

# The Kimberley Cruise - 11 Tage / 10 Nächte Saison 2024

(Broome bis Darwin oder v.v.)

Thirty years ago, when we made the first exploratory cruises in the Kimberley, we had to rely on hand-drawn 'mudmaps' and the knowledge of fishermen and early explorers to navigate the vast and unpredictable coastline. Today, with decades of experience behind us, and in-house experts, maps, tidal charts, and landing notes, we have a level of knowledge that cannot be easily replicated.

Now, we invite you to join us on our classic 10-night Kimberley expedition. Witness the power of nature at the magnificent King George River and its towering twin falls, explore ancient rock art with expert guides, and witness diverse marine life and cascading waters at Montgomery Reef. Later in the season, you may also see the majestic Humpback Whales on their migration north to breeding grounds. Every Kimberley voyage is different. Come and discover the Kimberley for yourself with the pioneers.



**Coral Discoverer**



**Coral Adventurer**



**Coral Geographer**



## Expedition Highlights

- Experience the thrill of riding the Horizontal Falls in inflatable Zodiac tender vessels
- Get up close to Montgomery Reef and discover the tidal reef's diverse marine life
- Witness King George River and 80m tall twin King George waterfalls
- Cruise the Prince Regent River to the 'hanging garden' King Cascade waterfall
- Encounter Indigenous rock art galleries and learn about ancient Wandjina and Gwion Gwion art
- Spot native wildlife and birdlife in their natural habitat
- View the Kimberley landscape by air on a scenic helicopter flight to Mitchell Falls (additional cost)
- Enjoy sunset canapés and drinks on the beach as dusk settles over the Kimberley

## Expedition Note

These are expedition itineraries covering remote regions. Your Captain and Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise guest experience. These itineraries are indicative - some variation may occur due to weather conditions, safety or local community requirements.

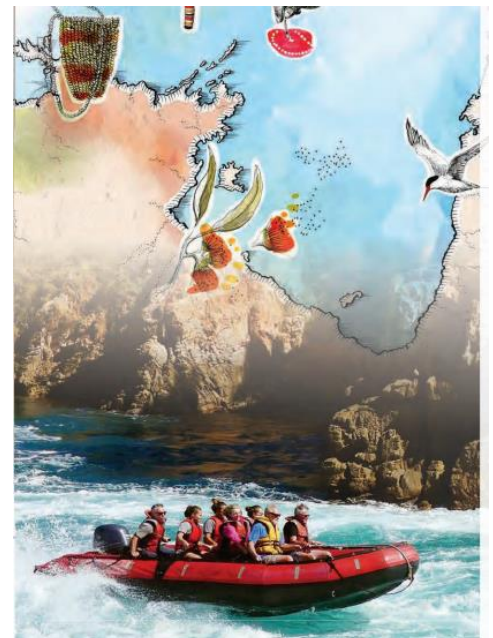
We recommend that you do not arrive to the embarkation port on the day of boarding or depart on the day of disembarkation due to unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

## INCLUSIONS

- All excursions with our Expedition Team
- Use of Xplorer and Zodiacs
- Daily lectures and briefings with Guest Lecturers
- All meals, chef-prepared on board
- Captain's welcome and farewell events, and open bridge access
- Selected wines, selected beers and house spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- 24-hour barista-style coffee and tea station
- All entrance fees to National Parks, ports, traditional owner fees and charges imposed by governing authorities
- Tips and gratuities
- Use of all onboard facilities, incl. a reference library
- Your expedition photos captured during the voyage
- Post-cruise transfers to CBD hotel or airport
- Wifi Access – Standard speed connectivity enabling email, social image sharing, web browsing and messaging

## NOT INCLUDED

- Pre-cruise transfers
- Pre and post cruise flights/charter flights
- Pre and post cruise accommodation
- Travel Insurance
- Entry visas & travel permits for the country you are traveling to/from
- Alcoholic drinks outside of lunch and dinner service
- Premium Internet services
- Laundry service (available at a cost)
- Items of a personal nature such as souvenir purchases
- Optional Extras – Helicopter flights over Mitchell Falls are at a cost of \$695 per person, subject to a minimum of 12 passengers to participate, otherwise a POA rate applies. A 24 hour cancellation policy applies. Helicopter flights are booked once onboard flight
- Some addition





## Reiseprogramm: Broome - Darwin



### Day 1: Depart Broome

Broome Departures: Arrive at 3:00pm for SailSAFE check-in. Board your Coral Expeditions ship in Broome at 4:00pm where there is time to settle into your cabin before our 5:00pm departure.

Take the time to become acquainted with all the facilities onboard and join our Expedition Team in the Lounge for an insightful introduction to the Kimberley. As dusk falls meet your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

### Day 2: King George River and Falls (Oomari Falls)

Fed by the King George River draining across the Gardner Plateau, 80m tall King George Falls are the most impressive Kimberley waterfalls and the highest twin falls in Western Australia. Before reaching the mist-like spray rising from the base of King George Falls, we cruise through steep-sided gorges carved by a flooded river system that carved a swathe through the Kimberley landscape 400 million years ago.

Early in the waterfall season, we may cruise around the base of impressive King George Falls while in later months we take the opportunity to view the honeycomb erosion patterns of sandstone cliffs up close.

### Day 3: Vansittart Bay (Banjal)

Vansittart Bay is home to many cultural and historically significant sites like the remarkable Gwion Gwion (Bradshaw) Aboriginal rock art galleries estimated to be up to 20,000 years old. Jar Island is so-named after the pot shards found here, brought to the island by Makassan fishermen harvesting sea cucumbers (also known as trepang).

Nearby, on the Anjo Peninsula lays the well-preserved wreckage of a US Airforce C-53 Skytrooper aircraft, the result of a pilot losing his bearings flying from Perth to Broome in 1942 and putting down on a salt pan near present-day Truscott Airbase.

### Day 4: Mitchell Falls, Winyalkan & Swift Bay

Tumbling down the Mitchell Plateau in a series of tiered waterfalls and emerald green rock pools, the Mitchell Falls are the photogenic poster child for the Mitchell River National Park. Take a scenic helicopter flight (additional cost) to multi-tiered Mitchell Falls where emerald-hued rock pools cascade down the escarpment and ancient rock art galleries are concealed in caves behind curtains of water.

Mitchell River National Park is inhabited by significant numbers of mammals, amphibians, reptiles and bird species which are lured by a year-round water source. Sandstone terraces beside tiered rock pools make a terrific viewing platform from which to savor the serenity of this ancient landscape.

An alternative option to Mitchell Falls is exploring the sandstone caves of Wollaston Bay or Wollaston Creek. This mass of weathered tunnels, arches and columns form a labyrinth-like maze and was once an Aboriginal midden. Another option while anchored at Winyalkan Bay is a visit to a series Wandjina and Gwion Gwion rock art galleries at Swift Bay.

In the evening we will enjoy watching the sunset over the Indian Ocean while indulging in a gourmet BBQ.

#### **Day 5: Prince Frederick Harbour and Bigge Island (Wuuyuru)**

Prince Frederick Harbour is one of the Kimberley's most spectacular locations at the southern end of York Sound. The harbour is dotted with islands lined with mangroves and monsoon rainforests, set against a backdrop of ochre-hued escarpment. White-bellied sea eagles and other birds of prey are often seen here, and at low tide, expansive mudflats reveal large populations of mudskippers and mangrove crabs. We will take our Xplorer tender vessels on a cruise up Porosus Creek to view some striking rock formations.

Bigge Island's Indigenous name is Wuuyuru, and the Indigenous Group of the area is the Wunambal people.

#### **Day 6: Prince Regent River and Careening Bay (Wunbung-Gu)**

King Cascade is a classically beautiful terraced waterfall and is one of the most photographed waterfalls in the Kimberley. Falling from a considerable height and around 50m across, water tumbles down a staggered terrace of Kimberley sandstone. Layer upon layer of ochre-hued and blackened rock sprouts grasses, mosses and ferns in a sort of lushly vegetated hanging garden.

We reach King Cascade after cruising in our Xplorer tender vessels down the steep-sided Prince Regent River which is a remarkable anomaly as the river runs dead straight along a fault line.

Lt. Phillip Parker King named nearby Careening Bay after he beached his leaking vessel HMC Mermaid to effect repairs. While stranded on this remote coastline for 17 days the ship's carpenter carved HMC Mermaid 1820 into the bottle-shaped trunk of a boab tree near the beach. 200 years later, the Mermaid Boab Tree has since split into two trunks and sports a mammoth girth of 12m. Significantly, the bulbous tree is listed on the National Register of Big Trees and the carpenter's careful inscription now stands almost as tall as a person.

#### **Day 7: Montgomery Reef (Yowjab)**

Montgomery Reef is a biologically diverse area covering over 300 sq km and was named by Phillip Parker King. Twice daily, as the sea recedes in mammoth 11m tides, Montgomery Reef rises from the Indian Ocean in a cascade of rushing water revealing a flat-topped reef pockmarked with rock pools and rivulets.

As the reef emerges, we get up close in our Xplorer and Zodiac inflatable tenders to witness the spectacle as our Expedition Team share their knowledge on the formation of the reef and the myriad wildlife. Opportunistic birds take advantage of the emerging reef, feeding on marine life left exposed in rock pools. Turtles, dolphins, dugongs and sawfish too are also attracted to feeding opportunities as the ocean recedes.

The ocean is awash in a swirl of eddies and whirlpools as the moon's gravitational force takes hold. Then, a few hours later the entire water-borne drama is reversed as the tide comes in and Montgomery Reef disappears below sea level.

#### **Day 8: Doubtful Bay and Raft Point (Ngumbree)**

Raft Point guards the entrance to Doubtful Bay, a vast body of sheltered water that harbours significant sites such as the ancient Wandjina rock art galleries. Located a short walk from the beach, they are considered some of the finest in the Kimberley. We visit the rock art galleries when Traditional Owners are available to guide us. Doubtful Bay is the traditional country of the Worora people who follow the Wandjina, their god, law-maker, and creator. Images of Wandjina are found throughout the Kimberley, recording their stories, knowledge and culture in stone.

Red Cone Creek flows gently downstream until it meets the small but impressive Ruby Falls. Named by local mariner Capt. Chris Trucker after his daughter, Red Cone Creek is carved through rock formations stacked atop each other like building blocks. These rock walls are great for climbing and clambering over before reaching a series of freshwater swimming holes and waterfalls. The falls may be a gurgling torrent or a gentle trickle, depending on the time of the year.

Other sites we aim to visit in Doubtful Bay include the mighty Steep Island and Ruby Falls at Red Cone Creek.

#### **Day 9: Horizontal Falls (Garaanngaddim) and Buccaneer Archipelago**

The Horizontal Falls are one of the Kimberley's biggest attractions and are a result of the mammoth 11m tides the Kimberley is renowned for. Naturalist David Attenborough described the Horizontal Falls as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world.' This natural phenomenon has been created as the ocean thunders through a narrow gorge in the McLarty Ranges. Water builds up on one side and is forcibly pushed through the bottleneck, creating a rushing horizontal waterfall of swiftly flowing seawater. Riding the rapids on our Zodiac inflatable tenders is one of the highlights of our Kimberley expedition cruises.

Talbot Bay is at the heart of the Buccaneer Archipelago, where rocks on the 800 or so islands are estimated at 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.

#### **Day 10: The Lacepede Islands**

The Lacepede Islands are a protected class-A nature reserve and are significant as a seabird nesting rookery for brown boobies and roseate terns. Other species often sighted at the Lacepedes include Australian Pelicans, frigate birds, egrets and gulls. The four low-lying islands are also an important breeding and nesting habitat for green turtles.

If weather and tide conditions are suitable, we will explore the lagoons by Xplorer and Zodiac tender vessels.

As our incredible Kimberley adventures draw to a close, on our last evening aboard we enjoy the Captain's farewell drinks amongst new-found friends.

#### **Day 11: Arrive in Darwin**

Our incredible adventure along the Kimberley Coast concludes. Bid farewell to new-found friends, the Captain and crew.

Darwin Arrival: Arrive and disembark at Darwin's Fort Hill Wharf at 08:30am. Post cruise transfers to CBD hotels or the airport are included. If you're not transferring directly to the airport why not spend the day enjoying the tropical city of Darwin with its landscaped waterfront and harbourside Wave Pool.

# Preise / Daten 2024

(Preise gültig bei Buchungen bis 31.07.2023)

## Coral Adventurer

Abreisedatum	Abreiseort
05.04.2024	Broome
16.04.2024	Darwin
26.04.2024	Broome
07.05.2024	Darwin
17.05.2024	Broome
28.05.2024	Darwin
07.06.2024	Broome
18.06.2024	Darwin
28.06.2024	Broome
09.07.2024	Darwin
19.07.2024	Broome
30.07.2024	Darwin
09.08.2024	Broome
20.08.2024	Darwin
30.08.2024	Broome

## Coral Discoverer

Abreisedatum	Abreiseort
12.04.2024	Darwin
22.04.2024	Broome
03.05.2024	Darwin
13.05.2024	Broome
24.05.2024	Darwin
03.06.2024	Broome
14.06.2024	Darwin
24.06.2024	Broome
05.07.2024	Darwin
15.07.2024	Broome
26.07.2024	Darwin
05.08.2024	Broome
16.08.2024	Darwin
26.08.2024	Broome
06.09.2024	Darwin
28.09.2024	Broome

## Coral Geographer

Abreisedatum	Abreiseort
08.05.2024	Darwin
18.05.2024	Broome
29.05.2024	Darwin
08.06.2024	Broome
19.06.2024	Darwin
29.06.2024	Broome
10.07.2024	Darwin
20.07.2024	Broome
31.07.2024	Darwin
10.08.2024	Broome

## Preise pro Person: Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
<b>Doppelbelegung</b>	Ab CHF 10100	Ab CHF 8140	Ab CHF 7410	Ab CHF 7020	Ab CHF 6460
<b>Einzelbelegung</b>	Nicht möglich	Nicht möglich	Ab CHF 13990	Nicht möglich	Nicht möglich

## Preise pro Person: Coral Adventurer

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
<b>Doppelbelegung</b>	Ab CHF 16190	Ab CHF 12600	Ab CHF 11500	Ab CHF 8630	Ab CHF 7210
<b>Einzelbelegung</b>	Nicht möglich	Nicht möglich	Ab CHF 17250	Ab CHF 12950	Ab CHF 10820

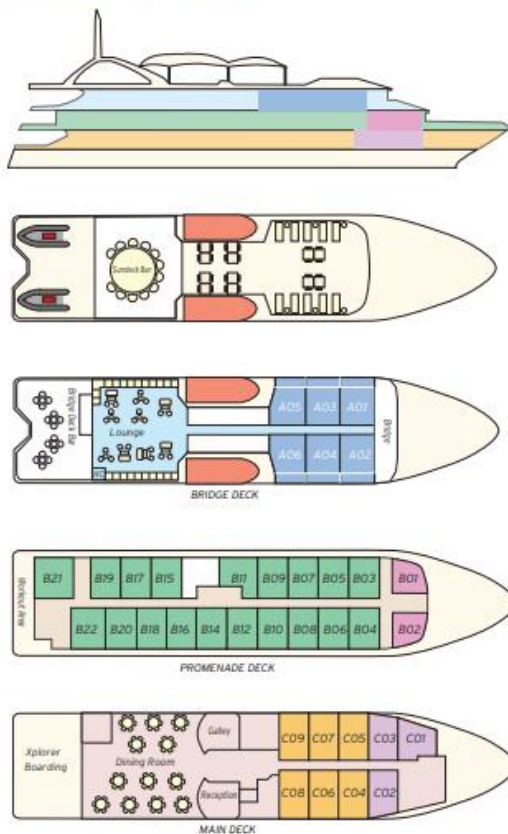
## Preise pro Person: Coral Geographer

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<b>Doppelbelegung</b>	Ab CHF 15400	Ab CHF 11500	Ab CHF 8630	Ab CHF 7210
<b>Einzelbelegung</b>	Nicht möglich	Ab CHF 17250	Ab CHF 12950	Ab CHF 10820



# CORAL DISCOVERER

## DECK PLAN & SPECIFICATIONS



Name	Coral Discoverer
Owners	CPC Marine Pty Ltd
Flag	Australian
Year of Build	2005
Refurbished	2018
LOA	63 metres
Beam	13 metres
Draught	3 metres
Gross Tonnage	1779 GT
Construction	NOEA Australia
Main Engines	Caterpillar 3512B
Cruising Speed	10-12 knots
Max. passengers	72
Max. crew	24
Tenders	1 Xplorer, 3 Zodiacs
	Glass bottom boat

- BRIDGE DECK BALCONY STATEROOM
- PROMENADE DECK CATEGORY A STATEROOM
- PROMENADE DECK CATEGORY B STATEROOM
- MAIN DECK CATEGORY A STATEROOM
- MAIN DECK CATEGORY B STATEROOM

## ONBOARD EXPERIENCE

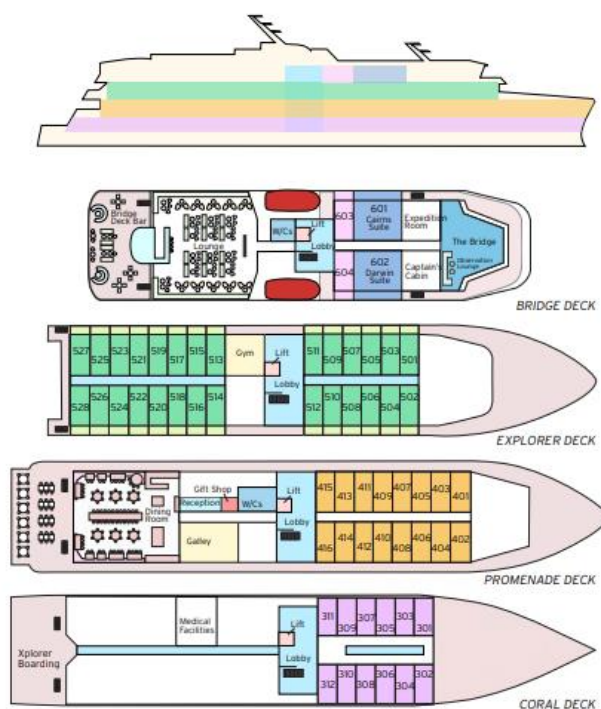






# CORAL ADVENTURER

## DECK PLAN & SPECIFICATIONS



**Name** Coral Adventurer  
**Owners** CPC Marine Pty Ltd  
**Flag** Australian  
**Year of Build** 2019

**LOA** 93.4 metres  
**Beam** 17.2 metres  
**Draught** 4.5 metres  
**Gross Tonnage** 5516 GT  
**Construction** VARD  
**Main Engines** Caterpillar 3512C  
**Azimuth Pod** Rolls Royce Azipull  
**Cruising Speed** 13.8 knots  
**Max. passengers** 120  
**Max. crew** 48

**Tenders** 2 Xplorers, 6 Zodiacs

- **BRIDGE DECK BALCONY SUITE**  
 • 55.8sqm • Private Balcony • Super king beds
- **BRIDGE DECK BALCONY STATEROOM**  
 • 21.4sqm • Private Balcony • Twin or junior king beds
- **EXPLORER DECK BALCONY STATEROOM**  
 • 21.4sqm • Private Balcony • Twin or junior king beds
- **PROMENADE DECK STATEROOM**  
 • 17sqm • Picture window • Twin or junior king beds
- **CORAL DECK STATEROOM**  
 • 17sqm • Porthole window • Twin or junior king beds

## ONBOARD EXPERIENCE

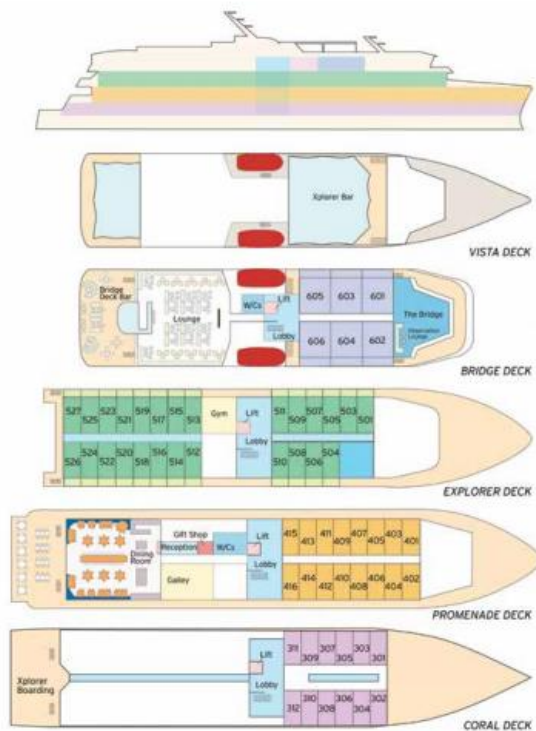






# CORAL GEOGRAPHER

## DECK PLAN & SPECIFICATIONS



## ONBOARD EXPERIENCE



<b>Name</b>	Coral Geographer
<b>Owners</b>	CPC Marine Pty Ltd
<b>Flag</b>	Australian
<b>Launching</b>	2021
<b>LOA</b>	93.4 metres
<b>Beam</b>	17.2 metres
<b>Draught</b>	4.5 metres
<b>Gross Tonnage</b>	5516 GT
<b>Construction</b>	VARD
<b>Main Engines</b>	Caterpillar 3512C
<b>Azimuth Pod</b>	Rolls Royce Azipull
<b>Cruising Speed</b>	13.8 knots
<b>Max. passengers</b>	120
<b>Max. crew</b>	48
<b>Tenders</b>	2 Xplorers, 6 Zodiacs

- BRIDGE DECK BALCONY SUITE  
• 37.5sqm • Private Balcony • Junior king beds
- EXPLORER DECK BALCONY STATEROOM  
• 21.4sqm • Private Balcony • Twin or junior king beds
- PROMENADE DECK STATEROOM  
• 17sqm • Picture window • Twin or junior king beds
- CORAL DECK STATEROOM  
• 17sqm • Porthole window • Twin or junior king beds



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