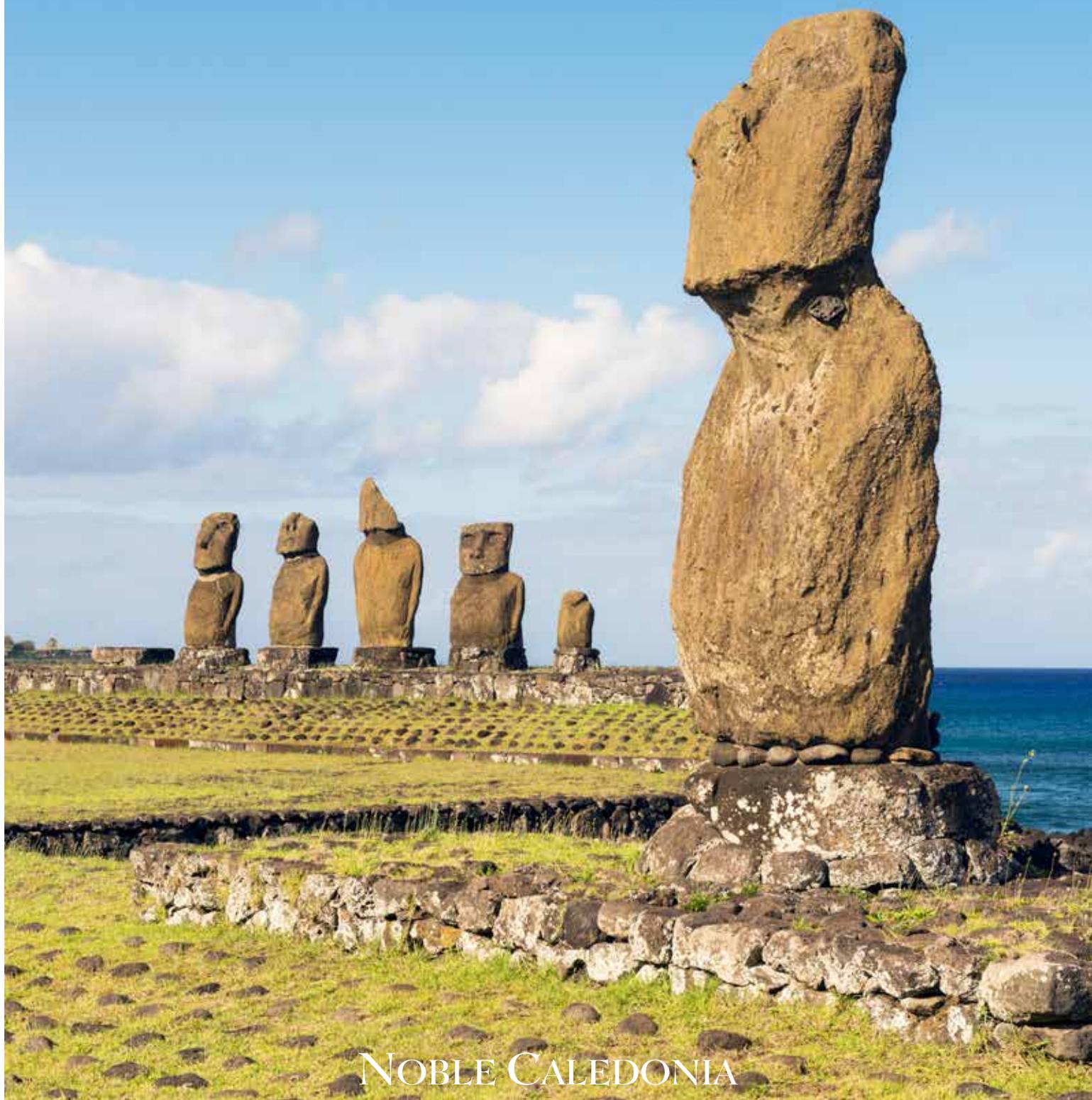


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AN EXPEDITION TO EASTER ISLAND, PITCAIRN &
THE MARQUESAS ISLANDS ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

2ND TO 23RD APRIL 2021



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Easter Island

Turtle and butterfly fish

Join us in paradise on a leisurely passage through the South Seas to an area long associated with Captain Cook, Captain Bligh and the Bounty, and Gauguin. We can promise you an unforgettable voyage to a corner of the world which has lured adventurers and romantics alike ever since Magellan first sailed to these waters in 1521.



Our expedition aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky begins on Easter Island, which, lying some 2300 miles off the coast of Chile is blessed with an extraordinary collection of remarkable archaeological sites which we will explore before setting sail for our exploration of the South Pacific's islands and atolls. From coral reefs teeming with life to powerful legends that shaped history, each island is unique, each culture distinct. On the more remote islands, villages are still composed of thatched houses, set amongst the shade of the breadfruit and coconut trees. Being welcomed by friendly locals into a remote village untouched by the modern world is truly a memorable experience. Many islands are important nesting grounds for seabirds and sea turtles and the lagoons everywhere are breeding grounds for countless species of fish.

The only comfortable way to explore this beautiful and intriguing region is by sea and we are fortunate in having one of the finest and best equipped expedition vessels in the world for our explorations. With our fleet of Zodiac landing craft we will explore inlets, bird sanctuaries and land in otherwise inaccessible places accompanied by an expert expedition team including naturalists, marine biologists and ornithologists who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm during forays ashore and whilst on board.

Our View

“We have been operating voyages in the South Pacific for over twenty five years and this voyage from Easter Island to Tahiti has always been one of our most popular itineraries. The reason is clear to see as how else, other than by a small expedition ship, could you combine the culture of Easter Island, the history of Pitcairn Island and the remote natural wonders of the islands that dot the ocean providing refuge for indigenous birds and sea creatures, or the beauty of the Marquesas that so inspired Paul Gauguin. Our journey covers over 3000 nautical miles and many of the places we visit can only be accessed using the ship's nimble Zodiac fleet to get to shore meaning when we land on remote beaches we will have these places to just our fellow 100 passengers.”

Expedition Highlights

- Visit remote atolls inaccessible to the larger cruise vessels
- Meet communities living in remote locations & enjoy unique cultural experiences
- Enjoy snorkelling, nature walks & birding opportunities
- Discover many iconic sites of the South Pacific from the moais of Easter Island to historic Pitcairn Island, the idyllic Tuamotus & the Marquesas Islands featured in Gauguin's work

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Santiago, Chile.
Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Santiago. Arrive this morning and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. Spend the afternoon and evening at leisure to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities or explore the city independently.

Day 3 Santiago to Easter Island.
After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Easter Island. This afternoon we explore Rano Kau,

the second oldest volcano on the island. Its huge caldera (one and a half kilometres at its base) contains one of the island's three freshwater lakes. From the look-out at the rim of Rano Kau we continue on to the ceremonial village of Orongo, best known for the birdman cult ceremonies. The site was restored in 1974 and within the village

you will see 47 restored houses. Continue to Ahu Tahai, another restored ceremonial site and one of the oldest, dating back to the 6th century, before we transfer to the MS Island Sky for embarkation. This evening enjoy welcome drinks and dinner on board and remain moored overnight. *(Please note that the MS Island Sky will be at anchor and embarkation will be by Zodiac)*

Day 4 Easter Island. Today we enjoy a full day tour, visiting many of the different areas where moais (statues) can be found. We will see the volcano of Rano Raraku, the site where 95% of all moais were carved and will find nearly 400 statues in various stages of completion. A hike to the top of the volcano's crater will not only reveal many statues but also a beautiful freshwater lake. We continue our exploration of the island with Ahu



Tongariki, the largest ceremonial site in Polynesia restored in 1996 and Ahu Akivi where we find seven maui built around 1460 BC and which face out to sea. Lunch will be a specially arranged barbecue on Anakena beach, home of Easter Island's ancient paramount chiefs and one of the prettiest coves in the South Pacific. We sail during dinner to start our epic journey across the South Pacific.

Days 5 & 6 At Sea. We have two days to spend relaxing on deck or maybe attend the lectures from our experts.

Day 7 Ducie Island, Pitcairn Islands. After a morning at sea we will experience expedition cruising at its finest and we hope to land on one of the wildlife sanctuaries. A remote coral atoll, Ducie Island is so remote that no threats to its native wildlife exist, and it is one of the rare places in the world where wildlife is relatively unaffected by man's presence. Our expedition team will lead a series of walks on the island.

Day 8 Henderson Island. We arrive at Henderson Island at lunchtime and will look for a suitable landing place. This upraised former coral atoll has fascinating eroded rock formations, with giant blowholes flinging up tremendous sea spray. Very rare birds inhabit the island, including the Henderson island rail and Stephen's lori. Numerous underwater ravines and crevices support a great diversity of fish and whilst on walks on the island or along the beach we will come across coconut crabs.

Days 9 & 10 Pitcairn Island. We arrive this morning on the island of Pitcairn, famous as the final

destination of the Bounty in the late 18th century. Meet the Anglo-Tahitian descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty, who arrived here 200 years ago and see the ship's anchor outside the courthouse. We will have time to explore this inspiring island setting and to spend time with the islanders who display memorable stamps and handicrafts. We will enjoy a Pitcairn welcome in the central square before exploring the capital of Adamstown. A number of walks will be offered by our expedition staff to explore the island's highlights. We will stay overnight or, if weather permits will sail to Oeno Atol where we will spend a morning. It is an important bird area due to the colony of 12,500 pairs of Murphy's petrels that nest here alongside sooty tern and brown noddy. Please note that access to the Pitcairn Islands is very weather dependent.

Day 11 Mangareva, Gambier Islands. Mountainous Mangareva is capital of the Gambier group of islands and home to the remarkable St Michael's Cathedral with a stunning mother-of-pearl altar. On a full day call, we will have the chance to join an island nature walk along the "Traversière" to the base of Mount Duff, named after the first European vessel to visit the island in 1797, or to simply wander around the small village. If weather permits, we may also set up a snorkelling platform on the surrounding coral reef.

Day 12 Expedition Day. As we make our way towards the Tuamotu Islands we will pass by the Acteon Group of islands. These remote uninhabited atolls were named after the HMS Acteon who sighted

the islands in 1837. Landing on the islands is very weather dependent but we hope that we can spend time on Tenararo which, whilst small, is an important habitat for Tuamotu sandpipers, curlews and Murphy's petrel which are not threatened by predators. We may also have the chance to snorkel or swim.

Day 13 Pukarua, Tuamotu Islands. Located on the outer fringes of French Polynesia, Pukarua faces thousands of miles of open ocean. Onshore, its small population lives in a spirit of cooperation and friendship, living largely on coconuts and the bounty of the sea. As we visit this small community, we will be enthusiastically greeted with genuine friendliness and lively music. We will have the chance to walk through the village or enjoy a swim in the lagoon before sailing at lunch time and continuing our cruise westward.

Day 14 Pukapuka. This morning we visit Pukapuka. To honour their guests, the islanders proudly decorate their tidy village with green palm fronds and flowers and welcome us with a fragrant flower lei and entrancing dances. Sample traditional coconut treats and watch a demonstration of how copra – the dried meat of the coconut – is prepared for its various uses. Travel to the centre of the island past coconut plantations to swim in the turquoise waters of the inner lagoon, before we return to the ship for lunch and set sail for the Marquesas Islands.

Day 15 Fatu Hiva, Marquesas Islands. After a morning at sea we arrive in the Marquesas Islands, far removed from the rest of the South Pacific in everything from language

and culture to geology. With a landscape of spectacular pinnacles towering over the cobalt Bay of Virgins, Fatu Hiva is one of the most floral and pristine islands. Villagers will perform their traditional dances and demonstrate their handicrafts of wood carvings and tapa making. Afterwards our expedition team will run a series of walks either climbing to the viewpoint, searching for birds with our ornithologist or a nature walk to the waterfall. Meanwhile a platform will be set up for those who wish to swim.

Day 16 Hiva Oa. At first light we arrive at volcanic Hiva Oa. We will anchor off Atohuna where, if we are lucky, we may find manta rays before going ashore. Our morning will be dedicated to Gauguin, the iconic artist of the South Pacific. We will visit his museum and make a pilgrimage to his final resting place, soaking up the landscape that inspired him to leave it all behind and go native. This afternoon we visit the Oipona me'ae temple, one of the best preserved archaeological sites in French Polynesia and home to the eight foot tall Tiki Takali. On our return to the ship you may wish to enjoy a swim from the beach.

Day 17 Nuku Hiva. Our last day in the Marquesas will be at Nuku Hiva, the largest of the islands and the island group's economic capital. Today we will immerse ourselves in local culture and geography. Traditional Marquesan dancers welcome us to their village and we will visit the archeological centres at Kamuihei and Hikoku'a to see the temples, petroglyphs and tiki. Meanwhile on a series of island walks we will discover the nature of the island and there may also be a



Tiki carving

chance to swim from the beaches. Return to the ship for lunch as we sail this afternoon.

Day 18 At Sea. Spend the day relaxing on board as we return to the Tuamotu Islands, maybe listen to a lecture, find a spot on deck or enjoy a book in the library.

Day 19 Rangiroa, Tuamotu Islands. As one of the world's largest coral atolls, Rangiroa has a magnificent lagoon surrounded by small islets or motus, stretching as far as the eye can see. Today, a variety of activities await. There will be a

chance to tour a black pearl farm, enjoy free time or have a last chance to snorkel or swim.

Day 20 Tahiti to London. Arrive in the late morning into the capital of Papeete where, after lunch, our tour will include the Museum of Tahiti and Islands. Meet tonight for dinner before we transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 21 En Route.

Day 22 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	£11695	£11395
Columbus	Superior	£12195	£11895
Marco Polo	Premium	£12695	£12395
Marco Polo	Corner	£13445	£13145
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£13975	£13675
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£14195	£13895
Explorer	Island Suite	£15195	£14895
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£16995	£16695
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£17995	£17695

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Santiago with breakfast • 17 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visa.

Post-Cruise Moorea Extension 21st to 25th April 2021



Extend your time in Tahiti with our two night stay on the island of Moorea, a heart shaped island situated close to the main island of Tahiti which is renowned as one of the most beautiful in the world. From our hotel there will be the opportunity to enjoy water sports or alternatively you may wish to explore the island seeing the plantations of cotton, coffee, sugarcane and pineapples and the majestic mountains with views over the island and wonderful waterfalls.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£775** Single: **£1025**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Moorea with breakfast, transfers from ship to hotel and from hotel to airport using local boats and vehicles, half day island tour, gratuities.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

MS ISLAND SKY



Friendly Service



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Club

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our three flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean Sky and MS Caledonian 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 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, flat screen television with inbuilt DVD/CD player 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 Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin.

Your Dining

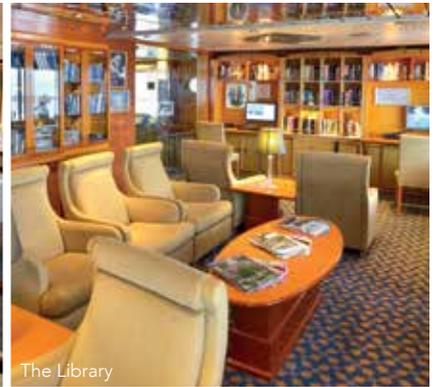
With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Island Sky is of a consistent superior quality that befits such a vessel. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants 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 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.



Standard Suite



The Restaurant



The Library

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 where the onboard pianist plays periodically throughout the day. 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.

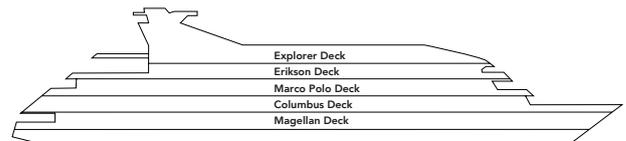
Your Comfort

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.

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 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 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



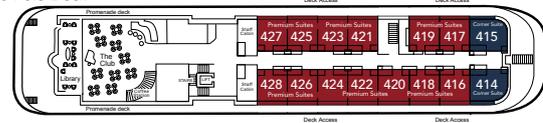
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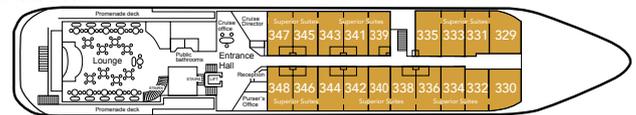
Erikson Deck



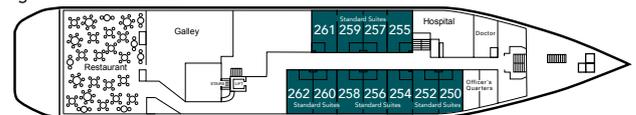
Marco Polo Deck



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



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.



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