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Expedition Highlights

- > Birdwatching at some of Australia's most vibrant Important Bird Areas such as the Lacepede Islands and Adele Island for sightings of rare seabirds.
- > Experience the thrill of riding the tidal rapids through Horizontal Falls aboard a Zodiac and feel the power of majestic King George Falls in full flow in the wet season
- > Step ashore and stand at the tip of Australia on Cape York to enjoy a sunset or sunrise toast
- > Beachcomb and explore remote islands and sand cays of the outer reaches of the Coral Sea
- > Dive with sharks and diverse marine species at Osprey Reef - one of the best dive sites in the world
- > Meet traditional elders and share storytelling and sacred rock art sites at Stanley Island and Groote Eylandt.









ITINERARY: 18 NIGHTS > BETWEEN BROOME & CAIRNS

DAY 1: DEPART BROOME OR CAIRNS

Board in Broome at 4:00pm for a 5:30pm departure. Board in Cairns at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

DAYS 2-18:

This is an indicative itinerary covering remote areas. Your Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule as necessary to maximise guest experience.

LACEPEDE ISLANDS

The Lacepedes are an Important Bird Area and Class A Reserve with a colony of Brown Boobies that is possibly the largest in the world. They are also a habitat for green sea turtles, which can be spotted popping up for air throughout the lagoon. Enjoy the chance to observe wildlife during an Xplorer or zodiac cruise.

HORIZONTAL FALLS & TALBOT BAY

Due to the mammoth tides for which the Kimberley is renowned, the Horizontal Falls are created as the ocean thunders through a narrow gorge in the McLarty Ranges. Experience a heart-pumping ride through the rapids aboard our Zodiacs.

SWIFT BAY

This 'T' shaped bay is composed of fractured sandstone, providing an abundance of rock shelters. On the walls you will observe examples of both Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art, with expert interpretation by our Expedition Team. (Swift Bay features on the Cairns to Broome direction only.)

ADELE ISLAND

150km off Cape Leveque, Adele Island is a Class A reserve and Important Bird Area. The turquoise waters surrounding the island are also home to fish, sharks, turtles, and stingrays. Enjoy birdwatching and spotting marine life from the zodiacs.

KOOLAMA BAY

Koolama Bay is our gateway to the King George River. A cruise up the impressive steep-sided river gorge reveals King George Falls, swollen by seasonal rains, plunging 80 metres into the river below.

BERKELEY RIVER

The immense Berkeley River cuts through the eastern edge of the Kimberley and is home to saltwater crocodiles, rock wallabies and many other species. Cruise through the river gorge to spot wildlife, bathe under the waterfalls and take in the peace and grandeur of this isolated destination. Note we cannot go ashore here due to Indigenous private land ownership.

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18 Nights - Departs Broome & Cairns

Date			Departs			
1 January 202	22		Broome			
20 January	2022	Cairns				
Rates: Coral Adventurer						
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck	
Twin Share	\$28,910	\$23,540	\$21,520	\$16,140	\$13,450	
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$32,280*	\$24,210*	\$20,175*	

DARWIN

Clear into Darwin for Northern Territory border requirements.

VICTORIA SETTLEMENT & BLACK POINT

The Garig Gunak Barlu National Park is a pristine wilderness that is virtually uninhabited. Explore the ruins of Fort Victoria and hear the stories of the failed settlement. On a nature walk, learn about bush tukka plants, and look for monitor lizards and crocodiles.

HOLE IN THE WALL

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

GROOTE EYLANDT

Prior to European settlement, Groote Eylandt was inhabited by Aboriginal people for thousands of years. Experience a traditional welcome, and visit art sites accompanied by an Indigenous ranger. (Groote Eylandt features only on the Broome to Cairns direction.)

JARDINE RIVER

This morning, arrive on the banks of the beautiful Jardine River. After breakfast, board the Explorer to cruise into the mouth of the river. Zodiacs will provide a closer look at the estuary, with the opportunity to spot birds and wildlife.

TIP OF CAPE YORK - 'PAJINKA'

This morning, set foot on the northernmost point of Australia - the 'tip' of Cape York! Celebrate with a glass of sparkling at this iconic location as you watch the sunrise over the Gulf of Carpentaria. Later, enjoy an interpretive walk amongst the coastal rainforest of Australia's most northerly beach, Frangipani Beach, with the opportunity to explore the shoreline by Xplorer.

FARMER ISLAND & BAIRD ISLAND

At Baird Island, we may be able to go ashore to see the seabird colonies on this remote island. Later, visit nearby Farmer Island to explore the coastal landscape and relax on the sandy beach.

STANLEY ISLAND

Visit Stanley Island in the Flinders Group to view the unique Endaen rock art depicting the first sailing ships to visit Queensland shores.

OSPREY REEF

On the list of the world's best dive sites, Osprey Reef is a submerged atoll in the Coral Sea. Explore the 30m deep lagoon and drift dive the walls to see large pelagic fish, rays, and sharks. The crystal-clear waters make this an unforgettable place.

LIZARD ISLAND

Explore secluded Lizard Island, one of the most beautiful islands on the Queensland Coast, and venture into the crystal clear waters for swimming and snorkelling or take a walk along the white sand beach. A dawn hike to 'Cook's Look' provides a breathtaking view across the Great Barrier Reef. From this high point, Captain Cook was able to navigate a safe passage through the reef.

DAY 19: ARRIVE BROOME OR CAIRNS

Disembark in Cairns at 8:00am Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

A post cruise transfer to the city or airport is included.

