

## **Coral Princess Cruises**

### **10 Night Broome-Darwin Itinerary -**

#### **Day 1: Depart Broome**

4:30pm Board Coral Princess for a 6:00pm departure. This evening meet your fellow travelers and friendly crew at the Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party. Enjoy cocktails as we depart Broome and cruise north towards Cape Leveque.

#### **Day 2: Lacepede Islands**

Today we cruise through Pender Bay and visit the Lacepede Islands. These islands are situated well off shore and are known for the turtle nestings and booby and frigate bird colonies.

#### **Day 3: Crocodile Creek and Horizontal Falls**

This morning we travel ashore aboard Explorer, our specially designed excursion vessel. We visit Crocodile Creek where there is time to explore and enjoy a cooling dip in the fresh water pools. At Talbot Bay, the region's 12 metre tides create an amazing spectacle, the unique Horizontal Falls. Board the inflatable zodiacs for an exhilarating, up-close view of this natural phenomenon.

#### **Day 4: Montgomery Reef and Aboriginal Art**

We cruise through the Buccaneer Archipelago, home to over 800 islands, before arriving at Montgomery Reef. See the reef 'rise' out of the ocean as the tide ebbs, before joining a reef walk and marine life study. Later, we travel ashore at Raft Point and visit a secluded and very interesting aboriginal rock art gallery. With our lecturer, view Wandjina art and the mysterious Bradshaw Paintings (Gwion), thought to be the world's oldest indigenous art, dating back over 20 000 years. Enjoy time to discover one of the bay's many uninhabited islands and enjoy a cooling dip in the freshwater pools.

#### **Day 5: King Cascades and Camp Creek**

We cruise the mighty Prince Regent River aboard Explorer to breathtaking King Cascades, an unusual and picturesque waterfall cascading over terraced rock formations. Enjoy a picnic lunch at beautiful Camp Creek, where there is time for a leisurely. The more adventurous may wish to join a nature walk, keeping an eye out for native Kimberley birdlife.

#### **Day 6: Careening Bay**

Careening Bay was named by Phillip Parker King after his ship, 'HMC Mermaid', was careened during his first voyage of discovery in the Kimberley. Our lecturers lead us to the site of a large boab tree bearing the inscription 'HMC Mermaid - 1820', still clearly visible almost 200 years later. This afternoon we cruise through Kuri Bay, home of the south sea pearl industry.

#### **Day 7: Prince Frederick Harbour and Beach BBQ**

Cruising into Prince Frederick Harbour we anchor at Naturalist Island. We have helicopters available for optional scenic flights over the Mitchell Plateau for close up

views of the mighty four-tiered Mitchell Falls. This evening, enjoy a spectacular Indian Ocean sunset as we indulge in a gourmet Aussie Beach BBQ.

**Day 8: Bigge Island and Low Rocks**

Discover rarely seen Aboriginal art on Bigge Island. Our lecturer will be on hand to interpret this amazing rock art gallery which dates back thousands of years. Later, we visit the sea bird rookeries on Low Rocks.

**Day 9: Vansittart Bay**

Enjoy a full day to explore beautiful Vansittart Bay and its many islands and secluded coves.

**Day 10: King George Falls and Tranquil Bay**

Today we explore the mighty King George River. Aboard Explorer, we'll discover scenic gorges, and in our inflatable zodiacs we'll cruise close to the base of magnificent King George Falls, the tallest waterfalls in Western Australia towering some 80 metres above the river below. Later, we visit Tranquil Bay for beach walking and exploration. We farewell new-found friends as we enjoy the Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party this evening.

**Day 11: Arrive in Darwin**

8:00am. Our unforgettable cruise along the Kimberley coast concludes in Darwin this morning.

*This itinerary is an indication of the reef, islands and coastal areas we visit. While every effort will be made to follow this itinerary we do reserve the right to vary this itinerary to make allowances for weather and tidal conditions and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel.*