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INDONESIAN ISLAND ODYSSEY

AN EXPLORATION OF INDONESIA'S NATURAL WONDERS
INCLUDING A CALL IN EAST TIMOR ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

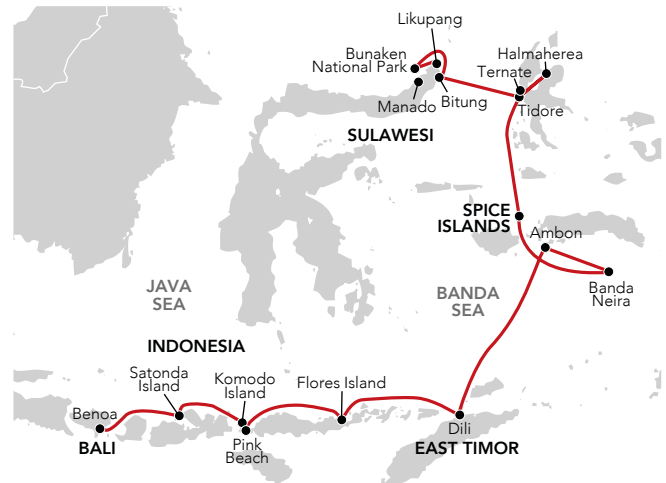
16TH AUGUST TO 1ST SEPTEMBER &
29TH AUGUST TO 14TH SEPTEMBER* 2027

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Made up of over seventeen thousand islands, Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous country is a land of diverse cultures, histories and languages, unique flora and fauna and breathtaking scenery. During this exploration of some of Indonesia's islands, we will visit places of deep spiritual significance, explore lush jungle, experience an underwater world teeming with life and areas of outstanding natural beauty. The islands we will visit are certainly not on the mass tourism circuit and their beauty and customs are relatively unscathed by the modern world. Our fleet of purpose built Zodiacs provides us with the freedom of spontaneity to explore and land in places where few travellers have been before us. We will land on otherwise inaccessible beaches, explore lagoons and coral reefs and encounter some truly remote communities. Obviously, such beauty and serenity is best enjoyed with a small number of travelling companions. After all, it would be disappointing to find yourself in the company of hundreds on what was a deserted beach.

As we island hop, we will encounter many diverse and splendid sights including the awesome Komodo dragons, vast crater lakes with surrealistic hues, lush spice growing islands, tropical forests and meet some extraordinary islanders. There will also be opportunities to snorkel in the pristine waters of some national parks including Bunaken National Park, a treasure trove of biodiversity, and whilst ashore there will be guided walks with our naturalists searching for the varied flora and fauna in some remarkable places such as the Tangkoko Nature Reserve, one of the oldest nature reserves in Indonesia.

A trip to Indonesia is so much more than a holiday and our expedition promises to be an adventure shared with like-minded travellers. We hope you will join us for this unparalleled opportunity to explore one of the most intriguing places on the map.



GUEST SPEAKER – NICHOLAS NUGENT



16th August 2027 Departure

Nicholas Nugent spent his career with the BBC World Service broadcasting to Asia and acting at different times as Southeast Asia Correspondent, based in Singapore, and South Asia Correspondent, based in Delhi. He is the author of books on India, Vietnam and Myanmar. After leaving the BBC he worked as a broadcasting and journalism consultant in regions as diverse as Russia, the Arab World, the Pacific and Latin America. His expertise on Indonesia dates from a stint as a volunteer with the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, based in the Indonesian capital and then on the island of Sulawesi working on medical aid for children in the Spice Islands of Eastern Indonesia. At that time, he learned to speak Bahasa Indonesia. That role, and an earlier volunteer-ship in India, has given rise to his latest book, *The Spice Ports; Mapping the Origins of Global Sea Trade* – published by the British Library in 2024 – which also draws on his remarkable collection of antique maps. He now lives on a farm in Somerset.





Banda Neira



Exploring by Zodiac



Knobbed Hornbill

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Bali, Indonesia. Fly by scheduled flight to Bali.

Day 2 Bali. Arrive and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 3 Bali. Enjoy a leisurely morning at the hotel or explore the local area at your own pace. We will check out in the late morning and after lunch will transfer to the MS Island Sky moored in Benoa. Sail this evening.

Days 4 to 7 Nusa Tenggara Islands & East Timor. Over the next few days we will be guided by our Captain and Expedition Leader for the best landing sites whilst we explore the Nusa Tenggara islands. We plan to visit Satonda Island, located between the large island of Sumbawa and the smaller Pulau Moyo. The island is wooded and uninhabited with a fringing reef and a small but swimmable crater lake where the trees are decorated with 'wishing' stones, shells and pieces of coral. From here we will sail to Komodo to see the distant cousins of the dinosaurs, the Komodo dragons. These rare, huge lizards grow up to twelve feet in length and were only known to the western world from 1910 when a Dutch lieutenant first laid eyes on them. Escorted by the islands' wardens in the national park we will walk to the feeding station, witnessing the dragons in the wild. During our walk we also hope to see frigate birds, white buffalo and long tailed monkeys. We hope to include a call on the island of Flores in order to visit the remarkable Kelimutu National Park with its unique three coloured crater lakes. The lakes change colour from time to time and nobody can explain why, but stories vary from a changing mineral content of the water to angry ancestor spirits. Kelimutu is sacred to the local population, and they believe the souls of the dead go to the lakes. We will also visit the small island nation of East Timor (Timor-Leste) which gained independence from Indonesia in 2002. We will explore the island's history and take in the wonderful natural landscape of rich forested slopes teeming with wildlife and the Portuguese colonial towns.

Day 8 At Sea. Enjoy a leisurely day at sea to relax and listen to some lectures in the lounge.

Days 9 to 13 Maluku Islands (Spice Islands). Over the next few days we will sail between the Maluku Islands, also known as the Spice Islands. These islands had a thriving trade in spices and other goods in the Far East long before European vessels arrived in the 15th century. Over the following centuries, the Portuguese, Dutch and English fought for control of the lucrative trade in cloves, nutmeg, mace and cinnamon and the Dutch East

India Company eventually secured the monopoly over the region's spice trade. Today the islands are left with the forts these powers built to control the ports and islands as well as the still existent plantations. During our time in the region, we will visit some of the islands including Ambon, once the Dutch administration centre for the islands and known as the 'Galapagos of Asia'. Whilst Charles Darwin was working on his theory of natural selection in the Galapagos, his contemporary Alfred Russell Wallace was taking up residence in the Spice Islands, primarily Ambon, and coming up with his own version of a similar theory based on his observations of the region's wildlife. We also hope to visit Band Neira, the main port of the Banda Islands and see the remnants of an extravagant European lifestyle which remain from the port's heyday as a spice exporter in the Dutch era. It is a charmingly friendly place and almost devoid of tourism as it is so difficult to reach. While on the islands of Halmahera, Tidore and Ternate we will focus on the natural history of the islands, exploring the places that naturalist Alfred Russell Wallace visited and worked and had his epiphany moment during a bout of malaria when the pieces fell into place for his great work, the 'Theory of Natural Selection'. Our expedition team and local guides will lead nature walks looking for some of the islands' many natural wonders and there will also be time to swim and snorkel to discover some of the unique marine life.

Day 14 Bitung, Sulawesi. On the north coast of the island of Sulawesi lies Bitung, known for its incredibly vibrant, varied and often bizarre marine life that thrives in the coastal waters. Whilst here we will explore the Tangkoko Nature Reserve, a conservation area on Mount Tangkoko that protects 8700 hectares of lowland rainforest. The reserve is known for its unique wildlife including tarsiers, the black macaque, maleo birds, cuscus and hornbills. The nocturnal tarsiers, the smallest primate in the world are only found in Sulawesi and Tangkoko is their last refuge. We will offer a range of guided nature walks here taking in the beautiful rainforest and its inhabitants.

Day 15 Bunaken National Park. This morning finds us at the Bunaken National Park, which is a treasure trove of biodiversity situated near the centre of the Coral Triangle. Here we will find nearly 400 species of coral, over 90 species of fish including bluespotted snapper and emperor angelfish, whilst seven of the eight species of giant clams are also found here. Meanwhile on land we can find macaque and deer whilst mangrove forests are home to crabs. We will use our Zodiacs to land on a local beach and set up snorkelling platforms to explore the remarkable underwater world whilst our naturalists will lead walks ashore.

Kelimutu, Flores



Banda Islands

Day 16 Likupang to Singapore. Disembark this morning in Likupang and transfer to Manado for the onward indirect flight to Singapore. On arrival in Singapore we will transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay with the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 17 Singapore to London. Transfer to the airport this morning for our scheduled flight to London. Arrive this evening.

*Please note that the 29 August departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown, from Singapore to Bali, and does not include an overnight hotel stay in Bali. Full itinerary can be viewed on our website.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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| Deck | Suite Category | Brochure Price | Special Offer Price |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Magellan | Standard | £11495 | £10995 |
| Columbus | Superior | £11995 | £11495 |
| Marco Polo | Premium | £12495 | £11995 |
| Marco Polo | Corner | £12995 | £12495 |
| Erikson | Deluxe Balcony | £14395 | £13895 |
| Explorer | Owner's Balcony | £14895 | £14395 |
| Explorer | Island | £15495 | £14995 |
| Magellan | Standard for sole use | £13495 | £12995 |
| Columbus | Superior for sole use | £13995 | £13495 |

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 13 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • Overnight hotel accommodation in Bali with breakfast (16 August departure only) • Overnight hotel accommodation in Singapore with breakfast • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner in Bali and Singapore, Indonesian visa & East Timor visa.

Bali Extension

14th to 18th August & 13th to 16th September* 2027



Pusa Puseh Batuan Temple



Ubud Monkey Forest Sanctuary



Rice paddies, Tegalalang

If you would like to spend some time in Bali we are offering a hotel extension based in the beautiful town of Ubud in the uplands of the island.

The Itinerary

Please note that those joining the pre-cruise extension in conjunction with the 16th August cruise will not have the night in Bali included as part of the main cruise itinerary and this is reflected in the price of the extension.

Day 1 London to Bali, Indonesia. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Ubud, Bali. Arrive and transfer to our hotel in Ubud for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 3 Ubud. This morning we will set out to explore 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 the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4 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 5 Ubud to Benoa. Check out of the hotel late this morning and then join your fellow travellers for lunch before embarking the MS Island Sky moored in Benoa. Sail this evening. (B, L)

*Please note that the itinerary shown above is for the pre-cruise Bali extension. The 13th September extension is a post-cruise extension in conjunction with the 29th August cruise and includes two nights hotel accommodation. Full details can be viewed on our website.

Prices per person based on double occupancy

Pre-cruise: Twin: £755 per person; Single: £955

Post-cruise: Twin: £895 per person; Single: £1195

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation in Bali, (two nights for the post-cruise extension), meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), excursions, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

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.

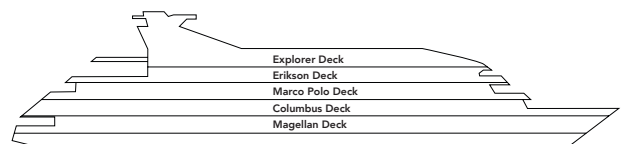
Your Comfort

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.

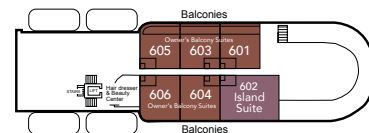
Your Life On Board

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.

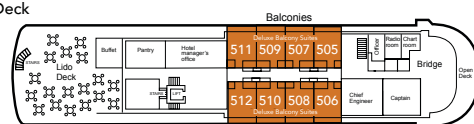
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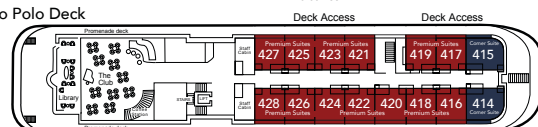
Explorer Deck



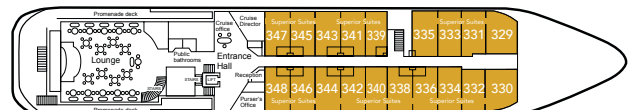
Erikson Deck



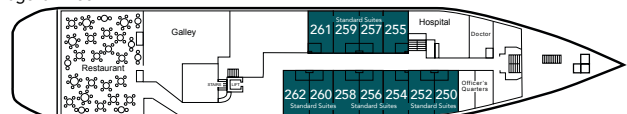
Marco Polo Deck



Columbus Deck



Magellan Deck



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



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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