



OCEAN DREAM  
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## Montebello Islands Fly Fishing Expeditions – Trip Overview & Pricing

Experience walk-and-wade flats fishing for GTs, Blue Bastards, and Permit in one of Australia's most remote and untouched saltwater fly fishing destinations.

Each trip is hosted aboard the 86ft luxury mothership *Ocean Dream*, with 6 full days of guided fishing, 3 guides with dedicated tenders, onboard chef, hostess, and full support crew. The vessel accommodates 7 anglers plus 1 host.

### 2025 Dates

27 October to 3 November 2025

### ~~2026 Dates~~

~~13 to 21 March 2026 (13-night trip)~~

~~13 to 20 October 2026~~

~~21 to 28 October 2026~~

### 2027 Dates

17 to 24 March 2027

25 March to 1 April 2027

15 to 22 October 2027

23 to 30 October 2027

## Pricing – Rate Structure (Per Person)

### 2025 7-night trip

Base Rate: AUD 18,990

Private Room Supplement: AUD 1,950

Twin Share Discount: AUD –1,000

Whole Boat Private Charter: AUD 125,760

### ~~2026 13-night trip~~

~~Base Rate: AUD 32,850~~

~~Private Room Supplement: AUD 2,500~~

~~Twin Share Discount: AUD –1,500~~

~~Whole Boat Private Charter: AUD 242,840~~

### ~~2026 7-night trips~~

~~Base Rate: AUD 19,900~~

~~Private Room Supplement: AUD 1,900~~

~~Twin Share Discount: AUD –1,000~~

~~Whole Boat Private Charter: AUD 130,760~~

### 2027 7-night trips

Base Rate: AUD 20,500

Private Room Supplement: AUD 2,000

Twin Share Discount: AUD –1,100

Whole Boat Private Charter: AUD 135,760

### Accommodation Layout

- 5 x Private Queen Rooms (each with private ensuite)
- 1 x Twin Share Room (with private ensuite)

### Important Notes

- Private rooms are first come, first served
- Twin share room is limited to 2 anglers per trip
- Pricing is based on full boat occupancy (7 anglers)
- Single anglers welcome on hosted trips (subject to availability)

### Deposit and Payment Terms

- 50 percent deposit required to confirm your booking
- Balance due 90 days prior to departure
- Payments accepted via credit card or international bank transfer (fees apply)

## OCEAN DREAM DECK LAYOUT



FLY BRIDGE DECK

LOWER DECK



MAIN DECK

## OCEAN DREAM - THE ACCOMODATION

Ocean Dream features six fully appointed staterooms, each with its own private ensuite and daily laundry service included. After a full day on the flats, guests return to complete comfort—air-conditioned rooms, fresh linen, and the privacy of your own space. Whether in a private queen suite or the twin-share room, you can expect a quiet, restful sleep to recharge for the next day on the water. This is frontier fishing without compromise.



## LIFE ONBOARD

Ocean Dream offers spacious lounge areas, indoor and outdoor dining, and open deck spaces to relax between sessions. Whether you're enjoying a coffee at sunrise, a cold drink after a day on the flats, or unwinding in the air-conditioned saloon, every area of the boat is designed for comfort. With full-service crew, gourmet meals, and plenty of room to spread out, downtime onboard is just as enjoyable as the fishing.





## Why the Montebello Islands?

### **New Australian Destination**

The Montebello Islands represent a new frontier for saltwater fly fishing in Australia. Remote, wild, and largely untouched, the fishery offers anglers the chance to explore true Australian flats in their natural state.

### **Exclusive Trips**

We are the only operator offering guided fly fishing expeditions to the Montebello Islands. These are the first trips of their kind, giving anglers exclusive access to one of the most pristine and least-pressured fisheries in the country.

### **Target Species**

Crystal-clear waters and expansive flats provide the ideal environment to target Blue Bastards, Permit, and Giant Trevally—three of Australia's most iconic and challenging species on fly.

### **Walk and Wade Fishing**

These trips are built around walk and wade fishing in a safe, remote setting. Anglers spend full days on foot exploring flats, reef edges, and beaches with expert guides.

### **Limited Season**

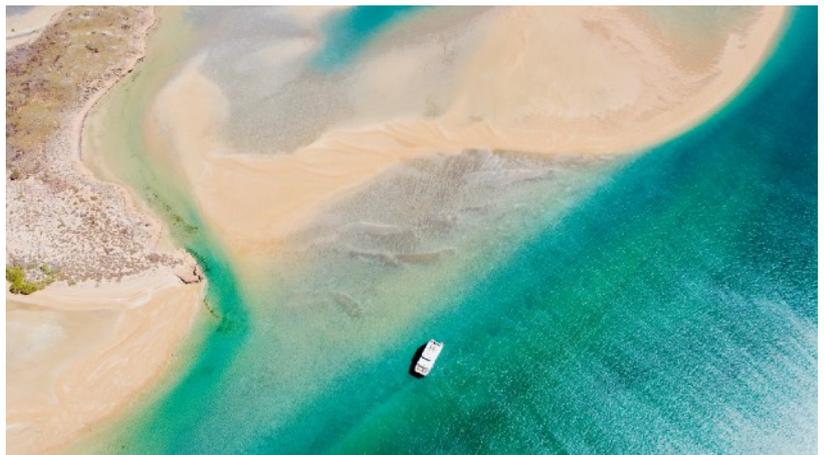
To protect the fishery and ensure long-term sustainability, we are only offering a limited three-week season each year. This keeps pressure low and the experience consistently high-quality.

### **Exclusive Access and Support**

Trips are limited to 7 anglers per week, with 3 guides, 3 guide tenders, and a host to ensure maximum flexibility, personalisation, and support on and off the water.

### **Fitness Required**

Due to the nature of walk and wade fishing, a moderate level of fitness is required to fully enjoy the experience.



# THE FLATS FISHING!

## A Note from Our Head Guide – Eugene Pawlowski

*“What to Expect on the Flats”*

Having spent years exploring the Montebello Islands and Barrow Island—both through remote camping missions and as captain aboard *Ocean Dream*—I can confidently say this fishery is world-class, especially for those chasing a true sight-casting challenge on foot.

### Blue Bastards

The Blue Bastard fishing here is some of the best in the country. They’re regularly seen tailing in shallow water—singles, pairs, and small schools—moving like bonefish across the flats. The only place I’ve found them in greater numbers is the Kimberley, but unlike there, the Montebellos are free of crocodiles and offer safe, clear-water wading—a major advantage for walk-and-wade anglers.

### Permit (Blochii)

Permit in this region are consistent and cooperative. You’ll find them cruising with rays or working the flats solo. The regularity of sightings makes this one of the more reliable Permit fisheries in northern Australia.

### Giant Trevally (GTs)

GTs are hard to miss here. They often push right up onto the flats, patrolling the edges and drains. While I usually focus on Bastards and Permit, it’s common to get knee-deep GT encounters—and when it happens, it’s fast and explosive.

### Other Flats Species

There’s great variety on the flats. Expect Spangled Emperor, Golden Trevally, Blue Bone (Tusk Fish), Queenfish, Brassy Trevally, and Swallowtail Dart. They’re aggressive and often tailing or shadowing rays. While they sometimes interfere with Permit or Bastard shots, they’re a solid fallback for action and are always fun on fly.

### Bluewater & Reef Options

If we’re looking for a change of pace—or on high tides—we’ve got access to offshore and deeper reef zones. You can potentially expect shots at Sailfish, big Chinaman Fish, Grouper, and other reef species. It’s a great way to mix things up during the day.

### Environment & Logistics

One of the most unique aspects of the Montebello fishery is how safe and accessible it is on foot—a rarity in northern Australia. There’s no crocodile risk, and the desert climate gives us dry conditions, great light, and consistent visibility. *Ocean Dream* anchors each night in calm, protected bays, and the crossing from Dampier takes about seven hours, typically done in the afternoon or evening.





## **Ocean Dream – Your Floating Base in the Remote North West**

When you step aboard *Ocean Dream*, you'll immediately notice the balance of luxury, space, and functionality that makes this vessel perfect for remote fishing expeditions. At 86 feet, this custom twin-hull catamaran offers a stable, smooth ride and all the creature comforts you could want after a long day on the flats.

Originally built in 2005 and extensively refurbished, *Ocean Dream* has been transformed into a premium liveaboard experience, tailored to small groups exploring some of the most remote coastlines in Australia.

The vessel can accommodate up to 7 anglers across six spacious staterooms, each with its own private ensuite. Large windows provide plenty of natural light and ocean views, while generous interior and exterior lounge areas give you plenty of room to relax.

Onboard features include a spacious saloon, indoor/outdoor dining area, BBQ setup, and even a six-seater spa—ideal for unwinding after a full day chasing Permit and Blue Bastards.

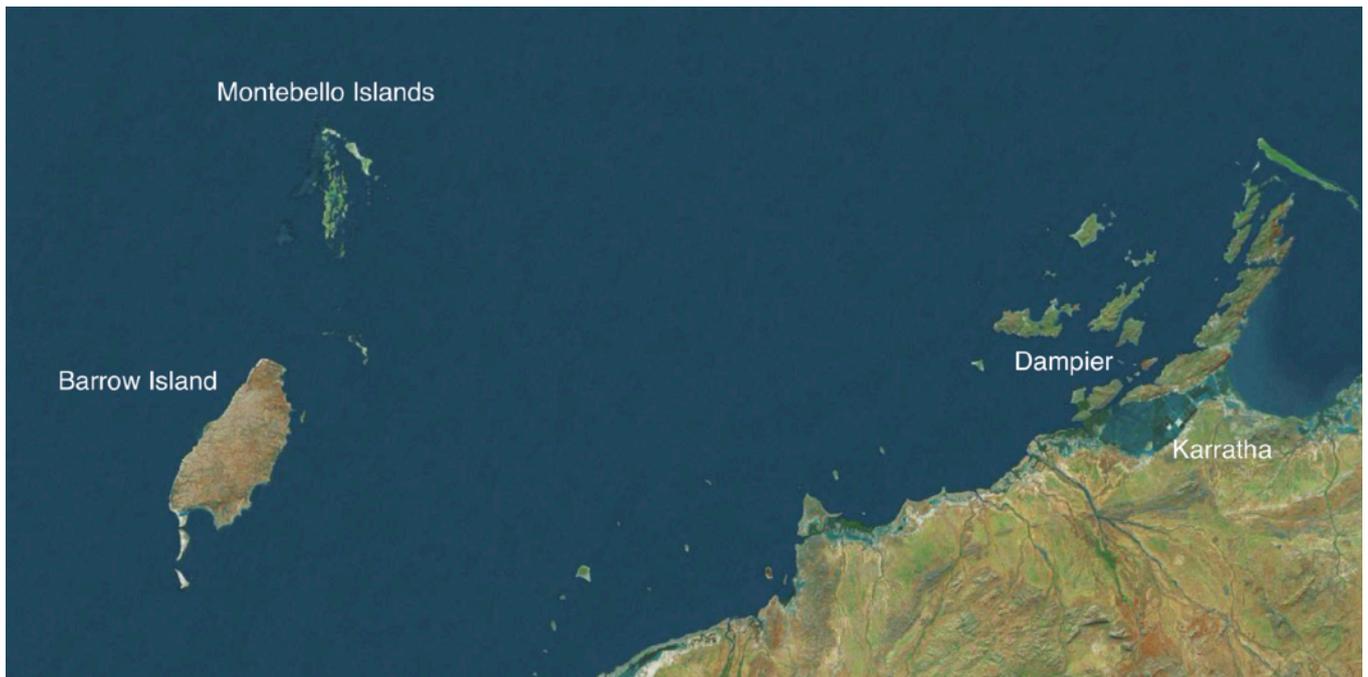
With professional crew, a dedicated onboard chef, and three fishing tenders in tow, *Ocean Dream* provides a level of comfort and support rarely seen in such remote settings—allowing you to focus on the fishing while everything else is taken care of.



## Flight and Travel Details

Guests will board *Ocean Dream* in Dampier on the Pilbara Coast. Flights from Perth to Karratha are approximately \$400 AUD each way with **Virgin Australia**. *Ocean Dream* provides complimentary bus transfers from Karratha to Dampier on the departure date.

*Ocean Dream* departs at 11:00 AM, so we recommend flying into Karratha the day before and staying overnight to ensure sufficient time to meet the departure schedule. We recommend staying at the Karratha International Hotel for your convenience.





## A Collaboration Between Tropical Sportfisher & Ocean Dream

This expedition is the result of a unique collaboration between *Tropical Sportfisher* and *Ocean Dream*, bringing together extensive guiding experience and a purpose-built liveboard to access one of Australia's most remote saltwater fisheries.

Rory Brookes, owner and operator of Tropical Sportfisher, has spent much of his guiding career exploring and working across Cape York, the Great Barrier Reef, Arnhem Land, and remote parts of the Northern Territory. His background includes working alongside mothership operations, heli-fishing programs, and remote fishing lodges, designing and running tailored trips in hard-to-access locations.

While his guiding business is based in Tropical North Queensland, it's these expedition-style trips—fishing untouched, isolated water—that continue to drive the passion behind Tropical Sportfisher.

By partnering with *Ocean Dream*, a luxury 86ft catamaran with the range and comfort to access the Montebello Islands, we're able to offer a truly unique experience for anglers who want to fish off the map—without compromising on comfort or logistics.

