2021 VOYAGES

RAJA AMPAT
AND THE SPICE ISLANDS

> 12 Night Expeditions between Darwin & Biak
**THE SPICE TRAIL & THE CORAL TRIANGLE FOR TRUE EXPLORERS**

A combination of extraordinary natural beauty, inimitable coral reefs, and communities alive with history, these voyages are adventures like no other. Retrace the ancient trade routes of spice merchants trading Chinese silks for cloves, Indian cottons for nutmeg and Arabian coffee for pepper. Soak up the heady aromas and vibrant characters at village markets on rarely-visited islands. Be welcomed into West Papuan villages and learn about cultural traditions through energetic dance performances. Explore some of the 1,500 remote islands of Raja Ampat where the turquoise ocean harbours over 75% of the world’s coral and fish species. Swim with the whale sharks of Cenderawasih Bay, snorkel over vibrant coral reefs and look for bird life in the forest canopy. Raja Ampat & The Spice Islands is an unforgettable voyage where nature takes centre stage and cultural adventures abound.

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**INCLUSIONS**

- All excursions and sightseeing
- Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs & kayaks
- Snorkelling
- Daily lectures and briefings
- All meals, chef-prepared on board
- Selected wines, selected beers, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- Coffee and selection of teas
- All entrance fees to National Parks and Ports
- Tips and gratuities

**WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED**

- Pre and post flights, accommodation & travel insurance
- Entry visas to Australia
- Alcoholic beverages outside of lunch and dinner service
- Telephone and Internet services
- Laundry
- Scuba diving

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**Expedition Note:**

These are expedition itineraries covering remote regions. Your Captain and Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise guest experience. These itineraries are indicative - some variation may occur due to weather conditions, safety or local community requirements. We recommend that you do not arrive to the embarkation port on the day of boarding or depart on the day of disembarkation due to unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

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**Snorkelling & Scuba**

The opportunity to snorkel and scuba dive over spectacular coral gardens and WWII wrecks, and come face to face with brightly coloured tropical fish is a highlight of these cruises. Beginners can join guided snorkelling tours or introductory and resort-style dives, while more challenging dives are available to experienced divers. Our Dive Instructor accompanies you every step of the way. Snorkelling equipment is assigned to each guest at the start of your cruise. Scuba diving is subject to medical clearance and medical certificate. See our website for more information.
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Expedition Highlights

› Follow in the wake of 17th century Spice traders
› Indulge with three days in spectacular Raja Ampat, the famed ‘Four Kings’ archipelago
› Swim in the turquoise waters of Yapap natural pool
› Discover Wayag’s ‘gumdrop’ islands and be rewarded by the view from Pindito Peak
› Swim with the majestic whale sharks at Cenderawasih Bay
› Be welcomed by traditional Kora Kora canoes at Banda Neira
› Explore the ancient kingdoms fought over by English, Dutch, and Portuguese explorers
› Learn the customs & cultures of West Papua and Indonesia
› Wander through Fort Belgica, a 17th century Dutch fort

“We arrived at Roon Island, in the ‘neck’ of the Bird’s Head. Here we were able to snorkel along coastal reefs and view the amazing life in the warm, tropical waters, surrounded by high mountain rainforests. Some of the bird-calls were so loud we could hear them underwater.”

Guest Lecturer
Ian Morris

DEPARTURE & FARES

12 Nights - Departs: 6 January 2021 from Darwin aboard Coral Adventurer
12 Nights - Departs: 18 January 2021 from Biak aboard Coral Adventurer

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Prices are per person, listed in Australian Dollars (AUD) and include GST.
*Limited sole use occupancy available. Charter flight is available between Darwin and Biak at additional cost.

IMAGES 1 Swimming with whale sharks in Cenderawasih Bay  
2 Local dancers at Fort Belgica, Banda Neira  
3 A fishing platform or bagan  
5 Coral Adventurer (inset: Dining room, Explorer Deck Stateroom, and Bridge Deck Bar)
ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS FROM DARWIN TO BIAK

DAY 1: DEPART DARWIN
Embark at Darwin’s Fort Hill Wharf at 11:00am.

DAYS 2-12:
No two Raja Ampat & Spice Islands expeditions will be the same, and some variation may occur to your itinerary. Below are the key destinations we visit.

BANDA NEIRA
On our approach, paddlers in Kora Kora canoes escort us into Banda Neira. Ashore, immerse yourself in the aromas, sights and sounds of the Spice Islands. Later, explore 17th century Fort Belgica and enjoy dinner and a dance performance as the sun sets.

HATTA ISLAND
At Hatta Island, snorkel and dive amongst vibrant coral gardens and abundant fish species just a few metres from the beach. Enjoy a guided walk through the village to meet school children, and to explore a nutmeg and pepper plantation.

MOLANA ISLAND & SAPARUA ISLAND
Molana Island’s powder-like white sand beach is a picturesque base for swimming and snorkelling activities where shallow coral gardens and prolific marine life abound. At Saparua, we are welcomed by the harmonious school choir and a war dance for Fort Durustede.

SAWAI, SERAM ISLAND
Sawai is one of the oldest villages in the Maluku Islands, with homes built on stilts over the ocean. Snorkel in the crystal-clear waters and explore the grand valleys of Manusela National Park, home to 118 species of birds such as electus parrots, purple-naped lory and salmon-crested cockpito, all endemic to Seram Island.

MISool - RAJA AMPAT
Our introduction to spectacular Raja Ampat is at Misool, one of the four largest islands. Visit Balbulol Lagoon and Yapap, where dramatic limestone formations rise from clear turquoise waters. Swim and kayak amongst the islands, or climb for a view over the heart-shaped Dafalen Love Lake.

KOFIAU ISLAND - RAJA AMPAT
Be welcomed by dancers on traditional boats before going ashore at Kampung Deer to explore the village with local guides. Experience a traditional Sasi Ceremony, which is conducted to preserve the ecosystem. This afternoon, enjoy water activities and keep an eye out for the spectacular red bird-of-paradise.

WAYAG ISLAND - RAJA AMPAT
More Raja Ampat treasures await as we explore by Zodiac, swim in the crystal water and stroll white-sand beaches. An energetic hike up to famed Pindito Peak rewards with panoramic views of Wayag’s spectacular lagoon.

ROON OR AURI ISLAND
Depending on the weather and conditions, enjoy either Roon or Auri Island. At Roon, a Japanese Zero plane wreck has become a marine habitat, with snorkellers able to see the plane where it rests in shallow water. At Auri Island, we navigate through picturesque island scenery before enjoying beach activities and visiting a local village for traditional dance performances.

MEOSSU (AMSTERDAM) ISLAND
At Meossu Island, white sand beaches slide into clear water - the impressive visibility reveals sunken WWII wrecks. Here, be welcomed by the West Papuan locals, snorkel and dive in the warm clear water, or enjoy nature walks through the rainforest to spot birds such as Blyth Hornbills.

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Enter the beautiful natural playground of Raja Ampat at Wayag Island. Discover the lagoon’s white sand beaches and the maze of limestone ‘gumdrop’ islands as we swim and snorkel amongst the islands. There is an opportunity for an energetic hike up to famed Pindito Peak, with the reward of breathtaking panoramic views. We may also visit Aljui Bay, Piaynemo or Kawe Islands for incomparable snorkelling and diving over vibrant reefs and with rainbow schools of tropical fish. At Misool we visit Balbulol Lagoon and Yapap where dramatic limestone formations rise from clear turquoise waters. Swim and kayak amongst the islands, or climb for a view over the heart-shaped Dafalen Love Lake.

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YAMDENA ISLAND
This morning we arrive at one of the ‘Forgotten Islands’, Pulau Yamdena. Take a guided bus tour through a scenic landscape to visit the culture of Sangliat Dol. See the ancient megalithic stone sites of this remarkable place, and experience ritual ceremonies before mingling with the villagers.

DAY 13: ARRIVE BIAK
Disembark at 7:30am to join our charter flight.

ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS FROM BIAK TO DARWIN

DAY 1: DEPART BIAK
Board the Coral Adventurer at 3:00pm for a 5:00pm departure.

DAYS 2-12:
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CENDERAWASIH BAY & KWATISORE
Enter Cenderawash Marine Park in search of the biggest fish in the sea, the whale shark. We may have the chance for an early morning snorkel amongst them - the experience of a lifetime. Later, visit a local village and learn about West Papuan customs, culture and the traditional lifestyle of the people.

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DAY 13: ARRIVE DARWIN
Disembark at 8:00am.
Coral Adventurer is built for environmentally responsible small-ship cruising, with refined navigation and nimble Xplorer tenders to bring you close to remote coastlines. With only 120 guests, her intimate atmosphere and warm Australian hospitality quickly make you feel at home. All staterooms are outside facing and many have private balconies. Spacious lounge areas, communal dining, and open decks provide relaxation and the opportunity to spend time with old and new friends.

**FEATURES**

- Two Xplorer tender & six Zodiaks
- Open Bridge with Navigator Lounge
- Single seat dining
- Three cocktail bars
- Well-equipped gym
- Passenger elevator
- Anchor-free technology

- Bridge Deck Balcony Suites • 55.8sqm • Private Balcony
- Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms
- 28 Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms
- 16 Promenade Deck Staterooms
- 12 Coral Deck Staterooms
- Single Deck Staterooms • 17sqm • Picture Window
- Promenade Deck Staterooms • 17sqm • Porthole Window
- Coral Deck Staterooms
Our Range of Expeditions Include
> The Kimberley > Great Barrier Reef > Tasmania > Cape York, Torres Strait & Arnhem Land
> Papua New Guinea > Raja Ampat & The Spice Islands > Islands of Indonesia > The Solomons & Vanuatu
> New Zealand > Small Islands of the Indian Ocean > Circumnavigation of Australia

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