

OUTERKNOWN ADVENTURES ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF



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Expedition Highlights

- > Immerse yourself in one of the world's great seascapes with the Great Barrier Reef experts
- > Cruise the Daintree River and walk amongst the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest
- > Make a connection with Indigenous culture and colonial history at Cooktown
- > Visit Fitzroy Island to snorkel over the fringing reef or relax on spectacular Nudey Beach
- > Sip sundowners and feel the sand beneath your feet on isolated sand cays and uninhabited islands
- > Swim, snorkel, or dive in the vibrant underwater world of the outer Great Barrier Reef, with the chance to see iconic marine species
- > Visit the Turtle Rehabilitation Centre on Fitzroy Island or the Lizard Island Research Station to learn and participate in conservation efforts

DEPARTURES & FARES

7 Nights - Departs: From Cairns aboard *Coral Discoverer*

14 October 2020	18 November 2020
21 October 2020	25 November 2020
28 October 2020	02 December 2020
04 November 2020	09 December 2020
11 November 2020	

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$6,990	\$6,190	n/a	\$5,290	\$4,750
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$7,113*	n/a	n/a

Prices are per person, listed in Australian Dollars (AUD) and include GST.
*Limited sole use occupancy available.



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THE GREAT BARRIER REEF FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

Covering an area of over 2600 km and encompassing over 900 islands, the Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest living structure. Home to an abundant and thriving array of marine and birdlife species, it is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and is a UNESCO World Heritage area.

Coral Expeditions pioneered expedition cruises on the outer reaches of the Great Barrier Reef 35 years ago, and since then have forged a reputation for excellence and expertise. In 2021, a new era of Great Barrier Reef exploration will begin as the yacht-like *Coral Discoverer* commences immersive 7-day adventures to the remote and untouched Northern reef. These expedition voyages, from June to October, will explore the hidden corners, ancient rainforest, uninhabited sand cays, and pristine reef systems of the northern reef region. Along the way find freedom and solitude amidst this iconic seascape.



INCLUSIONS

- All shore excursions, including hiking, kayaking and birdwatching
- Presentations, briefings & workshops by our highly experienced Expedition Team
- Snorkelling and introductory scuba session
- All meals, with morning and afternoon tea
- Selected beers, wines, juices & soft drinks with lunch and dinner service, and 24 hour tea and coffee
- Daily room service
- Post-cruise transfers
- Open bridge access and engine room tours
- All fees & gratuities

ITINERARY: 7 NIGHTS CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS

Board at Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

DAYS 1-7:

Our Great Barrier Reef itineraries are flexible, to take advantage of changing weather and reef conditions. Below is a selection of the key destinations we visit.

COOKTOWN

Come ashore in historic Cooktown and learn the history of the Guugu Yimithirr, the first people of this ancient country. Discover recent European history at the site where Lt. James Cook beached *HMB Endeavour* in 1770, and visit James Cook Museum. Later, cruise to Lizard Island for sunset drinks on Turtle Beach. After dinner, look for giant trevally and tawny nurse sharks during a fish feeding off the aft deck.

LIZARD ISLAND

Spend a whole day on the island, beginning with a dawn hike to the summit of Cook's Look to enjoy the same view Lt. James Cook did when searching for safe passage through the maze of coral reefs. Snorkel over giant clam gardens at Watson's Bay, relax on the white-sand beaches beneath shady she-oak trees and learn about the tragic story surrounding Mary Watson. Later, there may be an opportunity to visit Lizard Island Research Station.

OSPREY REEF

Osprey Reef is the summit of a 2,000m undersea mountain located beyond the continental shelf. Enjoy amazing underwater visibility here, and observe magnificent coral, plummeting drop-offs and many fish in the crystalline waters. A highly prized tropical dive location amongst scuba divers, it has been called an 'oasis for living creatures of all kinds' by Sir David Attenborough. Osprey Reef is a true expedition destination and our visit is subject to appropriate weather conditions.

RIBBON REEF #9 & HOPE ISLAND

The Ribbon Reefs, a line of outer coral reefs on the edge of the continental shelf, are renowned for their prolific marine life and extensive coral species. Enjoy the rare opportunity to snorkel and dive on Ribbon Reef #9, and witness this extraordinary eco-system up close with a guided snorkel tour. Keep an eye out for iconic marine species such as potato cod, wrasse, sharks, and turtles. Later, visit uninhabited Hope Island to relax and stretch your legs before sunset drinks on the beach.

DAINTREE RIVER & ESCAPE OR RIBBON REEF #3

Today, cruise the Daintree River, which cuts through the ancient UNESCO World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest. With an local guide, look for wildlife such saltwater rocodiles, rare cassowaries and the prolific birdlife that inhabits the mangrove-lined riverbanks. Step ashore at a Daintree wilderness centre and walk on forest trails overhung with lush vegetation, where you learn more about the diverse Wet Tropics eco-system.

This afternoon, enjoy more diving and snorkelling opportunities at Ribbon Reef #3 or Escape Reef, where we look for iconic species and drift over vibrant coral gardens.

FITZROY ISLAND & SUDBURY CAY

At Fitzroy Island, enjoy a walk through the Secret Garden rainforest or a hike to the Summit to enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding islands. Snorkel over the fringing reef, relax on spectacular Nudey beach, and learn all about turtles at the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, where sick or injured turtles are cared for before being returned to the wild. Later, enjoy the Captain's Farewell Drinks at sunset on secluded Sudbury Cay.

DAY 8: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Disembark in Cairns at 8:00am

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