CAPE YORK & ARNHEM LAND
CURATED ART PROGRAMME LED BY BRIAN ROBINSON

DARWIN TO CAIRNS > 12 NIGHT EXPEDITION VOYAGE
MAXIMUM OF 72 GUESTS
DEPARTS 23 NOVEMBER 2017
This unique voyage departs 23 November 2017, and has been crafted by Coral Expeditions to welcome guests to this culturally rich and remote area.

Sailing aboard Coral Discoverer, you'll become immersed in the ancient Indigenous cultures and prehistoric landscapes of Arnhem Land and the Torres Strait. Learn and understand about the songlines and lore that shaped this ancient culture, as your expert guides interpret ancient rock art. See how generations have passed on artistic traditions, and how this important cultural legacy is being kept alive today. Learn from the students at Ngaruwanajirri Art Centre, Bathurst Island, where lesser-abled artists perfect their skills. Spend time with local children at a kids art workshop at Gawa school led by Brian Robinson. At Wessel Island, view ancient ‘navigator’ rock art, depicting the waves of European explorers who arrived on the continent. At Badu Art Centre, traditional dancers put on a special performance. On board, you’ll participate in a number of bespoke workshops, including Totem Carving with Balsa Wood, Printmaking, Linocutting and Weaving, hosted by Brian Robinson, and inspired by the artwork of the Torres Strait.

Coral Expeditions has led expedition cruises to this region for over 30 years, so guests can rest assured of personal experiences conducted with respect to local culture.
THE TIWI ISLANDS
Located 100 kilometres north of Darwin, where the Arafura Sea joins the Timor sea, are the remote and untouched Tiwi Islands. The Tiwi people are renowned for their distinctive fabric prints, ceramics and carvings. At Bathurst Island, you’ll visit Nguiu (Wurrmiyanga) where you will have the opportunity to purchase local arts and crafts from Bima Wear, Ngaruwanajirri (Helping One Another), the Partkikajali (Father Gsell) Museum and Tiwi Arts & Crafts. The inspiring Ngaruwanajirri art centre empowers lesser-abled artists to share and refine their creative skills. The fascinating traditional culture of the Tiwi people remains heavily influenced by their coastal location.

THE WESSEL ISLANDS
The Wessel Islands chain was once a sandstone ridge stretching from Arnhem Land towards New Guinea for almost 100 kilometres. Its Yolngu (Golpa/Warramiri Aboriginal Clan) inhabitants saw and interacted with many international seafarers over the centuries before the British colonisation of Australia and this is reflected in their detailed and well preserved rock artwork. This remote part of Australia holds many secrets yet to be uncovered.

ONBOARD ARTISTS WORKSHOPS
A unique feature of this curated expedition are bespoke onboard workshops, hosted by renowned artist Brian Robinson. Brian has a family history from the Torres Strait, and his pieces have appeared in galleries worldwide. The onboard workshops include:
› Totem Carving using Balsa Wood
› Printmaking Workshop with Linocutting
› Angel Fish Weaving
All materials will be provided, along with expert tuition and guidance. A series of lectures will accompany your expedition, hosted by Brian, as well as Arnhem Land expert Ian Morris.
INCLUSIONS

› 12-night Expedition Voyage aboard Coral Discoverer
› Expert Expedition Team, including a Guest Lecturer to provide insightful commentary and interpretation and Expert Curator to hold art workshops
› Daily guided excursions on the Xplorer and Zodiac tender vessels, and kayaks where conditions allow
› Small batch local dining, prepared fresh on board: 11 buffet breakfasts, 12 buffet lunches and 11 table d’hote dinners
› Showcase wines, selected beers and soft drinks with lunch and dinner service
› 24 hour specialty coffee and selection of teas
› Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Events, and Open Bridge Access with the Captain
› Comprehensive and fully guided sightseeing in each destination
› All entrance fees to National Parks and Ports

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

› Pre and post flights and accommodation
› Entry visas to Australia
› Travel insurance
› Personal sundries such as souvenirs and artworks
› Alcoholic drinks including beer and wine outside of lunch and dinner service
› Telephone and internet services (available at a cost)
› Laundry service (available at a cost)

FARES & SAILING SCHEDULE

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Note on fitness levels: this trip is suitable for passengers of all fitness levels, though reasonable mobility is required to enjoy all it has to offer. Our Xplorer tender permits easy boarding without climbing any stairs. Hikes vary in intensity and where possible we split groups to suit easy and moderate walkers. Guests are welcome to opt out of any excursion and relax onboard. The ship has no elevator. As the itinerary covers remote regions, it is not suitable for passengers with serious medical conditions. There will be a daily briefing onboard to advise guests on the upcoming day’s activities. Time of departure and return are fixed – the rest is an adventure! Note the summer temperature can still be very cool especially with the wind chill so warm layered clothing is essential.

This schedule and visits to planned art sites are indicative and subject to change as a result of unexpected event or weather conditions. Sites may be substituted or omitted at discretion of the operator.

DEPARTURE DATES AND EMBARK/DISEMBARK PORT

Coral Discoverer
23 Nov 2017  Embarks in Darwin  05 Dec 2017  Disembarks in Cairns

CORAL DISCOVERER
TWIN SHARE  SOLE USE
Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom  $12,480  n/a
Promenade Deck (Category A) Stateroom  $11,280  n/a
Promenade Deck (Category B) Stateroom  $10,880  $16,320
Main Deck (Category A) Stateroom  $10,380  n/a
Main Deck (Category B) Stateroom  $9,980  n/a

Prices are listed in Australian Dollars (AUD). *Limited sole use occupancy available.