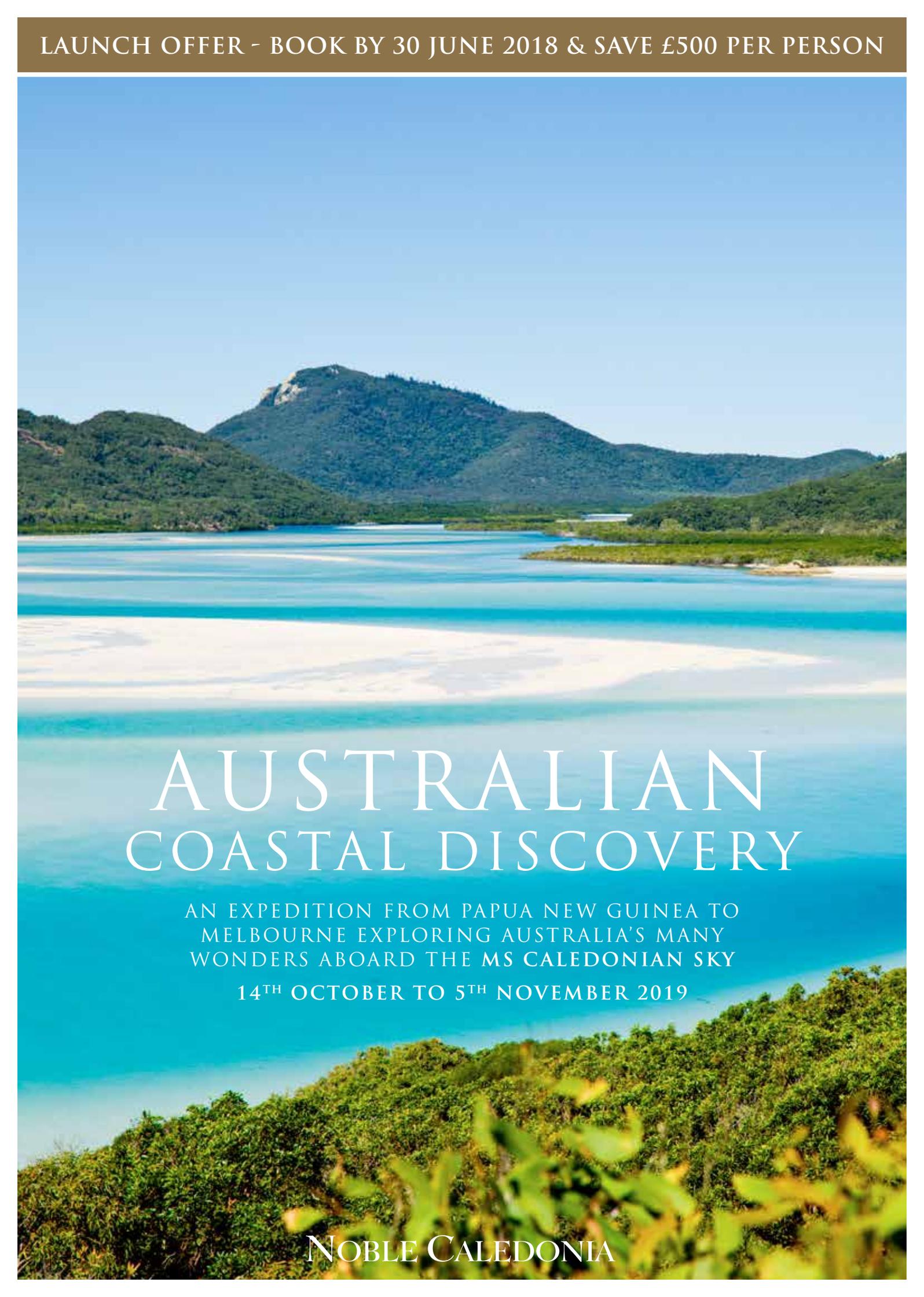


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AUSTRALIAN COASTAL DISCOVERY

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Deluxe Balcony Suite



On Deck



The Restaurant

The MS Caledonian Sky is one of our three flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky. All three vessels were built in the same ship yard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them three of the finest small ships in the world. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 114, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Caledonian Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks.



Your Suite

On board there are 57 exceptionally spacious and well designed suites. The passenger accommodation is arranged over four decks and all suites have outside views. All feature a sitting area and some have private balconies. Each affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring a country style wash basin, heated towel rail, vanity unit and walk-in shower and/or bath tub. Facilities in the suites also include walk-in or spacious wardrobes,

dressing table with large mirror and stool or desk, mini-fridge, flat screen television, telephone, programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. Bottled water, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort.

Your Dining

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Caledonian Sky is of a consistent superior quality that befits such a vessel. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants at your leisure; whether that be joining a table of four to six other passengers in the elegant à la carte Restaurant or outside buffet-style on the Lido Deck in the evening sunshine. In the main Restaurant, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. The Welcome and Farewell dinners are a sumptuous five course affair. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both meals. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or out on the Lido Deck when the weather is favourable. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice.



Library



Standard Suite



The Lounge

Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge where daily briefings and talks will be provided throughout the voyage and an elegant bar where a pianist plays periodically throughout the day. The bar also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. In addition there is the Lounge on the Panorama Deck which has a bar, library with two computers offering complimentary internet access and further seating ideal for watching the world go by. Outside there is a rear Lido Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. On the top deck there is a further observation and Sun Deck with bar service and comfortable deck furniture for sun bathing or relaxing with a book. There is also a small beauty salon with appointments made on request. Throughout the vessel carefully chosen artwork and photos reflect the destinations we sail to.

Your Comfort

The MS Caledonian Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilisers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. On board you will also find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks. When at anchor our nimble Zodiacs will ferry you ashore or, on select cruises, enjoy Zodiac cruises getting you closer to the natural world.

Your Life On Board

The atmosphere on board is warm and convivial and more akin to a private yacht or country hotel in which you can learn more about the wonderful destinations you are visiting in the company of like-minded people. Dress on board is casual and relaxed and there will be no "black tie" evenings. On board there is a high ratio of crew to passengers. Our friendly crew of 75 are mainly Filipino and Eastern European and our Scandinavian Captains are experienced mariners. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable ship where peace, high quality of service and attention to detail are the order of the day. A little music in the Lounge after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings from our Expedition Leader or Cruise Director and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.

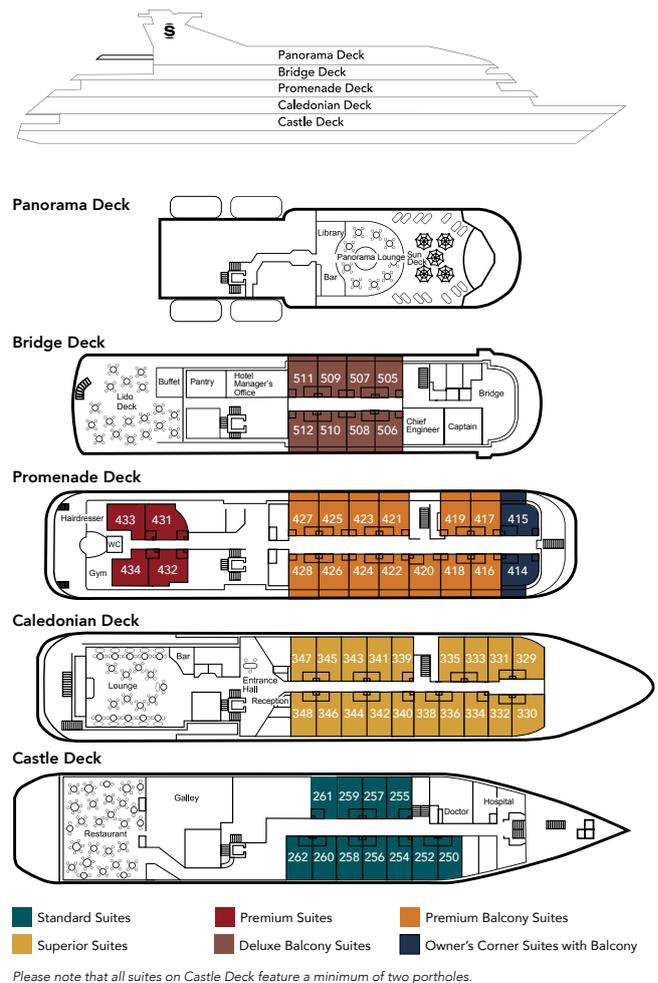


Alfresco Dining



Panorama Lounge

MS CALEDONIAN SKY DECK PLAN



During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

What is the best way to see Australia? To us the answer is simple, by sea. After all the vast majority of interest to see is either on Australia's islands, coast or immediate hinterland, and travelling by sea on a small ship with a fleet of Zodiacs opens up the area in the most perfect way. The next big question is which itinerary, the country is so large it's impossible to include all points of interest unless you are prepared to invest a number of months. We believe the best option is an itinerary that takes you from the extreme north of Queensland to the far south in the state of Victoria. After this the decisions come a little easier. Do we plan a mixture of the usual cities, towns and tourist haunts or do we concentrate our time on Australia's unique natural world. Our view is most certainly the latter, so much about this fascinating country's wildlife, geology and culture is unique and we have therefore designed this expedition to incorporate remote islands, natural parks and stunning landscapes allowing us to begin to understand what makes this vast New World so endlessly fascinating.

We will travel from Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea to Thursday Island, the most northerly point of Australia and from the very top of Australia we will journey all the way to its bottom. A momentous voyage along the entire length of its Pacific Ocean coast. In the Torres Strait islands archipelago, Australia's most northern frontier, life moves slowly and centuries old cultures are passed down in song. From Cape York we journey south visiting remote communities each with their own culture, seeing indigenous rock-art and exploring some fascinating national parks.

Our Zodiacs will be so valuable as we explore the off shore islands of the Great Barrier Reef, landing on remote beaches and taking in the sights which have not changed since Captain Cook landed here in the 18th century. There will be so many intriguing places to see as we make our way south, Dunk Island with its spectacular rainforest, the pristine Whitsundays in the heart of the Barrier Reef and Fraser Island, the largest sand island in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Leaving the Queensland coast we enter New South Wales, a state with an equally splendid scenery and wildlife as well as some famous vineyards and botanic gardens, and lastly on to the state of Victoria. Here, Wilson's Promontory awaits, Australia's most southerly national park and a drive along the Great Ocean Road, surely Australia's most scenic journey. Our journey ends in the cosmopolitan city of Melbourne, having taken us some 2000 miles by sea. Travelling with our team of experts and being joined by guides and naturalists along the way, will make for a magical and enlightening experience 'Down Under'.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Singapore. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Singapore. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration or to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities.

Day 3 Singapore to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Spend the morning at leisure. In the early afternoon we will take a city tour including the 53 hectare Botanical Garden and National Orchid Garden which displays over 1000 species of orchids. Continue to the exotic streets and stalls of "Little India" before visiting Kampong Glam, Thian Hock Keng Temple and the Sri Mariamman Hindu Temple in Chinatown. After the tour we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Port Moresby.

Day 4 Port Moresby. Arrive this morning and transfer to our hotel where day rooms will be ready for our use. In the late afternoon we will transfer to the MS Caledonian Sky which is moored in the city and sail this evening.

Day 5 At Sea. Take the chance to relax on board, join the lecture programme or find a spot on deck.

Day 6 Thursday Island & Cape York, Australia. Our Australian voyage starts on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait. The island's hidden past will be revealed on a coach tour this morning. Step back in time with a visit to Green Hill Fort, which was built in response to a Russian War scare. Once used as munitions storage space, the fort's underground tunnels and rooms today house the Torres Strait Museum, where you can see informative displays on the region's pearling, shipping and military history. Continue to the Gab Titui Cultural Centre where we receive an insight into the Aboriginal art and culture of the Torres Strait islanders which depict myths and legends. Over lunch we will reposition to Cape York and, if weather permits, land on the northernmost tip of the Australian mainland.

Day 7 Piper Islands, Queensland. Cruising along the Cape York Peninsula we arrive at the Piper Islands National Park. These five islands are owned by the Kuuku Ya'u aboriginal people who have given us permission to visit. The islands are made up of low, vegetated cays and support over 75 species of seabirds, shorebirds and forest birds including terns, pied-imperial pigeons and beach stone-curlews whilst the

islands support one of the largest roosting populations of black noddies in Queensland. This is also an important nesting area for hawksbill turtle and green turtles have also been spotted in the waters around the island. We will use our Zodiacs to explore the coastline and land for nature walks.

Day 8 Cape Melville National Park. Anchor this morning in Bathurst Bay, our gateway to the Cape Melville National Park. This is one of Australia's more remote national parks and is best accessed by sea. The park mixes rainforest, mangroves, heathlands and woodland and isolation has produced a high proportion of endemic plants not found elsewhere in Australia, including foxtail palms which decorate the boulder strewn from the Melville Range. We will also keep an eye out for wildlife such as Godmans rock wallaby and endemic lizards and frogs, whilst birders can search for beach stone-curlews and red-tailed black cockatoo. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon we will find a spot to lower the Zodiacs for a swim or snorkel on one of the nearby reefs.

Day 9 Lizard Island. Designated as a National Park in 1937 and a



Marine Park in 1974, Lizard Island boasts a wonderful number of natural wonders and is a lovely place to spend a day. The island was first visited by Captain Cook in 1770 and he named it after the large number of lizards he found here. We will use our Zodiacs to land on one of the sandy beaches where our naturalists will lead nature walks along the islands trails. Keen birders can keep an eye out for lesser golden plovers

and pied imperial pigeons whilst we may see the yellow spotted monitor or another of the eleven species of lizard that reside here. Meanwhile the fringing reef offers a chance to snorkel and we may see the "Clam Garden" where we find giant clams up to two metres long living among an array of hard and soft coral. Those feeling active may wish to take a strenuous walk to the top of Cook's Look, the highest point on the island at 363 metres offering wonderful views over the island group and reef.

Day 10 Cooktown. Modern day Cooktown is located on the site where, in 1770, Captain Cook brought the Endeavour for repairs after damaging the ship on the offshore reefs. Known as Waymbuurr in the native aboriginal language, it was a popular meeting place for the local tribes and when Cook arrived it was the first recorded meaningful meeting between the indigenous Australian population and Europeans. A morning walk will include the James Cook Museum, housed in a 19th century convent and showcasing the history of the town from Cook's arrival to the Palmer gold rush period of the late nineteenth century as well as insight into the culture and history of the indigenous Guugu Yimithiir aborigines. Also see the 150 hectare botanical gardens before we return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at sea.

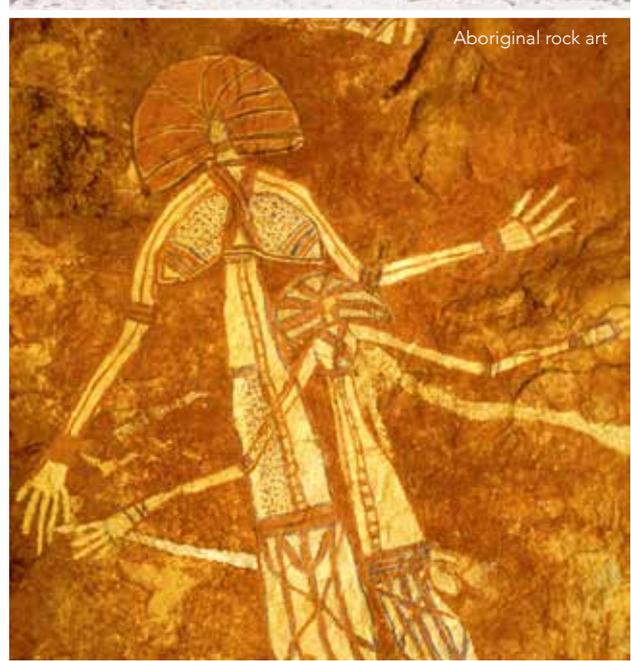
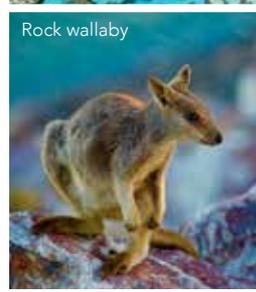
Day 11 Dunk Island & Hinchinbrook Island. Spend the morning on Dunk Island, a spectacular tropical rainforest island and the largest island in the Family Islands National Park. Known as Coonanglebah to the the Djiru Aboriginal people, which translates as "the island of peace and plenty", it sums up this lovely location. On nature walks through the eucalypt forest we will keep an eye for the many species of birds, with over 100 species having been recorded on the island, as well as monitors, tree snakes and the brilliant blue Ulysses butterfly. Over lunch we will sail the short distance to Hinchinbrook Island where we plan to Zodiac in the Hinchinbrook Channel. Flanked by mountains on the island the scenic channel is home to mangroves and wildlife including snubfin dolphins and dugongs.

Day 12 Whitsundays. Located in the heart of the Great Barrier

Reef are the 74 islands of the Whitsundays. Surrounded by warm tropical waters the majority of the islands are uninhabited and remain pristine and untouched. After a morning at sea we will anchor over lunch in one of the stunning bays and use our Zodiacs to land on a sandy beach. From here our onboard naturalists will lead nature walks through the forests where we may see brush turkeys, goannas and wallabies. Alternatively enjoy a swim or relax on one of the sandy beaches.

Day 13 Great Keppel Island. After a morning at sea we arrive during lunch at Great Keppel Island, situated just above the Tropic of Capricorn and one of the 18 islands of the Keppel group. Fringed by turquoise waters, hard coral reefs and sun drenched beaches it looks like a perfect tropical island. On land the island covers over 1500 hectares with 90% of the interior made up of native bushland and winding walking trails which is abundant with wildlife. More than 100 species of bird life have been recorded including kookaburras, ospreys, beach curlews and rainbow lorikeets and we may also see blue tongued lizards and possums. We will spend the afternoon on nature walks, snorkelling on the reef or maybe choose to relax on one of the sandy beaches.

Day 14 Fraser Island. At over 184,000 hectares Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Created over hundreds of thousands of years by sand blown from the Australian mainland it is a wonder of freshwater lakes, crystal clear creeks and immense dunes of coloured sands which continue to evolve. It is also the only place in the world where rainforests are found growing on sand dunes whilst the wallum heaths on the islands interior provide magnificent displays of wildflowers in the spring. On shore we can see a profusion of wildlife including the infamous dingo whilst the waters are home to dugong and dolphins. The Great Sandy Strait that divides the island from the mainland is a recognized wetland area with mangrove colonies, seagrass beds and thousands of migratory seabirds. We will anchor in Kingfisher Bay and spend the day exploring this natural wonder on a series of islands drives and walks.





Australasian gannet



Twelve Apostles



Ben Boyd National Park



Kangaroo, Batemans Bay

Day 15 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we sail towards New South Wales.

Day 16 Yamba. We have requested permission to anchor at the mouth of the Clarence River this morning and visit the popular holiday resort town of Yamba, famed for its spectacular beaches and local seafood. We hope to retrace the steps of the explorer Mathew Flinders, who visited Yamba in 1799, as we explore the historical highlights and landmarks such as the Flinders Well, Yamba Lighthouse, and the Yamba Historical Museum which showcases the importance of the River Clarence to the area. Alternatively take a walk in the nearby Iluka Nature Reserve, part of the Gondwana rainforest and home to numerous bird species. We will make our way through the canopy of trees to Iluka Bluff to enjoy the views along the rocky coastline and glorious beaches. We will have lunch on board as we continue our journey south this afternoon.

Day 17 Newcastle for Hunter Valley. Founded in 1804 Newcastle grew as a major centre for exporting coal which was delivered along the Hunter River to the port. Today it is not only renowned for its historical heritage, but also as a popular gateway to the Hunter Valley,

one of the finest wine regions in New South Wales and one of Australia's oldest wine producing areas. James Busby is credited for starting the wine industry here way back in 1824 and today the region boasts a wide variety of winemaking styles from traditional to modern. After a scenic drive we will visit a couple of the regions vineyards where we will enjoy tastings of the famed Hunter Valley Semillon. Alternatively, spend time in Newcastle and see the Christ Church Cathedral, Nobby's Headland and Lighthouse, Honeysuckle Harbour and the Art Deco Civic Centre.

Day 18 Batemans Bay. This morning we cruise up the Clyde River into Batemans Bay. The expansive waterway at the mouth of the Clyde River was named by Cook on his voyage of discovery along this coast in 1770. However it was not until well into the 19th century that the township of Batemans Bay appeared. While Batemans Bay is the largest on the coast south of Nowra, it maintains its small town atmosphere. We have the chance to explore the region for native kangaroos, wallabies, possums, bandicoots, sea eagles and brilliantly coloured parrots. We will visit the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens and historic Mogo where the rustic atmosphere has been preserved resulting in a

quaint village in which you can find a wide variety of unusual and attractive craft and antique items. Meanwhile in Mogo State Forest we can walk in the bush for sightings of kookaburras, rosellas and black cockatoos. Alternatively, a full day tour to Canberra will cross the Great Dividing Range to the Australian Capital Territory. Here we will visit the Australian Parliament buildings and have some free time to explore the capital city.

Day 19 Eden. Cruise this morning into the port of Eden situated in magnificent Twofold Bay, the third deepest natural harbour in the Southern Hemisphere. A morning excursion will take us to the Ben Boyd National Park, a stunning coastal park of sheltered inlets, Aboriginal middens, historic buildings and wildlife. There will be a choice of walks for all levels and the chance to visit Boyd's Tower, reach the lookouts with views over the Pacific Ocean where, at this time of year, we may see humpback whales on their migration back to Antarctica or watch for white bellied sea eagles in the skies. We will also have some free time in Eden when you may visit the Killer Whale Museum to learn more about the whaling history of the region and the unique relationship between whalers and the wild killer whales. Alternatively find a spot to try some of the region's famous oysters.

Day 20 Wilsons Promontory. After a morning at sea we arrive

in the Gippsland area of Victoria. Wilson's Promontory is mainland Australia's southernmost National Park, an isolated area of granite headlands, with unique vegetation and geology. The park is affectionately known as "The Prom", and is famous for its abundance of native animals, birds, reptiles and plants, magnificent beaches and thick coastal forest. After using the Zodiacs to land on one of the beaches our onboard naturalists will lead a series of nature walks.

Day 21 Geelong for the Great Ocean Road. Disembark after breakfast in the port of Geelong as we embark on a full day tour of the Great Ocean Road. On this glorious coastal drive we will visit Bells Beach, spot koalas in the wild, enjoy a guided tour of the Otways rainforest and marvel at the amazing rock formations of the Port Campbell National Park, including the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. Along the way we see pristine beaches and rugged rocky outcrops of the Great Ocean Road. Return to the ship this evening and we moor overnight.

Day 22 Melbourne to London. After breakfast we will transfer to Melbourne airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 23 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Castle	Standard	£12395	£11895
Caledonian	Superior	£12395	£11895
Promenade	Premium	£13495	£12995
Bridge	Deluxe Balcony	£14395	£13895
Promenade	Premium Balcony	£14395	£13895
Promenade	Owners Corner Suite with balcony	£14395	£13895
Castle	Standard for sole use	£14395	£13895
Caledonian	Superior for sole use	£14395	£13895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Singapore on bed and breakfast basis • 18 nights aboard the MS Caledonian Sky on full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Group transfers • Permits and port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

NB. Flight schedules have not been released at the time of going to print and therefore the itinerary is subject to change on their release. Ports subject to change.

Pre & Post-Cruise Extensions



National Orchid Garden, Singapore



Tribesman



Rondon Ridge



Victoria Crowned Pigeon

Pre-Cruise Extension to the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea

11th to 17th October 2019

Before our expedition aboard the MS Caledonian Sky begins, we are offering the opportunity to join a pre-cruise extension to the Western Highlands where there will be the opportunity to discover local tribes and learn more of their traditions, visit villages where the locals practice subsistence farming and to witness the diversity of cultures.

Rondon Ridge, Western Highlands Province

Located 7100 feet above sea level and near the town of Mount Hagen, on the outer fringes of the Kubor Range, lies Rondon Ridge which boasts panoramic views of the Wahgi Valley below. The surrounding area is pristine rainforest and home to numerous orchid and bird species. The lodge has hours of walking trails providing ample opportunity to explore the unique ecology of this area. While staying at Rondon Ridge, there will be excursions which will take you on a journey through the traditions and customs of the local Melpa People. Guests are accommodated in twelve tastefully appointed rooms with modern en-suite bathrooms. Rondon Ridge has 24-hour, eco-friendly electricity, provided by its own hydroelectric power plant that generates clean, natural energy from a nearby mountain stream.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Singapore. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Singapore. Arrive this morning and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is free to explore independently.

Day 3 Singapore to Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea. Enjoy a leisurely morning to either explore independently or relax at the hotel. In the afternoon we will visit the 53 hectare botanical garden and National Orchid Garden before we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Mount Hagen via Port Moresby.

Day 4 Mount Hagen. On arrival in Mount Hagen you will be met and transferred to your lodge for a three-night stay. Spend the rest of the day at leisure or join a nature walk.

Days 5 & 6 Rondon Ridge, Western Highlands. We have two full days to explore the Highlands and learn of the unique culture and traditions of the tribes in the region. We will visit villages with our knowledgeable local guides and learn more about the fascinating birdlife of the Highlands.

Day 7 Mount Hagen to Port Moresby. After breakfast, check out and transfer to Mount Hagen airport for your flight to Rabaul via Port Moresby. On arrival transfer to the MS Caledonian Sky.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1795** Single: **£2095**

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Three nights accommodation at Rondon Ridge including meals • Tour Manager • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes. **Not Included:** Travel insurance, visas.



Sydney



Blue Mountains

Post-Cruise Sydney Extension

4th to 8th November 2019

If you would like to spend some more time in Australia after disembarking the MS Caledonian Sky, we have arranged a three night extension in Sydney.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Melbourne to Sydney. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Sydney. On arrival transfer to our central hotel for a three night stay. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration.

Days 2 & 3 Sydney. Enjoy two days to explore at your own pace. See the Harbour Bridge, Opera House and Botanical Gardens. Maybe take a harbour cruise, visit one of the nearby beaches at Bondi or Manly or

travel inland to see the Blue Mountains.

Day 4 Sydney to London. Transfer to the airport for your scheduled indirect flight to London.

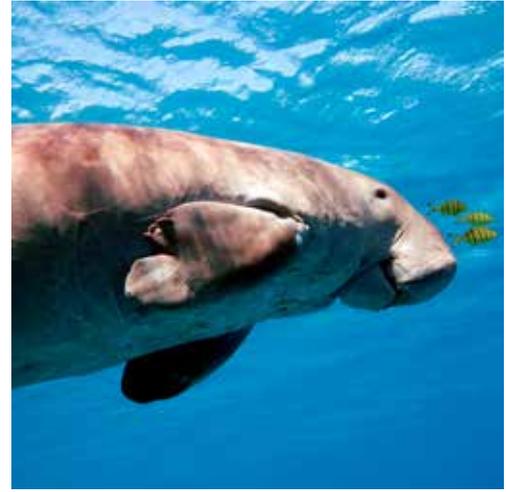
Day 5 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£995** Single: **£1395**

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel from Melbourne to Sydney • Three nights accommodation in Sydney on bed and breakfast basis • Airport taxes. **Not Included:** Travel insurance, visas.



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