

TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK

2021 VOYAGES

Expedition Highlights

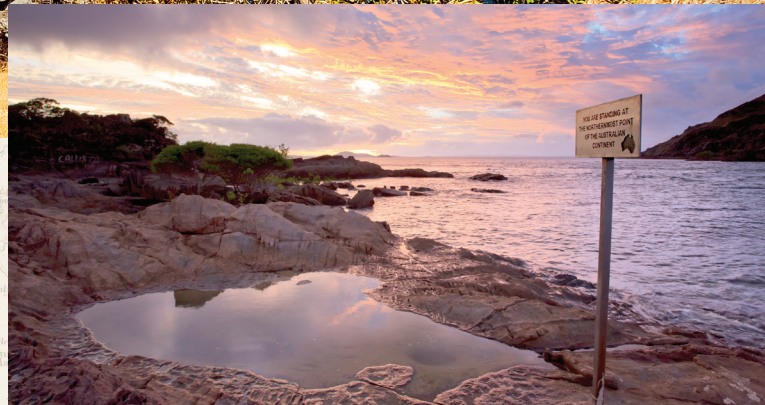
- › Enjoy a champagne sunrise or sunset over the Torres Strait at the tip of Cape York, Australia's northernmost point
- › Snorkel the clam gardens of Lizard Island and hike to Cook's Look for a 360° view over the Great Barrier Reef
- › Snorkel or scuba dive the northern Great Barrier Reef at Davie and Tijou Reefs
- › Admire Yindayin rock art at Stanley Island and hear stories from an elder of the Yiithuwarra people
- › Spend time in the beautiful Torres Strait islands and discover this region's vibrant culture, art and hospitality
- › Learn about Indigenous culture and maritime history at Cooktown and Restoration Island
- › Be refreshed by the remote beauty of northern Australia

DEPARTURES & FARES

10 Nights - Departs: 21 Oct & 11 Nov 2021 from Cairns aboard *Coral Discoverer*
10 Nights - Departs: 31 Oct & 21 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	\$12,600	\$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.



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AUSTRALIA'S PIONEERING CRUISE LINE

RARELY-VISITED ISLANDS OF NORTHERN AUSTRALIA FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

Join these exciting new Torres Strait expeditions onboard *Coral Discoverer* and explore the northern Great Barrier Reef, Cape York and the Torres Strait Islands.

Snorkel over colourful coral gardens or birdwatch and beachcomb on white-sand beaches as you explore the northern Great Barrier Reef. Be refreshed by the raw beauty of this region and gain new insights into the remote north of Australia.

Almost 300 isolated islands dot the narrow stretch of water known as Torres Strait, and the Torres Strait islanders enjoy a distinct culture and way of life. Experience their warm hospitality, admire the work of renowned artists, and enjoy traditional cuisine. With strong connections to the islands built over the years, you are assured of a warm and deeply authentic journey.



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: 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 James Cook Museum to see original artefacts from the *HMB Endeavour*. You may choose from a guided Indigenous cultural tour or Cooktown historic tour as well as taking the opportunity to explore Cooktown's park-lined waterfront and Botanic Gardens. Hike to the top of Grassy Hill for a view over the Great Barrier Reef and surrounding mountain ranges.

LIZARD ISLAND

Spend a day exploring secluded Lizard Island. An optional dawn hike leads to the summit of 'Cook's Look', from where Lieut. James Cook was able to sight a navigable passage through reef-strewn waters. Swim and snorkel over the giant clam gardens or stroll the white-sand beach of Watson's Bay. It may be possible to take a tour of the Lizard Island Research Station, recognised internationally as a major research facility on the Great Barrier Reef.

FLINDERS GROUP & DAVIE REEF

At Stanley Island, view contact-period rock art depicting sailing ships reminiscent of Chinese junks and Portuguese galleons, and hear stories from an traditional owner of the Yithuwarra people. At Davie Reef, where a sand cay barely rises above the sea, snorkel over the fringing reef or go ashore on the sand cay, which is a significant seabird rookery.

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 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, who retreated to the island to live a simple life 20 years ago. Visit David and enjoy the beautiful beach surroundings.

FORBES ISLAND & MAGRA ISLET

These tiny islands have few human visitors so marine wildlife and nesting seabirds are prolific. On Forbes Island, walk to the grave of beche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster, hike across the island, 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, enjoy art workshops, before sharing a meal of island cuisine and enjoying exciting cultural performances.

DAY 11: ARRIVE HORN ISLAND OR CAIRNS

Disembark in Horn Island at 8:00am

Disembark in Cairns at 8:00am

IMAGES +1 View from Thursday Island | 2 The 'Tip' of Cape York

3 Coral gardens at Davie Reef | 4 Harbour at Badu Island | 5 Moa Island dance group