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# ISLAND HOPPING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

An expedition from Fiji to Tahiti discovering the islands  
& atolls of the South Pacific aboard the MS Island Sky

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NOBLE CALEDONIA

By wind, wave and star the ancient people of Polynesia ventured to the farthest reaches of the South Pacific. Isolated by miles of ocean over thousands of years, these, the world's first island cultures, developed a pantheon of gods, myths and legends and this voyage tells the story of Polynesia and uncovers its history as we visit the captivating islands.

Our expedition begins in Fiji and our journey to Tahiti takes us through Tonga, the Cook Islands and the Society Islands all of which embody the laid-back lifestyle and idyllic surroundings of the South Pacific.



Our expedition aboard the MS Island Sky promises to be a marvellous island hopping adventure and an enjoyable undertaking for those who relish travelling off the beaten track to remote and extraordinary islands. From coral reefs teeming with life to powerful legends that shaped history, each island group we will visit is unique, each culture distinct. The description defying beauty and remoteness of the islands have attracted generations of adventurers, explorers and travellers to their shores. The real age of European exploration did not take place until the 18th century and many of the islands we will visit have changed little since that time. Their sheer isolation has been their saving grace and apart from an influx of missionaries in the late 19th century, western culture has made few inroads.

The only comfortable way to explore this beautiful and intriguing region is by sea and sailing aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky with just 100 fellow, like-minded travellers, we will be able to use the onboard Zodiacs to explore inlets, bird sanctuaries and land in otherwise inaccessible places accompanied by our expert expedition team including naturalists, marine biologists and ornithologists who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm during forays ashore and whilst on board. Our days will be spent on nature walks, searching for endemic birds, beachcombing, snorkelling or swimming from the beautiful beaches, interacting with the locals and learning about their way of life and traditional handicrafts or, simply experiencing some of the most pristine tropical scenery to be found anywhere in the world.

## 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 to provide you with an idea of what to expect, below are extracts from the ship's log from when the MS Island Sky last visited the region.

**Nuku'alofa, Tonga:** Our first day in the Kingdom of Tonga and we begin with the capital, Nuku'alofa. The police band played us off the MS Island Sky and dancers greeted us on the wharf as we made our way to the interesting assembly of vehicles of diminishing size. Our first stop on our tour was at Ancient Tonga where we spent time learning about the kava ceremony in depth, making of tapa cloth, weaving, traditional medicine and cooking. Some energetic dancing from the men and some less energetic but nonetheless lovely dancing from the women. We were invited to taste the food and ask lots of questions, some of us were even dressed up in traditional garb. Leaving Ancient Tonga behind we then had a tour of the island including stops at the spot Captain Cook landed, past a two-headed palm tree, a blowhole and the royal palace. Back to our ship which was alongside until late into the evening so we could explore the nightlife of this compact capital at our leisure.

**Vava'u, Tonga:** The scenery as we arrived at our last stop in the Kingdom of Tonga was just spectacular, the raised coral beds turned islands made for a dramatic coastline topped with lush vegetation. Our little ship negotiated the channels to arrive at the port of Neiafu. Our welcome party were in traditional dress with mat skirts and traditional prints, and an array of brass instruments to play us down the gangway. They played with gusto for over an hour as we arrived and started to trickle out to explore the small town of Neiafu and the little markets full of fish, fruit and local handicrafts. The ship repositioned over lunch and we had a choice of afternoon activities; a Zodiac cruise along the edges of the little islands that surrounded us, an advanced cave snorkel trip or a drop off at a postcard perfect beach off which we could swim or snorkel. A special afternoon tea on lido deck to farewell the Kingdom of Tonga. The recap and briefing was informative as always followed by another fabulous dinner.

**Raiatea, French Polynesia:** A last presentation of the trip by Tony on Birds without Borders all about the amazing migratory feats accomplished by the avian community. After an early sushi lunch and a face-to-face with the French Polynesian immigration officials we were ready to go. A welcome committee in traditional attire greeted us, blowing a conch and placing scented laes (flower garlands) around our necks, the perfume of which followed us all the way to the waiting transport. And what transport it was! Known as 'Le Truck' these vehicles are standard across these islands as public transport, a sort of delightful hybrid of minibus and truck. Our guides told us all about life on the island as our Le Truck meandered through the street (not streets, street, it was a very small place ...) of the town and out along the coastline to the south-east, journeying through the lush vegetation. We arrived at the main destination the Marae Taputapuata, a large UNESCO listed heritage site comprising several marae, sacred ceremonial and social spaces which can be found throughout Polynesia. This particular site was once considered to be the religious centre for Eastern Polynesia. We enjoyed some light refreshments and local bananas before returning on our fleet of Le Trucks to the town which we had time to explore. Some of us even had time for one last snorkel before finishing our day.





Butterfly fish



Raiatea



Ovalau, Levuka Island



Aitutaki, Cook Islands



Swimming hole, Niue

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Fiji.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

**Day 2 En Route.** Transit as we continue our journey to Fiji.

**Day 3 Fiji.** Arrive this morning and transfer directly to the MS Island Sky which will be moored in Lautoka. The remainder of the day is free to relax on board before we sail this evening.

**Day 4 Levuka Island.** The island of Levuka and the town of Ovalau has a special place in Fijian history as it was here in 1874 that the Fiji islands were ceded to the British and also where in 1970 Fiji was declared independent again. The town is unlike any other Fijian town having retained the colonial buildings which made it the first Fijian site to be granted UNESCO status. Join a walking tour around Nasova village on the shores of the bay and visit the museum and Cession Monument, the site where Chief Cakobau signed the deed ceding Fiji to Great Britain. This afternoon we will relocate to one of the nearby islands where we can relax on the beach, snorkel or swim.

**Day 5 Fulaga.** We arrive this morning in the Southern Lau group and the island of Fulaga, famous for its woodcarving and the making of large outrigger canoes. Over 100 tiny islands in the Fulaga Lagoon have been undercut into extraordinary mushroom shapes and the surrounding waters are tinged with striking colours by the dissolved limestone. On arrival we hope to be welcomed to the island by the village elder before spending the day meeting with the villagers, taking nature walks or using the Zodiacs to find a suitable beach to land for swimming, snorkelling or beachcombing.

**Day 6 Nuku'alofa, Tonga.** After a morning at sea we arrive into Nuku'alofa, the capital of Tonga. Once the immigration formalities are complete we will have a chance to explore this laidback town and the island of Tongatapu. Having never been colonised by Europeans we will experience traditional Polynesian culture alongside beautiful beaches and spectacular natural wonders. We will see the historical Captain Cook landing site from his 1777 voyage, explore the Royal Palace (Tonga retains the last monarchy in Polynesia), and the famous Tongan blowholes, considered the most spectacular in the South Pacific.

**Day 7 Neiafu & Nuku Island, Vava'u.** We arrive during breakfast at the pretty port of Neiafu in the Vava'u islands, part of the kingdom of Tonga. Spend the morning exploring the town independently, maybe visit the local market or enjoy a drink in a harbourside café. Alternatively, join a tour to the Ene'io Botanical Gardens, founded in 1972 they are the only botanical gardens in Tonga. Here the local guides will identify some of the 550 different plant varieties found in the gardens. Over lunch we hope to

reposition to the nearby Nuku Island and use our Zodiacs to find a suitable location to land and set up snorkelling activities. There are many different species of colourful tropical fish here and we hope to see the graceful black-and-yellow angelfish and curious clownfish on the surrounding reefs.

**Day 8 International Date Line & Niue.** After crossing the International Date Line (therefore still 9th October) we arrive this afternoon in Niue, one of the smallest independent nations on earth at just 260 square kilometres with a population of just 1,200 people. Populated since the 10th century, the first European to sight Niue was Captain Cook in 1774 but his attempts to land were refused by the inhabitants. Today we will visit the capital, Alofi Village, and stop at the Philatelic Bureau, where some of the world's most sought after stamps may be purchased. Later, those feeling active may choose to continue to Matapa Chasm, a secluded cleft in the sea cliffs, where we can walk down to discover the perfect swimming hole. Alternatively, enjoy a swim or snorkel from the beach.

**Days 9 & 10 At Sea.** Spend a leisurely two days at sea as we continue our journey across the Pacific towards the Cook Islands. Maybe join a lecture in the lounge or spend time on deck to watch for wildlife.

**Day 11 Rarotonga, Cook Islands.** Arrive this morning in Rarotonga, the hub of the Cook Islands where we have a day to explore. Join a nature walk in the Takitumu Conservation area, a 155 hectare forested area in the interior of the island. Here we can look for some endemic birds such as the Rarotongan flycatcher, Pacific pigeon and fruit dove whilst walking in the beautiful scenery of the park. Alternatively, explore the history and culture of the island on a drive including the sacred marae, site of the seven canoes and local churches. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon to explore further at your own pace.

**Day 12 Atiu.** Our exploration of the Cook Islands continues at the small island of Atiu. With only 560 residents we will be guaranteed a special welcome. A choice of activities this morning includes a bird tour to search for the Rarotonga monarch, chattering kingfisher, Cook Islands fruit dove and Atiu swiftlets. Alternatively, discover the island on a tour which will include James Cook's landing site from 1777, the coffee plantations and a visit to some of the local houses. After lunch on board there will be the opportunity for a relaxing afternoon swimming from the beach or maybe enjoy a taste of the local Tumunu, a traditional drink brewed from fermented oranges.

**Day 13 Aitutaki.** This lovely lagoon is famous for its fascinating coral formations and bountiful brightly hued tropical fish. After a lively welcome, choose to join a morning island drive which will explore the sleepy village of

Aitutaki Lagoon



Fruit Dove, Cook Islands



Venus Point Lighthouse, Papeete



Arutanga with the oldest church in the Cook Islands. We will see the lush forest of Nikaupara, ancient marae and the bunkers built during World War II which are visible from Mount Piraki. From the top of Maunga Pu we are treated to breathtaking views of the island and lagoon. Alternatively, you may wish to join our naturalists for a cruise and snorkel in the lagoon. We have a few hours to explore independently or take the chance for a swim before sailing in the late afternoon.

**Day 14 At Sea.** A relaxing day at sea cruising toward French Polynesia.

**Day 15 Bora Bora, French Polynesia.** One of the most stunning islands on the planet, Bora Bora's interior is crowned by majestic eroded volcanic formations and a distinctive black basaltic peak. A tour of the island will take you past colourful villages, archaeological sites, scenic viewpoints and World War II relics. This afternoon explore independently or take the opportunity to swim from the beach.

**Day 16 Raiatea & Taha'a.** Raiatea is recognised throughout French Polynesia as its "Sacred Island", the cultural heart of all French Polynesia. Local Polynesian legends say Raiatea, formerly known as "Havai" was the island of origin of great voyaging canoes that took the people as far as Hawaii. This, the second largest Tahitian isle, was the centre of religion and culture over 1,000 years ago and still lends enchantment to ancient legends told to this day. This morning's island tour will include a visit to the Taputapuātea marae which dates back over 1,000 years. This afternoon we sail over to the neighbouring island of Taha'a where we plan to visit a vanilla plantation. With the rich aroma of vanilla lingering heavily in the air, Taha'a offers a glimpse of the traditional, tranquil life of the Tahitians.

**Day 17 Papeete, Tahiti to London.** Moor in Papeete over breakfast where a morning tour will include the house of James Norman Hall. Hall was the co-author of the *Mutiny on the Bounty* and his reconstructed house is now a museum decorated with original 1920s furniture and photos. Continue to the Venus Peninsula, it was here in 1769 that Captain Cook's observatory was located as he planned to record the transit of Venus. Today we can see the 19th century lighthouse and black sand beaches before our final stop at the Arahoho blowholes. Return to the ship for lunch before our afternoon transfer to the airport for the scheduled flight to London via Los Angeles.

**Day 18 En Route.** Transit in Los Angeles for our onward flight to London.

**Day 19 London.** Arrive today.

### EXPLORING ASHORE

During this expedition, the vessel will be at anchorage most days and the Zodiacs will be used to transport passengers ashore and to explore remote inlets. Landings will be at small harbours or on to beaches, so will be wet landings in warm water. Visits to specific islands are weather dependent. Ashore, our onboard team will endeavour to arrange a selection of walks to include longer and shorter options to cater for different abilities and interests. There will be opportunities to swim and snorkel and some snorkelling opportunities will be from a snorkelling platform and only suitable for the more confident swimmers. Transport on the islands is very limited and when used will be small minivans, trucks and taxis.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Launch Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£11995	£11495
Columbus	Superior	£12395	£11895
Marco Polo	Premium	£12995	£12495
Marco Polo	Corner	£13495	£12995
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£14995	£14495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£15495	£14995
Explorer	Island Suite	£15995	£15495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£14995	£14495
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£15495	£14995

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 14 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • 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, US ESTA (required for transiting en-route).

**FLIGHTS:** Please note that flight schedules and routings are yet to be released at the time of promotion. If you would like to break your journeys to Fiji, and from Tahiti, please register your interest at the time of booking. Details will be confirmed approximately 10 months prior to departure. For flights which transit via the USA, passengers will be required to apply for an ESTA.



# MS ISLAND SKY



Friendly Service



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, 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 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 in the Club. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice.



Superior Suite



The Club



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. 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.

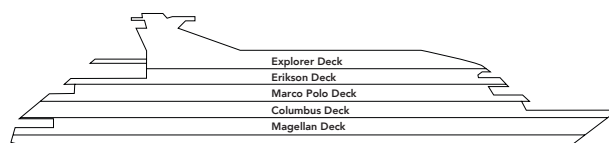
## Your Comfort

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.

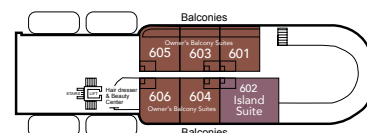
## Your Life On Board

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.

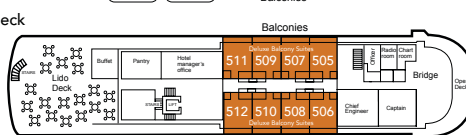
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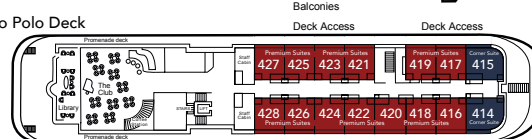
### Explorer Deck



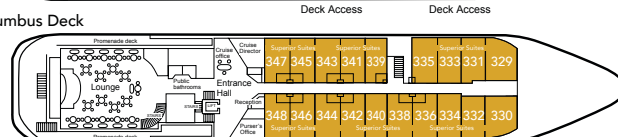
### Erikson Deck



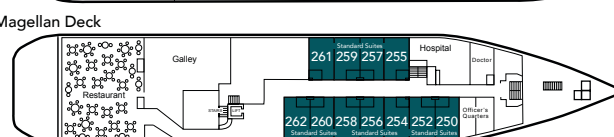
### Marco Polo Deck



### Columbus Deck



### Magellan Deck



- Standard Suites
- 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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