

Coral Expeditions The Kimberley Coast

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CORAL EXPEDITIONS THE KIMBERLEY COAST

Join us exploring Australia's Kimberley Coast on an unforgettable small ship adventure, travelling with a Blue Dot tour leader and the experienced Coral Expeditions team. For 30 years, Coral Expeditions have been refining this classic Australian adventure. With a maximum of 72 guests, Coral have fostered a relaxed convivial atmosphere on board, offering daily excursions and adventures, designed to be experienced alongside a group of like-minded travellers.

Coral's Australian-flagged expedition ships have been specially designed for the Kimberley, and feature wraparound decks, private balconies, and comfortable outdoor dining spaces. Coral's chefs, inspired by the destination, prepare cuisine from fresh regional produce. On board, the wine cellars hold a curated selection of wines and unique beers from Australia and New Zealand. Dinner and drinks can be enjoyed alfresco in the evening, with every night bringing the promise of a glorious Kimberley sunset.

During the day, Coral's open-sided Xplorer tender boats will take guests on excursions to the Kimberley's magnificent cliffs and waterfalls, while providing shelter from the West Australian sun. Every day is a new adventure, from spotting native wildlife and birdlife in their natural habitat, to finding a magical secluded beach for sunset canapés and sundowners. We'll get to experience the thrill of riding the Horizontal Falls in inflatable Zodiac tender vessels and witness King George River and 80m tall twin King George waterfalls. We'll encounter Indigenous rock art galleries, and cruise the Prince Regent River to the 'hanging garden' King Cascade waterfall. We will get up close to Montgomery Reef and discover the tidal reef's diverse marine life.

In the evening, mingle with other guests, enjoy daily educational presentations by Corals lecturers, participate in stargazing sessions after dark, or simply find a quiet corner on deck and take in the incredible beauty of the Kimberley Coast.

Our expedition begins in Broome, and ends in Darwin.



Day 1, Sunday 15th June ARRIVE BROOME

We have included one night's accommodation in Broome. Explore this wonderful town at your leisure.

Day 2, Monday 16th June EMBARKATION IN BROOME

Board our expedition ship in Broome at 4:00 pm for a 5:00 pm departure. Become acquainted with the facilities onboard before joining the expedition team in the Bridge Deck Lounge for an introduction to the Kimberley. As dusk falls meet your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's welcome drinks. **B/D**

Days 3-11, KEY DESTINATIONS (ORDER OF ACTIVITIES MAY CHANGE)



THE LACEPEDES

Subject to weather and tides, we visit the Lacepede Islands. The low islands are a nature reserve and Important Bird Area, supporting up to

18,000 breeding pairs of Brown Boobies and Roseate Terns and a significant Green Sea Turtle breeding area. We explore the island's lagoon by Zodiac and Xplorer, to spot many species of birds and marine wildlife. **B/L/D**

TALBOT BAY / BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO

Talbot Bay is at the heart of the Buccaneer

Archipelago, where rocks on the 800 or so

islands are estimated to be over 2 billion years old. At Cyclone Creek, you will see evidence of massive geological forces in the impressive rock formations and cruise through the Iron Islands, past Koolan Island, before enjoying sunset drinks at Nares Point. **B/L/D**



HORIZONTAL FALLS (GARAANNAGADDIM)

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. Water is forcibly pushed through the bottleneck as the tide changes, creating a rushing horizontal

waterfall of swiftly flowing seawater. Experience a heart-pumping ride through the rapids aboard our Zodiacs. **B/L/D**



DOUBTFUL BAY & RAFT POINT (NGUMBREE)

Ngumbirri - Raft Point guards the entrance to sheltered Doubtful Bay, which harbours significant sites such as the ancient Wandjina rock art galleries. Doubtful Bay is the traditional country of the Worrora people who follow the Wandjina. Their stories, knowledge and culture have been recorded in stone for millennia. Visit Red Cone Creek, which flows gently downstream until it meets Ruby Falls (subject to tides). Climb up rock formations like building blocks to reach the freshwater swimming hole. If time permits, we may also do an Xplorer cruise up the mighty Sale River. **B/L/D**



MONTGOMERY REEF (YOWJAB)

Montgomery Reef is a biologically diverse area covering over 300 sq km. As the sea recedes in mammoth tides twice

daily, Montgomery Reef rises from the ocean in a cascade of rushing water, revealing a flat-topped reef. Opportunistic birds take advantage of the marine life left exposed in rock pools, while turtles and larger marine life may also be spotted. Get up close to witness the spectacle as our Expedition Team shares their knowledge on the reef and wildlife surrounding you. **B/L/D**

PRINCE REGENT RIVER & CAREENING BAY (WUNBUNG-GU)

Running on a fault line, this straight river is a haven for native species. Here we visit the beautiful King Cascade, a terraced waterfall. Falling from a considerable height and around 50m across, water tumbles down a staggered terrace of Kimberley sandstone, surrounded by grasses, mosses and ferns. See the National Heritage Listed 'Mermaid Tree' at Careening Bay. It still bears the name carved by the carpenter of Phillip Parker King's ship HMC Mermaid when it was repaired in 1820. **B/L/D**



PRINCE FREDERICK HARBOUR & BIGGE ISLAND (WUUYURU)

Prince Frederick Harbour is one of the Kimberley's most spectacular locations. The harbour is dotted

with islands lined with mangroves and rainforests, set against ochre-hued escarpments. White-bellied sea eagles and other birds of prey are often seen here, and at low tide, expansive mudflats reveal large populations of mud-skippers and mangrove crabs. Cruise up Porosus Creek to spot wildlife and later explore rock art sites at Lumbarni Island. **B/L/D**

MITCHELL FALLS, WINYALKAN, & SWIFT BAY

Carved through sandstone layers, Punamii-Uunpuu - Mitchell Falls descends over four tiers, creating pools of emerald green on each level. An optional helicopter flight will provide a breathtaking view. At the top of the falls, from which to savour the serenity of this ancient landscape. At the top of the falls, sandstone terraces form a lookout to savour this ancient landscape's serenity. Swift Bay reveals fine Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art galleries. **B/L/D**



VANSITTART BAY (BANJAL)

Vansittart Bay is home to many cultural and historically significant sites like the remarkable Ngula - Jar Island Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) rock art galleries estimated to be up to 20,000 years old. Ngula is the Wunambal Gaambera name for Jar Island. Nearby on the Anjo Peninsula, we explore the well-preserved wreckage of a US Air Force C-53 Skytrooper aircraft. **B/L/D**

KING GEORGE RIVER & FALLS (OOMARI FALLS)

Fed by the King George River draining across the Gardner Plateau, 80m tall Oomari-King George Falls are the highest twin falls in Western Australia. Cruise through steep-sided gorges carved many millions of years ago to reach the base of the falls. In waterfall season, cruise under the mist of the falls by Zodiac, while in later months, view the honeycomb erosion patterns of sandstone cliffs up close. The Falls is named Oomari by the Balangarra people. **B/L/D**



Day 12, Thursday 26th June DISEMBARKATION IN DARWIN

Disembark in Darwin at 8:30 am. A post-cruise transfer to the city or airport is included. **B**

Link to ship for more details: <https://www.coralexpeditions.com/au/our-fleet/coral-discoverer/>



Icon indicates a day where there is **moderate physical exertion**. A basic level of fitness is required: eg. A trek over 'mostly flat' terrain or climbing several flights of steps without the support of handrails or elevators.



Icon indicates a day where there is a **particularly active section**. A good level of fitness is required: eg. A longer trek over non-groomed, uneven terrain, or ascending to reach a panorama. May also include exposure to higher altitude. **An alternate activity may be offered if you choose to sit out an active section.** Please call - we are happy to discuss each tour in more detail.