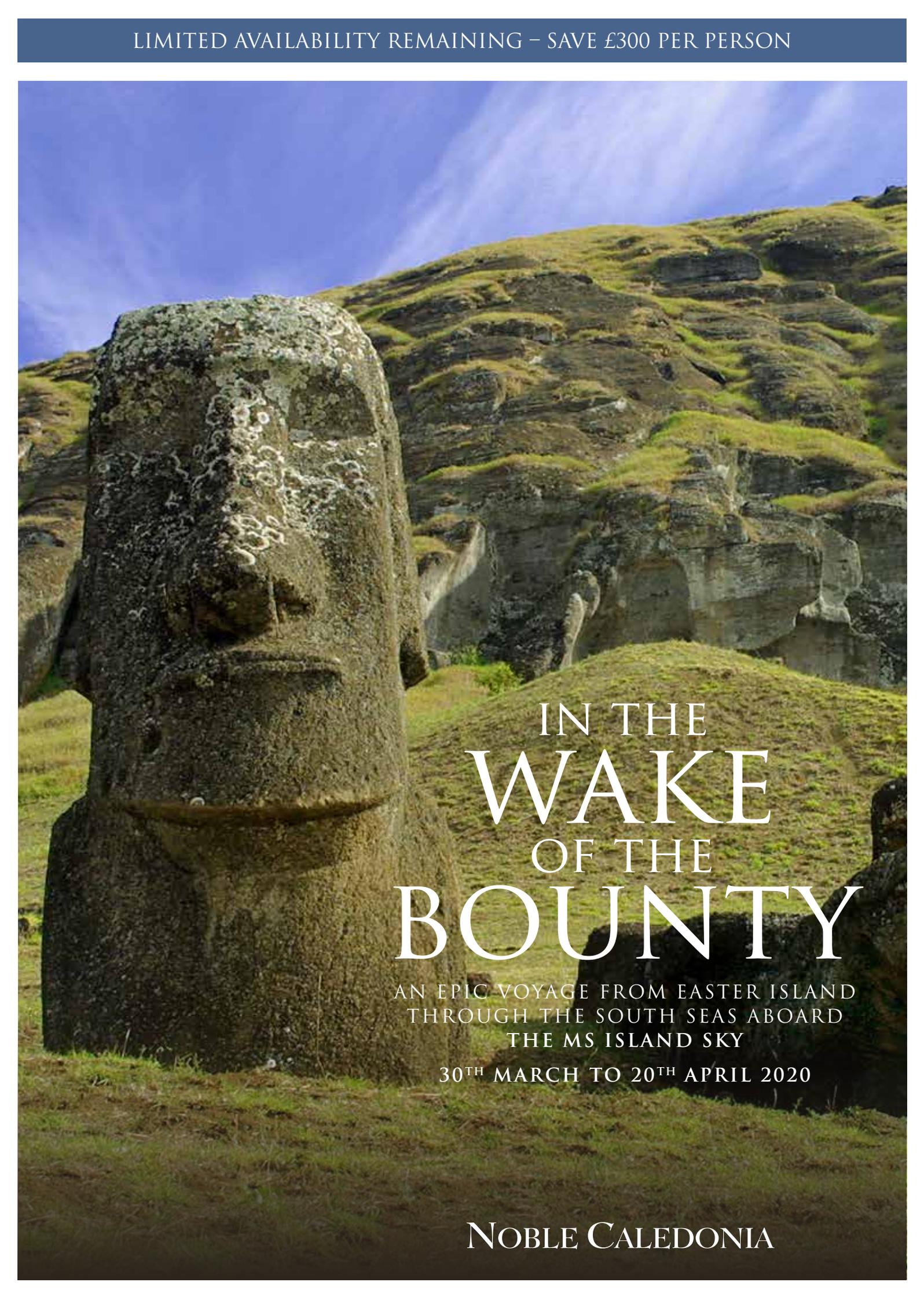


LIMITED AVAILABILITY REMAINING – SAVE £300 PER PERSON

A large, weathered Moai statue stands prominently on a grassy hillside. The statue is carved from dark volcanic rock and has a serious expression. The background shows a rugged, rocky landscape with patches of green grass and a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

IN THE WAKE OF THE BOUNTY

AN EPIC VOYAGE FROM EASTER ISLAND
THROUGH THE SOUTH SEAS ABOARD
THE MS ISLAND SKY

30TH MARCH TO 20TH APRIL 2020

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Local dance

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.

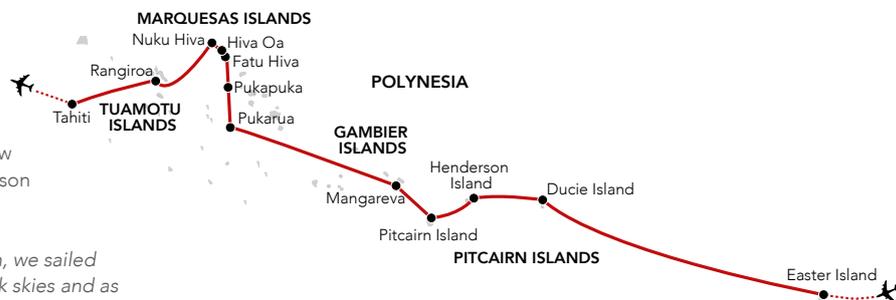
Our expedition begins on Easter Island, which, lying some 2300 miles off the coast of Chile is blessed with an extraordinary collection of remarkable archaeological sites which we will explore before setting sail aboard the MS Island Sky for our exploration of the South Pacific's islands and atolls. 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. Many islands are important nesting grounds for seabirds and sea turtles and the lagoons everywhere are breeding grounds for countless species of fish. 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.

What To Expect...

Flexibility is the key to an expedition cruise; sometimes the whole day's schedule will be changed to maximise your experience, something that would not be possible on a large cruise ship. Each day holds something new and below are some extracts from the ship's log from last season which will provide you with an idea of what to expect.

Pitcairn Islands: *The long awaited day finally arrived. At dawn, we sailed towards tiny Pitcairn Island which was silhouetted against pink skies and as we approached closer still, a beautiful rainbow. What an amazing welcome to such a mystical place. Pitcairn Island is of course so well known for its true story of the famous mutiny led by Fletcher Christian against William Bligh on the HMAV Bounty and the Pandora expedition sent to capture the mutineers which ended so disastrously. By 08.00 there was bright sunshine and clear blue skies overhead as the Zodiac shuttles between the ship and aptly named Bounty Bay began. The shuttle itself was an adventure as the Zodiac drivers carefully timed their entry to the harbour on the back of increasingly large waves. On arrival we were welcomed at the small harbour by a group of Pitcairn islanders who provided us with maps and some basic information about the island before we made our way up the Hill of Difficulty to the main square at Adamstown. At the main square and on the roads either side, the islanders had set up market stalls where we were able to buy much sought after souvenirs such as t-shirts, wooden handicrafts, books, postcards, jewellery and honey which are a key source of income for the 50 or so inhabitants living on the island. The expedition team arranged a series of guided walks around the island.*

After lunch on board, a new set of activities ensued, kicking off with the much anticipated opening of the post office to buy stamps and souvenir first day covers as well as opening the doors to the island museum where we could see artefacts from the days of the mutineers including the original bible from the Bounty as well as more recent history. Mid-afternoon we returned to the ship where it was clear as everyone chatted together about how they had spent their day and the great conversations we had enjoyed with our island hosts. There was no doubt that thus far Pitcairn Island was a voyage highlight.



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 the 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 by small groups with the use of the ship's nimble Zodiacs meaning that once we have landed on a remote beach, we will be the only guests ashore.”

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 fresh water lakes. From the look-out at the rim of Rano Kau



Easter Island

Exploring by Zodiac

Red Crab, Henderson Island

Hiva Oa

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. This afternoon we will transfer to the MS Island Sky for embarkation and enjoy Welcome Dinner and Drinks on board tonight as we moor overnight.

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 today you 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 fresh water 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 joining the lectures from our experts on board.

Day 7 Ducie Island, Pitcairn Islands. After a morning at sea we will experience expedition cruising at its finest as we hope to land on one of nature's wildlife sanctuaries. A remote coral atoll

with good snorkelling and birding, 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 whilst walks on the island or along the beach will come across coconut crabs.

Days 9 & 10 Pitcairn Islands. 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 visit with islanders who display memorable stamps and handicrafts. We will have a Pitcairn welcome in the Town Hall before exploring the capital of Adamstown. We will set up a number of walks with our expedition staff to explore the islands highlights. We will stay overnight or if weather permits will sail to Oeno Atoll where we will spend a morning. It is an important bird area due to the colony of 12,500 pairs of Murphys 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, take a hike up the 440 metre 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 from the beach.

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.

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 nature walks either climbing to the view point, searching for birds with our ornithologist or a nature walk to the waterfall. Meanwhile a snorkel 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 mantarays before 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 reposition the ship



Frangipani flowers



Hawksbill sea turtle

Mangareva, Gambier Islands

to Puamau and 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. We will visit the archeological centres at Kamuihei and Hikoku'a and see the temples, petroglyphs and tiki. Meanwhile a series of island walks will investigate the nature of the island whilst there will also be a 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, maybe join the lecture programme, 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 in the enchanting local village of Avatoru or have a last chance to snorkel or swim.

Day 20 Tahiti to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the return indirect scheduled flight to London.

Day 21 En Route.

Day 22 London. Arrive this morning.



Masked boobies, Henderson Island

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY – SAVE £300 PER PERSON

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£11495	£11195
Columbus	Superior	£11995	£11695
Marco Polo	Premium	£12495	£12195
Marco Polo	Corner	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Explorer	Island Suite	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Magellan	Standard for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Columbus	Superior for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation on bed and breakfast basis in Santiago • 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 • Group transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

Post-Cruise Moorea Extension



18th to 20th April 2020

Extend your time in Tahiti with our two night stay on the island of Moorea, the heart shaped island situated close to the main island of Tahiti and renowned as one of the most beautiful in the world. From our hotel base 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: **£725** Single: **£975**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Moorea on a bed and breakfast basis, transfers from the MS Island Sky to hotel and hotel to airport, half day island tour. **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 sitting area and some have private balconies. 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 all suites have outside views. Each affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, large wardrobes, dressing table with large mirror and stool and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, flat screen television and a telephone in each suite. Bottled water, Egyptian cotton sheets, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries and individually controlled air-conditioning and heating. Soft hues and blended tones enhance the traditional maritime style making the passenger accommodation an inviting and relaxing place to be.

Your Dining

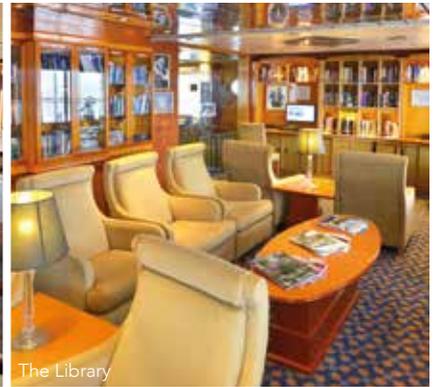
With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Island Sky is of a consistent superior quality that befits such a vessel. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants 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 selection of games and two computers offering complimentary internet access can also be found in the Library. 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. Throughout the vessel carefully chosen artwork and photos reflect the destinations we sail to.

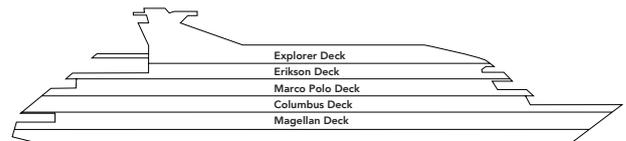
Your Comfort

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.

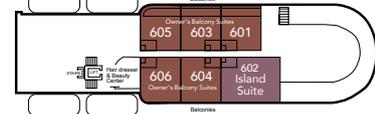
Your Life On Board

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.

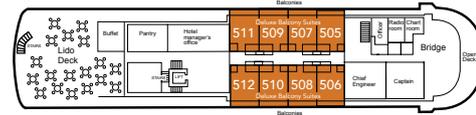
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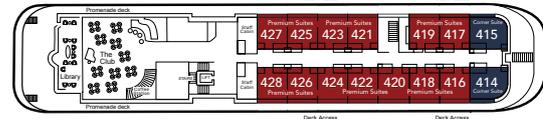
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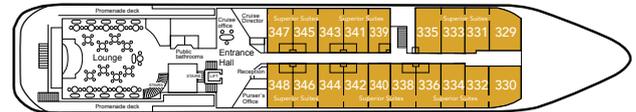
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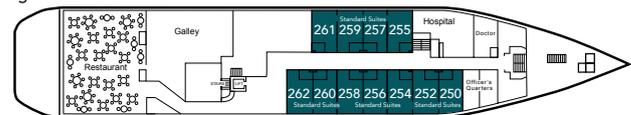
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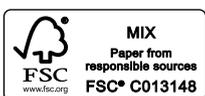
Magellan Deck



- 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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