

# BORNEO & BEYOND

A JOURNEY FROM SINGAPORE TO BALI  
ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

6<sup>TH</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026 &  
31<sup>ST</sup> JULY TO 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2027

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Straddling the equator, Borneo is the third largest island in the world and a wildlife wonderland, home to half of all known plant and animal species including some of the rarest and most endangered. It is not one country but shared by the states of Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei. By far the largest portion of the island is Kalimantan which is part of the island nation of Indonesia, and to the north the Malaysian states of Sarawak and Sabah reside with their tiny neighbour of Brunei. There are distinct differences between the more developed northern states and the larger region of Kalimantan and such differences make our voyage all the more interesting.

In order to get the measure of this extraordinary island with its vast rainforests, endemic wildlife and diverse culture something longer than a few days is required and as with most islands, the best way to explore is by sea. Borneo may be larger than most, but we feel the same rule applies and for this unique small ship adventure we have the perfect vessel. Sailing aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky with just 100 fellow, like-minded travellers, we will be able to use the onboard Zodiacs for some of our explorations enabling us to land in otherwise inaccessible places accompanied by our expert expedition team including naturalists, who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm during forays ashore and whilst on board. We have been fortunate to be able to time our expedition for August, the perfect time for exploring the region with warm sunny days and minimal rainfall resulting in ideal conditions for walking in the rainforest and for wildlife spotting opportunities.

Marvellous experiences are to be had as we explore remote jungle and rainforest on foot or by boat, observe the diverse range of plants, trees and wildlife including the 'wild man of Borneo' – the orangutan, snorkel over coral reefs and visit remote offshore islands, returning each evening to the comforts of the MS Island Sky to sail on to our next adventure. If you enjoy immersing yourself in the culture and wildlife you will find our days in Kalimantan endlessly fascinating. By way of contrast the well-run order of the Malaysian States and the riches of Brunei all combine to create an intoxicating mix of cultures rarely found on one island.

Never far from our minds are the writings of Conrad and the adventures of James Brooke and the White Rajahs as we journey around the islands, rivers and jungles of Borneo. The privilege of exploring this remarkable land from a small ship and in the company of knowledgeable speakers, expedition team members and local guides is an opportunity not to be missed. Our voyage will be so much more than a holiday, it promises to be an adventure shared with like-minded travellers.



## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy unique natural world experiences including opportunities to see orangutans, sun bears and proboscis monkeys.
- Explore on nature walks on the slopes of Mount Kinabalu, in the Bako National Park and the rainforest near Sandakan.
- Visit the off the beaten track township of Toli-Toli in Indonesian Sulawesi.
- See the contrasting scenery in the oil rich Kingdom of Brunei.
- Swim and snorkel in the Indonesian Derawan Islands, Pulau Birahbirahan and Menjangan Island.

## EXPLORING ASHORE

This voyage will appeal to those who enjoy the natural world. We will be exploring some remote regions in Borneo and Indonesia and will utilise a range of modes of transport ashore including minibuses, rickshaws and local boats. We also expect to be at anchor in four ports of call where we will make use of the vessel's Zodiacs. Many of the excursions include guided walks through rainforests and nature reserves in humid conditions and there will also be opportunities to snorkel. Our expedition team will endeavour to arrange a selection of walks to include longer and shorter options to cater for different abilities and interests. To best enjoy this itinerary, we do recommend a good level of mobility and if you would like to discuss the level of fitness required, please contact us.



Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque, Brunei



Proboscis monkeys, Sandakan

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Singapore.** Fly by scheduled flight.

**Day 2 Singapore.** Arrive and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure and under your own arrangements.

**Day 3 Singapore.** After breakfast we will depart the hotel for a guided tour of Singapore which will include the National Orchid Garden. After lunch we will continue to the MS Island Sky and embark. Welcome drinks and dinner will be served as we sail tonight.

**Day 4 At Sea.** Spend a leisurely day at sea as we make our way to the island of Borneo during which our lecture programme will commence.

**Days 5 & 6 Kuching, Malaysia.** This morning, we arrive into Malaysia where we will spend the next two days in Kuching, capital of the state of Sarawak. We will spend our time here exploring the city and the natural wonders of the surrounding area. There will be a chance to visit nearby Semenggoh Nature Reserve where since 1975 the wardens have been training young orangutans, who had been orphaned or rescued from captivity, how to survive in the wild. The success of this programme has left the surrounding forest reserve with a thriving population of healthy adolescent and young adult orangutans, who are now breeding in the wild. Besides orangutans, Semenggoh Nature Reserve is also a habitat for rare flora and fauna including the giant squirrel, pigmy squirrel, gibbons and a splendid variety of birds. We will also set out to explore the city of Kuching and learn more about the exploits of the Brooke family who, some 200 years ago, were awarded Sarawak by the former owner, the Sultan of Brunei, in recognition for the aid provided in defeating a rebellion. See Fort Margherita which was built in 1879 to guard Kuching's River approaches from pirates and the Chinese History Museum which houses many artefacts of past eras and memorabilia of Chinese affairs during the time of Charles Vyner Brooke, also known as the White Rajah in Sarawak history. During our time in Kuching, we will also visit Bako National Park, the oldest national park in Sarawak which is known for its amazing diversity containing almost every type of vegetation found in Borneo. Established in 1957 it occupies more than 27 square kilometres of rainforest, waterfalls, secluded beaches and rocky shorelines. On a series of guided nature walks for all levels we will explore the jungle keeping an eye out for proboscis monkeys, long tailed macaques, silvered langurs, monitor lizards and bearded pigs as well as some of the 190 species of birds that can be found here.

**Day 7 At Sea.** Take some time to relax after a busy couple of days as we continue our journey up the Borneo coast.

**Day 8 Muara, Brunei.** We arrive this morning in oil-rich Brunei where our full day excursion will include the immense Kianggeh open air market before taking a scenic boat ride along the Brunei River offering views of the magnificent Sultan's Palace. The Istana Nurul Iman is the official residence of the Sultan of Brunei and one of the largest residential palaces in the world. We will also see the colourful water villages built on stilts and connected by wooden walkways before continuing to

the stunning Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque. Our tour will conclude at the Royal Regalia Building, which is home to the Sultan's marvellous collection of royal gifts and ceremonial weapons. After a local lunch we will return to the MS Island Sky and sail in the late afternoon.

**Day 9 Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.** Returning to Malaysia we have a full day to explore the city and surroundings of Kota Kinabalu. Our tour will take us to Kinabalu Park located beneath the jagged granite peaks of Mount Kinabalu. This UNESCO World Heritage Site provides a glimpse into the fascinating plant life of the region. We will walk through the montane oak and chestnut rainforest at park headquarters to view some of the 700 species of orchids, nine species of carnivorous pitcher plants and 27 species of rhododendrons found here. Next, we will visit the botanical gardens where a diverse collection of unique flora is gathered from the entire park and transplanted here for conservation and educational purposes. We will enjoy lunch in the park before returning to the ship later in the afternoon. Alternatively, there will be the opportunity to explore the myths and legends of Borneo and delve into the history of the 'headhunters' with a visit to an ancient burial site and the memorial dedicated to the legendary headhunter Monsopiad, here we will learn more about the Kadazan community and the descendants of Monsopiad.

**Days 10 & 11 Sandakan.** After a morning at sea we arrive in the city of Sandakan, our base for the next day and a half. For keen nature lovers there will be an excursion to the Rainforest Discovery Centre, one of the most accessible natural rainforests in Sabah. It sits by a lake at the edge of the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve and is managed by the Sabah Forestry Department which has been in operation since 1996 for the purpose of environmental education. A wonderful park for nature lovers and birdwatchers, we can discover the unique flora and fauna of Borneo. Our walk along the forest trails will lead to the canopy walkway where the centre boasts a pristine lowland dipterocarp forest with an astounding 300 species of birds recorded in the area. Alternatively, a guided tour of Sandakan will include a visit to the lively market and the old-fashioned stone building of St Michael Church, one of the few surviving pre-war stone buildings built in 1893 and we will also visit Newlands, the former home of author Agnes Newton Keith. In addition we will learn about the rehabilitation of the orangutans at the Sepilok Centre and hear about their threats to survival. We will visit the Sepilok Forest Reserve feeding platform and see orangutans in the third stage of their rehabilitation programme where the orphaned and injured orangutans are brought to Sepilok to be rehabilitated to return to forest life. Sepilok is a primary lowland forest and the nearest place to visit the virgin jungle of Borneo and one of the few remaining rainforests in Sabah. We can observe the fascinating diversity of plants, trees and wildlife as Sepilok is known to have more than 450 species of trees and over 250 species of birds whilst we also have a good chance of sighting macaques, leaf monkeys and other mammals. Close by is the Sun Bear Conservation Centre. Opened in 2014 this centre provides rehabilitation to the smallest bears in the world which are at risk from deforestation and poaching. Our exploration today will end at the Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary. These distinctive primates, endemic to Borneo, live mainly in the mangrove and lowland forests near fresh water and rivers.





**Day 12 At Sea.** Enjoy a leisurely day at sea as we continue our journey around the Borneo coast and make our way to Indonesia.

**Day 13 Derawan Islands, Indonesia.** This morning we arrive in the tropical and idyllic Derawan Islands. The islands are part of the Coral Triangle which contains some of the richest marine biodiversity on earth. We will spend the day on nature walks, snorkelling over the colourful coral reefs or enjoying Zodiac cruises.

**Day 14 Toli Toli, Sulawesi.** Today we sail over to Sulawesi and the charming township of Toli-Toli. Few tourists and even fewer cruise ships visit here. We will be collected by local becaks (cycle rickshaw) to explore the town including the local church, mosque and the small market to see the trading of local crops. At the traditional house 'Rumah Adat of Toli' we will be treated to a welcome ceremony.

**Day 15 Menumbar River & Pulau Birahbirahan.** Today we enjoy the benefits of our small ship as we spend a day of exploration well off the usual cruise ship and tourist routes. Spend the morning at the Menumbar River where we will launch the Zodiacs. This remote river, flanked with pristine mangrove forest is a haven for birds and crocodiles and offers the opportunity to see an unexplored part of Borneo. Over lunch we position to the small island of Birahbirahan where our onboard naturalists will lead a series of nature walks in the rainforest. We will keep an eye out for kingfishers, sunbirds and Pacific swallows and learn about the flora.

**Day 16 Samboja Lestari.** From our berth in Balikpapan we enjoy a full day excursion to Samboja Lestari, an area of restored tropical jungle. This once barren area has seen a remarkable regeneration with the planting of over a million trees. Wildlife has returned and the density of the forest has increased cloud cover, lowered temperatures and increased rainfall. The great work by the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation has profoundly changed the lives of the local people and the wildlife. We will have the opportunity to see the great work being carried out by the foundation where 200 orangutans live in its protected environments as well as over 50 Malayan sun bears. We enjoy lunch at the lodge overlooking the jungle before returning to Balikpapan and sailing later this afternoon.

**Day 17 At Sea.** Enjoy a day at leisure as we cross from the Makassar Strait and into the Java Sea sailing towards Bali. Maybe join the lecture programme in the lounge or find a spot on deck to relax with a book.

**Day 18 Celukan Bawang, Bali.** We arrive in Bali this morning but are well away from the main tourist hubs as we land on the northeastern coast from where there will be a choice of two full day excursions. You may wish

to visit the West Bali National Park which comprises of 19,000 hectares of land with an additional 7000 hectares of coral reefs and coastal waters. Here we can take a gentle trek to the protected mangrove and monsoon forest and hope to see grey monkeys, black monkeys, giant lizard and some of the 160 species of birds that live here. Afterwards we take a short boat ride to Menjangan Island to snorkel in beautiful coral reef gardens and hope to also see electric clams, scorpion fish, starfish, eels and reef fish. Alternatively drive inland to the Munduk Highlands. Passing through Singaraja, the former capital city of Bali, we continue to the mountainous area of Bedugul to see the three lakes, Bratan, Buyan and Tamblingan. Alongside Lake Bratan is Pura Ulun Danu, an important Hindu-Buddhist temple dedicated to the water goddess and a site of pilgrimage. The scenery is stunning and we will have time to take in the surroundings before continuing to the appealing town of Munduk which is set amongst hillsides full of fruit trees, jungles and rice fields.

**Day 19 Bali to London.** Disembark in Benoa and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

**Day 20 London.** Arrive this morning.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£12495	£11995
Columbus	Superior	£13395	£12895
Marco Polo	Premium	£14295	£13795
Marco Polo	Corner	£14895	£14395
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£16295	£15795
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£16995	£16495
Explorer	Island Suite	£17495	£16995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£14995	£14495
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£16295	£15795

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Singapore with breakfast • 16 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Gratuities • Shore excursions • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.  
**Not Included:** Travel insurance, meals on day 2, Indonesian visa.

## Pre-cruise Singapore Extension

4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026 & 29<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2027



Supertrees

If you would like to spend some additional time in Singapore prior to embarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering a two night hotel extension with included tours.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Singapore.** Fly by scheduled flight.

**Day 2 Singapore.** Arrive and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure under your own arrangements.

**Day 3 Singapore.** After breakfast in the hotel a city tour will start in Little India including the magnificent Sultan Mosque. Continue to the bright colours and vibrant hues in Singapore's exciting Chinatown. Narrow streets centered on the pagoda lead you to a treasure trove of apothecary shops, quaint teahouses and a cornucopia of stalls selling trinkets as well as the oldest Hindu temple in Singapore, Sri Mariamman. Here we join a bumboat for a cruise along the Singapore River sailing past a mix of colonial buildings and modern skyscrapers ending at Merlion Park. Return to the hotel for a free afternoon and evening. (B)

**Day 4 Singapore.** This morning, we visit the Gardens By the Bay. Covering 100 hectares we can visit the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest, two climate-controlled glasshouses. Within the gardens, there are also 18 impressive-looking Supertrees (tree-like structures), which are vertical gardens that perform a multitude of functions. Along with providing a bird's eye view of the entire gardens, they also collect rainwater, generate solar power and act as vending ducts for the park's conservatory. This afternoon continue as per day 2 of the main itinerary. (B)

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1095** Single: **£1695**

**Price Includes:** Two nights hotel accommodation in Singapore, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast), excursions as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

## Post-cruise Bali Extension

24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026 & 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2027



Ubud Monkey Forest Sanctuary

After disembarking the MS Island Sky you can extend your time on the island of Bali with our two night hotel stay in the charming town of Ubud in the uplands of Bali.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 Benoa to Ubud, Bali, Indonesia.** Disembark this morning and drive into the interior of the island. Our first call will be the 11th century Pusa Puseh Batuan Temple, a five-tiered gateway tower, clearly influenced by Indian religious architecture its icons and decorations, however, are typically Balinese in style. Continue to Tegalalang, a valley of rice paddies which has been granted UNESCO World Heritage status. Learn about the traditional irrigation systems still used to this day in the terraces and enjoy the stunning scenery. After lunch we will check into our hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 2 Ubud.** Enjoy a day at leisure to explore at your own pace. Maybe visit the Ubud Monkey Forest Sanctuary or the town's vibrant market. Alternatively enjoy the hotel facilities. This evening, we will meet for a special Balinese dinner and cultural event. (B, D)

**Day 3 Bali to London.** Check out and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

**Day 4 London.** Arrive this morning.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

2026: Twin: **£695** Single: **£845**

2027: Twin: **£895** Single: **£1095**

**Price Includes:** Two nights hotel accommodation in Bali, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), excursions as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.



Stork-billed kingfisher



Coral reefs, Menjangan Island, Bali



# MS ISLAND SKY



The Library



Deluxe Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our two flagships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean Sky. Both vessels were built in the same shipyard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them two of the finest small ships in the world. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Island Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks.

## Your Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a seating area and some have private balconies, whilst those on the Marco Polo Deck feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities and quick access to the deck. The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessel conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, a large wardrobe, dressing table and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, television and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a safe, hairdryer, assorted Noble Isle toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin.

## Your Dining

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Island 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 the Club. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice.



Superior Suite



The Lounge



The Club

## Your Space

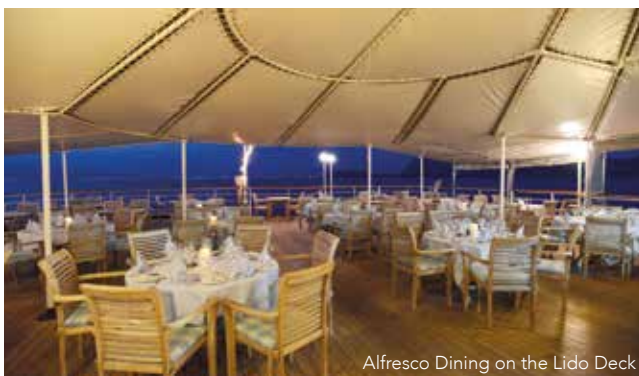
The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Columbus Deck featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place in the Lounge. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Marco Polo Deck which features the main bar. The Club also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship on the Columbus Deck is the Library. Well stocked with reference books pertaining to the destinations the vessel is visiting and a selection of essential reads, you will not find yourself short of excellent literature on board. A collection of games as well as devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite can also be found in the Library. Access to the ship's satellite Wi-Fi via your own device is complimentary on board (*signal strength varies depending on location and demand*). The main Restaurant, which can seat all guests at one sitting, is located on the Magellan Deck, and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Erikson Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Further to this on the top Explorer Deck there is an observation area ideal for spotting wildlife, complete with sun loungers for sunbathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. The Promenade Deck wraps around the whole ship giving outstanding views. There is also a small beauty salon on board with appointments made on request.

## Your Comfort

The MS Island 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.



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.

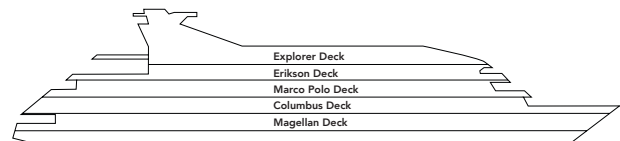


Alfresco Dining on the Lido Deck

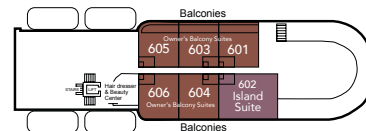
## Your Life On Board

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 wonderful destinations you are visiting in the company of like-minded people. There is a high ratio of crew to passengers and our friendly crew of 75 are mainly Filipino and Eastern European and our 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 and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.

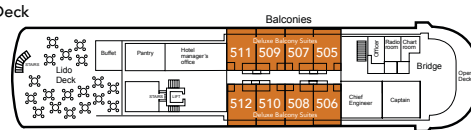
## MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



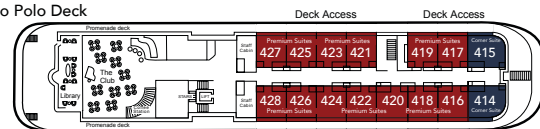
### Explorer Deck



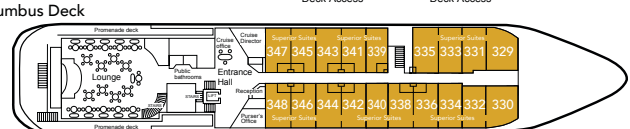
### Erikson Deck



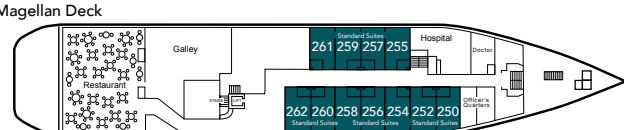
### Marco Polo Deck



### Columbus Deck



### Magellan Deck



- Standard Suites
- Corner Suites with Deck Access
- Owner's Balcony Suites
- Superior Suites
- Deluxe Balcony Suites
- Island Suite
- Premium Suites with Deck Access





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