

## Coral Expeditions

Depart Cairns 21st October at 9.00AM arrive Darwin 11.00AM – Jetstar

Accommodation: Ramada Suites Zen Quarter IN: 21st October OUT: 22nd October

Commence the following cruise with Coral Expeditions on the 22nd October in Darwin and ending in Cairns on the 2nd November

### **DAY 1: DEPART DARWIN**



Board at Darwin's Fort Hill Wharf at 7:00am ahead of our 8:00am departure. Spend time getting to know your fellow travellers and enjoy the Captain's Welcome Drinks before the first of many delicious dinners.

### **TIWI ISLANDS**



Visit remote Bathurst Island. With local Tiwi guides, we learn of the unique culture and visit the art centre. Be welcomed with a cultural performance and basket-weaving exhibition before enjoying a traditional Australian afternoon tea of damper and billy tea.

## COBOURG PENINSULA



Discover Garig Gunak Barlu National Park on the Cobourg Peninsula. Join Park Rangers in Port Essington, famous for the failed Victoria Settlement, and explore the ruins while learning about the fascinating history of this early colonial outpost.

## MANINGRIDA



Anchor in the mighty Liverpool River and travel ashore to explore the Maningrida Art Centre, museum, and the local boutique, where hand-painted textiles can be purchased.

## **ELCHO ISLAND: GALIWIN'KU AND GAWA**



The friendly locals of Elcho Island proudly welcome us to their community this morning. Meet some of the local artists who have their unique art exhibited in the famous art galleries of the world including the Louvre.

In the afternoon, visit the community and school of Gawa.

## **HOLE IN THE WALL AND WESSEL ISLANDS**



We travel through the narrow channel between Raragala and Guluwuru Islands, known as the 'Hole in the Wall'.



## YIRRKALA ART CENTRE



Visit the spectacular Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre at Yirrkala, outside of Nhulunbuy. Here, the Yirrkala Art Centre represents Yolŋu artists from around the region.

Established in 1976 as an act of self-determination, the art centre has forged a vibrant path for Yolŋu contemporary art. The museum built in 1988 houses a collection of works detailing historical artefacts and important moments, including the Message Sticks from 1935 and the Yirrkala Church Panels from 1963.

## CRUISING THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA



Enjoy a relaxing day at sea with presentations by our guest lecturers. You will hear about the fascinating history of the Macassan traders and early explorers of the Arnhem Land coast.

## **BADU ISLAND & TORRES STRAIT**



Have the unique opportunity to visit Badu Island. Visit the fabulous art centre and enjoy the hospitality of the Badu islanders. We may visit additional Torres Strait Islands, such as Thursday Island and Moa Island.

## **NORTHERNMOST POINT OF CAPE YORK**



Cruise to the Tip of Cape York and enjoy champagne while the sun sets.

## FORBES ISLAND



Enjoy a day exploring Forbes Island, an excellent spot for swimming or snorkelling from the pristine sandy beaches. Take a walk to the grave of beche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster.

## DAVIE REEF AND FLINDERS GROUP



Visit Stanley Island in the Flinders Group, and view the isolated Endaen Aboriginal rock art depicting the first sailing ships to visit Queensland shores. At Davie Reef, enjoy swimming and snorkelling and observe the large seabird rookery.



## LIZARD ISLAND



Explore secluded Lizard Island, one of the most beautiful islands on the Queensland coast. Venture into the crystal clear waters for swimming and snorkelling or take a walk along the sparkling white beach. An energetic guided walk leads to Cook's Look – from this peak, Captain James Cook was able to sight a navigable passage through the treacherous reef after repairing the *HMB Endeavour*.

## DAY 12: ARRIVE IN CAIRNS



Arrive in Cairns and disembark at 8:00am.

Cost per person \$12896.00 and includes the following:

Airfares from Cairns to Darwin

Airport taxes

11 night cruise including

- 11-night Expedition Voyage aboard your chosen ship in cabin on Main Deck A
- Expert Expedition Team, including Marine Biologists and Guest Lecturers, and a local Parks & Wildlife Guide
- Daily guided excursions on the Xplorer and Zodiac tender vessels
- All meals throughout your cruise, Australian cuisine prepared fresh in our galley
- Showcase wines and selected beer, as well as soft drinks, with lunch and dinner service
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Events, and Open Bridge Access with our Captain
- 24 hour coffee and selection of teas
- Use of all onboard facilities, including a reference library
- Comprehensive and fully guided sightseeing in each destination