



# Coral Atoll Cruise

## Rowley Shoals – Broome

An adventure-cruise amidst breathtaking coral habitat

### Night One

Your “welcome aboard” the luxurious **TRUE NORTH** is in the frontier pearling port of Broome. Embarkation is at 1700 – time for a cocktail with your fellow adventurers before departing at approximately 1800. Dinner is served shortly after leaving port and then it’s an overnight steam to the

Rowley Shoals. (Please note that North Star Cruises visits the Rowley Shoals only during the months of September, October and November. These months are normally associated with “the doldrums” – a period of light winds and calm seas. In addition, the **TRUE NORTH** is fitted with computer controlled motion stabilisers that minimise



vessel movement. Passengers can therefore anticipate comfortable conditions when cruising to the Shoals – however observing the normal precautions associated with the prevention of seasickness is always recommended.)

### Day One

We arrive early at Clerke Reef. Sample our fruit platter and a sumptuous breakfast before exploring the atoll's huge lagoon. You will marvel at crystal clear waters teeming with life – clouds of fish and corals of every imaginable colour and shape. There will be plenty of opportunity for beach combing on Bedwell Island, relaxed snorkelling in tropical waist deep water or perhaps some "catch and release" lagoon fishing using eco friendly tackle. Our qualified and experienced crew will be on-hand to personally introduce everyone to the delights of this pristine environment. When you're not on excursion, relax onboard **TRUE NORTH** and indulge in our renowned cuisine – the alfresco bar and lounge will definitely be 'the spot' to witness your first spectacular Rowley sunset.

### Day Two

Start the day with a visit to the Aquarium! Forget the Great Barrier Reef – this is world-class snorkelling at its very best! Even if you've never put your head under water before – this is an absolute must. The water is only waist deep however the experience is literally "out of this world"! Brilliantly coloured corals, giant clams and more than 600 of the world's most beautiful fish species at your fingertips! Don't forget your underwater camera! After another sumptuous lunch try an introductory SCUBA dive or hand feed maori wrasse and potato cod from **TRUE NORTH's** back steps! Then we'll "crank up the action" with something very unique – high-speed snorkel drifts through the outer reef! Again our friendly crewmembers will be on hand to ensure that everyone gets to try this once-in-a-lifetime experience – as many times as you like! Our anchorage tonight is in the "swimming pool like" waters of Clerke Lagoon – 300 kilometres off the coast of Australia!

### Day Three

Another day in paradise – perhaps an early morning swim and breakfast on the deck before we manoeuvre **TRUE NORTH** out of the lagoon. Now it's time to experience the thrill of snorkelling from a 50 metre cruise boat - our captain will "back-up" to within inches of the reef and all you need to do is step off **TRUE NORTH's** convenient rear steps! Outer reef snorkelling is a totally different experience – the sheer coral walls will take your breath away! Close encounters with humpback whales, manta rays and sailfish are also on the agenda as we cruise the outer reef. Finish the day with sunset drinks on the beach and one of our famous Island Parties! Then it's back to the ultimate comfort of **TRUE NORTH** and another perfect night in Clerke Lagoon – 360° stars reflected in a glassy ocean!

### Day Four

Start the day with an early morning stroll on your very own sand cay before we enjoy a leisurely cruise to Mermaid Reef – the Rowley's northern-most atoll. By now you will be addicted to snorkelling on the outer reef and your wish is our command! We'll spend the day exploring the outer reef of this remote and untouched wilderness - highlights will include face to face encounters with the curious residents of the Cod Hole and, the mesmerising depths of the Northern Wall. Then all too soon, it's time for our overnight steam to Broome. Re-live what is guaranteed to be an experience of a lifetime as the Rowleys merge into a blazing western sky! Join the crew at the Captain's Party and the enjoy "the best sleep of your life".

### Day Five

Early morning arrival in Broome in time to disembark at 0800 hours. Transfer to the airport or your accommodation – your voyage on the **TRUE NORTH** need only be the start of a Kimberley Adventure!

