

THIS WAY FOR
ADVENTURE

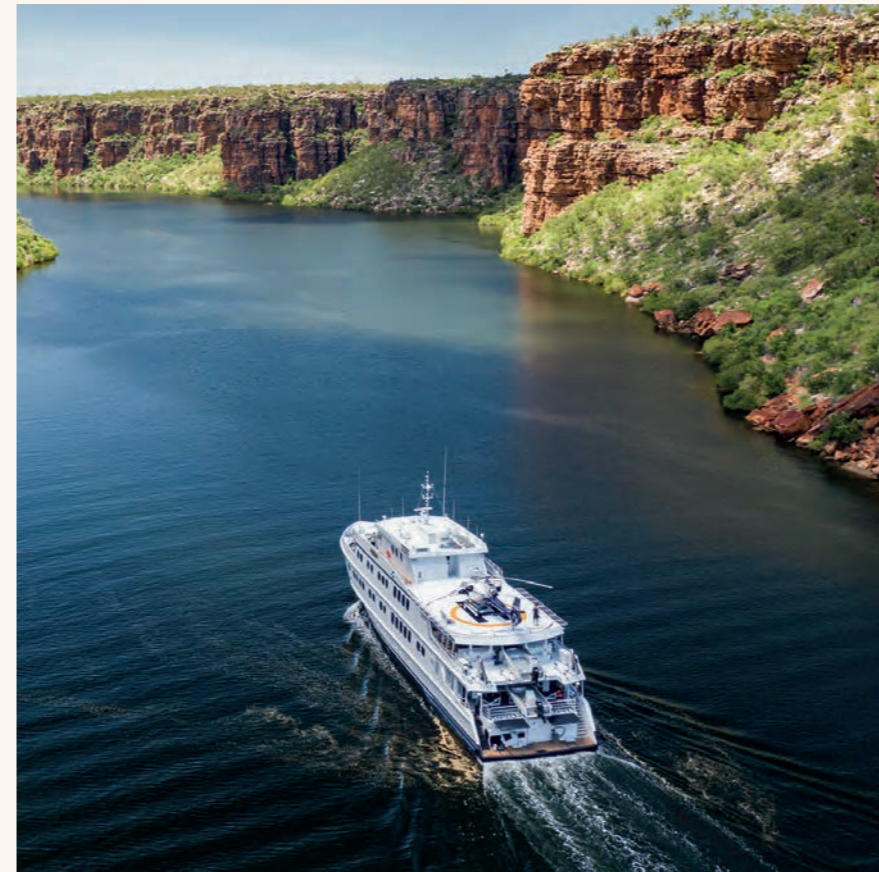


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An adventure with True North is not just another expedition-cruise!



TRUE NORTH in the King George River

We curate activity-based itineraries that are designed to satisfy the world's most discerning travellers. We specifically exclude sea-days and feature unparalleled access to stunning coastal wilderness and, unequalled opportunity to truly experience the destination.

Every day onboard is an activity day!

DISCOVER YOUR
TRUE NORTH

Let us take you on a journey of discovery.

As new worlds and kindred spirit merge, a True North adventure is an experience that prompts realignment – with yourself, with those around you and, with nature itself.

THE NEW LUXURY

Luxury is no longer defined by opulent surroundings discoursed in plush furnishings, wood panelling and ornate decorative.

Traditional silverware and delicate fabrics are no longer the mainstays of exclusive dining. The new luxury is much more about the experience and the new luxury traveller is more often than not an experience seeker!

And experience seekers have little desire to be passive



They can abhor any suggestion of time spent around a swimming pool no matter how impressive the structure might be. They prefer to be immersed in actual experience; they want to see what they would not normally see, to touch what they would not normally touch and to feel what they would not normally feel.

They want to be inspired; they want to experience all that is authentic and uncontrived – experiences that are not necessarily exclusive but certainly those that are within the realm of only the most determined.

They don't necessarily want to be lectured but they do want to be enlightened - they want their holiday to change how they feel – to change their perception or their understanding.

Life onboard a True North adventure is certainly comfortable and stylish. A high crew to guest ratio enables us to provide personal service and attention to detail and we enjoy a revered reputation for dining.

But there are no casinos onboard and no swimming pools. TRUE NORTH and TRUE NORTH II are adventure-platforms – vehicles designed to deliver our guests into the very heart of wilderness.

We never intended that the focus should be about being onboard – it was always intended to give our guests maximum opportunity to truly experience the destination.

Access all areas



TRUE NORTH and TRUE NORTH II are purpose built to access wilderness – larger ships cannot go where we go!

Both vessels provide unique access that enables guests to comfortably engage in activities that cannot be offered on larger ships or, perhaps that can only be offered following an arduous journey in a rubber boat!

A classic example is experiencing the Kimberley's majestic King George River.

Guests on a True North adventure sail up the King George* sipping champagne and listening to classical music on the ship's sundeck. When we arrive at the falls guests can experience a cruise highlight - a shower on the bow! Afterwards guests return to their cabins and change out of their swim wear perhaps before flying above the falls in the ship's helicopter. Larger ships can only anchor off the mouth of the river and often ferry their guests to the falls in rubber boats. Upon arrival the rubber boats can be driven under the falls but the only remaining guest option is to endure another extended journey back to the mother ship – this time in wet clothing.

The True North difference is really quite stark!

JOIN US ONBOARD FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Daily activities can include snorkelling, diving, fishing, hiking, picnics, natural history, cultural activities and scenic helicopter flights.

*Subject to prevailing conditions

THE SMALL GROUP ADVANTAGE

The small group allows for a much greater range of activities and also caters for personal preference and specific interests such as birdwatching and photography.

Plus dedicated adventure-boats



True North adventure boats are 6 metre runabouts. We have deliberately chosen this configuration to provide greater comfort, practicality and safety.

Our adventure boats feature ample seating and when they are not under way, it is possible to stand-up and walk around. This is a definite advantage when engaging in activities such as fishing, snorkelling, diving and photography. Our adventure boats are also fully surveyed by the Australian maritime authorities which means the wearing of life jackets is not required and, we also believe that they are a much safer option when we are operating in crocodile country!

Adding another dimension to the adventure, most True North itineraries feature an onboard helicopter!

Carrying guests in air-conditioned comfort, the helicopter provides unique opportunity to discover wilderness.

And, when helicopter excursions are offered, the helicopter generally remains onboard for the duration of the itinerary. This allows for flights to be scheduled on most days of the itinerary and, for personalised excursions such as sunrise and sunset flights.



Now it's not uncommon for our guests to embark with some uncertainty about flying in a helicopter – however it's always a different story when the time comes for disembarkation.



Wow – who would have thought, I have never been in a helicopter before, now I can't get enough. I can't speak highly enough about the whole operation, I felt completely safe and I could not have hoped to have seen all that I saw if we didn't have a helicopter on-board."

THE SHIP'S HELICOPTER
– A TRUE NORTH ICON

The art of adventure



For me there is no better ship than the True North. It is a small luxury liner with just 18 cabins – serving delicious gourmet food and wine with a staff of 22 young and extremely efficient crew members. It is a top class operation whether you enjoy hiking through wilderness with their biologists, admiring the plants and birds or fishing for giant barramundi. Cruising along the Kimberley coast on the True North is the trip of a lifetime.

Jerry Hall
International Actress and Model



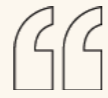
Spectacular! The excursions were beyond our expectations, the food was divine and the True North crew made us feel like family. Overall, I rank the True North experience as one of the best holidays I have ever had. We will be bringing our family along on one of their other cruises in the near future as I think it is a perfect family bonding experience.

Ian Swain
President, Swain Tours



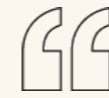
Literally the best holiday we have ever had. Hats off and thanks to the wonderful crew.

Justin and Paula Breheny



An experience of a lifetime. Heartfelt thanks to all the truly amazing crew.

Ross Whiting and Belinda Murray



The True North is a superb luxury cruising experience. The casual but elegant atmosphere on board, coupled with the utterly charming and hospitable personalities of the crew, lend the entire ship experience a sense of personal character that becomes as valuable as the destination visited. From the no-shoes policy to the gourmet dinners, the ship and the crew effortlessly straddle the fine line of making guests feel both at home and pampered at the same time – no easy task! The ship itself is lovely and comfortable, the rooms perfectly sized and beautifully appointed. The common spaces are spacious and lend themselves to both group gatherings as well as the opportunity for some quiet time, if desired.

Onboard the ship, the crew keeps the areas and rooms spotless, constantly fussing (in a good way) to keep the ship in top form. This is done with smiles on their faces – remarkably with no trace of exhaustion or resentment despite long days of service.

The crew I met on both True North experiences is perhaps what sets the travel experience apart the most from other small cruise experiences that I have experienced. Their clear love of the destinations visited (particularly the Kimberley, which they know so well) practically glows. Shore excursion experiences are enhanced when the crew joins the travellers, enjoys themselves so thoroughly, and invites the travellers to join them in swims, mud baths, and small walks to see favourite rock art etc.

The overall effect for the traveller aboard the True North is that of being a guest onboard their home, welcomed to their part of the world. I feel that particularly for the American market this is an extraordinarily special opportunity to experience Australia's beautiful sites and its true warmth and character in a manner that would be difficult to duplicate elsewhere. In fact, I find that many weeks after this trip, I am left with a sense of nostalgia, of missing the entire experience of being on the True North – a sensation I have rarely experienced on the numerous trips that I have taken. The sense of community coupled with the spectacular destination are a winning combination.

Lauren Bruck Simon
Director of Travel, Harvard Museum of Natural History

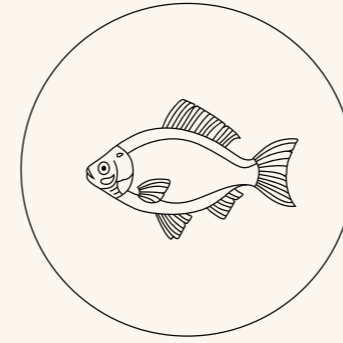




Helicopter Experiences

ANOTHER DIMENSION TO ADVENTURE

Even if you are not as spritely as you once were, the helicopter will deliver you without fuss to the most inaccessible locations. See ancient rock art without leaving your seat. Glide over impenetrable jungle and swoop on historic and cultural highlights. Take someone special on a sunrise flight or join the entire guest compliment for an unforgettable heli-picnic.

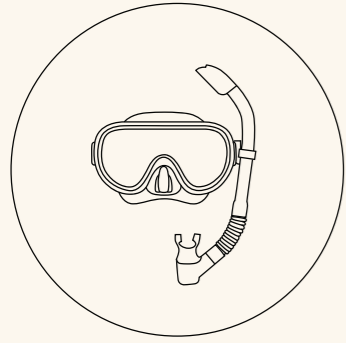


Fishing

EVERYONE IS INVITED

The luxury of multiple adventure boats means that we can always allocate craft to different fishing styles and, to varying degrees of experience. From the "never fished" to the "I've caught 'em all" our guides encourage all onboard to join in the fun. And ladies please take note - fishing is not just for the men! Things might start a little slowly but in our experience, once that first fish is in the esky - there's no stopping the ladies! You may just surprise yourself - a typical guest reaction is "I've never given fishing a thought - now I'm hooked!"





Diving & Snorkelling

COME ON IN - THE WATER'S REALLY NICE

Diving and snorkelling is one of our favorite things to do. And we've been doing it for a long time. True North first ventured out the Rowley Shoals way back in 1987. In fact, we used to do more diving and snorkelling than anything else and it's never stopped being one of our most popular activities.



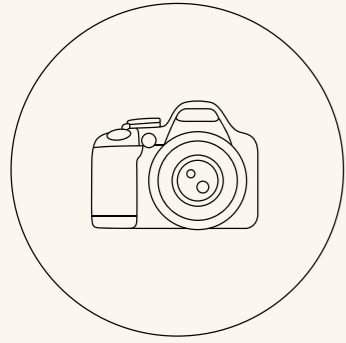
Cultural Experiences

LIFE ONBOARD IS ALL ABOUT PEOPLE!

It's about sharing experiences with like-minded adventurers. And it's about discovering the lives of others.

Sure, in some of the places we visit there are not too many people at all. But we are always mindful of those who have come before.

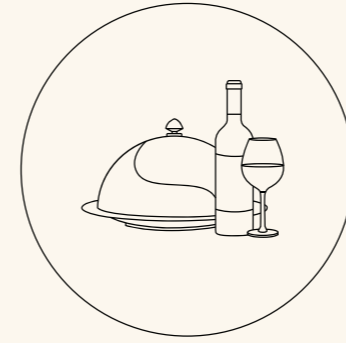
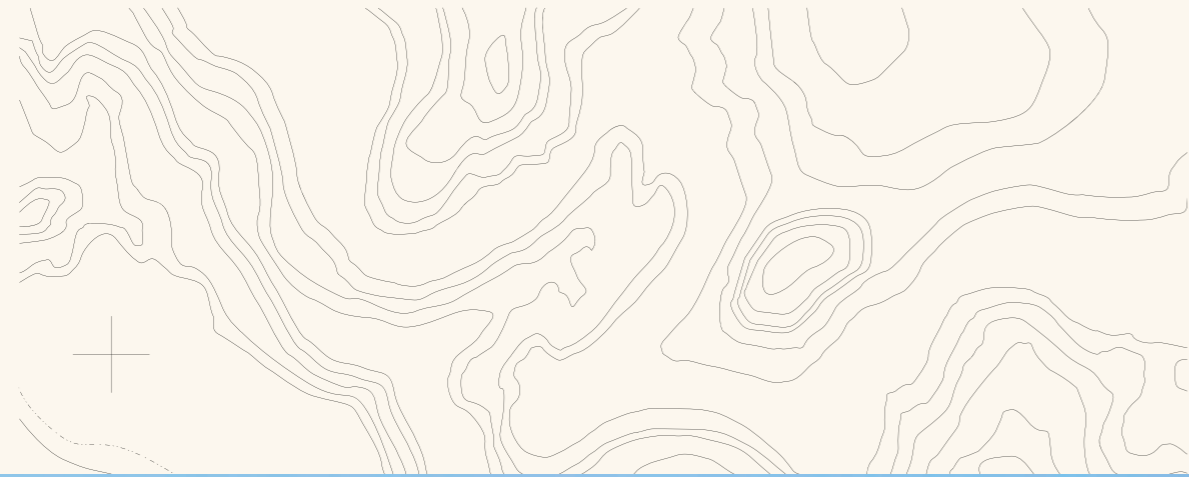




Expedition Photography

THE ULTIMATE PHOTOGRAPHY PLATFORM

A True North adventure is the perfect platform for professional and specialist photographers who seek exclusive access - the perfect platform for expedition photographers of any skill level.



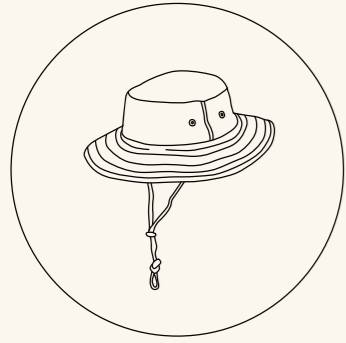
The Dining Experience

MODERN AUSTRALIAN CUISINE

A True North dining experience is sustainable, organic and very Australian. However, our menus are also destination inspired and feature the very best of locally sourced ingredients. Modern technique is used to showcase alongside more traditional method.

The galley delivers continuously evolving dishes to ensure that each dining experience is unique to every itinerary and, always fun!





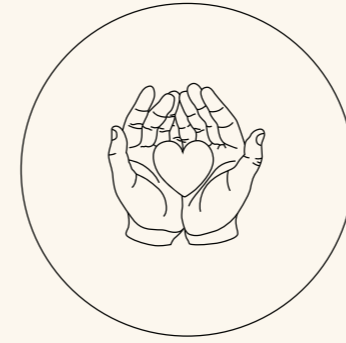
Specialist Guides

EVERY TRUE NORTH ITINERARY FEATURES AN ONBOARD NATURALIST

When joining a shore party you will always benefit from informative commentary concerning the culture and natural history of the featured destination. The naturalist also presents entertaining interpretative sessions in the ship's lounge. Nominated departures may feature specialist guides with specific or local knowledge.

However, the guiding experience doesn't stop there. Unlike more conventional cruise experiences – our crew members are encouraged to interact with our guests. They will uniquely chaperone your every experience providing assistance and genuine company. They will bait your hook and carry your SCUBA tank and they will also join you for dinner and entertain in the ship's lounge. And not forgetting that they will also prepare fine meals of distinction, maintain your cabins with our renowned degree of attention and, safely navigate ship, boat and helicopter to each destination.

Guests never fail to recognize the outstanding involvement of the crew - they are one of the reasons that a True North adventure is not just another expedition cruise!



A Sustainable Approach

TRUE NORTH ITINERARIES ARE A LOW IMPACT MEANS OF ACCESSING WILDERNESS

We provide access without the intrusion of roads. We do not require shore based structures. We access in small groups and leave no trace of our visit.

We are compliant with requirement under the MARPOL Convention – an international convention designed to minimize and eventually eliminate pollution of the sea by harmful substances. Onboard waste is either processed via our treatment plants, retained for recycling or retained for disposal at an approved waste management site.

Our company is a pioneer and market leader. We are very proud of our achievements and we believe that our itineraries inspire greater appreciation of natural history. Through carefully controlled access and entertaining interpretation, we install the importance of wilderness.

All activities are led by crew members who are trained to encourage minimal impact on the environment and we maintain constant vigil for opportunities to nourish.

Our guests are often left humbled by the nature of our itineraries.



TRADEMARK ACCESS TO ONE OF
THE WORLD'S MOST ADMIRABLE
SHORES

Australia boasts more than 25,000
kilometres of spectacular coastline



Discover the still wild coast of Western Australia, the bucket list Rowley Shoals, beautiful Sydney Harbour and surrounds, and the seafood rich waters of the Eyre Peninsula.



TRUE NORTH II at King George Falls

The Kimberley region in North-Western
Australia is a rugged panorama of
mountains, gorges and waterfalls

The region attracts visitors from all over the world – but not everybody is fortunate enough to truly experience this ancient land.

Purpose built to go where bigger ships cannot, TRUE NORTH & TRUE NORTH II provide a level of access that is the envy of others.

Whilst others sail past - we can safely navigate the region's many shallow river systems and provide our guests with intimate access to iconic natural features. And, our activity-based itineraries include tactile experiences such as hiking, fishing, mud crabbing, picnics, natural history interpretation, seeing fascinating rock art belonging to the land's traditional owner's and, exhilarating helicopter rides.

DON'T JUST SEE
THE MAGNIFICENT KIMBERLEY COAST
- EXPERIENCE IT!

The Raja Ampats and nearby islands of the Indonesian Archipelago are a melting pot of culture, history and nature



True North offers unparalleled access to a region that is fast becoming one of the most-talked about destinations on the planet and, our activity-based itineraries provide unequalled opportunity to discover the influence of Melanesians, Islamic Sultans, Portuguese mariners and Dutch traders.

Meet traditional Indonesians on Banda Island, the Melanesian people of Gam and Waigeo and, swim with the whale sharks of Cenderawasih Bay. All whilst surrounded in comfort and style.

SEE WHAT OTHERS
DON'T GET TO SEE!

THE ULTIMATE OPPORTUNITY FOR
A TRANSFORMING EXPERIENCE

True North first visited untamed Papua New Guinea in 2005

Since then, we have continued to refine our itineraries to ensure that they are filled with only the highest quality experiences – the highlight being countless encounters with the overwhelming hospitality of those who are fortunate to call this untouched paradise home.



Cabins and Specification – TRUE NORTH

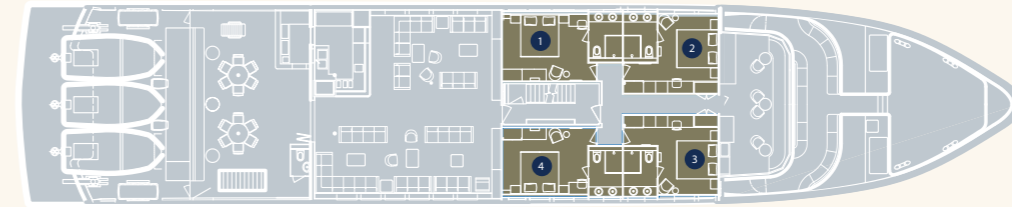


Explorer Class

Located on the upper deck – Explorer Class staterooms feature a king size double (that can be converted to singles) and a twin basin ensuite. Cabin size is 18 square metres (193 square feet).

Other features include large panoramic windows, amenities fridge, in-cabin entertainment and satellite telephone.

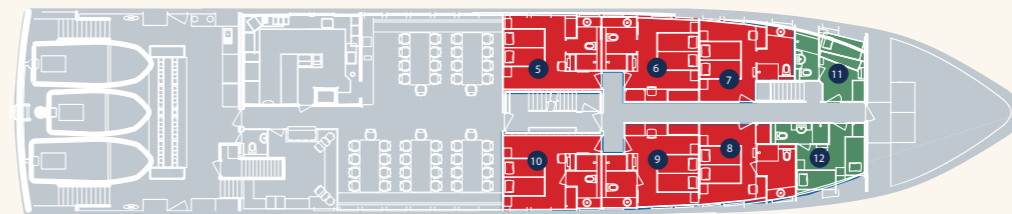
UPPER DECK



Explorer Class

1. Bradshaw
2. Dampier
3. Durack
4. Parker King

LOWER DECK



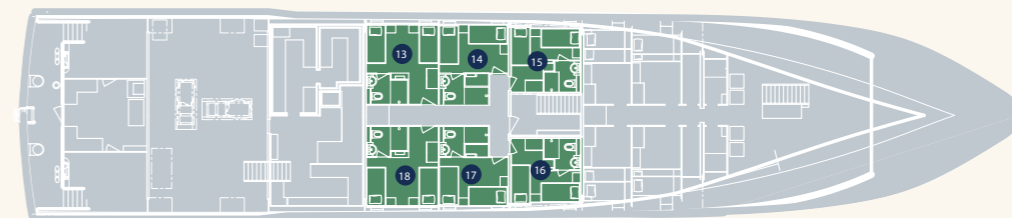
River Class

5. Prince Regent River
6. Mitchell River
7. Berkeley River
8. Drysdale River
9. Hunter River
10. King George River

Ocean Class

11. Camden Harbour
12. Lacepede Islands

LOWER DECK



Ocean Class

13. Koolama Bay
14. Montgomery Reef
15. Jackson Falls
16. King Cascade
17. Imperieuse Reef
18. Atlantis Bay

SPECIFICATIONS

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| Commissioned | February 2005 | Fuel | 45,000 lts diesel/10,000 lts Jet A1/3,000 lts ULP |
| Flag | Australian | Water Making Capacity | 1,500 lts per hour |
| Configuration | Mono-hull adventure-cruise ship | Motion Control | Computer controlled stabilizers |
| Length | 50 metres | Safety | Full compliance under AMSA and IMO standard |
| Tonnage | 740 tonnes | Cabin Features | En-suite, in-cabin entertainment and satellite telephone |
| Draught | 2.2 metres | Cabin Power | 240V and 110V (Australian Socket) |
| Beam | 10 metres | Day Areas | Sun deck, observation lounge, ship's lounge, alfresco bar, sports deck and dining room |
| Crew | 22 | Adventure Vessels | 6 |
| Passengers | 36 | Helicopter | Eurocopter (6 pax all facing forward/air conditioned) |
| Propulsion | 2 x 786 kW | | |
| Bow Thruster | 100 kW | | |
| Auxiliary | 2 x 175 kW | | |
| Cruising Speed | 14 knots | | |
| Range | 2,000 miles | | |

River Class

Located on the middle deck – River Class staterooms feature a king size double (that can be converted to singles) and ensuite. Cabin size is similar to Explorer Class.

Other features include large panoramic windows, in-cabin entertainment and satellite telephone.



Ocean Premium & Ocean Class

Located on the lower deck – Ocean Premium cabins feature a king size double whilst Ocean Class cabins offer roomy singles. Both cabin styles include ensuites. Cabin size is approximately 12 square metres (129 square feet).

Other features include 2 portholes, in-cabin entertainment and satellite telephone.



Cabins and Specification – TRUE NORTH II



Explorer Class

Located on the main deck – Explorer Class staterooms feature a walk-around queen size bed and a twin basin ensuite. Cabin size is 12 square metres (129 square feet).

Other features include large panoramic windows and desk space.

River Class

Located on the main and lower decks – River Class cabins feature a queen size double and ensuite. Cabin size is 7 square metres (75 square feet).

Other features include a large panoramic window or port hole.



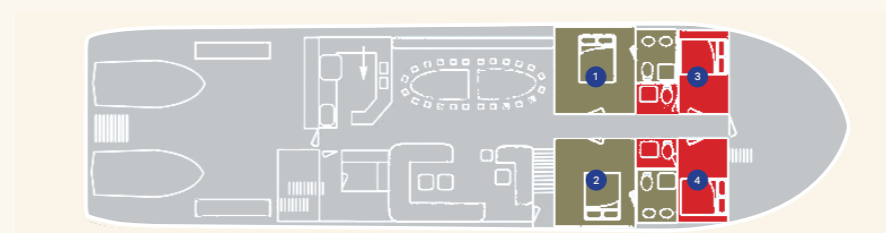
Ocean Class

Located on the lower deck – Ocean Class cabins features roomy bunk configured singles and ensuite or private bathroom. Cabin size is approximately 5.6 square metres (60 square feet).

Other features include a large porthole.



MAIN DECK



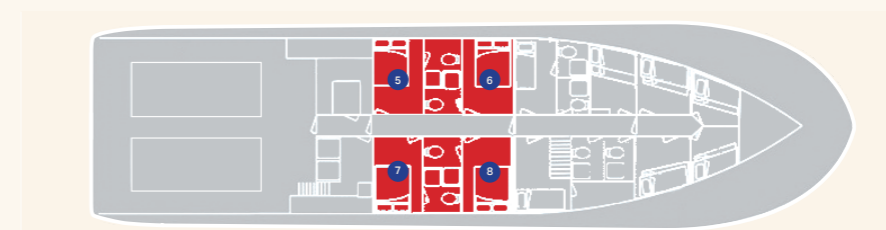
Explorer Class

- 1. Dirk Hartog
- 2. Abel Tasman

River Class

- 3. Pentecost
- 4. Ord

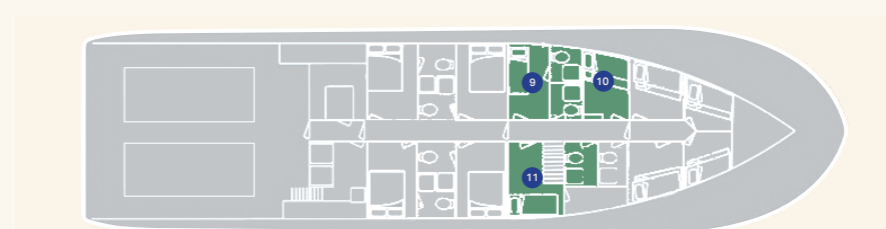
LOWER DECK



River Class

- 5. Roe
- 6. Sale
- 7. Charnley
- 8. Glenelg

LOWER DECK



Ocean Class

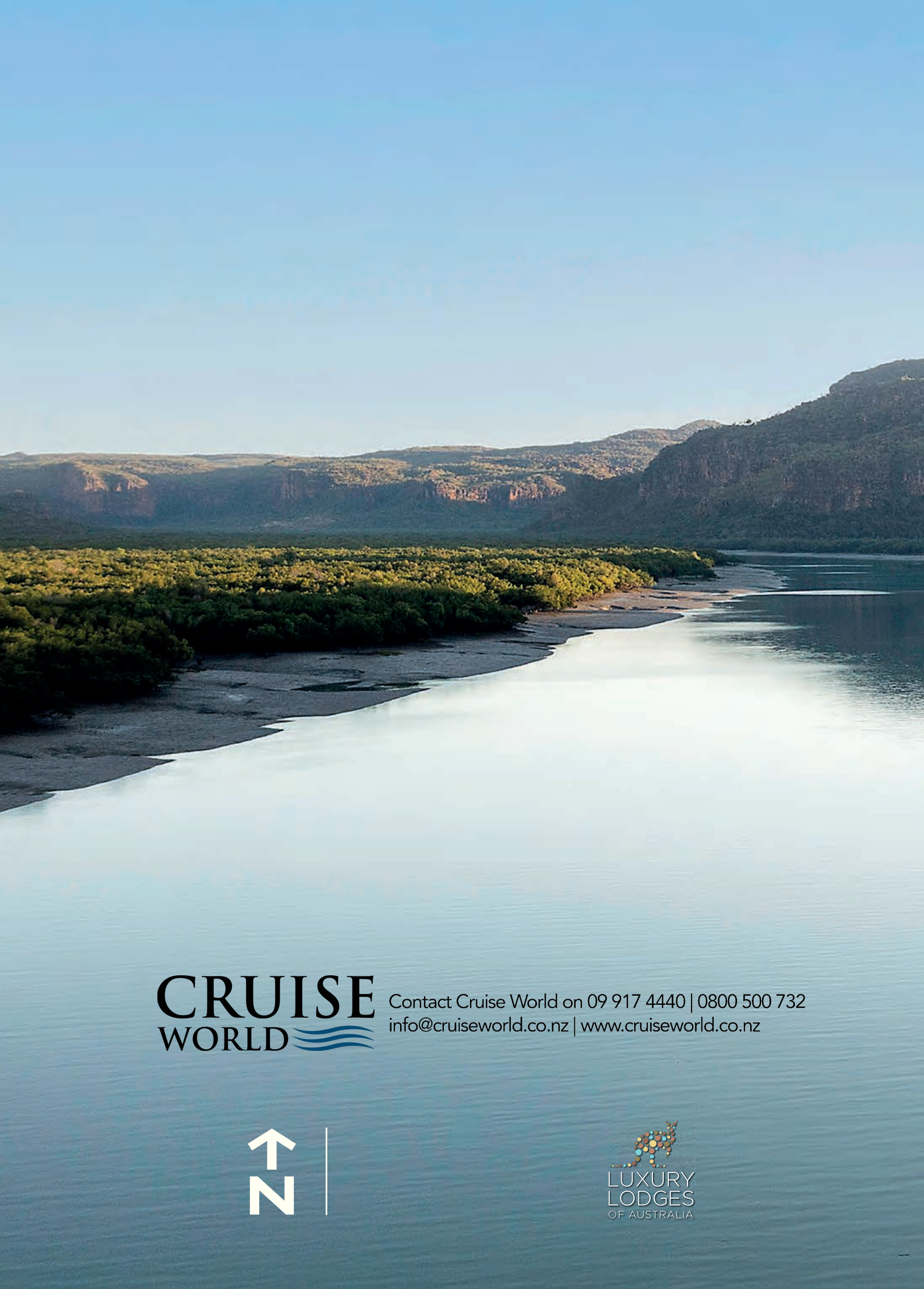
- 9. Montebello Islands
- 10. Rowley Shoals
- 11. Abrolhos Islands

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| Commissioned | February 1999 | Cruising Speed | 12-14 knots |
| Refit | March 2023 | Fuel | 24,428 lts diesel/6,000 lts Jet A1/1,960 lts ULP |
| Flag | Australian | Water Making Capacity | 3 x 2.2 kW reverse osmosis freshwater generation system |
| Configuration | Mono-hull adventure cruise ship | Motion Control | Computer controlled stabilizers |
| Length | 35 metres | Safety | Full compliance under AMSA and IMO standard |
| Tonnage | 281 tonnes | Cabin Power | 240V (Australian Socket) |
| Draught | 2.25 metres | Day Areas | Sun deck, combined dining saloon/lounge, alfresco bar and sports deck |
| Beam | 9.11 metres | Adventure Vessels | 5 |
| Crew | 14 | Helicopter | AS350 Squirrel (5 pax all facing forward/air conditioned) |
| Passengers | 22 | | |
| Propulsion | 2 x MTU 16 cylinder 4 cycle turbocharged diesel engines | | |
| Bow Thruster | 100 kW | | |
| Auxiliary | 2 x Perkins 6TG24M/Stamford 112.5 kVA Generators | | |



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