

KURANDA AND CORAL EXPEDITION

Itinerary

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY ARRIVE CAIRNS

On arrival at Cairns Airport you will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Stay: 2 nights at Rydges Plaza Cairns, or similar

DAY 2 THURSDAY KURANDA

Today travel to Kuranda on one of the most scenic train routes through tunnels and across bridges with amazing views. After arriving in Kuranda, the remainder of the day is free for you to explore the village. Glide over the rainforest canopy on board the Skyrail, before your arrival at Caravonica Lakes where your return coach transfer awaits.

DAY 3 FRIDAY BOARD CORAL EXPEDITIONS II: CAIRNS AND THETFORD REEF

Coral Expeditions II departs Cairns today at 10.00am, cruising out of Trinity Bay with a scenic view of Port Douglas Village. Arrive at the first mooring site, either Thetford Reef, Coates Reef, or Nathan Reef. Disembark to enjoy snorkelling or scuba diving over magnificent coral gardens, or explore without getting your feet wet on a glass bottom boat tour. View a fish feeding display and presentation by a Marine Biologist. As the sun sets enjoy drinks aboard the deserted Sudbury Sand Cay, a virtual deserted island! Back onboard, dine on the Captain's Welcome Seafood Buffet. (L,D)

Stay: 3 nights aboard Coral Expeditions II

DAY 4 SATURDAY HINCHINBROOK CHANNEL AND ISLAND BEACH BBQ

Heading south, cruise the scenic Hinchinbrook Channel, which separates Hinchinbrook Island from the mainland. Possible wildlife sightings include crocodiles, dolphins, whales, turtles and dugongs. Enjoy interpretive commentary and a mangrove tour as you explore a tropical island on a guided bushwalk. After a gourmet Aussie beach BBQ, snorkel and dive over the island's fringing reef showcasing a giant clam garden, or enjoy kayaking or a glass bottom boat tour, and simply relax on the sandy beach. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 SUNDAY DUNK ISLAND RAINFOREST AND NATHAN REEF

This morning enjoy a rainforest walk on tropical Dunk Island with a naturalist guide, keeping an eye out for the striking electric-blue Ulysses butterfly. In the afternoon discover the colourful Nathan Reef, where you can snorkel, scuba dive, or tour by glass bottom boat. There is also an interactive marine biology presentation at the onboard display tank. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 MONDAY FITZROY ISLAND AND CAIRNS

Arrive at Fitzroy Island, where you can take an idyllic bushwalk, snorkel over the fringing reef, beachcomb on the white sands of Nudey Beach, and enjoy the resort facilities. Then it's time to return to Cairns, arriving at the Cruise Liner Terminal at 1.30pm. On arrival, make your way to your hotel. (B)

Stay: overnight at Rydges Plaza Cairns, or similar

DAY 7 TUESDAY DEPART CAIRNS

Today you will be transferred to Cairns airport for your onward flight.

Please note: This itinerary is an indication of destinations and activities, and is subject to availability, weather and tidal conditions, and any other operational requirements.

Coral Expeditions II

Refurbished during early 2015, *Coral Expeditions II* is fully equipped for the ultimate Great Barrier Reef cruising experience, and is Australian flagged, registered and staffed. *Coral Expeditions II* was purposebuilt and is the ideal size to access the very best parts of the Great Barrier Reef.

The 22 onboard rooms feature traditional maritime stylings with wood panelled walls. You can choose between double and twin bedded rooms, each with private ensuite, air conditioning and ample storage space. All rooms feature large picture windows.

The ship's spacious lounge is a great place to relax and enjoy a drink from the cocktail bar in air-conditioned comfort, and features a comprehensive reference library and plasma screens. The large Sun Deck is another popular place to relax and take in the sights, with comfortable deck chairs and teak furnishings. You will also enjoy the opportunity to dine al fresco under the magnificent stars over the Great Barrier Reef. Meals are served in the atmospheric Dining Room, and with space for all guests to dine during one sitting and no assigned seating.

Coral Expeditions II operates an open bridge policy, allowing you to spend time with the Captain and his maritime crew as we cruise. Follow our progression on the ship's charts and chat with the Captain, or simply sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery. Coral Expeditions II is fitted with modern safety and navigation equipment.

