



2023 & 2024 VOYAGES

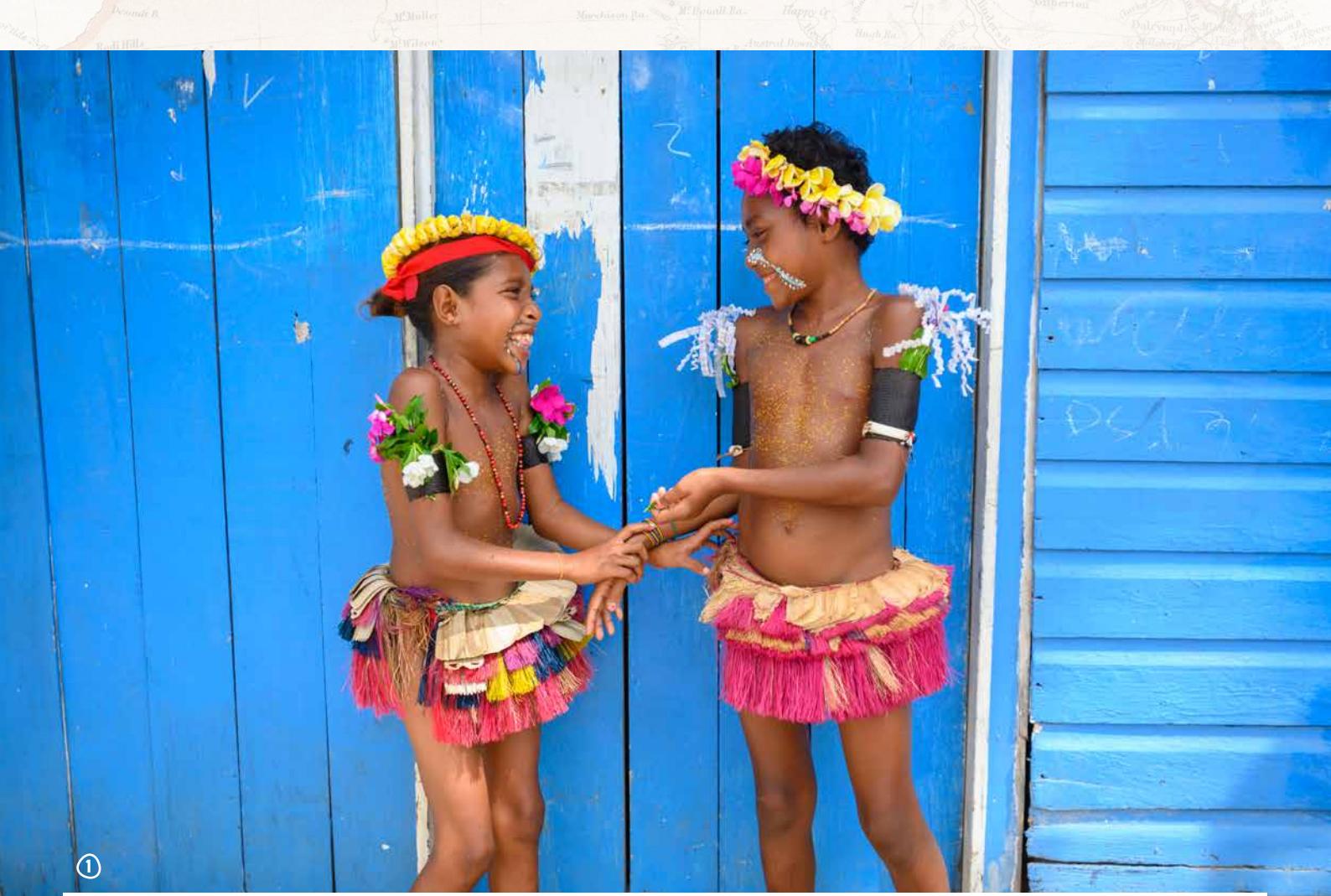
NEW GUINEA & MICRONESIA

- > West Papua, Raja Ampat & Micronesia - 16 Nights - Darwin to Guam
- > Through the Islands & Atolls of Micronesia - 25 Nights - Manila to Kavieng
- > Forgotten Islands of Papua New Guinea - 12 Nights - Kavieng to Cairns
- > Frontier Lands of Papua New Guinea - 12 Nights - Cairns & Madang
- > New Guinea Circumnavigation - 35 Nights - Cairns to Darwin

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NEW GUINEA & MICRONESIA FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

Our long history of operating in New Guinea and Micronesia allows us to showcase thriving marine ecosystems and rare bird species in some of the most isolated environs on the planet.

Discover rich tribal cultures, intriguing ancestral traditions and warm local welcomes. Gain admiration for the intricate craftwork and artefacts that celebrate and preserve local cultures.

You will be accompanied by our expert guides who will offer interpretation and share knowledge along the way.

Voyage Series

- › **West Papua, Raja Ampat & Micronesia**
16 Nights | Departs Darwin 22 Aug 2023
- › **Through the Islands & Atolls of Micronesia**
25 Nights | Departs Manila 9 Nov 2023
- › **Forgotten Islands of Papua New Guinea**
12 Nights | Departs Kavieng 4 Dec 2023
- › **Frontier Lands of Papua New Guinea**
12 Nights | Departs Cairns & Madang 17 & 29 Dec 2023
- › **New Guinea Circumnavigation**
35 Nights | Departs Cairns 11 Jan 2024

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 your experience. These itineraries are indicative - some variation may occur due to weather conditions, safety or local community requirements.

We recommend that you arrive to the embarkation port on the day prior to departure and schedule your own travel arrangements for the following disembarkation due to unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

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.

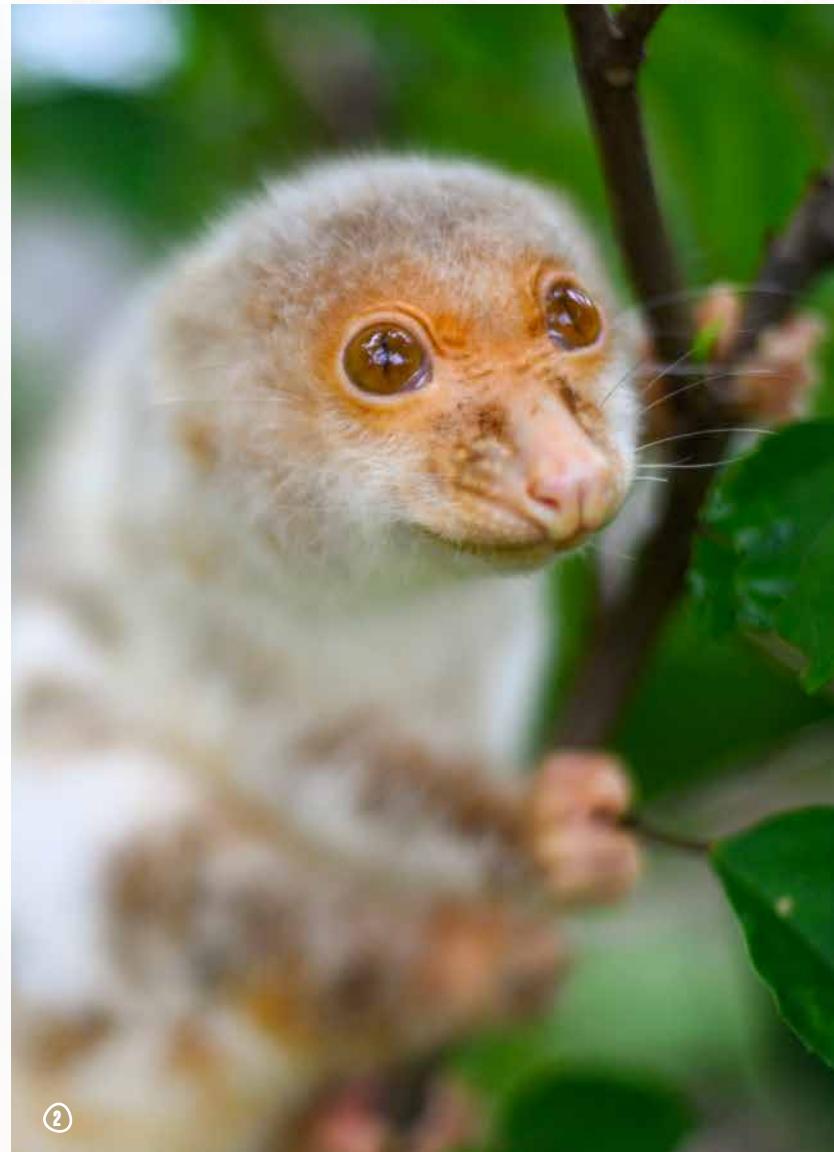
Our chefs, inspired by destination flavours, prepare cuisine from fresh regional produce. Our wine cellars hold a curated selection of Australian wines and unique beers.

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.

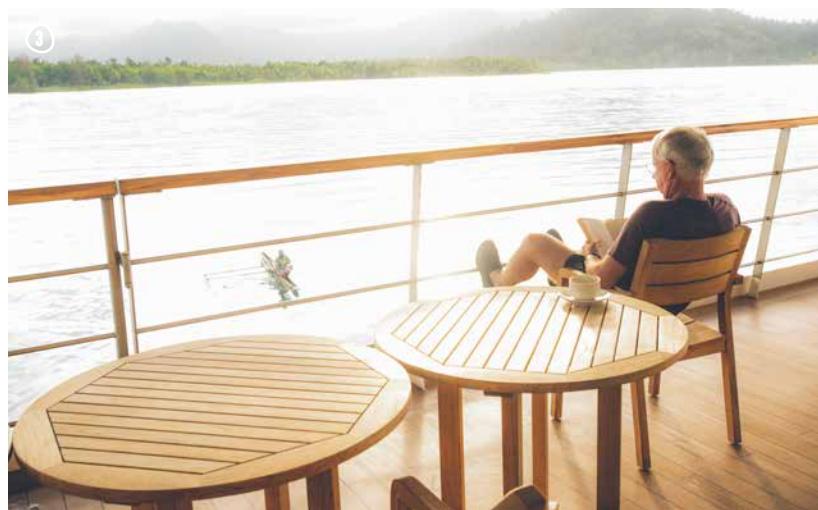
The Expedition Experience

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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It is always our priority to keep our guests and crew safe while travelling with us. In the environment of COVID-19 we want our guests and crew to have confidence that their safety and wellbeing have been thoroughly considered.

We have put in place a range of tested and proven protocols to manage our expeditions in a world in which COVID-19 exists.

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 onboard 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 Operating Procedures, developed for each vessel requirements specific to the cruise destination.

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

As one of the first cruise lines to return to operations globally in October 2020, we have been safely operating voyages under SailSAFE and accumulated significant expertise in operating in this environment. We trust this SailSAFE Plan offers you peace of mind as you plan your explorations of Australia's coastline, and the world, with Coral Expeditions.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming you onboard.

WEST PAPUA, RAJA AMPAT & MICRONESIA

DARWIN TO GUAM

16 NIGHTS | DEPARTS 22 AUGUST 2023



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Expedition Highlights

- Enjoy the ancient warrior tradition welcome of the kora kora canoes in Banda Neira
- At Kitikiti Waterfalls, Mommon Peninsula, cruise the pristine landscape by Xplorer in search of hidden lagoons and exotic birds such as hornbills and birds of paradise
- Discover the limestone karst islands of Raja Ampat and hike to the summit of Pindito Peak
- Snorkel and dive the coral reefs, lava flows and WWII wrecks of the Coral Triangle including Ulithi Atoll, Sonsorol, Banda Neira and the marine playground of Raja Ampat
- Join in traditional dance and singing performance and experience ancient Austronesian and Micronesian traditions passed down through history
- Learn about Yap's time-honoured customs and culture and visit the isolated islet of Ulithi home to sea turtles, coconut crabs and sea birds
- Meet the people of Sonsorol Island who are linguistically and culturally different from their Caroline Islands neighbours
- Discover the breathtaking landscape of Palau and swim with harmless golden jellyfish in Jellyfish Lake

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ITINERARY: 16 NIGHTS > DARWIN TO GUAM

DAY 1: DEPART DARWIN

Board the *Coral Adventurer* at Darwin's Fort Hill Wharf at 8:00am. Settle into your cabin and relax as we set sail across the Arafura Sea. This evening, join the Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow guests as the sun sets.

DAYS 2-16:

These are expedition itineraries covering remote regions. Your Captain and Expedition Team may make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise guest experience. Below are the highlight destinations of your voyage.

BANDA NEIRA

In The Banda archipelago is the historic heart of the spice trade and was once the world's only source of nutmeg until the mid-19th century as Portuguese, Dutch and English fought for control over the spice trade.

As we approach and enter the Zonnegat channel, witness a thrilling spectacle as Moluccan rowers in traditional kora kora canoes greet the ship and escort you into the harbour. Go ashore to be welcomed by the nutmeg dance of the local school students, before touring the historic township. Spend time snorkelling and diving over the nearby lava flow reef system and trying local foods along on the waterfront. Explore Fort Belgica, built by the first Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) in 1611. Join the locals for a traditional dance and music performance before enjoying a glass of champagne as the sun sets over the fort.

KITIKITI WATERFALLS, MOMMON PENINSULA

This afternoon, visit the mesmerising Kitikiti Waterfall, which flows out of the lush jungle and falls directly into the ocean. Enjoy the chance to swim under this truly memorable waterfall, feeling the chilled fresh water meeting the warm ocean water and explore the surrounding crystal clear lagoons by snorkelling or kayaking. Delve deeper into this pristine landscape by Xplorer cruise in search of hidden lagoons or on a Rainforest Walk and spot exotic birds such as hornbills and birds of paradise along the way.

MISOOL, RAJA AMPAT

Today, we arrive at Misool, one of the four largest islands of Raja Ampat. Here we visit Balbulol Lagoon, an almost landlocked inlet populated with conical-shaped islets undercut at sea level that rise from turquoise waters like Christmas Trees. There is time to swim and kayak amongst the islands in this beautiful lagoon, as well as exploring the island by Xplorer and beachcombing. Embarking on a hike here will lead to a higher viewpoint to experience the amazing rock island formations. We will also enjoy a traditional Sasi Laut ceremony, a traditional custom of Raja Ampat communities to preserve the ecosystem and effectively protect marine species by limiting fishing during a designated period.

WAYAG, RAJA AMPAT

More Raja Ampat treasures await today as we explore the scattered karst 'beehives' of the Wayag Islands. This natural treasure is nature at its most vibrant both above and below the water, with emerald karst islands rising from the brilliant turquoise water. Explore the magnificent waterways and lagoons by Xplorer and Zodiac with time to swim in crystal clear waters and walk on white-sand beaches amongst the many islands. The coral reefs here provide exceptional diving and snorkelling, with many vibrant corals and tropical fish species to discover. After lunch, there is an opportunity for an energetic hike up to famed Pindito Peak, where you'll be rewarded with panoramic views over the island and its spectacular lagoon.

SORONG, RAJA AMPAT

Sorong is our departure point from the Indonesia region. Lush mountains covered with forest surround the town and fishing is a major part of the local economy. Here, we will go ashore to visit the Sorong Nature Conservation Park to see the big old trees planted by the Dutch many years ago. We will also be welcomed by the Moi Tribe, the owners of the land, who are culturally unique from other peoples in the surrounding regions. Enjoy demonstrations such as the making of the traditional Papuan handwork bag and a tour of a dragonfruit plantation. Later, enjoy a relaxing guided walk through the forest to look for birds.

TOBI (HELEN REEF), PALAU

Enjoy a true expedition stop at the small island of Tobi, home to around 30 people who live a traditional lifestyle. Meet the local people, who speak their own language of Tobian as well as some English, and enjoy snorkelling, swimming and beachcombing from the beach at Helen Reef. The island is known as a nesting site for lesser-crested terns and green sea turtles.

SONSOROL, PALAU

Isolated Sonsorol Island is one of the 16 States of Palau and is home to a population of between 25 and 65 people who are culturally and linguistically related to the Yap and Caroline Islands. Learn about their subsistence lifestyle disconnected from the modern world as we visit the village and dive and snorkel the fringing reef and coral gardens.

KOROR, PALAU

Koror is the main state of the Republic of Palau, as well as the main island. Koror City is home to about half of the country's population. The land mass of Koror is not large, with hundreds of islands and islets of volcanic and limestone reef construction that present a stunning vista of craggy forested islands surrounded by emerald seas.

Snorkelling and diving at Neco or Carp Island will reveal the underwater wonders to be discovered here. Later, go ashore in Koror, where there may be options to visit the Belau National Museum or Etpison Museum, which celebrates and educates about Palauan culture.

YAP, YAP STATE

Learn about Micronesian Yap Island's ancient monetary system of stone money, where limestone discs were quarried and carved into 'coins' known as Rai, which can be as large as 4m or as small as 4cm in diameter. There is an opportunity to visit the Yap Living History Museum to learn about Micronesian people and their time-honoured customs and culture, as well as snorkel and dive the lagoon with its coral reefs and abundant marine life.

ULITHI, YAP STATE

Snorkel and dive from some of Koror's palm-fringed beaches on a truly deserted islet in a remote part of the world. Enjoy the tropical vista of white sand beaches, colourful coral reefs home to sea turtles, coconut crabs and sea birds. There is also opportunity to visit the Ulithi Turtle Project and the vibrant community village.

DAY 17: ARRIVE GUAM

Our voyage ends in the US island territory of Guam with its significant WWII sites, cultural traditions of Indigenous Chamorro people that blend with the island's Spanish colonial heritage. Disembark *Coral Adventurer* at 8:00 am and bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew

THROUGH THE ISLANDS & ATOLLS OF MICRONESIA

MANILA TO KAVIENG

25 NIGHTS | DEPARTS 9 NOVEMBER 2023



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Expedition Highlights

- > Visit all four states of the Federated States of Micronesia including Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae
- > Explore North Sibuyan Island known for its Jurassic-like sceneries and remarkable biodiversity with virgin forests, waterfalls and caves
- > Discover the seldom visited and remote Sohoton Cove with its limestone karst island hills and lakes of harmless golden jelly fish
- > Learn about the unique stone currency and construction techniques of the Yapese people
- > Explore famed archaeological site Nan Madol at Pohnpei, known as the 'Venice of the Pacific'
- > Meet the locals that call small remote atolls home and learn of their culture and way of life
- > Visit the historic location at Limasawa Island where the first crucifix was raised, hence converting the Philippines into a Catholic country
- > Snorkel and dive at almost every stop - from world famous lagoons to remote biosphere reserves

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ITINERARY: 25 NIGHTS > MANILA TO KAVIENG

DAY 1: DEPART MANILA

Board the *Coral Adventurer* in Manila at 5:00 pm for a 7:00 pm departure. Join the Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow guests as the sun sets.

DAYS 2-25:

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APO REEF

Apo Reef, considered to be the second-largest atoll reef in the Philippines, is made up of two isolated coral reefs connected by a deep channel. This channel is one of the best dive sites in the world, with aquarium-like waters teeming with 285 species of fish. On our visit here, enjoy water activities, beachcombing and possibly a hike exploring the island.

NORTH SIBUYAN & CRESTA DE GALLO

Today we will go ashore to explore the Jurassic-like environment of the island, and visit the Cataja and Lambingan waterfalls, deep in the lush forest. In the afternoon, arrive at beautiful Cresta de Gallo for a late afternoon snorkel in the beautiful warm water before relaxing on the beach as the sun sets for champagne and canapes.

KALANGGAMAN ISLAND

Famous for clear blue waters, soft white sands and long stretching sandbars along both sides of the island, enjoy the relaxing surrounds of uninhabited Kalanggaman Island that stretches only 753m across. This is the perfect location to snorkel, dive and kayak on the calm waters. Venture onto the island where only a small number of huts are available for accommodation and there is a cap of 500 visitors per day to preserve the isolated unspoiled beauty of the remote location. Relax on the sand and savour a remote island experience.

LIMASAWA ISLAND, LEYTE

Limasawa harbours a significant religious history and abounds with fascinating marine life. Here we will climb up the 450 steps to see Magellan's cross and admire the panoramic view from atop the hill.

BUCAS GRANDE (SOHOTON COVE) & DAKO ISLAND

Here we will visit Sohoton Cove, a diverse natural landscape with valleys, hilltops, soft-sandy beaches, lush forests and mountains. This location is best explored by pump boat, which will allow you to discover limestone pool caves within the cove and the forest that envelops it. Float through famed Blue Lagoon which is an intricate channel of limestone atolls. Swim with harmless jellyfish in Jelly Fish Lake and snorkel or dive at a quintessential tropical island beach destination at Dako Island.

KOROR, PALAU

Koror is the main state and island of the Republic of Palau. Hike to Jellyfish lake for an unforgettable swim with harmless golden jellyfish, which migrate horizontally across the lake each day. Snorkelling and diving at Neco or Carp Island will reveal the underwater wonders to be discovered here and a visit to the Belau National Museum or Etpison Museum with uncover fascinating historical insights.

YAP, YAP STATE

Yap state is one of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia. The main island of Yap is famous for its stone currency - limestone discs (Rai) spanning in size from 4m to 4cm in diameter and can be seen embedded in the earth or standing in rows near villages. Be welcomed with traditional dancing, visit one of the villages to learn about their stone currency and stroll through Colonia's Yap Living Museum.

IFALIK ATOLL, YAP STATE

One of the most traditional villages in Micronesia, Ifalik is determined to maintain a cultural integrity that we are privileged to experience. Witness traditional dances and demonstrations of skills integral to the local lifestyle such as rope making, pandanus fibre making, basket weaving and carving. Enjoy another spectacular dive or snorkel as well as bird watching.

LAMOTREK ATOLL, YAP STATE

Subject to permission of the locals, visit the villages of Lamotrek Atoll where the residents are known for their navigation skills and construction of elegant long canoes constructed from breadfruit wood. Here, we may see demonstrations of weaving and the creation of traditional foods, as well as exploring the beaches and snorkelling over the fringing reef.

PULOWAT ISLAND, CHUUK STATE

At Puluwat Atoll, we may visit an abandoned lighthouse or see WWII wreckage at Alei Island. Continuing to Chuuk, the main atoll of Chuuk State, we explore the spectacular coral-fringed lagoon, which shelters the mountainous volcanic islands. The sweeping views of lush rainforest and cascading waterfalls contrast with deserted beaches, small, thatched villages and tiny islets swarming with bird life.

TRUK, CHUUK STATE

This spectacular and vast coral fringed lagoon shelters 15 high reaching volcanic islands. The dramatic scenery ranges from lush rainforests and waterfalls to deserted beaches and small villages laced in World War II history. Divers can explore the eerie underwater 'ghost fleet' and birders can search the islets for plentiful seabirds. Enjoy a nature walk and visit historical sites.

ANT ATOLL, POHNPEI STATE

We may have the opportunity to go ashore at Ant Atoll, a stunning coral reef atoll that is recognised as a World Biosphere Reserve. Home to some of the largest colonies of terns, boobies, black noddies and frigatebirds in the Pacific, the lagoon also has a thriving population of grey reef sharks.

KOLONIA, POHNPEI STATE (NAN MADOL)

Visit the archaeological site of Nan Madol, a stone city with many ocean-filled canals and channels. Known as the 'Venice of the Pacific', the ancient city was a royal civilisation in the 12th century. Tour the site and have the opportunity to explore with nature walks to view native flora and fauna as well as waterfalls.

KOSRAE ISLAND, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

The mountainous island of Kosrae is known as the 'island of the sleeping lady' and is the easternmost state in the Federated States of Micronesia. Explore the enigmatic Lelu Ruins site, once an impressive city covering 20 hectares with an extensive canal system, social structure and pyramidal tombs. In the afternoon, enjoy snorkelling and diving, explore the island by bushwalking and hiking, visit the Giant Clam Farm or spend time conversing with the local people including a traditional performance.

KAPINGAMARANGI, POHNPEI STATE

Kapingamarangi is the most southerly point of Micronesia and a Polynesian outlier, located some 740km from the main island, the state of Pohnpei. Here we will visit the charming village where islanders are well-known for their wooden carvings. There is an opportunity to purchase handmade souvenirs and snorkel in the pristine azure waters on our visit.

AT SEA

Relax on deck with onboard presentations from our Guest Lecturers, workshops, and demonstrations. This voyage includes eight full sea days and five half sea days.

DAY 26: ARRIVE KAVIENG

Arrive in Kavieng at 8:00am to disembark *Coral Adventurer* at 9:00am. Those who are booked on the charter flight will also enjoy a post-cruise tour of Kavieng upon disembarkation.

FORGOTTEN ISLANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

KAVIENG TO CAIRNS

12 NIGHTS | DEPARTS 4 DECEMBER 2023



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Expedition Highlights

- › See the famous Baining Fire Dance at Ataliklikun Bay, where men wearing enormous masks leap over the red-hot coals of a fire
- › Visit Jacquinot Bay in East New Britain and take an Xplorer cruise up the Tivoli River, known for its crystal clear waters
- › Visit Laughlan Atoll, known for its canoe building culture
- › Spend two days in the rarely visited Louisiade Archipelago, a wonderland of volcanic and coral islands, and kayak in the crystal clear waters of the Calvados Islands
- › Visit the biological jewel that is Woodlark Island – home to at least 42 species that exist nowhere else on earth, including the Woodlark cuscus
- › Visit Kuiawa Island in the Trobriands and learn about the culture that has given them the name 'Islands of Love'
- › Hike to Dei Dei Hot springs and hear about its mythical legends from local guides

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ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > KAVIENG TO CAIRNS

DAY 1: DEPART KAVIENG

Guests taking the charter flight from Cairns to Kavieng will enjoy a guided tour of Kavieng. Board *Coral Adventurer* at Kavieng at 4:00pm for a 6:00pm departure.

DAYS 2-12:

Throughout this expedition, your Expedition Team may make changes to the itinerary in order to maximise your expeditionary experience. Visiting these remote communities is subject to approval of the local landowners. Below are the key destinations we visit.

ATALIKLIKUN BAY

In true expedition style, *Coral Adventurer* will be the first cruise ship the village here has ever hosted! Take a nature walk and a tour of a local plantation to see copra production. In the evening witness the mesmerising Baining Fire Dance.

DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS

The Duke of York Islands consist of 13 rarely visited islands. These low-lying islands feature tranquil waterways reflecting lush rainforest landscapes, but are known for tectonic activity, and are threatened by rising sea levels. There is a robust bird population found in this remote region, with many species endemic to New Britain. This is a great snorkeling location.

RABAUL

Rabaul was the main stronghold of the Japanese during the war with 110,000 Japanese troops based there by 1943. The Japanese army dug many miles of tunnels as shelters from Allied air attacks and built army barracks and support structure. Rabaul is perched on the edge of a magnificent natural harbour ringed by six cone-shaped volcanoes. Rabaul used to be the provincial capital and most important town in the province before it was destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 1994, after which time the capital was moved to Kokopo. We will have the opportunity for a tour of Rabaul ghost town and Kokopo - including the War Museum.

JACQUINOT BAY

Jacquinot Bay has fascinating WWII history, including a significant Allied amphibious landing, and was a base for Australian operators during the war. We will explore the large bay on the eastern Coast of New Britain island. See the waterfalls and take a cruise of the Sivoli River, known for its crystal clear water.

KUIAWA ISLAND - TROBRIAND ISLANDS

Historically known as the 'Islands of Love', the Trobriand Islands offer a glimpse of traditional cultures largely unspoiled by outside influence. In the morning, go ashore at the small island of Kuiawa to be greeted by enthusiastic traditional dances performed by colourfully costumed locals. Browse the market featuring local craftwork and relax on the pristine island beach in the afternoon.

WOODLARK (MUYUA) ISLAND

'Woodlark Island is a biological jewel—home to at least 42 species that occur nowhere else on Earth,' said William Laurence, a professor at James Cook University in Australia. Woodlark, also known as Muyua, has never been linked to the mainland. More than forty endemic species are found on an island just a little larger than New York City and include the Woodlark cuscus (*Phalanger lullulae*), an extravagantly coloured tree-dwelling marsupial that's listed as Endangered by the IUCN Red List. Rich in resources including gold, the island is threatened by plans for commercial logging and mining. Over the past decade, Woodlark Islanders have defended their forests from resource exploitation from outsiders.

BODALUNA, LAUGHLAN GROUP

In this remote corner of the world, Laughlan Islanders specialise in canoe building. The friendly villagers of Bodaluna share their lifestyle of subsistence gardening, fishing and Kula ring trading. Later, snorkel or dive on the outer reef, where we may see turtles, wrasse and spinner dolphins in the warm, clear waters.

LOUISIADE ARCHIPELAGO

The Louisiade Archipelago rainforests are home to a number of endemic species of frogs, lizards and birds. Deboyne Lagoon is a must-see for history buffs. Acting as a Japanese seaplane base for five days during WWII, one can find a nearly intact 'Zero' fighter plane in the shallow waters of Deboyne Lagoon. This is also an excellent place to snorkel, dive or kayak and the locals who greet you at the beach are friendly and welcoming. The Calvados Islands, a chain of atolls in the archipelago, is described as 'Jurassic Like' due to their steep limestone karsts. Panasia Beach is considered one of the most beautiful beaches in Papua New Guinea.

DOBУ & FERGUSSON ISLANDS

Join our Expedition Staff on a walk to Dei Dei Hot Springs on Fergusson Island, where the people share their mythical and spiritual tales of these hot water and mud springs located at the base of an extinct volcano. Locals still use the hot springs to cook food in palm frond baskets. Learn of the history of the Kula Ring at Dobu Island and meet the local primary school children, who will welcome us with a traditional song, and spend some time snorkeling in the Bubbling Springs Reef.

SAMARAI & EBUMA ISLAND

Located off the south-eastern tip of New Guinea in the China Strait, choose to explore the colonial settlement of Samarai, with a chance to purchase pearls from a local pearl farmer, or go for a snorkel at nearby Ebuma Island.

DAY 13: ARRIVE CAIRNS

Arrive in Cairns to disembark *Coral Adventurer* at 9:00 am. A post cruise transfer to Cairns CBD hotels or the airport is included.

OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE CHARTER FLIGHT

From Cairns to Kavieng at approximately \$1250 per person. This will be a direct flight, and a Coral Expeditions staff member will accompany guests. Limited seats are available. Call our reservations team for more information.



Anne O'Dea
Guest Lecturer

Anne O'Dea has over 30 years of experience in the natural and cultural resource management, training and public education. Her career has seen her working for the World Heritage areas of Kakadu, Uluru-Kata Tjuta & K'gari, highlighted by work with humpback whales, dugong, sea turtles and small mammals. She is involved in a variety of research, citizen science and environmental education projects in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

FRONTIER LANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

BETWEEN CAIRNS & MADANG

12 NIGHTS | DEPARTS 17 & 29 DECEMBER 2023



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Expedition Highlights

- › Throughout the voyage, enjoy high-spirited cultural welcomes and sing sings as we are invited into rarely visited villages to share stories with the locals
- › Cruise the mighty Sepik River to Bien village, home to skilled wood carvers and renowned artefact markets
- › Ride ashore on hand-carved outrigger canoes paddled by local guides adorned in ceremonial costumes to Maclare Harbour
- › Enjoy the tropical waters with snorkelling and diving at the Fly Islands, and the bubbling springs reef at Dobu
- › Visit WWII battle sites at Buna & Sanananda
- › Enjoy a high-spirited Oro Province welcome sing sing at Morobe as we are invited into remote villages
- › Learn of the mythical and spiritual tales of Dei Dei Hot Springs, and witness the boiling geyser erupt
- › Learn how the Trobriands became known as the 'Islands of Love'

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ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > BETWEEN CAIRNS & MADANG

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS

Board *Coral Adventurer* at 7:30 am for a 9:00 am departure. This evening, meet your crew and fellow guests at the Captain's welcome drinks.

DAYS 2-12:

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SAMARAI ISLAND

Located off the south-eastern tip of New Guinea in the China Strait, choose to explore the colonial settlement of Samarai, with a chance to purchase pearls from a local pearl farmer, or go for a snorkel at nearby Ebuma Island.

DOBU & FERGUSSON ISLANDS

We are greeted by a flotilla of canoes as we approach the Dobu anchorage. Join our Expedition Staff on a walk to Dei Dei Hot Springs, where the people share their mythical and spiritual tales of these hot water and mud springs. Learn of the history of the Kula Ring at Dobu Island and meet the local primary school children, who will welcome us with a traditional song. There will also be an opportunity to snorkel the incredible Bubbling Springs Reef.

TROBRIAND ISLANDS

Historically known as the 'Islands of Love', the Trobriand Islands offer a glimpse of traditional cultures largely unspoiled by outside influence. In the morning, go ashore at the small island of Kuiawa to be greeted by enthusiastic traditional dances performed by colourfully costumed locals. Make some purchases at the market and relax on the pristine island beach in the afternoon.

TUFI FJORDS

Today enjoy a true highlight as we discover the scenic beauty of the Tufi Fjords. Aboard *Xplorer*, travel to the entrance of one of Tufi's most scenic fjords where you will be met by local villagers in traditional dress aboard outrigger canoes. Have the opportunity to board one of the outriggers as the locals paddle up the creek under the rainforest canopy. Here, spirits and sorcery remain integral to village life, and we will learn about bush medicines, fire making, mat weaving and traditional tattooing. Deep in the rainforest, have the chance to witness the tribesmen perform a traditional sing sing in their ceremonial dress. Later, discover white sand beaches, or snorkel or dive over spectacular fringing reefs.

BUNA & SANANANDA

We land at Buna beach, home to some of the toughest fighting in the WWII Pacific campaign. Enjoy a welcome from the local residents, and then be guided through the jungle to visit the areas where Allied forces clashed with Japanese forces. In Sanananda, see the local monuments and pay tribute to fallen Australian soldiers at the war museum, located at the far end of the Kokoda Track. You'll also have the opportunity to visit the lush gardens surrounding the village.

MOROBE HARBOUR

We arrive at Morobe Harbour early in the morning and cruise in the *Xplorer* to view the stunning forest from the Mou River. We receive a warm Oro Province welcome and enjoy exploring the village with local guides. At high tide, we may be able to cruise further into a picturesque hidden bay.

LABABIA & FLY ISLANDS

This morning, visit picturesque Lababia village, where we are entertained with singing and dancing performances. Join a local guide around the village, which is the gateway of one of Papua

New Guinea's most important conservation areas. Board an outrigger canoe to explore further up the river and later, snorkel and dive at the colourful Biangatu Island reef in the Fly Islands.

DREGERHAFEN

At the beautiful anchorage of Dregerhafen, you will enjoy a high-spirited traditional welcome in Gingala village, and explore the market which is famous for Tami bowls and timber paddles before the chance to mingle with the locals and stroll through the village. After lunch enjoy snorkelling, diving and kayaking in the blue waters of the lagoon.

SEPIK RIVER & BIEN VILLAGE

As we arrive at the mouth of the famed Sepik River we are greeted with stunning views of the landscape and this mammoth river which cuts a swathe through lush forest. Our first stop on the Sepik River is at the village of Bien, where local villagers greet us on their canoes and follow with dance performances. There is an opportunity to purchase highly sought-after hand-crafted artefacts, masks and carvings at the Sepik market.

DAY 13: ARRIVE MADANG

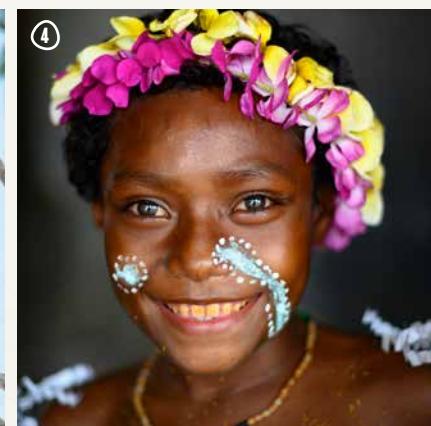
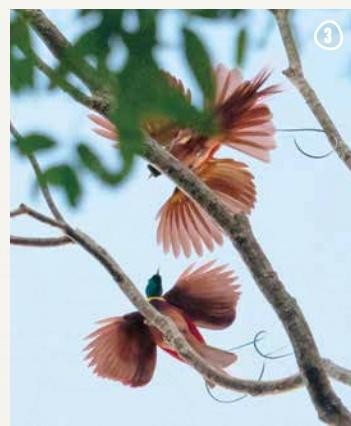
Arrive in Madang to disembark *Coral Adventurer* at 8:00am. Enjoy an included tour of Madang with a member of our expedition team before boarding your charter flight to Cairns.

REVERSE DIRECTION:

This itinerary is also available in the opposite direction, departing Madang and arriving Cairns. For our Madang to Cairns itinerary, your charter flight will board in Cairns.

OPTIONAL CHARTER FLIGHT

Optional charter flights between Madang & Cairns are available at approximately \$1250 per person. This will be a direct flight, and a Coral Expeditions staff member will accompany guests. Limited seats available, call our reservations team for more information.



VOYAGE LOG

"Traditional canoes expertly steered by children and led by a magnificent leader standing on a canoe platform to deliver his welcome, ferried us across to a welcome by black-painted warriors and girls throwing petals. On a grassy expanse in the pretty village of Natade, dancers performed for us, dressed in beaten barkcloth or tapa, decorated with ancient clan designs, and sporting elaborate headdresses topped with the plumes of Raggiana birds-of-paradise, cassowary and cockatoos. This was followed by a number of well-designed demonstrations of traditional practices, including the tattooing of women's faces, fire making, the production and decoration of tapa, and the application of traditional medicines."

JAMIE ANDERSON > TUFI FJORD, 5 NOVEMBER 2019

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NEW GUINEA CIRCUMNAVIGATION

CAIRNS TO DARWIN

35 NIGHT | DEPARTS 11 JANUARY 2024



Expedition Highlights

- › Slip into Raja Ampat's lagoons at Misool and Wayag and snorkel and dive to experience the remarkable beauty and vibrant underwater world
- › Sunset drinks on the ramparts of historic Fort Belgica, Banda Neira
- › Cruise the mighty Sepik River to Bien village, home to skilled wood carvers and renowned artifact markets
- › Ride ashore to Tufi Village on hand-carved outrigger canoes paddled by local guides
- › Visit two of New Guinea's majestic rivers - the Sepik and Mamberamo
- › Swim with the whale sharks of Cenderawasih Bay
- › Snorkel and dive at incredible pristine locations - Raja Ampat, Triton Bay, the Fly Islands and Tufi Fjords
- › Encounter the Asmat warriors at Agats, and purchase the carvings for which they are famous
- › Witness the immense diversity of cultures throughout your voyage and enjoy an intimate and up-close experience as you are welcomed to local villages and explore isolated places

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ITINERARY: 35 NIGHTS > CAIRNS TO DARWIN

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS

Guests are welcomed to board *Coral Adventurer* at 7:30 am and we will then depart Cairns at 8:30 am. Meet and mingle with fellow guests as we cross the Coral Sea.

DAYS 2-35:

Throughout this expedition, your Expedition Team may make changes to the itinerary in order to maximise your expeditionary experience. Visiting these remote communities is subject to approval of the local landowners. Below are the key destinations we visit.

SEWA BAY

Cruise into beautiful Sewa Bay and be welcomed by Pwanapwana Primary school. See traditional war dances and share a morning tea of pineapple, coconut milk, and sugar bananas.

DOBU & FERGUSSON ISLANDS

Join a walk to Dei Dei Hot Springs, and share the mythical and spiritual tales of the springs. At Dobu Island, learn about the Kula Ring before a snorkel over the incredible Bubbling Springs Reef.

KUIAWA

Historically known as the 'Islands of Love', the Trobriand Islands offer a glimpse of traditional cultures largely unspoiled by outside influence. Be greeted by enthusiastic traditional dances.

TUFI FJORD

Local guides will paddle us on outrigger canoes to their village in the rainforest. Be welcomed to rarely-visited Maclarens Harbour with dances, demonstrations and traditional crafts.

BUNA & SANANANDA

Walk through the jungle to discover fascinating WWII history - see relics and visit the war museum at Sanananda.

FLY ISLANDS & MOROBE

Water activities on the vibrant Biangatu Reef start our day, then we cruise the Mou River to explore the local village and lagoon.

DREGERHAFEN

Dregerhafen is known for Tami bowls and timber paddles. Visit Gingala for a high-spirited welcome, before touring the village. Enjoy snorkelling, diving, and kayaking in the peaceful lagoon.

MADANG

Explore Madang on a tour of the Madang Haus Museum, the Coastwatchers monument, and Bil Bil Village - famous for its pottery. Divers may visit the great dive sites close by.

SEPIK RIVER

At first light we enter the mighty Sepik River to visit the remote villages of Bien or Kopar, known for their arts and crafts. This evening, cruise past the active Manam Motu volcano at sunset.

WEWAK

Enjoy a WWII history tour with local guides, which takes us to Wewak Hill Lookout, the ANZAC Memorial, Mission Hill, and also to see the local craft markets.

JAYAPURA

Visit Asei Village at Sentani Lake and be greeted by enthusiastic costumed dancers. View and perhaps purchase art painted on bark for which Lake Sentani is famous.

NIRUMOAR

Today, enjoy an expedition stop at Nirumoar. Discover a shipwreck on the beach and enjoy snorkelling and beachcombing.

MAMBERAMO RIVER

The Mamberamo River is regarded as the Amazon of the East, home to remote tribes. This is an Expedition destination.

CENDERAWASIH BAY & KWATISORE

We spend two mornings searching for and swimming with the gentle whale sharks. Visit Kwatisore to shop for local arts and crafts, be entertained by the string band and the 'bird-of-paradise' dance.

ROON ISLAND

A Japanese Zero plane wreck provides a target for snorkellers and divers. Afterwards, visit Yende for music and dancing.

PULAU AYAU & PULAU KANOBE

Today, discover the beautiful and incredibly remote Ayau Atoll. We will go ashore at Pulau Ayau to visit Miosbekwan Village with the possibility of a swim with friendly dolphins in the clear turquoise waters of the lagoon.

WAYAG ISLAND

Here, the underwater world is rightly famous - we spend time to discover with snorkelling, SCUBA diving, and kayaking opportunities. For the hikers, a climb up to Mt Pindito is available.

ALJUI BAY

Here, you will enjoy white and soft sandy beaches and crystal clear water with stunning corals. A stand-out snorkelling location, enjoy taking to the water this afternoon.

MISOOL

Misool is an unspoiled paradise with aquamarine waters fringed by towering karst cliffs and flourishing with coral and marine life. Swim in exquisite lagoons and explore the coast by kayak.

ARGUNI

Friendly locals greet us and display cultural attractions including dances, music, and handcrafts. With refreshments of fresh coconut in hand, tour the village with local guides. Then journey by Xplorer to see the ancient 'blood paintings' at Roefroefoea.

BANDA ISLANDS

Traditional long canoes known as kora kora provide an impressive escort into Banda. Explore the town, and later the ramparts of Fort Belgica provide the setting for our Bandanese Feast under the stars. The following day, snorkel over the reef that flourishes on Gunung Api's historic lava flow.

CAPE MOMMON

Visit this remarkable bay, where waterfalls tumble directly into the ocean, and explore with diving, snorkelling, and kayaking.

TRITON BAY

Triton Bay is a rarely visited paradise, with karst formations to rival Raja Ampat's beauty. Multitudes of fish and coral reefs flourish in the tropical waters. Here, enjoy water activities or explore along the coast to sight pre-historic cliff carvings.

ARU ISLANDS

The Aru Islands consist of some 95 low lying islands covered with forest. Here we will cruise along the mangroves to catch sight of the elusive Birds of Paradise.

AGATS

As we arrive, an armada of war-canoes surrounds us, rowed powerfully by Asmat warriors. The Asmat women greet us at Syuru village, then we are invited into the 'Men's House' to experience sculptures in the renowned Asmat tradition.

SANGLIAT DOL, SAUMLAKI

Known for its monoliths that echo a maritime heritage, we will visit the striking ancient stone boat in the centre of the village.

DAY 36: ARRIVE DARWIN

Arrive into Darwin at 8:00am to disembark at 10:00am.

DEPARTURES & FARES

WEST PAPUA, RAJA AMPAT & MICRONESIA

16 Nights | Darwin to Guam | Departing 22 Aug 2023

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Coral Adventurer	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	30,600	23,800	21,750	16,300	13,600
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	32,625	24,450	20,400

THROUGH THE ISLANDS & ATOLLS OF MICRONESIA

25 Nights | Manila to Kavieng | Departing 9 Nov 2023



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Coral Adventurer	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	47,800	37,150	34,000	25,500	21,250
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	51,000	38,250	31,875

FORGOTTEN ISLANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

12 Nights | Kavieng to Cairns | Departing 4 Dec 2023

[VISIT >](#)

Coral Adventurer	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	22,390	17,390	15,940	11,940	9,940
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	23,910	17,910	14,910

Optional pre-cruise charter flight available from Cairns to Kavieng at an additional cost of approximately \$1250 pp.

FRONTIER LANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

12 Nights | Departs:

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> 17 Dec 2023 - Cairns to Madang

> 29 Dec 2023 - Madang to Cairns

Coral Adventurer	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	22,390	17,390	15,940	11,940	9,940
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	23,910	17,910	14,910

Optional charter flight available between Madang & Cairns at an additional cost of approximately \$1250 pp.

NEW GUINEA CIRCUMNAVIGATION

35 Nights | Cairns to Darwin | Departing 11 Jan 2024

[VISIT >](#)

Coral Adventurer	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	57,890	45,040	41,190	30,890	25,740
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	61,785	46,335	38,610

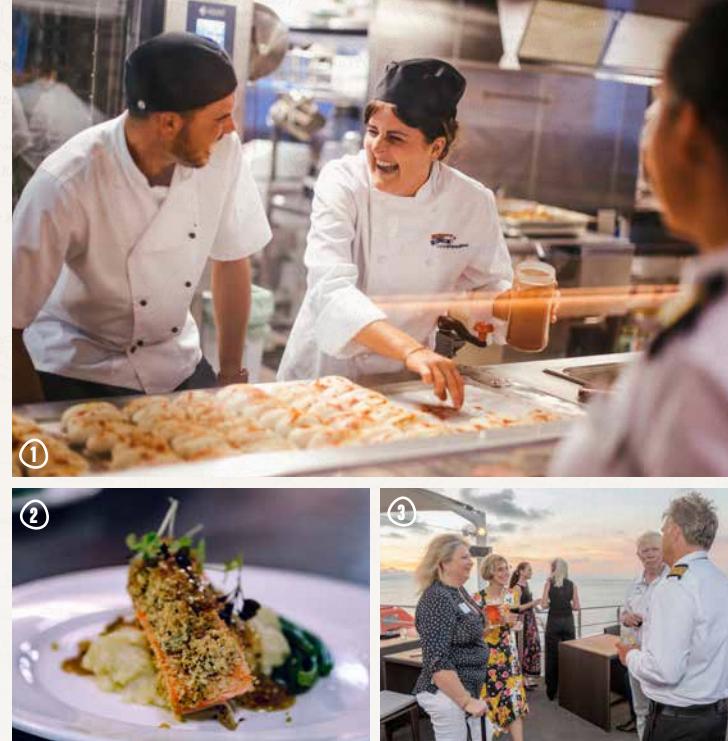
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Prices are per person and listed in Australian Dollars (AUD).

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

*Limited sole use occupancy available.

IMAGES 1 Chefs at work, credit David Kirkland | 2 Dinner served onboard Coral Adventurer, credit Amy Foulkes | 3 Sunset drinks on the Vista Deck



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 by like-minded explorers, 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 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, which feature hand-selected Australian wines and French Champagne.

- > **A Taste of Australia Selection:** Six bottles featuring Australian wines - three reds, two whites and a rosé.
- > **Connoisseur Selection:** Six bottles featuring two whites, three reds and French Champagne.

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INCLUSIONS

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



CORAL ADVENTURER

Passengers: 120 | Staterooms: 60
Length: 93.4m | Draught: 4.5m | Tonnage: 5,516

Our expedition vessel, *Coral Adventurer*, will be your home for this voyage. *Coral Adventurer* accommodates 110 guests in 60 spacious staterooms, with all Explorer Deck staterooms, Bridge Deck staterooms and suites offering private balconies.

With over 1000sqm of open deck space including a wrap-around promenade deck with panoramic views, *Coral Adventurer* 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 the Xplorer bar on the sundeck, a well-equipped gym and a passenger elevator creates an environment designed for guest comfort.

Coral Adventurer 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 Adventurer* 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 Adventurer*.

Features

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

Stateroom Categories

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites	• 55.8sqm • Private Balcony
Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms	• 21.4sqm • 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 Xplorer | 5 Toasts on the vista deck | 6 Dining room



IMAGES 1 Snorkelling, Sebakor Bay | 2 Preparing food, Boisa Island | 3 Gumdrop Islands of Misool, Raja Ampat | 4 Dancer, Kofure Village

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