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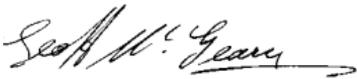
# WELCOME TO APT'S KIMBERLEY COAST EXPEDITION CRUISING

Dear Traveller,

We are delighted to welcome you aboard our APT Kimberley Coast Expedition Cruise. With 90 years of touring experience, we know this area intimately and can show you the highlights like no one else can.

As you prepare for your adventure, we know that you're likely to have questions about what to expect on tour, what the climate will be like and what to take with you. To try to help with these questions and provide some additional touring information, we have compiled this Tour Hints booklet. It contains information on the varying conditions and climates that you may encounter, some general destination information, suggestions on what to pack and much more.

We trust you will enjoy your Kimberley Coast Expedition Cruise, and we look forward to welcoming you on board in just a few weeks time.



Warm regards,  
Geoff McGeary OAM  
APT Company Owner

## PLEASE NOTE:

The information in this booklet is intended as a guide to assist you when preparing for your trip. Much of the information within is subject to change and while all care has been taken to ensure all information is correct at time of printing, APT cannot take responsibility for any subsequent changes.

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## WHAT IS EXPEDITION CRUISING

On an expedition cruise you will embark upon a path less travelled, going where few have gone before – and we recommend you expect the unexpected. Along with planned activities on your voyage, you will also experience ample time for unplanned encounters such as opportunities to explore an otherwise inaccessible island, quiet cove or beach. The nature of expedition cruising is that you will take advantage of opportunities as they occur to enhance your cruise, and it is these unscheduled events which often become the most memorable parts of your journey.

### SIGHTSEEING & SHORE EXCURSIONS

Shore excursions are at the heart of every destination, a way for you to experience the history, geology, flora and fauna with your knowledgeable Expedition Team. The opportunities for discovery are extraordinary. You can take in as many, or as few, excursions as you wish during the entire voyage. Your Expedition Leader will provide more detailed information on board, during a briefing the day before. Most excursions will involve walking, so we suggest being in good physical fitness prior to departure.

On the Kimberley Coast you will mostly be at anchor (dependent on the destinations' port facilities) and Zodiacs or tenders are used to transport you to shore for excursions. For 'wet landings' (when the Zodiac/tender may land on a beach) we recommend a pair of reef sandals or shoes that you don't mind getting wet. Please note not all excursions require you to vacate the Zodiac or tender, as you set out to explore the coastline from the water.

### ITINERARY

Although every effort is made to follow the itinerary as per the brochure, there may be times when this will have to be varied due to weather, tides or other conditions prevailing at the time.



*Venture out on a Zodiac to further explore the coast*

## YOUR EXPEDITION TEAM

Your Expedition Team and Cruise Directors are highly trained industry professionals committed to making your adventure memorable. From the moment you join your cruise, they are on hand to ensure your comfort, take care of all arrangements, answer questions and provide a friendly face.

## PRIOR TO TRAVELLING

You must be aware of certain regulations involving the Zodiacs or tenders in order to ensure adequate safety:

- The driver is in charge of the boat and its operation. Please follow their instructions at all times to ensure your safety.
- Please ensure you wear suitable waterproof footwear.
- Passengers should also use a weatherproof bag (or plastic bag) to protect items such as cameras and binoculars in case of sea spray.
- You must always wear the safety vests provided. This is for your safety and is required at all times.
- Always accept the helping hands of crew members stepping in or out of the Zodiacs or tenders.
- Minimise the number of separate articles you take along with you. Backpacks are ideal as they also enable you to have both hands free to enter the Zodiac or tender safely.
- Make sure you have everything you'll need for your shore excursion before you leave the ship including hat, water bottle and camera.



*Board your Xplorer vessel for onshore excursions*



## WHAT TO PACK

What you should pack depends on personal preferences, however, below is a list of items to assist you with your packing. Most people dress casually on tour, however, for Captain's Dinners and cocktail evenings, you may want to wear something a little more dressy. When packing, take into account the time of year you are travelling and that it can potentially be quite cool at night. We recommend layering your clothing so that you can be prepared for changes in weather conditions throughout the day. There is no opportunity to purchase items once on the ship (there is a small gift shop with very limited items). Please refer to page 17 for weather information.

- Hiking shoes or comfortable and sturdy walking shoes
- Walking poles to assist with walking over uneven ground
- Shoes that can get wet (eg. reef shoes or rubber sandals) and are comfortable for walking in, for wet landings on shore
- Sun hat with brim and chin strap (to secure your hat on vessels)
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Clothing to protect you from the sun
- Water bottle (1-1.5 litres)\*
- Swimsuit/sarong (in case the opportunity arises)
- Insect repellent
- T-shirts/shirts
- Shorts
- Warm clothing (eg. jeans/long pants, jumper, etc)
- Smart casual clothing for Captain's Dinners and cocktail evenings
- Waterproof jacket/light raincoat
- Underwear/socks
- Sleepwear
- Toiletries
- Personal medication (take adequate supplies for your entire tour)
- Camera, memory cards and spare batteries
- Small backpack to carry water & other items needed for excursions

\* Provided with your Adventure Pack

## STAYING HEALTHY ON HOLIDAY

It's important for you to be as healthy as possible before you travel, and to maintain your health by applying good hygiene practices whilst on tour. Respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses, whilst usually minor in nature, can spread rapidly within a tour group, and have a major impact on everyone's enjoyment.

APT is committed to reducing the spread of infections on tours, and we do ask that you read and follow our recommendations, to ensure a healthy, safe and enjoyable holiday for you and your fellow travellers.

### PREPARING FOR YOUR TOUR

#### Mobility & Fitness

On a Kimberley Coast Expedition Cruise, a good level of health and fitness is essential as your cruise will involve some sightseeing by foot. You will also be required to embark/disembark ships and Zodiacs or tenders, and undertake walks in hot conditions, or on uneven terrain, steep steps and slippery surfaces. If you have trouble with balance, walking poles are great for stability.

Whilst our crew is always there to lend a steady hand, for safety reasons, they are not able to lift passengers in and out of Zodiacs or tenders.

In the lead up to your trip we recommend you start walking three times a week (including some steps), building up to an hour at a time. This will ensure you have the stamina and energy to see and appreciate all the sights your cruise has to offer. You should ensure your walking shoes fit properly and have been worn in prior to departure. As there will be a number of wet landings on shore, we recommend bringing a pair of shoes that can get wet.

*Please note, walking frames are not recommended for these tours.*



*Enjoy a scenic helicopter ride over the stunning landscape (additional cost)*

## SEE YOUR GP

Your GP or travel clinic is the best source of information about preventative measures. We recommend you consult your GP or local travel clinic for detailed advice to ensure maximum pre-travel preparation. Please take a copy of your travel itinerary with you to assist your GP with the recommendations of appropriate medications.

If you have health problems, ask your doctor to prepare your medical history for a doctor, should you need to see one on your cruise. It should include your name, address, emergency contact, blood type, medical history, current medications and dosages, drug allergies, reasons for prior hospitalisation and a list of vaccinations and dates.

A copy of your prescriptions is vital in case of any health problems. Prepare a list of your medications, including the name, dosage, prescribing doctor and their phone number. Pack sufficient medication for the duration of your tour. Your medication should be kept close at hand in your purse or carry-on bag. It is always good to carry a list of your medications in case they are lost and remember to leave everything in its original container so it can be easily identified. It is also a good idea to bring a copy of your prescription for glasses or contacts.



*Get up close to the foot of Western Australia's tallest waterfall at King George Falls*

# PREPARING FOR YOUR TOUR

## Pack a Medical Kit

A small medical kit is recommended for all travellers as there are no stops once you are on your cruise to purchase items (there is a small gift shop on board which stocks a limited amount of toiletry items).

### Your medical kit should include:

- A general purpose antibiotic to cover respiratory, skin and gastrointestinal infections (e.g. azithromycin).
- Your favourite cold and flu medication e.g. cold and flu tablets, throat lozenges, nasal decongestant.
- Your preferred painkiller e.g. paracetamol, ibuprofen.
- Medicine for gastrointestinal upsets e.g. antacids, 'stoppers' for diarrhoea and a laxative for constipation.
- Other supplies including bandaids, blister pads, scissors, tweezers, eye drops for dry eyes, etc.

In case of more serious injury or illness, medical care can be obtained in main towns. In the event you leave the cruise because of illness, your return to the point of departure will be at your own expense and own arrangement. It is important you purchase comprehensive travel insurance, including remote evacuation, prior to departing from home.

## ON TOUR

### Don't Go Viral!

Practicing good hygiene is vital to stopping the spread of common viral infections such as colds, flu or gastro, which can spread quickly in an enclosed area such as coach, train, plane or cruise ship.



*Discover the fascinating history and Aboriginal art of the Kimberley*

## Colds & Flu

Viral respiratory infections are the most common infectious illnesses affecting travellers. Colds and flu are primarily spread by people coughing, so practice hygiene and respiratory courtesy – wash your hands often, cover your coughs and sneezes, and use anti-bacterial wipes/hand sanitiser frequently i.e. after shore excursions, prior to meals and throughout the day.

Influenza can be commonly contracted while travelling. The 'Flu Vaccine' protects against flu viruses expected to be prevalent during the current flu season. You should discuss this with your GP.

## Avoiding Mosquito Bites

It is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Precautionary measures include:

- Using a DEET-based insect repellent.
- Wear light coloured clothing. Research has shown that mosquitoes are attracted to dark colours. Light coloured clothing also has the advantage of keeping you cooler in the heat.
- Be sure that you cover as much of your skin as possible. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long trousers, socks and shoes.
- Wear clothes made of tightly-woven fabric which mosquitoes are unable to penetrate.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing so that mosquitoes cannot bite through to your skin – however not too loose or they could fly up sleeves and or down collars.
- Avoid wearing perfume or cologne as these are known to attract mosquitoes.



*Enjoy the stunning King George Falls from the comfort of the Xplorer vessel*

### Practice Good Hygiene

- Washing your hands is the most effective way to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading infections.
- Health experts recommend you wash your hands with hot water and soap for 20 seconds or longer, before eating, after sneezing or coughing and after touching high contact surfaces (such as door knobs, elevator buttons and railings).
- Please be mindful of your fellow travellers with respect to coughing, sneezing and the disposal of used tissues.
- Hand sanitiser dispensers are located in various public areas on board all our ships. Please make sure you make use of these when reboarding and before all meals.

### Gastro & Traveller's Diarrhoea

Traveller's Diarrhoea is the second most common infectious illness affecting travellers. The illness can be due to a number of different bugs including viruses and bacteria. Viral gastroenteritis is generally spread by person-to-person contact, whereas bacterial gastroenteritis is generally spread from consuming contaminated food or water.

Symptoms can include fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal pain. The incubation for the illness is variable depending on the cause. Symptoms are generally self-limiting and treatment includes rest, rehydration, simple diet, anti-nausea and anti-diarrhoeal medications. Antibiotics are generally reserved for use when symptoms are more severe or protracted, e.g, fever, abdominal pain, bloody diarrhoea or duration of symptoms for more than two days. Strict personal hygiene measures, particularly hand washing, helps protect you from getting sick and, of course, spreading the infection to others.



*Explore untouched areas*

### **Sun Exposure & Dehydration**

The weather will be variable on your tour and drinking water is important to prevent dehydration. A hat and good sunscreen are important for preventing sunburn, even on overcast days.

### **Sea Sickness**

As on any sea vessel, some marked motion may be anticipated in certain areas, dependent on weather and season. While most ships are fitted with stabilisers to reduce the roll, it is recommended that you bring anti-motion sickness medication or precautions just in case, even if you have never experienced motion sickness in the past. To minimise the effects of motion sickness, avoid alcohol, tobacco and confined spaces.

## **APT HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOL**

APT has created a Health and Safety Protocol that all our Expedition Team and Cruise Directors are required to adhere to. You may be requested to assist in reducing the spread of viruses if you are showing symptoms while on tour.

If you are showing symptoms of a cold or a virus whilst on tour, you may be asked to wear a face mask, have meals in your cabin instead of the dining room, or remain in your cabin until the symptoms improve.

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

[www.traveldoctor.com.au](http://www.traveldoctor.com.au)

[www.travelclinic.com.au](http://www.travelclinic.com.au)

[www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au)

[www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au)

[www.tga.gov.au/travelling-medicines-and-medical-devices](http://www.tga.gov.au/travelling-medicines-and-medical-devices)

[www.masta-travel-health.com](http://www.masta-travel-health.com)



# GENERAL TOURING INFORMATION

## ADVENTURE PACK

When you embark on a Kimberley Coast Expedition Cruise you will receive a complimentary Adventure Pack.

## DEPARTURE/RETURN POINTS & TIMES

Please check your travel documents for further details of pickup and departure points and times.

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please ensure you advise either your Travel Agent or APT of any dietary requirements as soon as possible. Every effort is made to fulfil requests, but these cannot always be guaranteed. With the wide selection of menus and choice of dishes available, special dietary requirements will be met where possible. For strict dietary requirements, please check with your Travel Agent or APT concerning meals.

## MITCHELL FALLS HELICOPTER FLIGHT

A scenic helicopter tour of the Mitchell Plateau and Mitchell Falls including a walk to view the falls is at an additional cost (payable on board) and will be organised on tour by your APT Cruise Director or Expedition Leader.

## PERSONAL EXPENSES

We recommend you bring money (or a credit card) for incidentals such as refreshments or souvenirs not included in your package. You may also wish to budget for an optional scenic flight to Mitchell Falls (all major credit cards are accepted).



*Cruise aboard the elegant MS Caledonian Sky*

## PHOTOGRAPHY

The unique Kimberley and Outback scenery is a photographer's delight. So be sure to bring your camera, batteries and spare memory cards.

## PRE & POST TOUR CONNECTIONS

Some of our guests choose to make their own air or extra accommodation reservations. In this case, it's your responsibility to confirm your own arrangements and we suggest that you reconfirm your bookings prior to starting the cruise. Please note that if the return of your cruise is delayed for any reason, APT does not accept responsibility for any additional charges that may be imposed by the operator of your ongoing travel arrangements.

## SLEEP APNEA MACHINES & OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES

Please let your Travel Agent or APT know as soon as possible should you require the use of a Sleep Apnea machine or other medical devices whilst on board your cruise.

## SMOKING

There is a no smoking policy throughout the interior of the ships including balcony areas, however there is a designated area on an outside deck where smoking is permitted. Please check with your APT Cruise Director or Expedition Team for further information.

## TRAVELLING WITH MINORS

We recommend twelve years old is the minimum age for a cruise and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



*Discover the crash sight of the American Douglas DC3 at Vansittart Bay*

## TIME ZONES

Western Australia is 1.5 hours behind South Australia and the Northern Territory, and two hours behind the Eastern States (Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania), Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST). Time differences vary during the Australian summer.

## TOUR FEEDBACK

As part of our commitment to providing quality touring experiences, we welcome and encourage your feedback. Towards the end of your tour, your APT Cruise Director or Expedition Leader will provide you with a feedback form. Please take the time to answer the questions and make relevant comments. All feedback is read and a summary of each tour is given to APT management.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you take out comprehensive travel insurance which will cover any medical costs, including remote medical evacuation, loss of luggage, land and air charges which may occur due to cancellation, natural disasters or strike before you depart. Confirm that your insurance covers you for the whole time you'll be away and check what circumstances and activities are not included in your policy. Ensure all pre-existing medical issues are declared to the insurer so that non-covered conditions are ascertained in advance. Have the details recorded and accessible at all times during travel.

We recommend your travel insurance includes coverage of events such as itinerary disruption as we will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs that you incur as a result of such an event or other factors beyond our control. Travel insurance is compulsory on all Kimberley cruises.



*Uncover the peaceful seclusion of the Kimberley*

## THE KIMBERLEY CLIMATE

The Kimberley region is characterised by both a tropical and monsoonal climate, which can be divided into two seasons – a wet season and a dry season. The seasons are considerably different allowing two memorable touring experiences.

Our Kimberley cruise season is from May to September – the best time to travel to the region ensuring ideal weather conditions and calmer seas. May offers the opportunity to view the waterfalls at their most powerful, whilst June to August features the most pleasant weather and cruising conditions. September features the migration of whales to the cooler Southern Ocean waters, a truly unforgettable event should we be lucky enough to encounter these breath-taking creatures.

Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

### Broome:

Max (°C)	33	33	34	34	32	29	29	30	32	33	34	34
Min (°C)	26	26	25	23	18	15	14	15	19	22	25	27
Rainfall (mm)	182	180	101	26	27	20	7	2	1	2	9	58

### Talbot Bay:

Max (°C)	32	32	33	33	32	30	29	29	30	31	32	33
Min (°C)	27	27	27	27	25	23	22	23	24	26	27	28
Rainfall (mm)	276	272	179	46	67	20	10	2	1	3	6	72

### Jar Island/Vansittart Bay:

Max (°C)	32	32	33	33	32	30	31	32	33	34	35	34
Min (°C)	25	25	25	24	22	19	18	19	22	24	26	26
Rainfall (mm)	335	219	202	83	30	4	3	1	0	23	26	192

### Darwin:

Max (°C)	32	31	32	33	32	31	31	31	33	33	33	33
Min (°C)	25	25	25	24	22	20	19	20	23	25	25	25
Rainfall (mm)	426	375	319	102	21	2	1	5	15	70	142	251

*\* Please note that these statistics are a guide only as Australian weather can be variable and unpredictable.*



*Learn more about the Brown Booby in Western Australia*

# SHIP INFORMATION: MS CALEDONIAN SKY

## PASSPORTS

All guests must have a valid passport with at least six months validity from the return date. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and cost are the sole responsibility of the guest. APT is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the cruise relating to incorrect travel documents or visas. Please ensure you have provided all passport information to APT prior to your departure. We also recommend that guests bring two extra colour passport size photographs and two copies of the information pages of their passport, to be prepared for any unexpected documentation requests or to replace a lost or stolen passport. On embarkation, you will be required to give your passport to the Purser who will hold your passport until you disembark.

## VISAS

A visa is no longer required for our cruising on board the MS Caledonian Sky along the Kimberley Coast.

## CURRENCY

The currency on board is British Pound (£). Settlement of shipboard accounts are accepted with American Express, Visa, MasterCard or cash (GBP). All passengers will have their own 'ship account' which allows you to sign for any expenses and then settle the bill at the reception desk at the conclusion of your cruise. Please also note that cheques cannot be cashed on board or to pay the on board account. Please note cash passport or pre-loaded travel money cards may not be accepted for settlement of shipboard accounts.



*Relax around the Sun Deck on the MS Caledonian Sky*

## CABIN FACILITIES

Each cabin features air conditioning, wardrobe, dressing table, a sitting area, flat screen televisions (DVDs and DVD players can be borrowed from reception), dressing gowns and slippers, mini fridge, bottled water and electronic safe. Bathrooms feature a hairdryer and shaving outlet. Please note that due to the remoteness of the destination, television channels may not always be available.

## COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Wi-Fi internet is included on board however it is not guaranteed at all times due to the nature of satellite communications, which are subject to disruption from weather and obstructions. Connection speed may also be slower than on shore. The library or lounge also has computers with internet access available. Mobile coverage is not available during the cruise due to the remote location.

## ELECTRICITY

Voltage is 110V (American standard) and a 220V razor socket. This is only suitable for low voltage electrical appliances, e.g mobile phone or camera charger. We recommend that you bring a two-pin American adaptor for the 110V plug. Please note that the use of personal hairdryers, clothing irons, coffee makers, curling tongs, etc. in the cabins is strictly forbidden as they may damage the ship's electrical system. Hairdryers are provided for your convenience in the top right hand drawer of your dresser. If you require electrical medical equipment, please notify the reservation department as soon as possible.



*Experience all-inclusive exclusivity on board the MS Caledonian Sky*

## EXCURSION VESSELS

The MS Caledonian Sky is equipped with Zodiac vessels which allow for small groups of maximum ten passengers to explore the coastline. Please be aware, your feet may become wet as you disembark the vessel on a shore landing.

## LANGUAGE

The official language used by APT staff worldwide is English. All staff, crew and local guides speak English, however, for some it may be a second language. All announcements and lectures will be presented in English.

## LAUNDRY

Laundry service is available on board (24 hour turnaround) for an additional fee. As a guide only, prices range from £4 to £10 per item to be washed and ironed. For safety reasons, ironing is not allowed in your cabin.

## LIFT/ELEVATOR

There is a lift on board which services all decks.

## MEALS

All meals are included on board including afternoon tea. Breakfast is served buffet style with some hot items cooked to order. Lunch is served either a la carte or buffet and comprises of salads, soup, cold meats, and a choice of mains and dessert. Dinner is served table d'hôte. There are 2 dining venues - the Restaurant and the Lido Deck (which offers al fresco dining) both with open seating policy. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits are available 24 hours a day.



*Enjoy fine dining on your expedition ship*

## OPEN BRIDGE POLICY

There is an open bridge policy on board and guests are welcome on the bridge at any time unless otherwise advised by officers. Please note that it is at the Captain or Bridge Officer's discretion that the bridge will be opened.

## SECURITY/VALUABLES

There is a safe in every cabin and we recommend you leave money and other valuables in the safe.

## SERVICES ON BOARD

There is a small gift shop (which stocks basic toiletries, sunscreen and merchandise), a hair and beauty salon, library, a small gymnasium, two dining venues and two bars (alcohol is not permitted to be brought on board by guests). There is also a clinic and doctor (available at an additional cost) which is available 24 hours a day.

## TIPPING

Gratuities are included in your cruise price, however, please feel free to tip extra should you wish.

## WATER

Bottled water is provided in your cabin, however, to reduce the impact on the environment we recommend bringing your reusable bottle with you and refilling from the water station in the lounges.



*Relax in the ship's Panorama Lounge*

# SHIP INFORMATION: L'AUSTRAL

## PASSPORTS

All guests must have a valid passport with at least six months validity from the return date. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and cost are the sole responsibility of the guest. APT is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the cruise relating to incorrect travel documents or visas. Please ensure you have provided all passport information to APT prior to your departure. We also recommend that guests bring two extra colour passport size photographs and two copies of the information pages of their passport, to be prepared for any unexpected documentation requests or to replace a lost or stolen passport. On embarkation, you will be required to give your passport to the Purser who will hold your passport until you disembark.

## VISAS

A visa is not required for our cruising on the L'Austral along the Kimberley Coast.

## CABIN FACILITIES

Each cabin features air conditioning, dressing table, desk, flat screen satellite television, satellite direct line telephone, 24 hour room service, iPod player, bath robes, minibar and electronic safe. Bathrooms feature a hairdryer, and French bathroom products.

## COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

L'Austral features a wireless network accessible from your personal computer or smartphone from virtually anywhere on board. Internet access via satellite is available on board for a fee, however, it is not guaranteed at all times due to the nature of satellite communications, which are subject to disruption from weather and obstructions. There is also an internet station with internet access available. Mobile coverage is not available during the cruise due to the remote location.

## CURRENCY

The currency on board is Euro (€). Settlement of shipboard accounts are accepted with American Express, Visa, MasterCard or cash (EUR or USD is also accepted). Travellers' cheques and personal cheques (EUR only) will also be accepted.

## ELECTRICITY

Electrical outlets in the suites and public areas are 110V (2 flat pin US) and 220V (2 round pin EURO). The use of personal hairdryers (a hairdryer is available in your suite), clothing irons and curling tongs, etc. in the cabins is strictly forbidden as they may damage the ship's electrical system. Outlets can charge camera batteries and iPads etc, however, you will need a converter. Power adaptors can be borrowed from Reception.

## EXCURSION VESSELS

L'Austral is equipped with Zodiac vessels which allow for small groups of maximum 12 passengers to explore the coastline. Please be aware, your feet may become wet as you disembark the vessel on a shore landing.

## LANGUAGE

The official language used by APT staff worldwide is English. All staff, crew and local guides speak English, however, for some it may be a second language. All announcements and lectures will be presented in English.

## LAUNDRY

Laundry service is available on board (24 to 48 hour turnaround) for an additional fee. As a guide only, prices range from €4 to €8 per item to be washed and ironed.

## LIFT/ELEVATOR

There is a lift/elevator on board which services all decks, excluding the Sun Deck.



*You'll enjoy the finest comfort and amenities on board L'Austral*

## MEALS

All meals are included on board including afternoon tea. Breakfast is served buffet style with hot options available. Lunch comprises salads, soups, a choice of mains and dessert and is served buffet style. Dinner is a multi-course meal with a selection of mains. There are two dining venues - Gastronomic Restaurant, which is the main dining venue serving French and international cuisine and open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and the Grill Restaurant which is a more casual dining venue open for breakfast, buffet lunch and themed dinner. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits are available 24 hours a day.

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There is a safe in every cabin and we recommend you leave money and other valuables in the safe.

## SHIP FACILITIES

On board there is a Main Lounge which features live music, a dance floor, cocktail bar and serves afternoon tea. In the Panoramic Lounge there is a library, internet station, cocktail bar and live entertainment on selected evenings. There is also an Outside Terrace, Panoramic Terrace, Sun Deck, open-air bar on the Pool Deck, pool, two restaurants, image and photography area, theatre, fitness room, medical centre, shop (stocking a limited range of souvenirs, clothing, beauty products and postcards), and a beauty salon and spa featuring a hammam, massage booths, relaxation room, hair salon and hairdresser.

## TIPPING

Gratuities are included in your cruise price, however, please feel free to tip extra should you wish.



*Delight in the array of dining options*

# SHIP INFORMATION: CORAL DISCOVERER

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

A passport or visa is not required for cruising on the Coral Discoverer along the Kimberley Coast.

## CABIN FACILITIES

Each cabin features air conditioning, iPod dock, desk, sofa telephone, wardrobe and desk. Bathrooms feature a hairdryer and shaving outlet only and toiletries.

## COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Coral Discoverer features an on board communications system, making it easy to remain in contact with your friends and relatives at home during your cruise. Phone calls from the ship are an additional fee. Wireless internet access is available through a pre-paid internet card and then connected to the internet through your own personal laptop computer, tablet or the ship's onboard computer. Mobile coverage is not available during the cruise due to the remote location.

## CURRENCY

The currency on board is Australian dollars (\$). Settlement of shipboard accounts are accepted with American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club or cash.

## ELECTRICITY

Electrical outlets in the suites and public areas are 220/240V (Australian plug). Some curling irons and video camera battery packs require heavy duty converters rather than the normal travel type, please check your equipment prior to travelling. In the bathrooms, there is both a 110V and 220/240V outlet.



*Take in panoramic views from the Coral Discoverer*

## EXCURSION VESSEL

Coral Discoverer is equipped with an Xplorer Vessel which allows for a maximum of 72 passengers. There are also two Zodiacs which are used for further exploration. Please be aware, your feet may become wet as you disembark the vessel on a shore landing.

## LANGUAGE

The official language used by APT staff worldwide is English. All staff, crew and local guides speak English.

## LAUNDRY

A limited laundry service is available on board for an additional fee. There is a pull out clothes line available in each bathroom for your use. Irons are available on request, however, must be collected once used.

## LIFT/ELEVATOR

There is no lift/elevator on board.

## MEALS

All meals are included on board including morning and afternoon tea. Breakfast is served buffet style with hot options available. Lunch comprises of variety of hot and cold dishes served buffet style. Dinner is served a la carte with some buffet options. There is one dining venue - the Dining Room on the Main Deck which serves all meals. Complimentary tea and coffee are available 24 hours.



*Enjoy leisure time amongst comfortable amenities*

## OPEN BRIDGE POLICY

There is an open bridge policy on board and guests are welcome on the bridge at any time unless otherwise advised by officers. Please note that it is at the Captain or Bridge Officer's discretion that the bridge will be opened.

## SECURITY/VALUABLES

The Coral Discoverer operates a no key policy while at sea, please try and leave any non essential valuables at home. Coral Expeditions are not held responsible for the loss of any jewellery, cash, etc. A safe is available in the Purser's Office if required.

## SHIP FACILITIES

On board there is a Main Lounge on the Bridge Deck featuring a bar. There are also two additional bars, Sun Deck, library and a gift shop (offering a limited selection of toiletries and sundry items). There is no doctor on board, however staff are trained in Remote Area First Aid.

## TIPPING

Tipping is not customary in Australia, however please feel free to tip should you wish.



*Easy access to the Xplorer Vessel from the Main Deck*



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