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8 DAY 1000 ISLANDS DISCOVERY - MUIRON, MONTE BELLOS & MACKERAL ISLANDS



The Night Before Departure

Your crew are looking forward to meeting you at the Exmouth Marina between 6 and 8 pm. After your welcome aboard and safety induction at 8pm we'll show you to your ensuite cabin. Enjoy a drink on the upper deck within the marina. (Meals are not available on board tonight so please make the most of the town facilities before arrival). Tomorrow we depart early for the Muiron Islands.



Day 2: Barrow Island shoals then onto the Montebello Islands

Up early for a morning snorkel or fish on Barrow Island shoals. Swim with countless tropical fish over beautiful coral outcrops throughout the shallows around Barrow island or try your lure on the many monster coral trout. Very tasty on the BBQ.

After an invigorating morning we'll cruise north towards the Montebello's. On the way we'll drag a high-speed lure or two to see if we can pick up a trout or tuna or even a big Spanish mackerel.



Day 1: Depart Exmouth Marina to Muiron Islands

We cruise out of the Exmouth Marina while you enjoy a hearty breakfast either inside the dining room or in fresh air - alfresco style. After breakfast you can enjoy the sea air and views from the fly bridge or have a nap in your cabin as we cruise north for about two hours towards our first stop at the Muiron Islands. Here we have morning tea and view a major turtle breeding and nesting ground. Relax and spend the morning enjoying your choice of activity - Be it diving, snorkelling, beach walking, fishing, surfing or photography.

North and South Muiron hold a number of great sites for us to enjoy. The Muiron's separate the cloudy Exmouth Gulf waters from the clear fresh oceanic waters. Your Dive Master has some spectacular options to choose from for your first underwater discovery. Working with the tides and wind we'll choose from The Cod Spot, the Gap between the two islands, The Bastions or Fragile Rock.

After lunch we'll cruise further north towards Barrow Island. On our way 70Nm north we pass along the edge of the continental shelf where on a good day we can spot all manner of pelagic species including manta rays, dolphins, feeding frenzies of sharks, tuna, mackerel and feeding sea birds.

We should arrive at our safe overnight anchorage off the bottom end of Barrow Island by dusk. There is a chance to spot the feeding tawny nurse sharks in the evening light.



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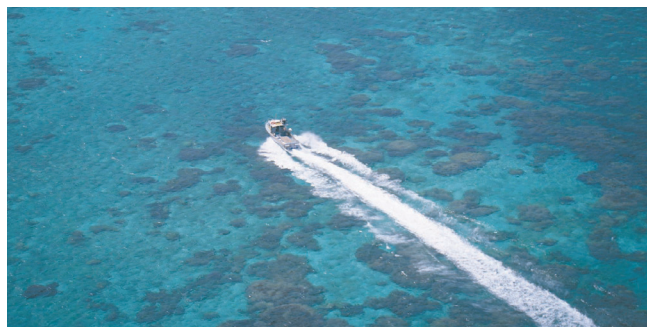
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Day 3 to 5: Exploring the Montebello Islands

For those wanting to make the most of our stay in this amazing group of islands we can start the day with an early morning swim. We'll take you ashore to one of the many perfect beaches for a walk and a dip in safe, calm, clear waters.

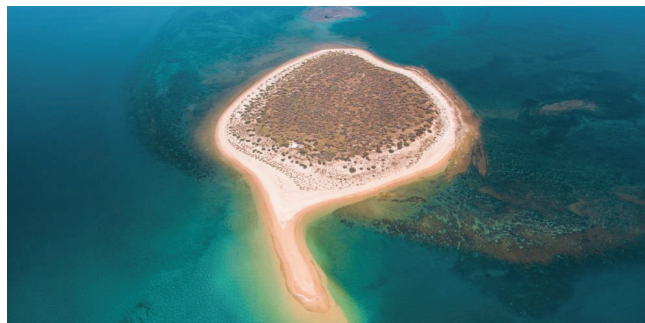
The Montes hold many attractions for us - from fishing the shallows and the tidal inlets to the deep water for Emperor. We'll take daily snorkelling and diving expeditions to the beautiful coral gardens, giving us the chance to extract a tropical cray for the dinner table. Top off the day with a sundowner on the beach and greet the many female turtles as they lumber up the beach to lay their eggs. Or perhaps walk to the sites of the three 1952 atomic bomb tests. We can look at the relics that were left by the British army to test the impact of these massive blasts, then wonder as to how nature has returned the islands to their former glory.



Day 7: Discover the Mackerel Islands then overnight to Thevenard Island

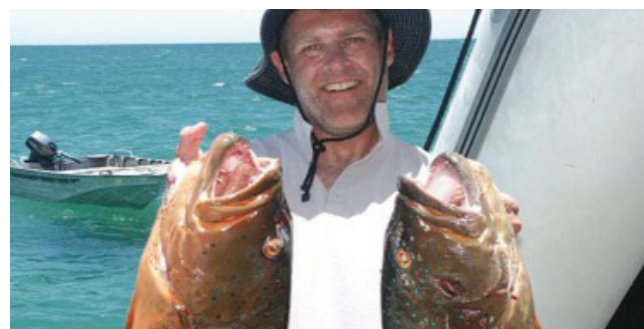
We'll discover several perfect beaches, coral reefs to snorkel and new sites to explore and fish as we cruise our way through the Mackerel Islands. We plan to arrive at Serrurier Island by about 5pm. We'll go ashore and enjoy swimming pool like conditions or watch from a distance as Turtles lumber ashore.

In the evening we'll enjoy a glass of our favourite while the crew cook us a very tasty BBQ dinner. Back to our floating home for another good night's sleep.



Day 6: Departing the Montebello Islands to the Mackerel Islands

A fresh morning dip at another beautiful untouched beach before we head off to the Mackerel Islands. We can trawl a lure as we head south. We should pull in a few coral trout from the shallows and mackerel from the deeper waters. We'll have an overnight anchorage in the shelter of one of the many islands.



Day 8: A morning snorkel or walk then onto Exmouth.

A hearty breakfast to start the day before our cruise director takes us ashore to the sheltered beaches of Long Island. Relax in the sands and reflect on the last 8 days of your "1000 island Discovery".

Swim or walk these white sandy beaches. We'll board our vessel for the last time and make our way to Exmouth.

Now is the time to swap your details with the crew and new friends aboard the Reef Prince. We should arrive at mid-afternoon within the sleepy Exmouth Marina.

After discussion on board with you – our guests, your experienced Cruise Director will consider the best tides and weather conditions to develop your cruise plan and provide for an unforgettable, tailored expedition for you and your fellow explorers. This itinerary is a guide. You certainly won't be disappointed.