

NINGALOO & THE BLUEWATER WONDERS OF AUSTRALIA'S WEST

Expedition Highlights

- > Snorkel or dive the pristine and rarely visited Rowley Shoals, accompanied by our onboard Marine Biologist
- > Scuba dive the remarkable reefs of Muiron Islands, or 'dusk dive' the Navy Pier at Exmouth (additional cost) to encounter a huge variety of marine life
- > Encounter the mega fauna of Ningaloo Reef - with the chance to swim with whale sharks and manta rays (this experience is subject to nature)
- > Swim out to coral gardens from the beach at Coral Bay
- > Discover sites of cultural significance to Indigenous Australians, including the Dampier Archipelago petroglyphs, with expert interpretation
- > Encounter a proliferation of wildlife, including rare birds and marine life on the remote islands and atolls
- > Relax on pristine white-sand beaches in the Muiron Islands, Dampier Archipelago, and Turquoise Bay



DEPARTURES & FARES

10 nights aboard *Coral Discoverer*, departing Broome on the following dates:

- > 17 May 2021
- > 28 May 2021
- > 16 May 2022
- > 27 May 2022

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$16,690	\$14,290	n/a	\$12,550	\$11,990
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$19,725*	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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Join our 10-night voyage onboard *Coral Discoverer* and explore the extraordinary marine environment and historic islands of Western Australia's Coral Coast. Departing Broome, we will visit the spectacular Rowley Shoals Marine Park, the Dampier Archipelago and the Montebello Islands. Our voyage will culminate with a visit to Ningaloo Reef, home to vibrant marine life both large and small. Our expert guides will lead our discovery of the untouched atolls, marine mega fauna and rare bird species that are found in this pristine coastal habitat.



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DAY 1: DEPART BROOME

Board in Broome at 4:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

DAYS 2-10: KEY DESTINATIONS OF YOUR EXPEDITION

ROWLEY SHOALS

At the edge of the continental shelf, 170 nautical miles offshore, lie the Rowley Shoals, a chain of three coral atolls including Clerke, Mermaid and Imperieuse Reefs. The shoals offer some of the best snorkelling and diving opportunities in the world. Their shallow lagoons are inhabited by myriad coral species and marine life, including giant potato cod, Maori wrasse, at least 233 species of coral and 688 species of fish. Water clarity here is unparalleled, making for superb underwater photography opportunities.

Conditions permitting, we will spend 1-2 days here for snorkelling and diving opportunities. Guided by our marine biologist, snorkel away the day in the coral gardens of the Aquarium at Clerke Reef, try a drift snorkel in the channel, or beach comb on Bedwell Island.

MONTEBELLO ISLANDS

The Montebello Islands are an archipelago of more than 250 limestone islands and islets off the coast of the Pilbara. A twitcher's delight, the islands are an Important Bird Area, as they support over 1% of the world populations of fairy and roseate terns, as well as sooty oyster-catchers. The Montebellos have an 'explosive' past - Alpha and Trimouille Islands were the site of British atomic weapons tests in the 1950s. Relics of the military operation can still be found on the islands.

Spend a full day exploring here, with wildlife spotting opportunities including endangered rufous hare-wallabies and stingrays. There are also opportunities to swim from the beautiful beaches.

MUIRON ISLANDS

Located off North West Cape, the waters surrounding the uninhabited Muiron Islands are teeming with marine life. A variety of dive sites are on offer, including swim-throughs and ledges where nudibranchs and angelfish hide. Snorkellers will appreciate many soft corals and gorgonians as well as colourful fish. After in-water activities, stretch your legs on a stroll down the beach.

DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO

The forty-two iron-red islands of the Dampier Archipelago stand in bright contrast to the turquoise waters which surround them. The archipelago supports the largest Hawksbill turtle rookery in the Indo-Pacific, while birdwatchers may spot several species of migratory waders, as well as sea eagles and ospreys. With luck we may even see the elusive Rothschild's rock wallaby.

The archipelago not only offers exceptional natural beauty but significant National Heritage Listed Areas. The islands' earliest inhabitants were the Yaburara people, as is evidenced by thousands of rock engravings, shell middens and stone arrangements scattered across the islands. During our time here, explore the pastoral, pearling and cultural history that remains in the form of ruins and petroglyphs. There will also be opportunities to enter the azure waters for snorkelling, kayaking and diving.

NINGALOO REEF, EXMOUTH, & CORAL BAY

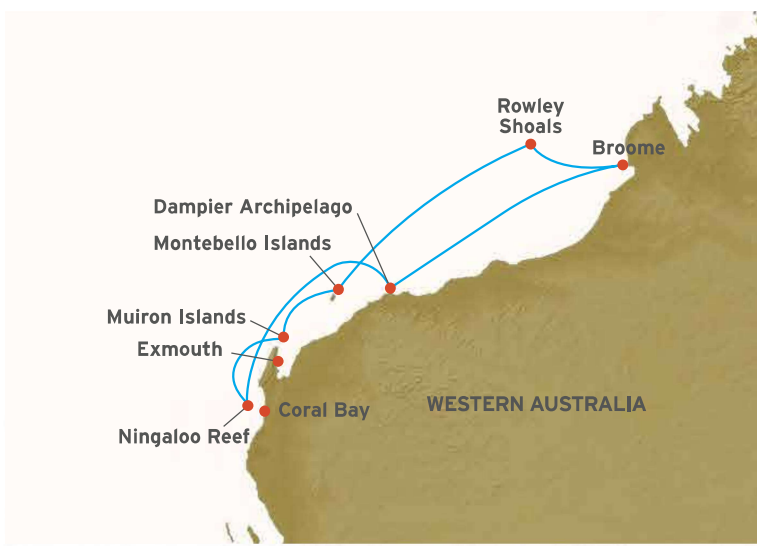
The World Heritage listed Ningaloo Reef spans over 5000 square kilometres, with inner and outer reefs that create diverse habitats for vibrant corals and more than 500 species of fish. Mega marine fauna feed here during their migrations, including humpback whales, giant manta rays, and the majestic whale shark.

We will spend 2-3 days here exploring this stunning coastline from Exmouth to Coral Bay. Snorkel and dive the outer reefs and relax on stunning beaches such as Turquoise Bay. With an experienced local operator, you may have the opportunity to swim with whale sharks and manta rays (these encounters are subject to nature).

DAY 11: ARRIVE BROOME

Disembark in Broome at 8:00am

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



INCLUSIONS

- All shore excursions, including hiking, kayaking and birdwatching
- Presentations, briefings & workshops by our highly experienced Expedition Team
- Snorkelling & 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