

COASTAL CULTURES OF THE TORRES STRAIT & CAPE YORK



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'.

REMOTE OSPREY REEF

Osprey Reef is the summit of an undersea 2,000m mountain located beyond the continental shelf with no landmass visible. Enjoy amazing underwater visibility here, and observe magnificent corals, plummeting drop-offs and many fish in the crystalline waters. Osprey Reef is a highly prized tropical dive location amongst scuba divers, called an 'oasis for living creatures of all kinds' by Sir David Attenborough.

STANLEY ISLAND & 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.

FORBES & RESTORATION ISLANDS

At Forbes Island, walk to the grave of beche-de-mer fisherman Frederick Lancaster, beachcomb on sweeping beaches and snorkel in the tropical waters. Later we visit Restoration Island, with its tall palm trees and white beaches, which 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.

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. Later visit historical sites at Somerset, Possession Island and Albany Island.

TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

The Torres Strait is home to 200 strikingly beautiful islands, however only 17 are inhabited. Have the privilege of spending three immersive days exploring this remote region, visiting Thursday Island, Badu and Moa 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 Osprey reefs
- > Admire Endeavour 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.