

“Island Explorer”
Darwin



New Years Resolution Charter

10 Days New Year & Melville Islands Itinerary

Available: April – May & Oct – Nov

If your New years resolution was to do more fishing, catch new species, or take that fishing trip of a lifetime you've always talked about then this is the trip for you.

25nm East nor East of Crocker Island approximately half way between Darwin & Gove you will find the untouched New Year Island Group. This area is renowned for its pelagic fishing with Mackerel, Queenfish, Giant Trevally & even Sailfish & Marlin.

The New Year Island group consist of New Year, Oxley, Lawson, McCluer & Grant Islands.

On this trip you will spend several days exploring this group of Islands and the exceptional blue water pelagic fishing they have to offer before heading west to Melville island to fish the estuaries for Barramundi, Salmon & Mangrove Jack. The reefs of Melville will also see you tangling with Black Jew Fish & Golden.

Day 1 :- At midday we will depart Darwin steaming approximately 100nm heading for the Smith Point area on the Coburg Peninsula. Travelling overnight you will find yourself at the top of the Coburg Peninsula by the next morning.

Day 2 :- Today as we make our way toward New Year Island you will fish many reef systems, from the reefs around Smith Point, Danger Point & Raffles Bay to name a few.

Black Jew Fish and Golden Snapper are our main target species but these reefs will turn up a variety of species.

New Year Island is the anchorage for the night.

Day 3 :- For the next 4 days you will explore the New Year Island Group.

Day 4
Day 5
Day 6
This area is renowned for its pelagic fishing with Giant Trevally, Queenfish, Mackerel and even Sail Fish & Marlin on offer. As well as targeting the pelagic's you will fish the reefs for Red Throat Emperor, Golden Snapper & Coral Trout to name a few.

New year island offers you the opportunity for a snorkel with clear water and great visibility you will see corals, clam shells, tropical fish & crayfish.

Fresh Crayfish and even oysters off the rocks will be part of the menu whilst you explore this untouched remote location.

On the evening of the 4th you will head to Melville Islands.

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- Day 7 :- This morning you will find yourself at Quanipiri Bay at the Eastern End of Melville Island.
- Today you will fish the bay and its many estuaries, this area consistently produces great fishing for Barramundi, Salmon & Mangrove Jack.
- The crab pots will go in today so a feed of Mud Crab will be on the menu tonight.
- Travel during the evening to Yunanti Bay
- Day 8 :- Today you will fish the estuaries of Yunanti Bay for Barramundi, Salmon & Mangrove Jack, finishing off the day on the reefs chasing a few Golden Snapper.
- Day 9 :- Today we will travel west along the top of Melville Island fishing as we go. The reefs along this section of the island hold Black Jew Fish & Golden Snapper.
This evenings anchorage is Robinson Inlet
- Day 10 :- Today you will fish Robinson Inlet for Barramundi, Salmon, Mangrove Jack & Mud Crabs. Departing in the early evening for the trip back to Darwin.
- Next morning :- Arrive back in Darwin at approximately 9am

Note: Schedules are subject to change dependant on the prevalling weather conditions at the time. There may be other places visited, more chances to wet a line and many other species encountered than mentioned on the itinerary.

Schedules can also be changed to meet you requirements as the charter is in progress. This schedule can be reversed to suit the tides at the time.

