We invite you to discover the remarkable Kimberley coast aboard *Coral Expeditions I*. Home to towering waterfalls, rugged outback landscapes, ancient rock art and abundant wildlife there is simply no place on earth quite like the Kimberley, and no better way to discover it than by small ship.

Join us to experience all of the icons of the Kimberley coast over ten unforgettable days cruising between Darwin and Broome. Discover the majestic King George falls, the unforgettable Horizontal Falls and the mysterious Bradshaw (Gwion Gwion) Paintings of Bigge Island.

**EXpedition HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover the mighty King George River and get in close to the soaring falls on our Zodiac excursions
- Visit and learn about ancient rock art with our expert Expedition Team
- Explore Hathaway’s Hideaway and the maze of sandstone caves
- Indulge in gourmet Aussie beach BBQ as the sun sets over the Indian Ocean
- Aboard our Explorer tender, cruise the Prince Regent River to King Cascades
- Experience the tidal phenomenon that expose Montgomery Reef and create the unique Horizontal Falls
- Spot amazing marine life and enjoy bird watching

**INCLUSIONS**

- Three meals per day plus morning and afternoon tea
- Selected beers and showcase wines during lunch and dinner service
- 24 hour tea, barista-style coffee and soft drinks
- Captain’s welcome and farewell drinks
- Access to islands, marine and national parks
- Guided tours on Xplorer expedition vessel and Zodiacs
- Touring as described in the itinerary
- Services of expedition staff and lecturers including briefings and knowledge-sharing sessions
- Port taxes and government charges imposed by government authorities

**OUR RANGE OF EXPEDITIONS INCLUDE**

- Great Barrier Reef > Tasmania > The Kimberley
- Cape York & Arnhem Land > Papua New Guinea
- Spice Islands & Raja Ampat
WEATHER
The Kimberley climate is defined by a wet and dry season - our cruises are operated in the dry season months of April - September/early October. Those that travel in April/May will experience warm and humid conditions, with showers still possible – the average daily maximum will be around 33-35 degrees Celsius. The waterfalls will be most spectacular at this time, and the landscape will be lush and green. In the winter months of June and July weather conditions are at their most balmy, with maximum temperatures around 30 degrees Celsius, low humidity and clear skies. Birds and other wildlife are generally very active. Evening temperatures can drop quite a bit to approximately 15 degrees Celsius – so it’s advisable to bring a jacket. In August/September the temperatures start to creep back up with average maximums around 33-36 degrees Celsius, although cool nights are still possible in August. Many waterfalls will have dried up by this time however this is a great time to see Humpback whales as they migrate through the region (possibly present as early as June).

PACKING TIPS
In the Kimberley conditions, short and lightweight shirts are most comfortable, but close, long-sleeved shirts and long pants in a breathable lightweight fabric offer protection against the sun and insects, as well as spinifex and other grasses/shrubs. During the winter months evening temperatures can be quite cool, so it is advisable to bring a light jacket. Wet landings are very common in the Kimberley, so ‘river/reef walkers’, ‘crocs’ or other shoes that have a rubber sole but can dry easily are recommended. Please refer to the ‘General Packing Tips’ in the ‘Day to Day’ section of this document for further packing suggestions.

SEA CONDITIONS & TIDES
For much of your Kimberley cruise, we steam close to the coast or travel through rivers, bays and inlets, so the ship is quite protected in calmer waters. There are some portions of the itinerary where we cross through more open water and can encounter potentially rough conditions – for example the Cambridge (Bonaparte) Gulf crossing from Darwin to the Kimberley, and just outside of Broome. The Captain and Purser will ensure all guests are aware of daily cruising conditions and taking the appropriate measures for safety/seasickness prevention.

The Kimberley region has some of the largest tidal variations in the Southern Hemisphere – on a Kimberley Spring Tide, the difference between a high and low tide can be as much as 14m! The highest tides of the year occur a day or two after the full or new moon nearest to the March & September Equinoxes, although there are also significant tidal variations each month. If you are interested in tidal conditions for your cruise, a tide table can be consulted.

ABORIGINAL ROCK ART
You will see many fine examples of Gwion (Bradshaw) style art and Wandjina style art throughout the itinerary, at locations such as Bigge Island, Jar Island and Raft Point, amongst others.

SWIMMING OPPORTUNITIES
Due to crocodiles, sharks and marine stingers, no ocean swimming is offered on this itinerary, and therefore no snorkelling or scuba diving. However there are generally 1-2 opportunities for swimming in fresh water pools, at locations such as Red Cone and Camp Creek. Please note the number of opportunities is subject to conditions/tides, and will vary from cruise to cruise.
FISHING
There are generally one to two opportunities to fish from the Xplorer tender vessel - this would be with a hand reel and catch-and-release; subject to conditions and the Captain's approval.

WALKS & HIKES
Most walks are leisurely strolls along beaches, however the ground can be rough and uneven so care must always be taken. There are some more strenuous walks on offer - for example the walk at Raft Point which is uphill and about 30-40 minutes one way, and the walk at Jar Island which is short but involves scrabbling up rocky surfaces, sometimes using one's hands. An alternative excursion will always be offered in place of these higher impact walks, such as a cruise in the Xplorer tender vessel to observe wildlife. The Expedition Team will always advise walking conditions and mobility requirements for each excursion.

SUGGESTED READINGS
• Australian Geographic The Kimberley - David Hancock
• Phillip Parker King 1791 - 1856 - Brian Douglas Abbott
• Lost World of the Kimberley - Ian Wilson
• Ancient Rock Paintings of North-West Australia - Grahame Walsh
• The Art of the Wandjina - I.M. Crawford

OPTIONAL HELICOPTER FLIGHT
Guests will have the opportunity to take an optional helicopter flight over the Mitchell Plateau to Mitchell Falls ($545 per person). A flyover-only and a landing option are generally available - the flyover option only is approximately 40-45 minutes' flight time, and the landing option offers an additional hour of time at the falls. This can only be organised on board with your Purser.

WHARF INFORMATION
Darwin - Fort Hill Wharf
5 min drive from city centre (approximately $10 taxi fare)
20 min from airport (approx. $45 taxi fare)
Broome - Deep Water Port
10 min drive from town centre / airport / Cable Beach (approximately $25 taxi fare)

TRANSFERS
Darwin Departures
Pre-cruise: Passengers need to make their own way to Fort Hill Wharf for boarding.
Post-cruise: A complimentary transfer is provided to a CBD hotel or the airport.

Broome Departures
Pre-cruise: A coach transfer is available at an additional cost of $15 per person (subject to change), which is payable in cash upon pick-up.
Post-cruise: A complimentary transfer is provided to CBD hotel or the airport.
LIFE ON BOARD CORAL DISCOVERER

Refurbished in November 2016, Coral Discoverer set a new benchmark standard for small ship expedition cruising in Australia.

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 satellite wireless internet facilities.

SHIP CREW

Your Coral Expeditions crew is headed by the Captain, Expedition Leader, and Purser. Our deck and hospitality crew are available throughout the day to assist you. Questions regarding daily activities should be directed to the Expedition Leader.

SHIP STATISTICS

CONSTRUCTION
› Steel

REGISTRY
› Australian

LENGTH
› 63 metres (207 feet)

BREADTH
› 13 metres (43 feet)

DRAUGHT
› 3 metres (10 feet)

SPEED
› 11 knots

SHIP CONTACT DETAILS
› Telephone +61 7 4242 4191 (for emergencies only)
NO KEY POLICY
When at sea, Coral Expeditions operate a “no key” policy for safety reasons on all of our vessels. If required, our Purser will care for any of your valuable items in the ship’s safe.

OPEN BRIDGE POLICY
There is an open bridge policy on board. All guests are welcome in the bridge at any time unless otherwise advised by one of the officers.

GRATUITIES POLICY
Our crew have no other agenda than your delight and tipping is completely optional. Should you choose to recognise the service provided, please make any gratuities payable to the Purser (in cash only) for equal distribution to all crew.

SMOKING POLICY
Smoking is permitted on the Main Aft Deck only. There is a no smoking policy throughout the interior of the ship. There is a total smoking ban when travelling on tender vessels and refuelling.

SHIPBOARD ACCOUNT
Upon embarkation, we will automatically open your personal shipboard account. We operate a chit system and for your security, ask that you sign each chit as you order from our bar, shop or make any other on board purchases. At the end of the voyage your account may be settled in AU $ cash; by American Express; Visa; MasterCard or Diners Club (regret no Travellers cheques).

MOBILITY/HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND INSURANCE COVERAGE
A cruise on the Coral Discoverer is suitable for guests of all fitness levels, however a reasonable level of mobility is required to travel and enjoy all your cruise itinerary has to offer. All participants should be in good general health, able to walk reasonable distances over sometimes uneven terrain, and stand during excursions. Please note we do not have lifts/elevators on board, and all guests must be able to make their own way up and down stairs, especially in case of an emergency. Hikes/walks do vary in intensity and where possible groups will be split to suit easy and moderate walkers.

While senior crew are trained in remote area first aid, it is important to note that we do not employ doctors on board our cruises. As our itineraries cover remote regions, they are not suitable for those with serious medical conditions. Any ongoing medical issues should be disclosed to reservations staff at the time of booking. We strongly encourage all passengers to obtain appropriate travel insurance, which covers cancellation costs and evacuation expenses.

DIETARY NEEDS & SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Special dietary needs (gluten-free, vegetarian, etc) can be catered for, however our reservations team must be notified in writing of specific requirements at least three weeks prior to your cruise, along with any special anniversaries or birthdays you may be celebrating whilst aboard.

SAFETY ON BOARD
On a Coral Expeditions cruise, the safety of our guests is our top priority. Upon boarding you will be briefed about our emergency procedures and given tips for how to move about the vessel in rough conditions. Throughout the cruise, safety announcements will be made via the public address system and can be heard throughout the ship. Always listen to the advice of your Purser and Captain.

It is essential that you take certain safety precautions. Here are some basic rules:
• Walk, never run, aboard the ship, and be extra careful when walking on wet or damp decks.

In rough weather note especially:
• Do not stroll about the ship unnecessarily.
• Hold on to handrails on stairways. Be very careful in the bathroom.
• Doors should be latched open or kept closed during heavy seas. Use the handles and never hold a door by its frame as the ship's movement may cause the door to close on your hand.
• Secure items in your bathroom and on your bureau, or place in drawers.
• Use care when carrying anything, always ask for assistance if/when needed.

SEASICKNESS
Prevention is key - you should discuss appropriate measures with your doctor or pharmacist prior to travel. If you do become seasick whilst on board, please advise the Purser so that they can attend to your needs appropriately. A variety of seasickness treatments will be available on board.

MANAGING CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS WHILST ON BOARD
If you become ill whilst on board, please alert the Purser to your symptoms. You may be requested to remain in your Stateroom whilst symptoms persist or asked to wear a protective mask, in order to contain the spread of any contagion. Frequent handwashing, utilising the sanitizing hand gels placed around the vessel, and using tongs provided on the meal buffets will all help to prevent the spread of sickness.
**MEALS & BEVERAGES**

With a maximum of 72 guests, our chefs have the creative freedom to prepare small batch meals from scratch. Our dining room offers open seat dining without the need to reserve a table, allowing you to dine with old or new friends on each occasion. Standard meal times are 7:00am – 8:30am for breakfast, 12:30pm for lunch and dinner is between 7:00pm or 7:30pm – subject to change depending on daily activities. Breakfast and lunch are buffet style while dinner is a mix of buffet and table d’hote. Delicious morning and afternoon tea is also provided, as is 24-hour access to tea & coffee and complimentary house beer and wine with lunch and dinner, and soft drinks on tap (bottled/canned soft drinks at additional cost). The desalinator ensures that water on board is safe to drink. There is also bottled water available for purchase.

**BAR HOURS**

There are three fully stocked bars on board with an excellent selection of wines, beers and spirits. Bar hours are 10:00am to 12:00am midnight. The laws governing our liquor licence prohibit alcohol being brought on board and consumed by guests.

**DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION**

Announcements will be made via the public address system and can be heard throughout the ship. Attention to the announcements is important as they contain information regarding safety and activities on and off the ship and dining times. A Daily Newsletter outlining excursion information, meal hours and onboard activities for the following day will be delivered to your Stateroom each evening during turndown. The Expedition Leader will also go over the next day’s activities at pre-dinner drinks each evening.

**LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS**

A series of lectures will be presented during the cruise. These presentations are an integral part of your expedition and are designed to lend greater depth and understanding to your experience. The lecture series, films and slide-shows will be presented in the Bridge Deck Lounge.

**ONBOARD LIBRARY**

There is a comprehensive resource library on board with an excellent selection of books covering natural history, geology, local cultures, and flora & fauna, as well as some fictional novels and paperbacks to enjoy.

**GIFT SHOP**

Coral Expeditions souvenirs including shirts, hats, backpacks and other items are available for purchase.

**LAUNDRY SERVICE**

Limited laundering services are available on board. Laundry bags and forms are stored in your wardrobe for collection by Cruise Attendants. Charges for this service will be posted to your onboard account. As the service is for laundering only, mini ironing boards and irons are available at the Purser’s desk.

**TOILETRIES/ TOWELS / HAIRDRYERS**

Basic toiletries including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion and hand soap will be provided in your stateroom ensuite. Shaving kits and dental kits are also available upon request. Hairdryers and separate towels for bathroom and swimming use are also provided.

**DRESS CODE ON BOARD**

The atmosphere on board is casual and relaxed. There is no formal dress code, and ‘smart casual’ attire is requested for dinners.

**GENERAL PACKING TIPS**

We recommend that you pack simply and lightly. Clothing that you can layer will prepare you for all kinds of weather. The following clothing list is designed to assist you in preparing for your expedition – more specific information regarding clothing and the weather conditions are included in the Helpful Hints section at the beginning of this document.

- Long, lightweight pants for hikes/walks
- Rain jacket, lightweight
- Swim shirt/rashie for sun protection and modesty in Muslim areas
- Sweater, sweatshirt, jacket, or light wrap
- Sunhat with brim
- Bathing suit and/or board shorts (for itineraries with swimming opportunities)
- Personal toiletries/hygiene products and any prescription medications
- Sunscreen & insect repellent – a supply is also kept on board, however if you have brand preferences or sensitivities you may wish to bring your own
- Good walking/hiking shoes, rubber-soled
- A couple pairs of sunglasses – essential protection against sea glare
- Rubber sandals or Teva’s/wet sandals called “river walkers” or “aqua soles” – thick-soled mesh socks for wet landings/beach
- Sandals or thongs for on board use
- Binoculars (essential for bird watching)
- Small flashlight/torch
- Backpack (preferably waterproof) suitable for carrying your photographic equipment
- Refillable water bottle or canteen

Please note there are no specific luggage weight restrictions on the Coral Discoverer, and there is ample room to store luggage in your Stateroom under your bed or in the cupboard. However please note any airline weight restrictions when packing if travelling by air to/from your cruise.
SHIP FACILITIES

WINDOWS & AIR-CONDITIONING
The ship is air-conditioned throughout and passengers are able to modify room temperature in their Stateroom. Please note, for safety reasons the windows and portholes on this vessel do not open.

ELECTRICITY
Voltage on board Coral Discoverer is 220/250 Hz, 50 cycles AC (standard Australian 3 pin plug). A slanted 2-pin adapter plug will work while on board, however with the 3rd pin missing, the item will not be grounded. For our international guests a limited number of adapters are available on board but we recommend you bring your own for use on board and in the hotels before and after the voyage. Some hot rollers and video camera battery packs require heavy-duty converters rather than the normal travel type. Please check your equipment to be sure you bring what is necessary for your personal needs. Bathrooms on board Coral Discoverer are equipped with both 110V and 220/240V outlets for electric shavers only.

STAIRS
There is no elevator or passenger lift aboard Coral Discoverer. There are approximately 12-13 steps on each flight of stairs.

EXERCISE AREA
For those wishing to stay active on sea days, there is an exercise equipment area at the rear of the Promenade Deck.

TENDER VESSELS
Xplorer
A specially designed aluminium excursion vessel with high horsepower engines that will accommodate all guests at one time. It is located on a hydraulic platform at the stern of the ship, and passengers are able to walk straight onto the vessel from the Main Deck. The Xplorer will be used for landings and for extensive exploration of rivers, tributaries and islands. For your added convenience and comfort, the Xplorer is equipped with an awning and toilet.

Zodiacs
We carry onboard three inflatable landing craft (Zodiacs). Designed for expedition work, these large and heavy-duty inflatables are extremely safe. Separate air compartments retain a large reserve of buoyancy even if the boats are damaged. The flat bottom design permits these crafts to land directly onto the beaches. Expect nonetheless to wade through shallow water to reach the shore.

COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE AND INTERNET)
Whilst travelling through remote areas, you may not have access to internet/mobile reception through your own provider for extended periods of time. Coral Discoverer is equipped with an onboard communications system, and guests are able to purchase a pre-paid satellite internet card aboard the ship and then connect to the internet through either a laptop computer, a mobile device or the ship’s onboard computer. Calling cards can also be purchased and used to make calls from your stateroom. Please note, as this is a satellite connection there may be disruptions in service from time to time. In addition, to help you keep in touch with news from home and abroad during your cruise we subscribe to a daily news service and copies of this publication are made available to guests each day.

Note: Internet access on the ship is contracted by Coral Expeditions to an international cruise industry service provider and is a satellite connection. While every effort is made to ensure uninterrupted service, from time to time there may be periods of disrupted service due to lack of satellite coverage in remote areas or other technical issues that are beyond Coral Expeditions’ control. Internet access is available in all public areas but not guaranteed in cabins due to the steel structure of the ship.

WI-FI PRICES
60 mins – $40, 120 mins – $60, 240 mins – $90

CALLING CARDS
Available in $25 increments – calling costs vary

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