



LIFE ONBOARD

Are you unsure about what to expect while working onboard one of our expedition ships? A career at sea affords you many opportunities such as travelling to exotic locations, building meaningful friendships with diverse co-workers onboard, and gaining valuable professional skills in a world-class environment. Unlike careers on land, however, life at sea has some unique conditions.

TIME ON BOARD (“SWINGS”)

Time on board may be as short as three weeks or up to approximately eight weeks. This will depend on your position and itinerary and if you are employed fulltime or casual. Generally, you will have at minimum 7-10 days off in between swings.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Coral Expeditions pay for your transport from your ‘home port’ to your scheduled ship. Accommodation is provided if staying overnight before or after joining the ship.

ACCOMMODATION - CABINS FOR THE CREW

Because of the nature of the environment, space is utilised very efficiently onboard. Most ranks onboard share accommodations with other seafarers of the same gender. On some ships, you’ll enjoy a cabin with a bathroom inside, but on other ones you’ll have communal bathrooms, shared by several members of the crew. The beds are bunk style. Sheets, blankets and pillow are provided by Coral Expeditions. The crewmembers are responsible for the care, cleanliness and proper maintenance of the cabins, which must be kept in due order. The Captain of the ship regularly inspects crew cabins to check them for any maintenance issues and ensure compliance.

Human relationships between roommates are an important consideration. The small, confined spaces may increase personal differences. The successful operation of the ship depends on cooperation of all the members of the crew, who should be respectful of others and the spaces that all share. A positive team spirit is enhanced through orderliness and cleanliness. Issues such as order and cleanliness, being a smoker or non-smoker, nightlife, etc, should be resolved in a friendly manner. Crew members will see each other a lot around the ship, both on and off duty and being able to ‘get on’ with other crew members is crucial.

MEALS

Meals served for the crew are free while on board and are offered at specific times to fit in with operational requirements. On some ships you may be served from the guest buffet and other ships provide meals in the Crew Mess. Particular positions may be requested to host a table at dinner and dine with the guests. Formal uniform must be worn on these occasions. Whilst we do our best to accommodate dietary requirements, we may not have your required selection, and this should be considered when applying to work at sea.

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DRILLS AND SAFETY TRAINING

Each turnaround day, when new guests arrive onboard, there is a mandatory passenger drill. This takes around 30 to 45 minutes and part of the crew need to participate in guiding the guests to their Muster Stations. Emergency drills (man overboard, fire, medical evac) which last 30 minutes to 1 hour are scheduled throughout the cruises. Every crew member onboard must participate, except where excused by the Captain for operational reasons.

TIME OFF

A full day off does not exist when working on cruise ships. You will receive breaks throughout the day and we encourage crew to experience our shore excursions where operations allow for it. Most crew get a few hours off on turnaround day, once duties are taken care of.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES / WELFARE ACTIVITIES

- > Most ships have a crew lounge and crew gym
- > Crew Wi-fi and discounted Internet services are offered where possible to help you stay in touch with your family and friends at home

CORAL EXPEDITIONS CRUISE PROGRAMS & BENEFITS

- > We provide all our crew with an annual free cruise for yourself and one friend
- > Your parents can cruise once a year at a heavily discounted rate
- > Discounts are determined by length of service

QUALIFICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO WORK ON BOARD CRUISE SHIP

We are proudly Australian flagged; you will need to have the right to work in Australia to work onboard a Coral Expeditions ship. Your right to work will be checked during recruitment. Being a seafarer carries responsibilities including having valid seagoing qualifications e.g. Crowd Management, Crisis Management & Human Behaviour, Certificate of Safety Training. Documentation required includes a valid passport, AMSA medical and Seaman's Book. Financial assistance may be available to assist with getting these important qualifications.

ADVANTAGES OF WORKING ON A CORAL EXPEDITIONS SHIP

- > Very few expenses on board, free travel, accommodation and meals
- > Opportunity to travel to exotic destinations
- > Long periods of time off, which may be from 7 days up to 3 weeks
- > Chance to meet a variety of people, both crew and guests
- > Possible promotions and career advancement
- > Receive internationally recognised qualifications

INCONVENIENCES

- > You may work up to 10 - 14 hours a day, 7 days a week with limited time off
- > You could suffer from seasickness (nausea, dizziness, etc)
- > Share living quarters and amenities which requires mutual understanding and consideration

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