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MELANESIAN ODYSSEY

AN ISLAND HOPPING ADVENTURE FROM FIJI TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA
INCLUDING VANUATU & THE SOLOMON ISLANDS
ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

8TH TO 24TH MARCH 2027

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Here is a fascinating island hopping expedition from Fiji to Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. Travelling independently in Melanesia can be difficult, with little infrastructure in place to accommodate for tourists and information about getting around often scarce. This of course makes the region alluring to the genuine traveller who will encounter beautiful islands with unique features and customs that remain relatively unscathed by the modern world. The region is ideal for exploring by small ship and particularly one as suitable as the MS Island Sky. Her fleet of Zodiac landing craft provides us with the freedom of spontaneity to explore and land in places where relatively few travellers have been before us.



On arrival in Fiji we will transfer directly to the MS Island Sky and begin our expedition with a leisurely day at sea sailing to Vanuatu where we will spend four days exploring the archipelago which is home to volcanos, rainforests bursting with a magnificent array of flora and fauna, beautiful beaches and a mesmerising underwater world of tropical fish and coral. We continue to the Solomon Islands which were thrust on to the centre stage of world history when the Allied forces took the offensive in the South Pacific and air, land and sea battles ensued for their control. Whilst here we will explore the enchanting small islands of Santa Ana and Utupua, remote island paradises where we will have the opportunity to visit tribal villages little changed for centuries, see astonishing ceremonial dances, enjoy nature walks inland or swim in the warm waters from isolated palm-fringed beaches. We also visit Honiara where we explore the World War II sites, Tetepare Island which is the largest uninhabited tropical island in the Southern Hemisphere and the majestic Morovo Lagoon, the world's largest double barrier lagoon and a truly awe-inspiring place. Our expedition concludes in Papua New Guinea where we will moor in the dramatic Simpson Harbour which is part of a huge, flooded caldera and ringed by a number of volcanoes.

Afloat and ashore, our expedition will be filled with unforgettable images, remote idyllic islets, tribal villages unchanged for centuries, astonishing ceremonial dances, kaleidoscopic reefs and soaring white-tailed tropic birds. This voyage has something for everyone, whether your interest lies in natural history, military history, bird watching, photography, the undersea world or simply just being one of the privileged few who are able to set foot on islands of astonishing richness and beauty. We hope you can join us in this faraway haven, for an unparalleled opportunity to explore one of the most intriguing places on the map.



The Itinerary

Days 1 & 2 London to Fiji. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 3 Lautoka, Fiji. Arrive today and transfer directly to the MS Island Sky for embarkation. The remainder of the day is at leisure to acclimatise after our long flight before we sail in the late afternoon.

Day 4 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we cross to Vanuatu. Our lecture programme will commence in the lounge or else find a spot on deck.

Day 5 Tanna Island, Vanuatu. Our first call in Vanuatu is the island of Tanna, meaning earth in the local Kwamera language. Captain Cook was the first European to visit the island in 1774, landing at Port Resolution, having been attracted by the glowing light of Mount Yasur. This 361 metre active volcano is situated in the southeast of the island and dominates the landscape. The more adventurous amongst us may wish to join a journey to the crater taking local trucks through the rainforest that covers the mountain before walking to the rim. Alternatively, we hope to have the chance to visit local villages where traditional lifestyles are maintained and the local culture has been largely unaffected by western influences

Day 6 Efate Island. Awake this morning off Port Havannah, situated on the north coast of Efate Island and our base for today's activities. There are a number of outer islands that we may be able to explore depending on weather and sea conditions. Lelepa Island is 160 acres of unspoilt tropical rainforest and palm fringed beaches. On a nature walk we will see the herbs used in local medicines before exploring Feles cave thought to be the resting place of the legendary Polynesian Chief, Roi Mata. We also hope to land on Moso Island where the local Tasiriki community has been active in the conservation of the local turtle population and where we hope to set up a snorkelling platform or offer a chance to swim from the beach.

Day 7 Malekula & Wala Island. The second largest of the island group, Malekula is also the most culturally diverse with a small population that speaks



Mt. Yasur, Tanna Island



Exploring by Zodiac



Coral Reefs, Marovo Lagoon



Efate Island, Vanuatu



Fruit Dove, Solomon Islands

over 30 distinct languages. Here we will learn about the ancient tribes the Big Nambas who lived in the north and Small Nambas from the central and southern provinces. Tribal warfare was once very common but today the island is peaceful. We plan to visit one of the tribal groups, learn about their culture, with many ancient sites hidden in the forests, and see some of their important traditions of dance and song. In the afternoon we will relocate and find a suitable spot to swim, snorkel or enjoy a nature walk.

Day 8 Espiritu Santo Island. Espiritu Santo is the largest of Vanuatu's islands with some of the most beautiful white sand beaches, amazing blue holes, caves and renowned snorkelling. It was also a huge military base during World War II. Today there will be the opportunity to join an island tour including the Nekar Custom Village where we will learn about local traditions and customs, including their unique water music and kava making, before enjoying time to swim in one of the nearby "blue holes". Alternatively, we will plan to swim or snorkel amongst the corals and fish of the region at Million Dollar Point, named after the value of the military equipment dumped into the sea. Sail over lunch and enjoy an afternoon at sea.

Day 9 Nembao Village, Utupua Island, Solomon Islands. After a morning at sea we arrive this afternoon in the Solomon Islands at the remote Utupua Island. After being welcomed ashore we will have the option to meet the island's school children, take a Zodiac cruise to the mangroves or join our naturalists for some beachcombing and nature walks in the nearby forests.

Day 10 Santa Ana. Spend the morning cruising towards Port Mary on Santa Ana Island where we will be welcomed with a stunning dance by the villagers with spears and mud face masks. After the performance we have the opportunity to explore the village further with its plethora of local handicrafts, join a nature walk through the forests or swim from the local beach.

Day 11 Honiara. Prior to World War II Honiara did not exist; it developed around the site of the US military headquarters. The town and Mataniko River, which runs through it, were the front for many months during the battle of Guadalcanal. Today, this is a bustling town with lovely hibiscus and palm tree lined avenues. After breakfast we will join a city tour of Honiara including the central market, parliament building and National Museum where we get an insight into the history of the Solomon Islands. Enjoy lunch before continuing to the World War II sites including Henderson Field, the Japanese Peace Park and the US Memorial at Skyline Ridge. Alternatively, visit a local organic cocoa farm where we can learn about the

farming techniques and growing practices before enjoying a tasting of the final chocolate products. This evening we will cruise through Iron Bottom Sound, the site of intense naval battles during World War II and so named for the large numbers of Japanese and American ships and aircraft that sank beneath the sea.

Day 12 Tetepare Island. Tetepare, cloaked in rainforests and fringed with coral reefs, is the largest uninhabited tropical island in the Southern Hemisphere and home to one of the Solomon Islands leading conservation projects. Managed by the Tetepare Descendants Association, they have ensured the island was saved from the threat of loggers and many areas remain untouched. A wide variety of plants and animals live in the 120 square kilometres of lowland rainforest that blankets the island. A total of 76 bird species, 25 reptile and 13 mammal species have been recorded here including skinks, dugongs and the endemic Tetepare white eye whilst the beaches support three species of turtle including the endangered leatherback. Today we will enjoy a range of guided walks in the rainforest with the local conservationists who will educate us on the work they are doing on the island.

Day 13 Marovo Lagoon. Marovo Lagoon is the largest double barrier lagoon in the world. Thousands of islands scatter the lagoon, from tiny coral islets on the fringing reef to massive 1600 metre volcanic islands. Inside the lagoon, the islands are surrounded by spectacular coral formations and white sand beaches, the lagoon waters shimmering in every shade of blue, turquoise and jade green. We have a full day here to explore the villages which produce some of the finest wood carvings in the region. We will also find a suitable spot to snorkel and swim from the beaches as well as enjoying nature walks in the local forests.

Day 14 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we make our way towards Papua New Guinea.

Day 15 Rabaul, Papua New Guinea. Arrive today in Rabaul's dramatic Simpson harbour which is ringed by six cone-shaped volcanoes. Our morning tour will include a visit to the Volcanic Observatory, which monitors 14 active and 23 dormant volcanoes in Papua New Guinea, and from where we will enjoy magnificent views over the bay and the volcanoes. Our next stop will be Mount Tavurvur, which violently erupted in 1937 and 1994, and where we will witness the Hot Springs. Before returning to MS Island Sky we will pass old Rabaul Airport, destroyed by the 1994 volcanic eruption, the museum and the vibrant market. This afternoon will be at leisure to explore independently or relax on deck as we moor overnight.



Pre-cruise Fiji Extension 5th to 10th March 2027

If you would like to spend some time in Fiji prior to embarking the MS Island Sky we are offering a three night hotel extension.



The Itinerary

Days 1 & 2 London to Fiji. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 3 Fiji. Arrive today and transfer to our hotel for a three night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Days 4 & 5 Fiji. Two days at leisure to enjoy the hotel facilities. (B)

Day 6 Fiji. Check out this morning and transfer to the MS Island Sky in Lautoka. Settle into your cabin before we sail in the late afternoon. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£995** Single: **£1495**

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation in Fiji, meals as stated (B - Breakfast), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. Minimum numbers apply.

Post-cruise Singapore Extension 24th to 26th March 2027

If you would like to spend some time in Singapore after disembarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering a two night extension including guided city tour and a visit to the Gardens by the Bay.



The Itinerary

Day 1 Singapore. A morning city tour will take us to 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 and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure to relax or explore independently. (B)

Day 2 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. Return to the hotel for a free afternoon and evening. (B)

Day 3 Singapore to London. Check out after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. Arrive this afternoon. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1095** Single: **£1545**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Singapore, meals as stated (B - Breakfast), excursions as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. Minimum numbers apply.

Day 16 Rabaul to Singapore. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to Singapore. Arrive this evening and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 17 Singapore to London. Return to the airport this morning for our scheduled flight to London. Arrive this afternoon.

2026 DEPARTURE

At the time of going to print, there is some limited availability remaining for our September 2026 'Melanesian Odyssey' departure which operates from Singapore to Fiji. Full details for the 2026 cruise 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	£11995	£11495
Columbus	Superior	£12295	£11795
Marco Polo	Premium	£12495	£11995
Marco Polo	Corner	£13295	£12795
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£13995	£13495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£14495	£13995
Explorer	Island Suite	£14995	£14495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£12495	£11995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£12995	£12495

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Singapore with breakfast • 13 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 • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, US ESTA (required for transiting en-route), Papua New Guinea & Australia E-Visa, lunch and dinners in Singapore.

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 journey on the return flight from Fiji, 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



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.

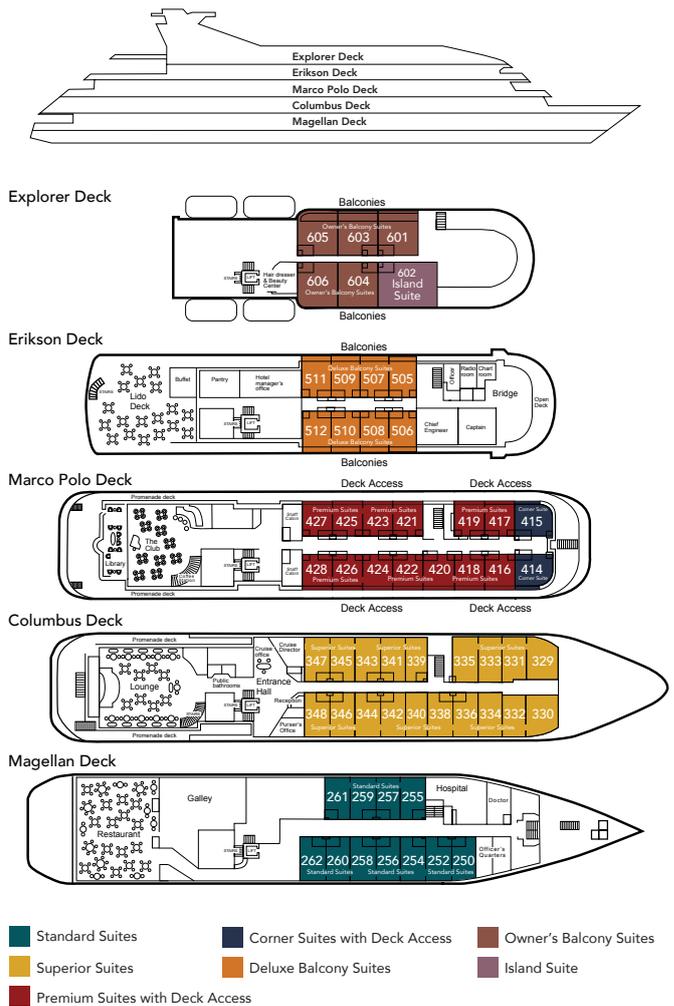
Your Comfort

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.

MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



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