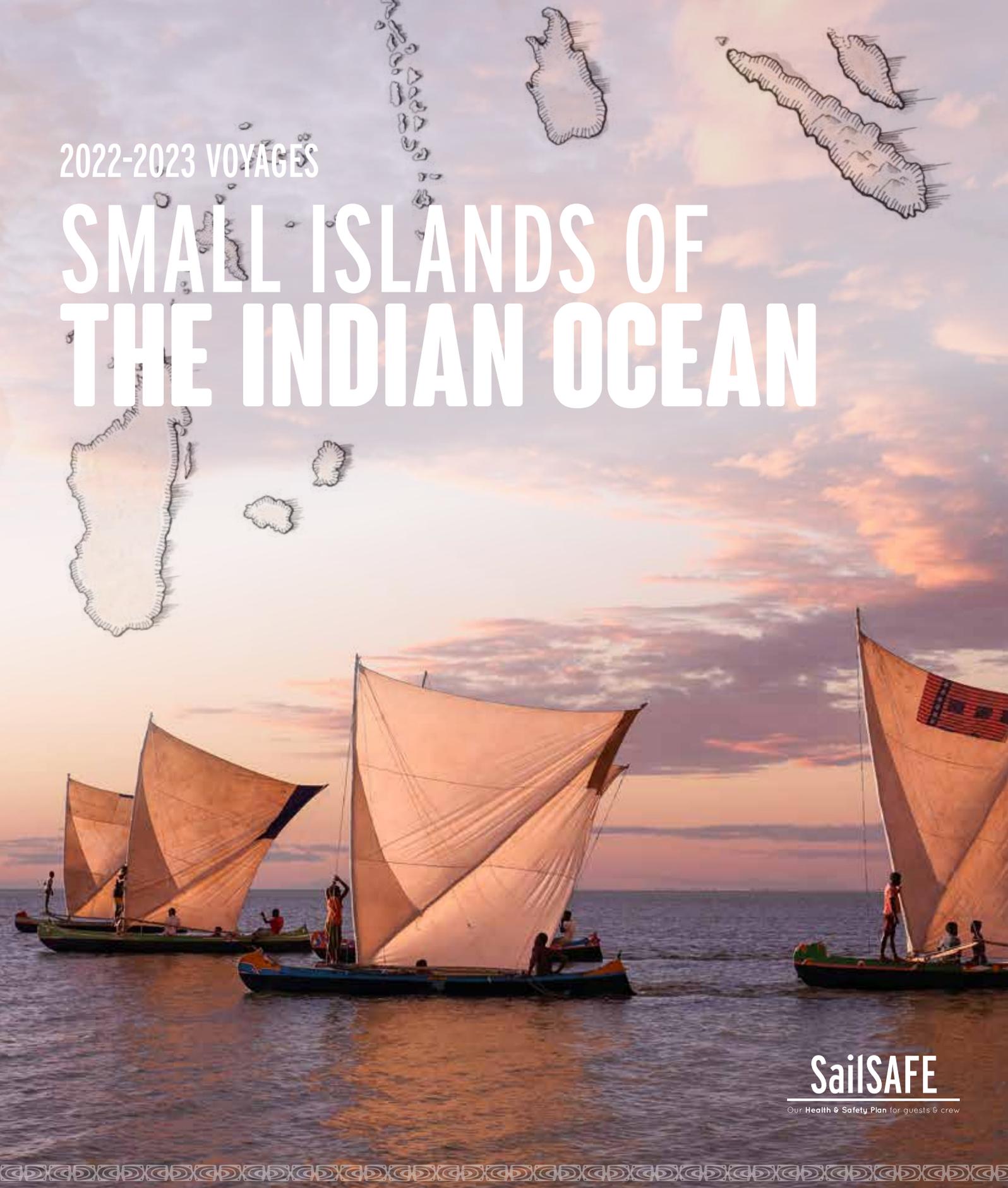


2022-2023 VOYAGES

# SMALL ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN



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# TO SOUTH SULAWESI & BORNEO FOR CHRISTMAS

BROOME > SULAWESI > BORNEO > SINGAPORE

17 NIGHTS | 13 DECEMBER 2022



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## Expedition Highlights

- > Witness and join the ancient tradition of Lego Lego dance at the island of Alor and visit the Moko Drum Museum
- > Snorkel and dive the famed Wakatobi Marine National Park at Hoga Island, South Sulawesi
- > In Takabonerate National Park, join in conservation efforts at Tinabo, including tree planting and coral preservation
- > Visit the historic Palace and Fort of Buton Kings which ruled the Indonesian seas in ancient times
- > Cruise the Sekonyer River to spot the Bornean orangutan in its natural habitat, with the chance to spot other wildlife in Tanjung Puting National Park
- > Enjoy enriching culture at the remote villages and learn of local customs and lifestyles throughout your voyage
- > Discover the diversity of the Indonesian islands by exploring unique villages and tasting local snacks and delicacies
- > Witness demonstrations of iconic crafts and music such as ikat weaving at Sula and Sasando playing at Tablolong Bay



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## ITINERARY: 17 NIGHTS > BROOME TO SINGAPORE

### DAY 1: BROOME

Board *Coral Geographer* at 8:30am to depart at 10:00am.

### DAYS 2-17:

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### AT SEA

This itinerary includes a total of 6 days at sea to reach these destinations. During sea days, relax or join our Expedition Team for a program of interactive workshops and presentations.

### TABLOLONG BAY, TIMOR

After a day at sea spent learning about Indonesia from our guest lecturers and meeting your fellow guests and crew at the Captain's welcome drinks, your first stop is at the sweeping white sand beach of Tablolong Bay. Clear into Indonesia, before going ashore for a special welcoming ceremony. Traditional dance accompanied by Sasando music from neighbouring Rote Island will delight you and you are welcome to participate in the joyful ceremony. Stroll along the unspoilt shoreline or take to the clear warm waters for a snorkel or a swim.

### ALOR ISLAND

This morning, enjoy a relaxing morning snorkel, before cruising through spectacular scenery toward Kalabahi Port, surrounded by mountains that overlook the river. Go ashore to visit the town's bustling market and then the Moko Drum Museum on the way to the Village of Abui people. At Alor, observe the traditional Lego Lego dance, a symbol of the strength and brotherhood of the Abui tribe. Joining hands in a circle, the rhythmic dance is performed to welcome guests as an expression of happiness. Celebrate this amazing experience by joining the circle and dancing alongside the Abui people.

### WAKATOBI MARINE PARK

Today, explore the third largest marine park in Indonesia. Wakatobi covers 1.4 million hectares hosting 900,000 tropical coral reefs and is home to the highest number of fish species in the world. Our destination, Hoga Island, is the quintessential Wakatobi experience with turquoise waters and reefs brimming with colours and sea life. Passengers can snorkel, kayak, dive and beachcomb on our visit to experience all the natural wonder this location has to offer, during the year's best weather conditions.

### BAUBAU, BUTON ISLAND

At Baubau we will be immersed in the rich Buton culture. Upon arrival, be greeted with a traditional dance performance at the wharf before being transported to visit the historic Buton Palace Fortress (Benteng Keraton Buton), known as the world's largest fortress. Standing atop a steep hill since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the fort allows for sprawling views all the way to the Strait of Buton. The fort has served a critical role in the history of the Buton people. After exploring the fort, you'll have time to wander the vibrant town square and explore the traditional market. Later, visit a fisherman's village and observe the creation of handwoven ikat textiles at Sula Village.

### TAKABONERATE NATIONAL PARK

Tinabo Island, at the heart of the Taka Bonerate National Park, feels like a far-flung private paradise. With a white sandy beach and a plethora of surrounding reefs, the island is part of the Takabonerate Atoll. This atoll is of major ecological importance, brimming with marine and bird life.

Spend time enjoying the clear turquoise waters with snorkelling, diving and kayaking. Famous throughout Indonesia, there is the opportunity to stand in the clear waters on the beach and

interact with shark pups swimming around your legs. Finally, take part in the important conservation work of preserving the island's landscape by planting casuarina trees. You may also have a chance to learn about the other conservation efforts occurring here, such as work preserving turtle populations and transplanting of coral reefs.

### MATASIRI ISLAND, BORNEO

Matasiri belongs to the archipelago of the Laut Kecil islands of Borneo. The island is a secluded destination where you can find sanctuary in the sheltered bay and explore by paying a visit to the village and swimming/snorkelling in the pristine waters. This stop is a rare expedition style location where you can take a walk along the sand and soak in the unspoiled native flora and fauna.

### KUMAI & TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK

Tanjung Puting National Park is a remarkable destination. Start your exploration by cruising along the uncanny inky-black waters of the Nipah waterway and the winding Sekonyer River. Along the way, look out for some of the rare wildlife that take haven in this tropical forest, including clouded leopards, proboscis monkeys, sambar deer and Malayan sunbears. The area is home to over 230 bird species such as hornbills, crimson sunbirds and wetland species. However, the highlight of our day will be the opportunity to see orangutans in their natural habitat. This National Park is a conservation area for this endangered species, and conservation efforts include the establishment of 4 research centres by the Leakey Foundation and Orangutan Foundation.

On our second day at Kumai, Christmas Day, we will explore the Bulu river, a narrow river through dense mangroves, for an immersive experience in nature. Later, celebrate Christmas onboard with special dinner before a relaxing day at sea.

### SUNGSANG VILLAGE

Today, go ashore at a traditional fishing village at the mouth of the Musi River. After a brilliantly coloured traditional dance performance by the locals, discover the rural beauty of Sungsang village. Here, walk along the narrow boardwalk lanes lined with stilt houses on the water and enjoy local snacks and delicacies. One of the highlights of this destination is meeting the local people, and returning the smiles of local children. The distinction between this region and the eastern archipelago will fascinate you, as you gain insights into Indonesia's rich rural culture.

### TANJUNG KELIAN

Tanjung Kelian, on the west coast of Bangka Island, is primarily known for its sturdy white and red lighthouse, built by the Dutch in 1862. We will visit this historic lighthouse tower, and those who wish to may climb the 117 stone steps that wind up to the top of the tower to be rewarded with panoramic ocean views.

Tanjung Kelian has a historically significant and culturally rich past. Guided by our team, discover the Bangka Massacre monument and learn about the event it commemorates. Visit locations such as the Chinese mayor's house, the township of Muntok to learn about the region, and witness a traditional Borangsai dance and Wushu martial arts at Kong Fuk Miao temple. Before we leave, there may be time to relax on the beach below the lighthouse and meet the locals who gather here to enjoy the soft white sand and communal atmosphere.

### DAY 18: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

After a day at sea spent relaxing and reflecting on our extraordinary journey, farewell your fellow guests, Captain and crew at the Captain's Farewell Drinks. In the morning, *Coral Geographer* will sail into Singapore Cruise Centre at around 8:00am for a 9:00am disembarkation.

# ISLAND TRADITIONS TO THE EDGE OF AFRICA

SINGAPORE > SRI LANKA > MALDIVES > SEYCHELLES  
25 NIGHTS | 8 JANUARY 2023



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## Expedition Highlights

- > Spend five days island hopping in the Maldives, visiting remote atolls for aquatic activities, exploring Addu Nature Park and encountering diverse wildlife
- > Visit the bustling Malaysian cities of Melaka and Penang to be immersed in the cultural history and savour delicious traditional cuisine
- > Visit a Sri Lankan tea plantation, and wander through the streets of historic Galle
- > Explore the paradise of the Maldives, with time spent at remote atolls for snorkelling and diving
- > Marvel at a Coco de Mer palm forest and see the iconic giant seeds, known for their suggestive shape
- > Explore the island of La Digue and spend time on 'the world's most beautiful beach' Anse Source d'Argent
- > Encounter the Aldabra giant tortoises of the Seychelles
- > Witness the diversity of cultures throughout your voyage and get closer to the local people and lifestyle



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## ITINERARY: 25 NIGHTS > SINGAPORE TO SEYCHELLES

### DAY 1: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a relaxed morning prior to arriving at the Singapore Cruise Centre at 2:30pm for boarding from 4:00pm. After a delicious afternoon tea, *Coral Geographer* will depart on at 6:00pm. Come out on the deck to see the lights of the Singapore sky line as we sail from the harbour.

### DAYS 2-25:

*This is an indicative itinerary covering remote areas. Your Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule as necessary to maximise guest experience.*

### AT SEA

This itinerary includes a total of 10 days at sea to reach these destinations. During sea days, relax or join our Expedition Team for a program of interactive workshops and presentations.

### MELAKA, MALAYSIA

Kota Melaka, or Malacca City, is the capital of the Malaysian state of Malacca. It has a long and illustrious history of trade and influence, due to its significant location on the Strait of Malacca - one of the most important shipping lanes in the world. Colonial influences, rich history and peaceful coexistence of many different peoples make Malacca a fascinating tourist destination.

There is much to see here, so tours will reveal the city to us. After a break for lunch, enjoy a cruise along the Melaka River.

### PENANG, MALAYSIA

A day's sailing takes us up the scenic coast of Malaysia to arrive into Penang at the lively city of Georgetown. Famous for its fascinating blend of colonial, Indian, Malay and - especially - immigrant Chinese culture and food, enjoy a traditional dinner on shore and soak up the atmosphere. In the morning, wander through the architectural heritage of Georgetown, with its spectacular Chinese temples and guildhalls. The city feels frozen in time, with the historical centre earning the status of UNESCO World Heritage site. The history is only the beginning - incredible street art and street food provide a feast for the senses.

### SABANG, WEH ISLAND, INDONESIA

This sleepy island city is known for its beauty and cleanliness. Ride a becak to see the Dutch colonial buildings, enjoy a cultural performance by the local children and visit the otherworldly bubbling pools of geothermal Jaboi Valley. Later, explore the dive sites at Seulako Island, where schools of fish flock around the coral walls in the clear water.

### BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA

Today, we explore Banda Aceh. This city was hit hard by the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004. Learn about the events of that day and visit the remarkable museum and memorial park. Tour the Grand Mosque and enjoy free time to explore, before a traditional meal and a display of the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Practice, the Saman Dance. Enjoy time to relax and explore before we commence our ocean crossing to Sri Lanka.

### SRI LANKA

On our visit to Sri Lanka, we may have the opportunity to discover the coastal villages, enjoy beachcombing on sprawling shorelines and interact with the local communities.

We may also have the opportunity to visit Yala National Park for a dusk safari experience where we will spot wild elephants and perhaps elusive leopards. Another opportunity here is exploring Galle and the surrounding countryside in the company of local guides. Visit the Temple and take in the aromas of one of Sri Lanka's iconic tea and cinnamon plantations. We will also enjoy a traditional Sri Lankan feast.

### KULHUDHUFFUSHI, MALDIVES

After time at sea, begin your exploration of the exquisite coral atolls that comprise the nation of the Maldives at Kulhudhuffushi. Enjoy water activities off the white sand beaches of a stunning atoll island. Snorkel over the coral gardens, stroll under the palm trees and meet the kind and courteous Maldivians.

### HANIFARU BAY & OLHUGIRI, MALDIVES

Thanburan Reef at Hanifaru Bay is famous for its marine life. This is a protected area and you will have the extraordinary experience of exploring the vibrant underwater world and spotting marine life. Later, visit Olhugiri for more activities and relaxing nature walks. This island is known for breeding red-billed tropic birds and nesting turtles.

### MAALHAVELI, MEEMU ATOLL, MALDIVES

Explore the uninhabited island of Maalhaveli. This atoll is a true paradise and geographic marvel. With incredible marine biodiversity, enjoy snorkelling and drift dives over vibrant reefs with the chance to spot manta rays or reef sharks.

### HITHADHOO, ADDU ATOLL, MALDIVES

Arrive in Hithadhoo in the afternoon and explore Addu National Park to spot birdlife, before time to explore the city, go shopping and enjoy Maldivian cuisine before we depart.

### PRASLIN, SEYCHELLES

After time at sea, arrive in the Seychelles at the island of Praslin. A drive the scenic coastal road through quaint fishing villages sets the scene, before you arrive at the UNESCO World Heritage Vallee de Mai Nature Reserves. Here, marvel at the forest of 6,000 Coco de Mer palms, with their enormous fan-shaped fronds and famously suggestive seeds. Later, Cote d'Or is perfect for a swim or walk.

### LA DIGUE & CURIEUSE, SEYCHELLES

Awake to the amazing view of La Digue. This is the most well-known island of Seychelles because of the spectacular rock formations and huge granite boulders. Our first stop is at L'Union estate, a former coconut and vanilla plantation, where we will gain insights into the colonial history of the island. Encounter giant tortoises, enjoy strolling around the grounds of the majestic plantation house and relax on 'the most beautiful beach in the world', Anse Source d'Argent.

In the afternoon, visit Curieuse Island. This island has a tragic history, having been home to a leper colony and still bearing the marks of a 1771 fire. Now giant tortoises roam free and Seychelles black parrot can be spotted amongst the Coco de Mer palms.

### ARIDE, SEYCHELLES

Aride is home to some of the most important seabird populations in the Indian Ocean. With the world's largest colonies of Lesser Noddy and Tropical Shearwater, along with 18 other species, the island provides wonderful birdwatching opportunities. Enjoy nature walks, looking out for Sooty Terns, Red-tailed Tropicbird, Frigatebirds, Brown Noddy and Wedge-tailed Shearwater. This stop is subject to weather conditions.

### DAY 26: ARRIVE MAHE, SEYCHELLES

This morning, we arrive at Mahé to disembark at 8:00am.

# THE SEYCHELLES, MADAGASCAR & RÉUNION

SEYCHELLES > MADAGASCAR > RÉUNION > MAURITIUS

15 NIGHTS | 3 FEBRUARY 2023



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## Expedition Highlights

- > Spend two days at the remote Aldabra Atoll, the world's second-largest atoll, home to thousands of giant tortoises
- > Dive and snorkel on some of the Seychelles' most remote and beautiful reefs off the Alphonse Islands
- > Have the chance to see the iconic lemurs of Madagascar in habitats at Nosy Mangabe and Masoala National Park
- > Enter a bird watcher's paradise at Poivre and the Farquhar Group, with multitudes of species to spot
- > Explore towns and plantations in Madagascar to soak in the history, diverse cultures and aromas of vanilla, pepper, coffee and ylang-ylang
- > Learn of the pirate history of Île Sainte-Marie
- > Marvel at Réunion's dramatic volcanic scenery and taste delicious creole cuisine
- > Witness the diversity of cultures throughout your voyage and get close to the local people and lifestyle



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## ITINERARY: 15 NIGHTS > SEYCHELLES TO MAURITIUS

### DAY 1: DEPART MAHÉ, SEYCHELLES

Board in Mahé, Seychelles at 2:00pm for a 4:00pm departure.

### DAYS 2-15:

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### AT SEA

This itinerary includes a total of 2 days at sea to reach these destinations. During sea days, relax or join our Expedition Team for a program of interactive workshops and presentations.

### POIVRE, SEYCHELLES

Poivre is a small island atoll home to a handful of caretakers and conservationists. Poivre Island has a grandiose history, which is seen in ruined buildings standing amongst modern homes. Once used for farming vanilla, maize and livestock, the island is an important breeding area for turtles and numerous birds. Enjoy a day of snorkelling in the beautiful lagoon or spend time birdwatching on the peaceful island.

### ALPHONSE ISLANDS, SEYCHELLES

Today, we will anchor off the island of Alphonse, St. François and Bijoutier, which boast miles of spectacular lagoons brimming with marine life and brilliant coral. They are considered to be some of the most spectacular islands in the Seychelles. Here, snorkel in the crystal-clear water.

### FARQUHAR GROUP, SEYCHELLES

An Important Bird Area, the Farquhar Group provides incredible bird-watching. Green sea turtles and Hawksbill Turtles nest around the edges of the lagoon and snorkelling or nature walks are the order of the day, should conditions allow.

### ALDABRA GROUP, SEYCHELLES

The second-largest coral atoll in the world, Aldabra Atoll is UNESCO World Heritage protected and due to its isolation, has remained untouched by humans. It is home to an estimated 152,000 giant tortoises and abounds with other marine and bird life. With two days in the Aldabra Group, we have flexibility in our exploration, spending our time walking in nature, spotting wildlife, snorkelling or relaxing on one of the many beaches.

### ASSUMPTION ISLAND, SEYCHELLES

This morning, we arrive at Assumption Island, in the Outer Islands. This single coral island has a history of plantations and mining, leaving exposed rock and caves, with low growing vegetation. The 5km long white beach is a lovely base for snorkelling and scuba diving.



### **Dawn Singleton** **Expedition Leader**

With over 24 years at sea, Dawn is a seasoned Scuba Instructor with a passion for the marine environment. Earning her stripes driving vessels, Dawn has been fortunate to circumnavigate the world almost twice, visiting and leading expeditions in many different countries and remote areas. She has a passion for photography, biology and the natural world.

### NOSY BE, MADAGASCAR

Nosy Be means Big Island in Malagasy. This is one of the primary locations in Madagascar for travellers, but still sleepy enough to intrigue.

Our excursion of Nosy Be begins at the Ylang Ylang distillery. Continue on to a private park, home to lemurs, chameleons and tortoises. End your exploration at Mount Passot, for splendid views over volcanic lakes and islands.

### ANTSIRANANA, MADAGASCAR

Antsiranana, the largest city in northern Madagascar, is a gateway to the wonders of this region. Your day includes a choice of expeditions.

Tour Montagne d'Ambre National Park, one of the most biodiverse places in Madagascar. This is one of the best places to observe chameleons.

Tour the city of Antsiranana, gaining an insight into the fascinating history, colonial impacts and local cultures. Shop in the Rue Colbert or visit Ramena Beach.

The final option, for those who are physically fit, is an overland journey to Ankarana, known for incredible Tsingy formations. Visit historic caves used by the Sakalava people in the 1800s.

### NOSY MANGABE & MASOALA N.P.

Nosy Mangabe is a 520-hectare island reserve and one of the most diverse areas of virgin rain forest in Madagascar. Embark on nature walks to spot wildlife. For the birders, look for Madagascar buzzard, kingfisher and paradise flycatchers. At Masoala, have the chance to spot red-ruffed lemur, red-fronted brown lemur and ring-tailed mongoose, as well as a multitude of extraordinary chameleons. The walks and hikes are suitable for all fitness levels. Later, we may swim at the beach or visit the village.

### NOSY BORAHA (ÎLE SAINTE-MARIE)

This island off the east coast of Madagascar has lush vegetation interspersed with many small villages. The bays and coves are protected by coral reefs and we will learn the fascinating history of the pirates who took refuge here. Walk the botanical trail to the church, before visiting the colourful market, with time to purchase handicrafts and marvel at the entire sperm whale skeleton on display. Later, stop at a beautiful island beach for swimming.

### SAINT-DENIS, RÉUNION

This afternoon, enjoy time exploring the city, or take an optional helicopter tour (additional cost) to take in more of the magnificent geography of the island. Known for its dramatic landscapes, Réunion was formed by a massive submerged volcano. The following day, we will visit the huge volcanic amphitheatres known as cirques, where mountains tower overhead, and waterfalls plummet hundreds of feet. Be surrounded by plantations of spices, vanilla and fruits. Take in the extraordinary views over Nez des Boeufs and Piton de la Fournaise. We will enjoy a delicious Creole lunch before enjoying free time in the afternoon.

### DAY 16: PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS

Arrive in Port Louis, Mauritius, to disembark at 9:30am.

# AFRICA'S FRONTIER ISLANDS

MAURITIUS > RÉUNION > MADAGASCAR > MOZAMBIQUE > ZANZIBAR

17 NIGHTS | 19 FEBRUARY 2023



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## Expedition Highlights

- > Walk the streets of fabled Zanzibar, and discover the palm-fringed beaches, bazaars, dhow-crowded harbour and elaborately carved doors of Stone Town
- > Explore the majestic highlands of Réunion, with views from Nez des Boeuf of vast volcanic cirques
- > Discover Madagascar's extraordinary National Parks and spot prolific birdlife, lemurs and other wildlife
- > Meet the semi-nomadic Vezo people at Andavadoaka and Bel Sur Mer, who make their living from the sea
- > Encounter wildlife on forest walks at Kirindy Reserve, the best place to spot lemurs and the elusive fossa
- > Walk down the impressive Avenue of the Baobabs, lined with the towering bottle-shaped trees
- > Visit the Southern Hemisphere's oldest building, the Chapel of Nossa Senhora de Baluarte, and wander the historic streets of the Island of Mozambique
- > Explore the ruins of the medieval sultanate of Kilwa Kisiwani, a 14th century city of grand proportions



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## ITINERARY: 17 NIGHTS > PORT LOUIS TO ZANZIBAR

### DAY 1: DEPART PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS

Board at Port Louis Terminal at 3:00pm for a 4:00pm departure.

### DAYS 2-17:

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### AT SEA

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### ST. DENIS, RÉUNION

A choice of excursions at magnificent Réunion are available – either a full day tour or a half day morning tour. The full day tour takes in the central highlands where rugged peaks of dormant or extinct volcanoes and mountains rising over 3,000m dominate the landscape. The air is scented with vanilla and plunging waterfalls tumble into vast cirques. Take in spectacular views from Nez des Boeuf of the Piton de la Fournaise crater before lunch at a creole restaurant and a visit to Cite du Volcan museum. Learn about the important part that vanilla plays in Reunion's cultural heritage at Saint André vanilla plantation then explore Saint Denis. An optional helicopter tour (additional cost) is available to take in more of the magnificent geography of the island.

### TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR

During our two days at Toliara, guests will enjoy the following;

**Miary banyan tree and Miary market:** The sacred banyan tree has an intriguing legend involving sacrifice to save the village from an impending flood. Learn of the history and what the sacred tree represents. A visit to the local market offers organically grown products and we may witness a traditional folkdance.

**Antsokay Arboretum and Artisan Markets:** Opened in 1980 by the Swiss Botanist, Hermann Petignat, the Arboretum site is located 12km southeast of the city's centre. The mission of the Arboretum is to conserve, maintain and increase botanical research and collection of plants in southwestern Madagascar and promote public awareness through environmental education.

**Orphanage Nathanael:** Visit the orphanage, overseen by a French Association, home to 99 children between the ages of 6 and 17. See the children's vegetable garden, tour the dormitories, kitchen, classrooms and library.

**Honko Conservation & Reniala Forest:** Winning a gold award for best wildlife conservation at the 2015 Responsible Tourism Awards, the Honko Conversation initiative began in response to a threat to the mangrove forests recognised in 2007. At Reniala (meaning baobab in Malagasy) explore a unique habitat home to more than 2,000 plant species, 95% of which are endemic to the area.

### ANDAVADOAKA & NOSY HAO, MADAGASCAR

The small fishing village of Andavadoaka sits on the edge of a tranquil lagoon protected by vibrant coral reefs and is home to semi-nomadic Vezo people who rely upon the ocean for their livelihood. We will learn about community projects promoting sustainable marine management before enjoying an afternoon of beach activities, swimming and snorkelling at Nosy Hao.

### BELO SUR MER, MADAGASCAR

At the village of Belo Sur Mer, we again enjoy the company of the Vezo people. The village sits on the shores of a turquoise lagoon with inviting white-sand beaches shaded by palm trees. This region of Madagascar is well-known for the traditional timber fishing boats, known as pirogues, which are built on the beach. When a vessel is launched, there is a festival-like atmosphere and we may be lucky enough to witness such an occasion.

### MORONDAVA, MADAGASCAR

In a country scarred by deforestation, Kirindy Reserve is a wildlife habitat for threatened species and is protected and managed through selective and sustainable logging. Covering around 125sq km, Kirindy's dry deciduous forests provide a haven for the endemic fossa, a cat-like mammal the size of a small greyhound, as well as lemurs, birds and reptiles including chameleons. In the afternoon, visit the famed Avenue of the Baobabs, known as the 'most beautiful road in Madagascar'. A local conservation campaign aiming to protect the Avenue as Madagascar's first natural monument in an often-treeless landscape.

### MAHAJANGA, MADAGASCAR

On arrival at Mahajanga, travel to Cirque Rouge. Cirque Rouge is a multi-colored circular rock formation that recalls red American canyons, with hills carved by large gullies. Erosion has revealed a wide range of colours in the sandstone surface, from white, pink, orange to ochre shades. Local people collect the colourful sand to create souvenirs, such as drawing images in bottles.

### MOZAMBIQUE ISLAND, MOZAMBIQUE

The fortified island of Mozambique and former Portuguese trading post is a UNESCO World Heritage site, significant for its remarkable 16<sup>th</sup> century architectural features. Connected to the mainland by a 3.4km long bridge straddling the Indian Ocean, the island has two distinct types of dwellings: the stone and lime town of Swahili, Arab and European influence in the north and traditional African *macuti* town - city of roofed palm leaves - in the south. Enjoy walking tours to discover the island's diverse cultures and charming communities, as well as the Chapel of Nossa Senhora de Baluarte, the oldest European building in the Southern Hemisphere.

### KILWA KISIWANI, TANZANIA

The UNESCO World Heritage Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani, once a medieval sultanate and occupied from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, was described as one of the most beautiful cities of the world in its heyday. Wander around the magnificent ruins of Malindi Mosque, Fort Gereza, a former prison built atop the ruins of a Portuguese fort and the tombs of the Sultans. Husuni Kubwa, a Sultan's palace of grand proportions down to its octagonal swimming pool, was similar to those found in Syria, Turkey and the Persian Gulf.

On our final evening onboard *Coral Geographer*, reminisce about your voyage with new friends at the Captain's Farewell Drinks.

### DAY 18: ARRIVE ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA

Arrive in Zanzibar at 8:30am to disembark at 9:30am. Spend time in the historic spice-trading town and enjoy a post-cruise exploration through the fascinating streets of Stone Town and its dhow-crowded harbour.



**Greg Watson**  
Guest Lecturer

Greg's whole working life has been one of interaction with the natural world. His speciality is naturalism, and his passion for creatures weird and wonderful is incredibly engaging. Greg will share his knowledge gained from months of adventuring through peculiar and mega-diverse Madagascar. Greg is skilled at sharing large-scale ecological and biogeographical concepts in easy-to-understand presentations.

# PASSAGES AT SEA: ACROSS THE INDIAN OCEAN

ZANZIBAR > FREMANTLE

19 NIGHTS | 8 MARCH 2023

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## Expedition Highlights

- > Board your voyage in Zanzibar with its rich spice route trading heritage and enjoy pre-cruise exploration through the fascinating streets of Stone Town and its dhow-crowded harbour
- > Learn the craft of Navigation, plotting your route across the Indian Ocean with hands-on lessons
- > Enjoy true freedom and space on an epic passage across one of the world's great oceans
- > Spot marine life throughout your voyage
- > Spend time stargazing and enjoy evening sessions gaining insights into astronomy from our expert Expedition Team
- > Experience the deep tranquility and satisfaction of time at sea to yourself and enjoy wellness activities such as yoga and meditation

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## ITINERARY: 19 NIGHTS > ZANZIBAR TO FREMANTLE

### DAY 1: DEPART ZANZIBAR

Board in Zanzibar, Tanzania, at 5:00pm for a 7:00pm departure.

### DAYS 2-19: AT SEA

Spend 18 carefree days at leisure as we cross the Indian Ocean from west to east. As dusk falls each day, join your fellow travellers, the captain and crew for evening drinks and enjoy the delicious simplicity of our cuisine, inspired by the region we depart from and using fresh regional produce. Experience the warm company of our renowned Australian hospitality team and take time to socialise with fellow passengers, catch up on book reading or writing or simply relax as the Indian Ocean slips by. This is the ultimate retreat – a detox from modern life with time to relax. You might even find the time to finish a project you've been working on or write your first book.

You will share the waves with migratory seabirds and marine life along the way. Guest presenters, storytellers and an extensive onboard program with hands-on practical lessons will be on offer throughout the voyage. This includes a program on traditional and modern Navigation.

Over the first days of the voyage, guests will receive an introduction on the basic theory of navigation and instruction chart plotting, reading a compass and log, and taking astronomical sights. With the assistance of the professional navigators aboard, complex calculations are minimised, so that all participants can fully take part. Participants will regularly read the magnetic compass and the traditional towed log that will be streamed over the stern and record these readings in the logbook. Using these figures, a dead-reckoning position will be plotted on the plotting ship and corrected, when possible, by sun observations using the sextant and chronometer. A daily noon position will then be transferred to the Indian Ocean chart to track our progress. At the end of the voyage, you will have a unique record of your ocean crossing, recorded on the chart and in the logbook and a set of instruments to take home.

You can also choose to attend daily yoga and meditation classes and find peace and stillness as the waves slip by. Choose from vigorous sunrise sessions on the vista deck, weather permitting, or slow afternoon sessions in the lounge to reset your internal compass. Our onboard instructor will guide you through, so these sessions will be suitable for all experience levels. Our onboard gym is also available for those who prefer to run or use weights.

Our guest lecturer will also hold evening star-gazing sessions as he shares insights on astronomy and how the stars were an important guide for navigators around the world in times past. Enjoy a glass of champagne while taking in the spectacular night sky, far away from any light pollution. This is sure to be a highlight of your voyage.

### DAY 20: ARRIVE FREMANTLE

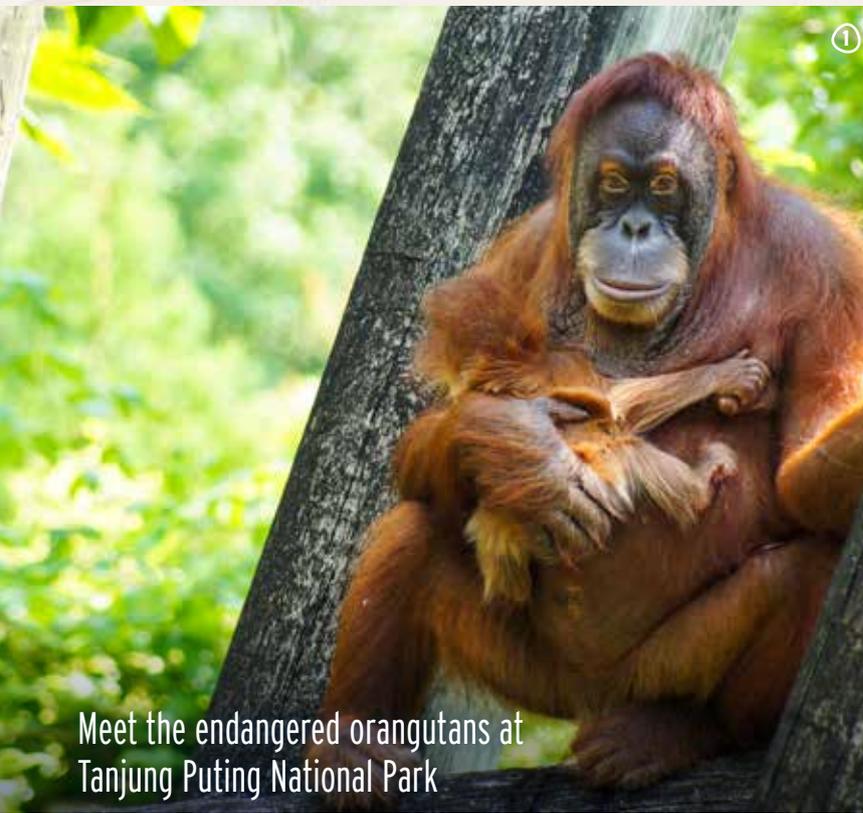
Arrive in Fremantle to disembark at 9:00am.



### A TRUE EXPEDITION

In times past, an Indian Ocean crossing was a sailor's rite of passage, a truly daunting task on a wooden sailing vessel. Now you can create your own legends on the new expedition ship *Coral Geographer* as she sails east in a southern arc from the island of Zanzibar off the African coast and arrives on Australian shores for the first time at Fremantle. The 19-night ocean passage allows you to settle into the rhythm of life at sea.

This epic Indian Ocean crossing offers a rare opportunity to navigate one of the world's great oceans in the wake of famed explorers like Dirk Hartog and Willem de Vlamingh. An extensive onboard program is offered, including Celestial Navigation lessons and an accompanying souvenir chart. Guest presenters and storytellers will be your diversions as you share the waves with migratory seabirds and marine life. If you relish the adventure of an extended ocean crossing, join us onboard *Coral Geographer* for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



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Meet the endangered orangutans at Tanjung Puting National Park



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Learn to make traditional Sri Lankan curry



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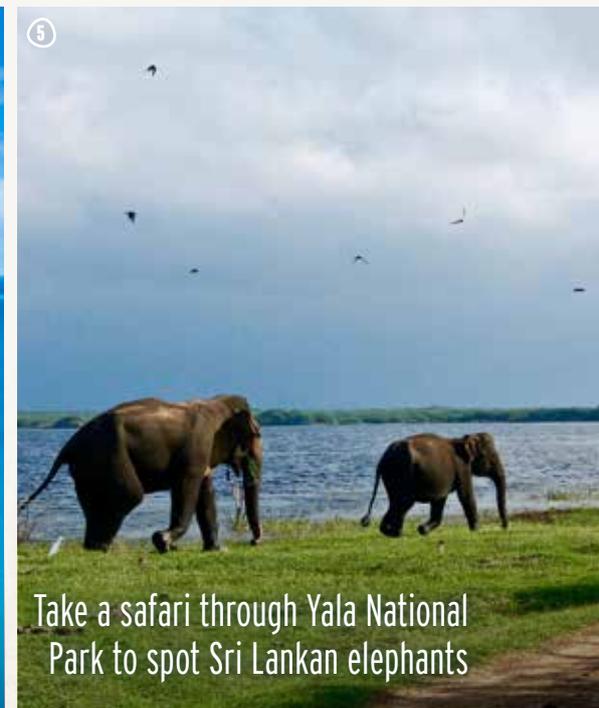
Visit a Sri Lankan tea plantation



Explore the atolls of the Maldives, with opportunities to discover the marine wildlife, and meet the local people

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS VOYAGE SERIES



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Take a safari through Yala National Park to spot Sri Lankan elephants

Our Australian team of Expedition Leaders and regular Guest Lecturers have a wealth of knowledge of the unique landscapes, flora and fauna and cultures of the Indian Ocean islands and Indonesia. Passionate explorers, marine biologists and naturalists, they provide on board lectures and interpretation and are always keen to chat with you and share their expertise. They will ensure your experience is as enlightening and enjoyable as possible by bringing you a new understanding and appreciation of the places you will discover on your expedition.

Sail from Australia on our brand-new expedition ship *Coral Geographer* all the way to the edge of Africa on our highly anticipated expeditions to the Small Islands of the Indian Ocean. This voyage series departs from Broome and visits 14 countries, before returning to Australian shores with a rare crossing of the Indian Ocean - the sailor's rite of passage. Along the way, experience the best that these diverse and far-flung lands have to offer. Wildlife encounters abound, from orangutans in their natural Bornean habitat to the Indian elephant in Sri Lanka, the vibrant marine life of the Maldives and the Aldabra giant tortoise and numerous lemurs of Madagascar. We visit a diversity of cultures that will amaze you as you enjoy traditional cuisines, meet the local people and visit colourful marketplaces from Asia to Africa, guided by our expert expedition team.

Find freedom as you explore the furthest reaches.



Spot some of the over 100 lemur species while exploring Madagascar's National Parks



Discover incredible underwater life in the Seychelles



Visit the *bazary be* in Hellville, Nosy Be, to discover Malagasy culture



Stroll along Seychellois beaches with the giant Aldabra tortoises



Explore Réunion's vanilla plantations and monumental volcanic cirques



Discover the fascinating stories of Mozambique Island & Zanzibar

## Snorkelling & Scuba

The opportunity to snorkel and scuba dive over spectacular coral gardens and come face to face with brightly coloured tropical fish is a highlight of our Indian Ocean expeditions.

Beginners can join guided snorkelling tours or introductory and resort-style dives, while more experienced divers are able to participate in challenging dives (scuba diving at additional cost). Our Dive Instructor accompanies you every step of the way. Snorkelling equipment will be assigned to each guest at the commencement of the cruise, and the onboard introductory scuba skills session is complimentary.

Scuba diving requires medical clearance and a medical certificate.

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## CUISINE & WINE

On board you will discover a personal and relaxed atmosphere befitting our Australian heritage. We do not have formal nights, organised entertainment or designated seating. Instead, you will enjoy a convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers, with our experienced and friendly crew always at hand.

Enjoy freshly prepared meals from the open galley featuring local ingredients from the regions we visit. Relax in the spacious and open atmosphere of our indoor and outdoor bars and dining areas. Enjoy craft beers, artisanal spirits and wines sourced from the Australia and New Zealand's finest terroirs at the end of a long day ashore.

## WINE SELECTIONS

We offer two wine packages, which guests may purchase in addition to our house selection, that feature hand-selected Australian and New Zealand wines and French champagne.

- > A Taste of Australia Selection: with seven bottles featuring one Australian sparkling, two whites, three reds and a rosé
- > Connoisseur Selection: with six bottles featuring two whites, three reds and French Champagne

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## INCLUSIONS

- > Daily excursions and sightseeing (Réunion helicopter flight at additional cost)
- > Snorkelling & equipment (Scuba diving at additional cost)
- > Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- > Daily lectures and briefings
- > All meals, chef-prepared on board
- > Selected wines, beers, and spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner service
- > Coffee and selection of teas
- > All entrance fees to National Parks and Ports
- > Tips and gratuities

**IMAGES** 1 Canapes in the Bridge Deck Lounge | 2 Chefs at work | 3 Dinner service | 4 Sunset drinks | 5 Touring the bridge | 6 Dining room | 7 Reef with Xplorer | 8 Sparkling wine after exploring | 9 Boarding Xplorer from a beautiful beach

## Australian Hospitality at Sea

On board our Australian-flagged expedition ships, discover a personalised, relaxed style of cruising. With a maximum of 120 guests, there is no need for queues or assigned seating. Instead, an intimate, convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded travellers makes you feel at home.

Our Australian and New Zealand crew share their passion for our destinations and the explorer's life. Join our engine room tours, watch our chefs at work in the open galley, and chat with our Captain or officers on the bridge - they will be delighted to have your company.

Our chefs, inspired by destination flavours, prepare cuisine from fresh regional produce. Our wine cellars hold a curated selection of wines and unique beers from Australia and New Zealand.

Our guests love to mingle over drinks as the sun sets, enjoy daily educational presentations by our lecturers, participate in stargazing sessions after dark, or simply find a quiet corner on deck and enjoy the solitude.

## The Expedition Experience

We explore remote locations that are hard to reach or not often touched by tourists, with shore excursions providing environmental and cultural appreciation. Our small group sizes ensure your experience is personal, with minimal impact on the communities and environments we visit.

Enjoy excursions or activities each day, guided by expert Expedition Leaders and Lecturers who provide commentary on culture, history, and the region's unique geology, plants and wildlife to help you connect with these special places.



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## SailSAFE

Our Health & Safety Plan for guests & crew

### Our SailSAFE Plan

It is always our priority to keep our guests and crew safe while travelling with us. We have put in place a range of tested and proven protocols to manage our expeditions in a world in which COVID-19 exists. We have partnered with Respond Global, a specialist medical advisory agency, to develop this system that is among the most thorough in the world.

Our key focus is on preventative measures where our protocol includes mandatory vaccination and COVID-19 testing for all guests and crew prior to boarding. Once on board we have adopted a wide range of mitigation actions and a response plan that is approved by authorities in the regions in which we operate. Our plan is supported by Standard Operation Procedures, developed for each vessel requirements specific to the cruise destination.

We have maintained a high standard of safety and guest comfort for almost four decades - a record we are proud of.

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# DEPARTURES & FARES

From Australia

## TO SOUTH SULAWESI & BORNEO FOR CHRISTMAS

17 Nights - Departs Broome aboard Coral Geographer

[VISIT >](#)

Date	Departs			
13 December 2022	Broome			
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	27,900	19,900	16,900	14,900
Sole Use	n/a	29,850	25,350	22,350

Feature Voyages

## ISLAND TRADITIONS TO THE EDGE OF AFRICA

25 Nights - Departs Singapore aboard Coral Geographer

[VISIT >](#)

Date	Departs			
08 January 2023	Singapore			
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	46,190	35,190	27,490	24,190
Sole Use	n/a	52,785	41,235	36,285

## THE SEYCHELLES, MADAGASCAR & RÉUNION

15 Nights - Departs Mahé aboard Coral Geographer

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Date	Departs			
03 February 2023	Mahé, Seychelles			
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	28,590	21,690	17,320	14,720
Sole Use	n/a	32,535	25,980	22,080

## AFRICA'S FRONTIER ISLANDS

17 Nights - Departs Port Louis aboard Coral Geographer

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Date	Departs			
19 February 2023	Port Louis, Mauritius			
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	30,690	21,890	18,590	16,390
Sole Use	n/a	32,835	27,885	24,585

To Australia

## PASSAGES AT SEA: INDIAN OCEAN CROSSING

19 Nights - Departs Zanzibar aboard Coral Geographer

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Date	Departs			
08 March 2023	Zanzibar			
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	20,550	12,350	11,250	9,550
Sole Use	n/a	18,525	16,875	14,325

Prices are per person and listed in Australian Dollars (AUD).

Refer to website pricing at time of booking as pricing may be subject to change.

\*Limited sole use occupancy available.



### REFLECTIONS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

"My own earlier career as a globe-girdling yacht navigator began in Galle Harbour when, as a young man, I hitched my first ride on an American cruising trimaran heading west to Africa. That voyage began as we sailed out past the old fort guarding Galle Harbour's entrance with Arab, Portuguese, Dutch and English heritage.

This began my ongoing fascination with the Indian Ocean that would unfold as I sailed via Madagascar to east Africa, visiting the Maldives, the Seychelles and so many of the places on Coral Expeditions' upcoming itineraries.

It was on this ocean that I first encountered the timeless rhythms of the monsoon winds that had propelled sailors and traders for millennia. These were my first lessons in seamanship, while also learning the old skills of navigating by sextant and the sun, moon and stars. This was an essential area of study for sailors back in the day, circa mid-1970s, before global positioning satellites were commonplace.

What a difference it will be arriving on a luxurious Coral Expeditions ship to the Maldives, out in the remote Indian Ocean south-west of India, just as geographically isolated now as they were then."

JEFFREY MELLEFONT, GUEST LECTURER | 25 JANUARY 2022

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### ADJOINING VOYAGES

This epic expedition has 5 unique voyage sectors. Join us on multiple sectors and you will enjoy the benefits our Xplorers Club along with a further 10% adjoining cruise saving. To take advantage of this opportunity, ask our Reservations Team for more information.

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# CORAL GEOGRAPHER

*Coral Geographer* is the sister ship of *Coral Adventurer*. Launched in March 2021 and purpose-built to take you closer to unspoilt vistas in comfort, style and safety, *Coral Geographer* accommodates 120 guests in 60 spacious staterooms, and all Explorer Deck and Bridge Deck staterooms and suites offer private balconies.

With over 1000 sq m of open deck space including a wrap-around promenade deck with panoramic views, *Coral Geographer* features spacious and vibrant living spaces inspired by the company's Australian ethos and the wide-open spaces the ship visits. Multiple indoor and outdoor bars, including our Xplorer bar on the sundeck, a well-equipped gym, and a passenger elevator creates an environment designed for guest comfort.

*Coral Geographer* is purpose-built for comfortable ocean voyages and for exploring remote areas inaccessible to larger cruise ships. The ship's lightweight dual Xplorer expedition tenders extend the capabilities of the ship by allowing deeper exploration on shore excursions and an easy, step-on embarkation from the ship's main deck. *Coral Geographer* also features advanced technologies and environmentally-responsible design, including anchor-free technology and efficient water and waste recycling systems.

As an Australian flagged and crewed vessel, you can expect the highest standard of service, environmental responsibility and the intimate and personal experience of small-ship cruising on *Coral Geographer*.

## Features

- 2 Xplorer tenders, 6 Zodiacs
- Navigator Lounge in Bridge
- Single seat dining with wine table
- Three cocktail bars
- Well-equipped gym
- Passenger elevator
- Anchor-free technology

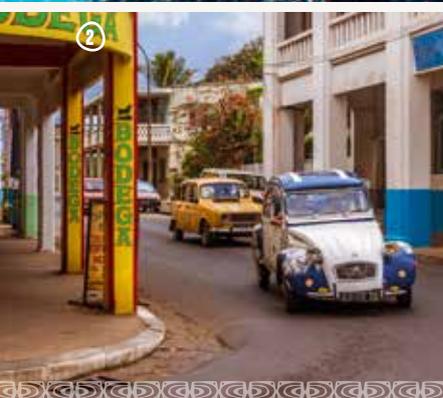
## Stateroom Categories

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites	• 37.5sqm • Private Balcony
Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms	• 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
Promenade Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Picture Window
Coral Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Porthole Window

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**IMAGES** 1 Explorer Deck Stateroom | 2 Bridge Deck Suite Bathroom  
3 Bridge Deck lounge | 4 Gym | 5 Suite balcony, *Coral Geographer* | 6 Peaceful relaxation on the deck.





IMAGES 1 Hawksbill turtle, Maldives, credit Mohamed Ahzam | 2 Street scene, Antsirananana, Madagascar | 3 Leong San Tong Khoo Kongsi, Georgetown | 4 School of fish

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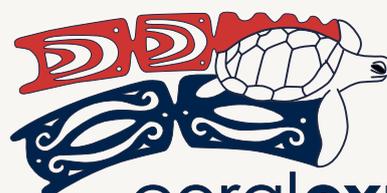
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