed in caves behind curtains of water. Mitchell River National Park is inhabited by significant numbers of mammals, amphibians, reptiles and bird species which are lured by a year-round water source. Sandstone terraces beside tiered rock pools make a terrific viewing platform from which to savour the serenity of this ancient landscape. An alternative option to Mitchell Falls is exploring the sandstone caves of Wollaston Bay or Wollaston Creek. This mass of weathered tunnels, arches and columns form a labyrinth-like maze and was

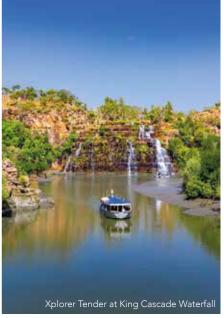














once an Aboriginal midden. This evening we will enjoy watching the sunset over the Indian Ocean while indulging in a gourmet BBQ.

Day 12 Vansittart Bay. Vansittart Bay is home to many cultural and historically significant sites like the remarkable Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) Aboriginal rock art galleries estimated to be up to 20,000 years old. Jar Island is so-named after the pot shards found here, brought to the island by Makassan fishermen harvesting sea cucumbers (also known as trepang). Nearby, on the Anjo Peninsula lays the well-preserved wreckage of a US Airforce C-53 Skytrooper aircraft, the result of a pilot losing his bearings flying from Perth to Broome in 1942 and putting down on a salt pan near present-day Truscott Airbase.

Day 13 King George River & Falls. Fed by the King George River draining across the Gardner Plateau, the 80 metre tall King George Falls are the most impressive Kimberley waterfalls and the highest twin falls in Western Australia. Before reaching the mist-like spray rising from the base of King George Falls, we will cruise through steep-sided gorges carved by a flooded river system that carved a swathe through the Kimberley landscape 400 million years ago.

Day 14 Darwin to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 15 London. Arrive today.

Mitchell Falls



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