SALTWATER COUNTRY & CULTURE

14 days / 13 nights | Darwin to Cairns | Coral Adventurer



An extraordinary expedition through the Tiwi Islands, Arnhem Land, Cape York and the Torres Strait, celebrating living First Nations cultures and remote coastal landscapes.

2027 DEPARTURE **8–21 SEPTEMBER 2027**

EXPEDITION ITINERARY • BLUE SUN CRUISES

Your voyage at a glance

Cruise	Saltwater Country & Culture
Vessel	Coral Adventurer
Duration	14 days / 13 nights
2027 sailing	8–21 September 2027
Route	Darwin to Cairns
Highlights	Tiwi Islands, Arnhem Land, Cape York, Torres Strait, Stanley Island
Bookings	1300 799 758 | holidays@bluesuntravel.com

The detailed expedition itinerary

The following stops follow the published voyage sequence. Individual landing days may change due to tides, weather, community arrangements and operational requirements.

Darwin & Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island

Embark early in Darwin and sail to the Tiwi Islands. At Wurrumiyanga, discover local art, the community’s Second World War history and the Patakijiyali Museum. The visit offers an introduction to the Tiwi people’s strong cultural identity.

Milikapiti, Melville Island

Meet local Tiwi hosts to learn how traditional seasonal knowledge informs contemporary food production and land care. Visit the community farm and nursery and hear from Tiwi Land and Sea Rangers about conservation and cultural burning.

Cobourg Peninsula – Garig Gunak Barlu

Explore internationally recognised wetlands by expedition tender. Watch for waterbirds and learn about the ecological importance of this protected environment. Onboard presentations introduce the cultural history of Arnhem Land.

Galiwin’ku, Elcho Island

Visit a Yolngu community and learn about kinship, art and customary knowledge from local hosts. Where available, take part in a hands-on cultural activity and hear about maritime training and young people’s connection to the sea.

Daliwuy Bay & Cape Arnhem

Walk with local rangers along the striking red coastline to the Wurrwurrwuy stone arrangements, which reflect centuries of contact and trade between Yolngu people and Makassan visitors. Continue exploring the region’s volcanic geology by tender.

Bawaka, Port Bradshaw

Be welcomed to Gumatj Country by Yolngu hosts. Through storytelling, cultural performance and conversation, learn about the community’s enduring ties to land and sea. A tender excursion to Lonely Beach may be possible.

Gulf of Carpentaria – At Sea

Cross the Gulf with time for guest lectures, discussions and relaxation. Reflect on the communities and landscapes encountered in the western part of the expedition.

Thursday Island & Pajinka, Cape York

Explore Thursday Island’s multicultural maritime heritage, including the pearling industry and the history of the Torres Strait Islander flag. Enjoy community-led cultural experiences before cruising towards Australia’s northernmost mainland point.

Masig (Yorke Island)

Meet Torres Strait Islander hosts and learn about island life, climate resilience and local cultural practices. Depending on community arrangements, experiences may include weaving, traditional food preparation and storytelling.

Mer (Murray Island)

Discover the island associated with Eddie Mabo and the landmark recognition of native title. Learn about Meriam cultural heritage, community enterprise and the island’s dramatic volcanic landscape.

Coral Sea – At Sea

Enjoy a further day at sea with guest speakers discussing First Nations art, the environment and cultural self-determination.

Yindayin (Stanley Island)

With a local Traditional Owner, visit the Endaen rock-art galleries, which include depictions of early sailing vessels. The published walk is approximately 2.5 km and includes sandy sections and a boardwalk.

Cairns – Disembark

Arrive in Cairns and disembark after breakfast. Scheduled post-cruise transfers to the airport or selected city hotels are included, subject to final arrangements.

Life aboard Coral Adventurer

Coral Adventurer is designed for small-ship expedition cruising, with open decks, comfortable accommodation, onboard lectures and expedition tenders that support visits to remote coastal communities. Cultural visits are hosted in accordance with local permissions and community protocols.

What’s included

Published inclusions generally cover accommodation, meals, expedition-team excursions, Xplorer and Zodiac tender use, selected drinks with meals, lectures, standard Wi-Fi, applicable entry and Traditional Owner fees, gratuities and scheduled post-cruise transfers. Confirm inclusions for the selected sailing.

BlueSun Insight

This voyage is particularly rewarding for travellers who value meaningful cultural encounters over conventional sightseeing. Its distinguishing feature is the opportunity to hear directly from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander hosts about living culture, environmental stewardship and the continuing significance of Country. Some walks and tender landings require reasonable mobility.

Plan your expedition with BlueSun Cruises

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