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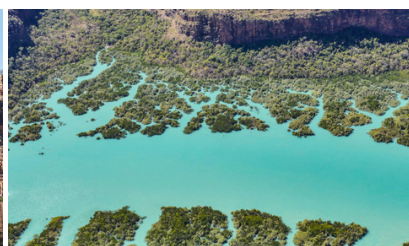
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11 Days 10 Nights [Excluding flying time & Extra Pre-hotel/Post Night] | from Darwin - Broome



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#### Day 1 Darwin

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### Day 4 ASHMORE REEF (B/L/D)

Located in the Timor Sea, the Ashmore Reef Marine Park is a sanctuary for many marine species and a designated important bird area (IBA). Every year, more than 100,000 seabirds breed here, including crested terns, white-tailed tropicbirds and greater frigatebirds. It was recognised as a wetland of international importance in 2003 for its vital role in providing a haven for the tens of thousands of migratory shorebirds which turn up to feed each year. In addition to the prolific birdlife, beneath the clear tropical waters, the coral reefs, seagrass meadows, sandflats and lagoons of Ashmore Reef are home to a colourful array of marine life including 255 species of reef building coral, the greatest number of any reef on the Western Australian coast. Ashmore Reef provides a unique opportunity to combine a zodiac tour to view the abundant birdlife and marine life with the opportunity to experience a magical moment snorkeling or a refreshing swim.

### Day 5 CAREENING BAY (B/L/D)

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### Day 8-9 COLLIER BAY (B/L/D)

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The Lacepede Islands are Western Australia’s most important breeding habitat for Green Turtles (*Chelonia mydas*), and have been named by BirdLife International as an Important Bird Area (IBA). The breeding colony of Brown Boobies is possibly the largest in the world. Up to 20,000 Roseate Terns have also been recorded here. Other birds breeding on the islands include Masked Boobies, Australian Pelicans, Lesser Frigatebirds, Eastern Reef Egrets, Silver Gulls, Crested, Bridled and Lesser Crested Terns, Common Noddies, Pied and Sooty Oystercatchers. Join your expedition team for a guided zodiac tour to view the prolific wildlife. Due to the sensitive nature of the environment, landings are prohibited on the Lacepede Islands.

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During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

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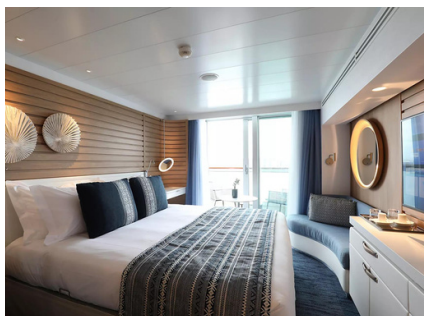
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### Deluxe Suite

290 SQFT | MAX 2 GUESTS

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- Minibar
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### Prestige Suite

409 SQFT | MAX 4 GUESTS

In addition to the common services provided to all our suites and staterooms

- Private 86sqft balcony with for armchairs
- Priority Boarding
- Champagne and fruit basket upon arrival
- An assortment of sweet or savoury canapés and a basket of fruit every day
- A bedroom with king-size bed
- A lounge with a sofa convertible to a king-size bed, armchair, TV and sliding courtesy door
- Two bathrooms with shower
- Two panoramic sliding bay windows

### Privilege Suite

409 SQFT | MAX 3 GUESTS

In addition to the common services provided to all our suites and staterooms

- Private 86s qft balcony with two armchairs
- Priority boarding
- Butler service
- King-size bed
- A lounge corner with chaise longue and armchair
- A bathroom with shower
- A panoramic sliding bay window

### Grand Deluxe Suite

485 SQFT | MAX 2 GUESTS

In addition to the common services provided to all our suites and staterooms

- Priority boarding
- Butler service
- An assortment of sweet or savoury canapés and a basket of fruit every day
- A bedroom with one king-size bed
- A lounge with sofa bed, armchair and TV
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- A private 45 m<sup>2</sup> terrace with two deckchairs and a four-seater dining table
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