

COASTAL CULTURES OF THE TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK



DAVID BOSUN - GUEST ARTIST

Torres Strait Island artist David Bosun is from the tribe of Yugon Moa Island and grew up in a very sensitive cultural environment. From the age of four he practiced traditional dancing and singing. From 1993 to 1995 David studied for an Associate Diploma in Communications at James Cook University, and in 1997 David returned to Moa Island to pursue his art career.

David believes that both the future generations in the Torres Strait, as well as the rest of the world, need to be educated about the rich cultural heritage and distinctiveness of Torres Strait culture. He is striving to record and illustrate his ancestral beliefs and traditions through the visual and performing arts. David has also been a member of the Royal Australian Army Reserve; he is a Councillor and Project Officer with Kubin Community Council and a founding member of the Mualgau Mineral Art group of Moa Island. His works are found in art collections in Australia and around the world.



ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > BETWEEN CAIRNS & HORN ISLAND

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS OR HORN ISLAND

Board in Cairns at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.
Board in Horn Island at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

DAYS 2-10: Key destinations of your expedition.

COOKTOWN

Discover historic Cooktown, with buildings dating back to the 1870s. Visit the Botanic Gardens and the James Cook Museum to see original artefacts from the *HMB Endeavour*.

LIZARD ISLAND

Spend a day exploring secluded Lizard Island. Snorkel over giant clam gardens, walk on the white-sand beach, and take a guided tour of the Lizard Island Research Station. An optional dawn hike leads to the summit of 'Cook's Look'.

FLINDERS GROUP & DAVIE REEF

At Stanley Island, view the Indigenous contact-period rock art depicting sailing ships and marine life, and hear stories from a traditional owner of the Yiithuwarra saltwater people. Later, visit Davie Reef and sand cay for snorkelling and birdwatching.

TIJOU REEF

Tijou Reef is home to many different dive sites, with coral gardens on the inside and wall dives on the outer side. Masses of pelagic and reef fish gather along the steep wall which is covered with an incredible variety of colourful corals and invertebrates.

RESTORATION ISLAND

This picturesque island, with its tall palm trees and white beaches, was named by Captain Bligh who landed here after the mutiny on the *Bounty*. It is the home of 'millionaire castaway' David Glasheen. We will visit David and stroll on the beach.

FORBES ISLAND & MAGRA ISLET

These tiny islands have few human visitors so wildlife is prolific. Walk to the grave of beche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster, beachcomb on sweeping beaches and swim in the tropical waters.

TIP OF CAPE YORK: NORTHERNMOST POINT

The rocky headland of Cape York Peninsula is the northernmost point of Australia. Go ashore and experience a champagne at sunrise or sunset at this special place.

TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

The Torres Strait is home to 200 strikingly beautiful islands, however only 17 are inhabited. Have the privilege of spending four immersive days exploring this remote region, visiting Thursday Island, Badu or Moa Islands and perhaps other nearby islands, where the local communities will welcome you and share their distinctive culture. Visit and purchase art from renowned art centres and enjoy a local meal and exciting cultural performances.

DAY 11: ARRIVE HORN ISLAND OR CAIRNS

Disembark in Horn Island at 8:00am
Disembark in Cairns at 8:00am

TRIP LOG

"We had arrived off Moa Island early last evening and straight after breakfast we made our way into the boat landing at the settlement of Kubin. Here we were warmly welcomed by David Bosun, an artist and community leader, who led us up to the art centre where several workshops had been organised, ranging from weaving to lino printing. There was a great variety of art and many of us took advantage of the opportunity to buy direct from the artists. The village was spotlessly clean and the people so friendly - nothing was too much trouble for them. We took a walk up the headland for a view over the ocean and heard about the traditional understanding of the currents and how they indicated the whereabouts and availability of dugong and turtle.

David directed us to Browne Island, which had a most beautiful beach. We swam in the wonderfully clear, cool water, or climbed the sand dunes to take in the view. All too soon, it was time to take our leave of Moa, but I am sure that none of us will forget it. It was a stunning place and a special visit."

IAN MORRIS > FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2018 > MOA ISLAND

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- > Enjoy a champagne sunrise or sunset at the tip of Cape York, Australia's northernmost point
- > Learn about Torres Strait art and cultural traditions at remote island Art Centres and be welcomed to communities with song, dance, and traditional feasts
- > Snorkel the clam gardens of Lizard Island and scuba dive the northern Great Barrier Reef at Davie and Tijou Reefs
- > Admire Endaen rock art at Stanley Island and hear stories from an elder of the Yiithuwarra people
- > Spend time in the beautiful islands of Cape York & the northern Great Barrier Reef, rich with historic stories and bird-spotting opportunities
- > Be refreshed by the remote beauty of northern Australia

DEPARTURES & FARES

10 Nights - Departs: 3 Nov 2021 from Cairns aboard *Coral Discoverer*

10 Nights - Departs: 13 Nov 2021 from Horn Is. aboard *Coral Discoverer*

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$15,750	\$13,650	n/a	\$11,550	\$10,900
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$18,900*	n/a	n/a

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