

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Voyages in the
CARIBBEAN &
CENTRAL AMERICA

ABOARD THE MS SERENISSIMA
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021



MS Serenissima

For our voyages in the Caribbean and Central America, we have once again chartered the charming MS Serenissima which began her career as the Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Extensively renovated in 2003 she was rechristened MS Andrea and began her life as a classic cruise ship, and was chartered by Noble Caledonia for a number of years. In spring 2012 MS Andrea was purchased by our longstanding associates Volga Dream and renamed the MS Serenissima. After a thorough renovation and upgrading, the charming MS Serenissima commenced cruise operations in April 2013 and we have chartered her for the majority of each year since knowing her to be perfect for small ship cruising. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships and appears an impressive sight when moored. With her fleet of Zodiacs she is capable of both destination and expedition cruising.



Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating no more than 95 passengers, there are eight different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and all feature either windows or portholes. Cabins for double occupancy range in size from 10 to 25 square metres. The cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience and all cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower (please note cabins 601 – 605 and 507 have a bath with shower attachment) and a selection of toiletries in addition to a hairdryer, telephone, robes and slippers, safety deposit box and other thoughtful appointments. All cabins feature a flat screen television on which the lectures are relayed live should you wish to listen to them from the comfort of your cabin. Bottles of still and sparkling water are replenished daily. Due to the very nature of the ship, no two cabins are the same and cabins vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm. Cabins are due to be refurbished in December 2019 but will retain their unique style.



Harald Jarl Lounge



Friendly staff



Restaurant

Your Dining

The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting and, with its Deck 5 location, all of the tables benefit from great views. The picture windows also make the restaurant wonderfully light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order by the ship's accomplished chef. Lunch is also served buffet-style with hot and cold dishes available. Dinner is served a la carte and is four courses, except at the Captain's Dinner, which is a six course affair. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water is included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee are available around the clock in the Andrea Lounge. In keeping with the relaxed atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements at your leisure and dress is informal except for the Captain's Dinner for which you may wish to dress in smarter attire.

Your Space

The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Jarl Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library and Wi-Fi is available at an extra cost throughout the vessel. The outside areas really are something special. A spacious observation deck allows 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with Jacuzzi and outside bar. The covered seating area at the back of Deck 6 is ideal for relaxing with a drink in hand. Perhaps, one of the best known and loved features of this vessel is its unique style. During the major refit in Sweden the then owners commissioned Swedish interior designers to create a Gustavian style interior. This bright Swedish 18th century influenced, country house style works particularly well on a vessel of this vintage, providing intimacy and a classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.



Andrea Lounge

Life On Board

If large resort-style vessels accommodating many thousands of passengers are your ideal, then the MS Serenissima is not the vessel for you as you will not find endless entertainment, round the clock buffets and the people management which is so much a part of today's big ship on board style. However, if like us, you prefer a more peaceful life at sea you will find the MS Serenissima the ideal vessel. The MS Serenissima is more akin to a country hotel than one of the large ships trawling the seas today. The Captain, Officers and crew offer a first class service and have been selected for their professionalism and caring attitudes. The atmosphere on board is warm and welcoming, and the emphasis is on well-thought out itineraries, relaxation, time spent with like-minded passengers and discovery. A little music in the lounge after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings from our Cruise Director and of course, good food with wine included at lunch and dinner, all contribute to make a voyage aboard the MS Serenissima a memorable and joyful experience.

For your Comfort, Safety and Security

There are so few ships of this generation still cruising and MS Serenissima is a great testament to her present and previous owners that they have seen fit to invest considerable sums over the years to keep her in top form and complying with health and safety requirements. There is a Doctor on board and a lift. During your voyage you will have 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 and whenever possible a tour to see the unique engine room is offered.



Lido Deck

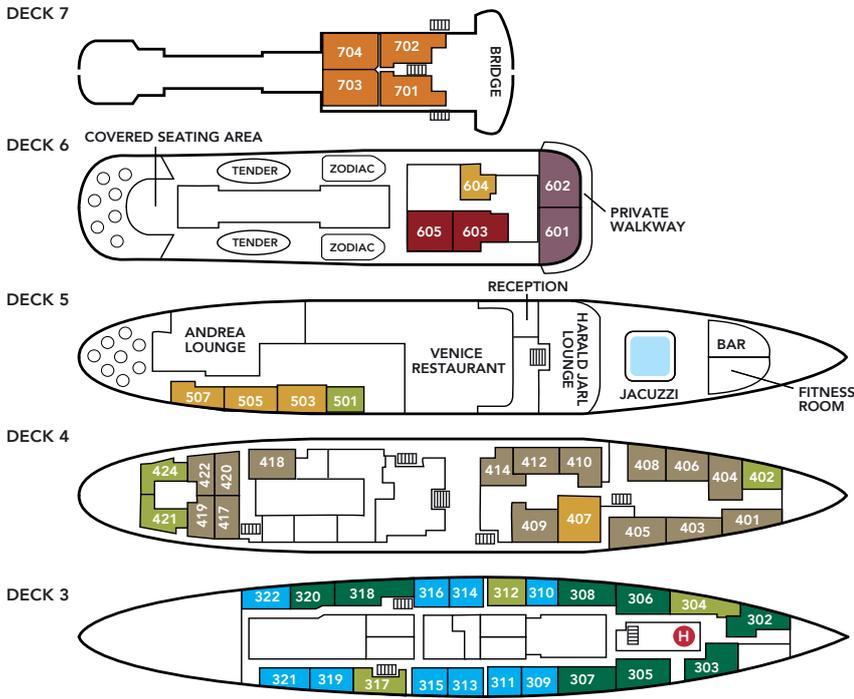


Serenissima Suite



Throughout this brochure, you will see an expedition logo next to some of the cruise names which indicates the cruise is classified as an expedition cruise. During expedition cruises, 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. Expedition cruises will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

MS Serenissima Deck Plan & Cabins



- STANDARD STATEROOM
- SUPERIOR STATEROOM
- DELUXE STATEROOM
- JUNIOR SUITE
- SERENISSIMA SUITE
- STANDARD SINGLE
- OWNER'S SUITE

NB. Please note cabin sizes vary in each category and measurements shown are approximate.



SERENISSIMA SUITE
(25 square metres)



OWNER'S SUITE
(22 square metres)



DELUXE STATEROOM
(15 to 25 square metres)



SUPERIOR STATEROOM
(11.5 to 18 square metres)



JUNIOR SUITE
(21 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM
(10 to 11.5 square metres)



STANDARD SINGLE
(7 to 12.5 square metres)



CLASSIC STATEROOM
(14 to 19 square metres)

Caribbean Island Odyssey

A voyage from Antigua to Cartagena aboard the MS Serenissima

3rd to 19th January 2021

When it comes to pure escapism there are few places in the world more fitting than the Caribbean, particularly during the UK's winter months. Escape the cold at home, join the MS Serenissima in Antigua and set sail on our island hopping voyage through sub-tropical waters. Every island has its own culture and this colourful mix of island personalities, varied terrain and lifestyles makes for a marvellous winter break.

During our in-depth itinerary, which will take us all the way to the fascinating Colombian city of Cartagena, we will discover some of the most beautiful tropical isles, many still untouched by the hands of mass tourism. We will explore historical sites and forts of the Spanish, Dutch and British colonial periods combined with the pretty ports, pastel painted towns, wonderful beaches and the flora and fauna of the region. In addition to our included excursions, we have allowed time for individual exploration of the islands and opportunities to relax on some beautiful beaches and swim in the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Antigua. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Serenissima. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner.

Day 2 Antigua. We have a day here and on a morning tour will enjoy the views from Shirley Heights before heading to Nelson's Dockyard, beautifully located in English Harbour. See the impressive collection of restored historic buildings which were occupied by the British Navy from 1707 till 1899. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon in St John's or maybe visit one of the beaches.

Day 3 St Eustatius, Dutch Antilles. In the 18th century the port of Oranjestad was a major player in the trade between Europe and the new world. Today the island maintains a low key existence and has avoided the modernisation and development of its neighbours. We will explore the small town including the 17th century fort and the museum with information on slavery, colonial relics and historical artefacts. Meanwhile, the more active may wish to take the strenuous hike to 'The Quill', the 600 metre hill that dominates the landscape. This afternoon is at leisure for further exploration.

Day 4 Montserrat. Ask any Caribbean connoisseur about their favourite places and Montserrat will always be high on the list. Following the damaging volcanic eruptions of 1995 and 2010, the island is slowly recovering. We will visit the volcano observatory and learn how the islanders coped with the devastation the eruptions caused. We also see some of the untouched areas which are as beautiful as ever.

Day 5 Dominica. Stepping back in time, the island of Dominica is still the primitive garden that Columbus first sighted in 1493. An area of tropical rainforests, flowers of incredible beauty and animals that exist nowhere else in the world. We arrive this morning in the small port of Cabrits, just below the national park and the former British garrison of Fort Shirley. Those feeling active can climb to the fort to explore the ruins, visit the small museum and maybe wander the surrounding trails. For the keen birders we will offer a tour to the Morne Diablotin National Park where, from the viewpoint we hope to see the two endemic parrots of Dominica.

Day 6 St Lucia. Today we will anchor in sight of the island's best known feature, the twin peaks of the Pitons, which rise dramatically from the sea to more than 2400 feet. In the nearby town of Soufriere we can visit the bubbling sulphur springs, part of a low lying volcano which erupted thousands of years ago. Our island tour will also include the splendid botanical gardens and one of the local plantations.

Day 7 Bequia, Grenadines. We have the whole day on this delightful Grenadine island which is totally unspoilt and a place of pure escapism

with a charming old world atmosphere. Only seven miles by two it is a long way from the well beaten tourist track, a serene and peaceful island with some of the best beaches in the Caribbean. Choose to spend time in the main town of Port Elizabeth, find a spot on a local beach or join a drive to Spring Bay where we can visit the Hawksbill Turtle sanctuary.

Day 8 Grenada. Explore this wonderful Windward Island which many regard as the most beautiful in the Caribbean. It is a lush and verdant island with spice plantations, rum distilleries, tropical forests, secluded coves, nature trails and select hotels which cling to the hillsides overlooking the ocean. We will moor in the picturesque capital of St George's and will drive through the rainforest to beautiful Grand Etang Lake, 1700 feet above sea level. After lunch on board, enjoy some free time to explore before sailing in the early evening.

Day 9 Port of Spain, Trinidad. Due to its location close to the South American mainland, Trinidad has a unique diversity of plant and animal species which we will discover today. From our berth at Port of Spain we will drive inland to the Asa Wright Nature Centre. Founded on a former cocoa and coffee plantation in 1967 it comprises 1500 acres of forest providing habitat for a range of wildlife. On a series of guided walks we will explore the area searching for the 166 species of birds. Return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and later this afternoon we head to the Caroni Nature Sanctuary, a mangrove swamp covering an area of 40 square miles. On arrival at the sanctuary we board a flat-bottomed boat and slowly travel along the beautiful peaceful waterways and lagoons admiring the beauty of the landscape and a variety of birds including the scarlet ibis, a large bright red bird feeding and nesting here and we hope to catch them as they return to their nests at sunset.

Day 10 At Sea. Enjoy a relaxing day on board.

Day 11 Bonaire, Dutch Antilles. Arrive over breakfast in Bonaire, famous for the variety of its corals, fish and clear waters. Our morning will be spent at the Washington Slagbaai National Park, which was created to protect some of the Caribbean's last remaining desert habitat. The island's birdlife is remarkable including native parrots and, in one of the lagoons, a resident flock of flamingos. Alternatively join a scenic tour of Bonaire to see the salt water lagoon at Lake Goto followed by Mangazina di Rei cultural park which showcases indigenous culture.

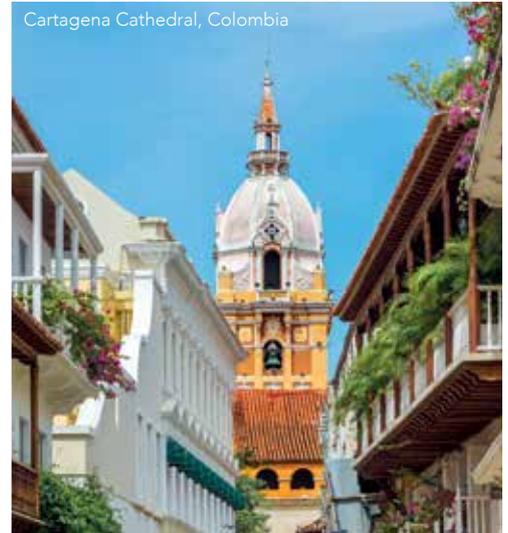
Day 12 Curacao, Dutch Antilles. Moor this morning at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Willemstad. The city has a rich history dating back to the 16th century and the island's colonial Dutch heritage sets a genteel tone amid markets, museums and cafes. Enjoy an excursion to explore the historic downtown district including Fort Amsterdam.



Waterfall, Dominica



Greater Flamingo, Bonaire



Cartagena Cathedral, Colombia



St. Lucia



Admiralty Bay, Bequia

Day 13 At Sea. Spend a day on board as we sail towards Colombia.

Day 14 Santa Marta, Colombia. The Santa Marta area is renowned for the eco-diversity and dramatic beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the highest coastal mountain range in the world, that sweep down to the sea. From our berth we will travel slightly inland to the Tayrona National Park this morning. Covered in large part by virgin tropical forest, the park is home to many varied species of mammals, birds and reptiles. On a walk through this semi-tropical jungle we will be joined by a local guide who will offer insights into the park's vegetation, animals and eco-system.

Day 15 Cartagena. Cartagena is one of the most fascinating cities in South America and this morning we enjoy a walking tour of the walled-city which is virtually surrounded by water and steeped in history, with a wealth of 16th and 17th century buildings and churches. Return to the ship for lunch and spend an afternoon at leisure to explore.

Day 16 Cartagena to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 17 London. Arrive today.

SHIP TO SHORE

Although this voyage is not classified as an expedition cruise, we will be at anchor on many days and use Zodiacs to shuttle ashore.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £300 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£7695	£7395
3	Classic Stateroom	£7895	£7595
4	Superior Stateroom	£8295	£7995
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£8795	£8495
6	Junior Suite	£9495	£9195
7	Owner's Suite	£9995	£9695
8	Serenissima Suite	£9995	£9695
10	Standard Single	£7695	£7395

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 15 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

Post-cruise Bogota Extension 18th to 21st January 2021



Upon disembarking the MS Serenissima we are offering the opportunity to extend your time in Colombia with a two night extension in Bogota.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Cartagena to Bogota. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Bogota. Upon arrival transfer to our hotel for our two night stay. Enjoy dinner this evening in a local restaurant.

Day 2 Bogota. Bogota is a melting pot of people from around Colombia, it is diverse and multi-cultural, with a wonderful blend of modern and colonial architecture. On a full day tour, including lunch, we will visit the historic downtown of Candelaria, full of small cobbled streets and excellent museums including the Gold Museum where objects crafted by the Muiscas, the first ever populations inhabiting Bogota are carefully exhibited. Spend time at the Paloquemao flower and fruit market before we travel up to Monserrate Hill top with magnificent views over the capital. Return to our hotel in the late afternoon and meet for dinner this evening.

Day 3 Bogota to London. Enjoy a day at leisure to explore independently. Check out from the hotel in the early evening and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 4 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1395** Single: **£1895**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Bogota with breakfast & late check out on Day 3, dinners on Day 1 and Day 2, gratuities, excursions and transfers as described, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Secret World of Two Oceans



Discover the Natural Wonders of Colombia, Panama & Costa Rica including a transit of the Panama Canal aboard the MS Serenissima

16th to 31st January 2021

If you have been contemplating a visit to Central America, then this fascinating voyage could offer the perfect opportunity with its mix of cultural and natural wonders. During our voyage you will enjoy swimming, snorkelling and nature walks all overseen by our expert onboard team. Some days you will be venturing into national parks and conservation areas teeming with wildlife or visiting remote communities where locals live following ancient ways of life. We have the added benefit of spending time in the captivating city of Cartagena and with just over 100 passengers, we will explore in small groups ashore and enjoy a convivial atmosphere on board.

Our voyage offers an easy and comfortable way to explore the region rather than arduous, lengthy land travel. You can relax on board as we sail between beautiful islands and interesting ports of call, and as much of the itinerary is far from the 'big ship' routes it includes little known but fascinating ports of call. One of the highlights for many will be the transit of the Panama Canal which makes an itinerary such as this possible as we cross from the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific, and as we do so we will toast the engineering marvel during our daylight transit.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Cartagena, Colombia. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Cartagena. Arrive today and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore independently before we meet for dinner this evening.

Day 3 Cartagena. Cartagena is one of the most fascinating cities in South America and this morning we enjoy a walking tour of the colonial walled-city which is virtually surrounded by water and steeped in history, with a wealth of 16th and 17th century buildings and churches. Our guides will bring the history of the city to life as we walk its streets and ramparts. We will visit the 16th century Fort of San Felipe, Monastery of San Pedro Claver, the Plaza de la Aduana and Iglesia de Santo Domingo. After lunch in a local restaurant we will transfer to the MS Serenissima this afternoon and sail this evening.

Day 4 San Blas Islands, Panama. Spend a relaxing morning at sea before we arrive over lunch at the stunning San Blas archipelago. The archipelago is made up of over 400 islands which line the north coast of Panama with white sandy beaches set in a turquoise sea. The islands are home to the indigenous Kuna Indians who gained self-rule from the government of Panama in the 1920s and maintain their traditional way of life including the production of colourful fabric art known as 'molas'. We will have time to take a nature walk or maybe enjoy a swim or snorkel from the beach.

Day 5 Panama Canal Transit. An undisputed destination on the travel bucket list has to be the Panama Canal. The first attempt to build the canal was made by a French company but ended in failure in 1889. The American government eventually bought out the French for 40 million dollars, and their attempt to build the Canal started in 1904. Through the efforts of over 80,000 workers and the loss of more than 30,000 lives, the greatest single construction project ever undertaken was completed. The project ended in triumph, with the Canal opening in 1914, and it is now a vital artery of international trade, with nearly 14,000 ships travelling through it every year. The canal is around 50 miles long and takes between eight to ten hours to cross and we hope to confirm a daytime crossing.

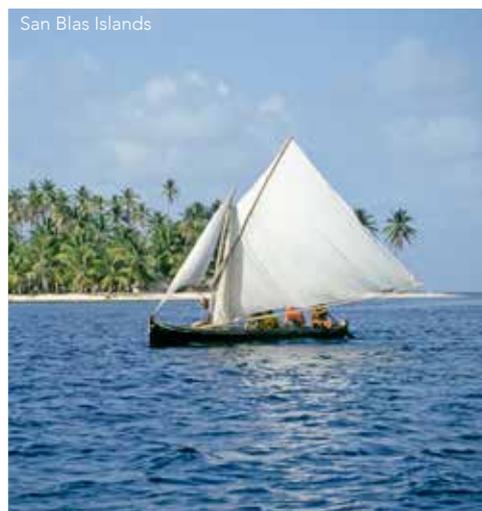
Day 6 Panama City. From our berth at Flamenco Marina, there will be a choice of excursions today. Join an excursion to the Panama Canal Observation Centre where you can learn about the expansion of the

canal before visiting the Miraflores Locks Visitor Centre where you can see the history of the canal and watch the ships as they pass through. For those interested in meeting the Embera Indians, a tour to the Chagres National Park will be arranged where we can take a dugout canoe to the village in the jungle, meet the local tribe and learn about their history.

Days 7 & 8 Bahia Solano & Utria National Park, Colombia. Today we land on the Pacific coast of Colombia and have a day and a half to explore this beautiful area which is well off the traditional cruise routes. Here we find the Utria National Park, a tropical forest which reaches down to the sandy beaches. Using our Zodiacs to get ashore we will enjoy hikes and nature trails and observe the flora and fauna with our local guides. In Bahia Solano we will visit the small town whilst the more active amongst us may wish to join a walk to a private rainforest reserve which runs alongside the Rio Mecana and is part of a 170 hectare nature reserve. Made up of mangroves, tropical forest, native plants and trees of the Choco region, our local guides will point out the indigenous plants and birdlife and highlight the ongoing reforestation programmes. We also hope to offer a chance to swim from the beaches.



Cartagena, Colombia



Day 9 At Sea. Our lecture programme continues as we spend the day at sea.

Day 10 Isla Coiba, Panama. This once infamous prison island, now a National Park, has reverted to an island paradise. We will anchor off the ranger station and use our Zodiacs to land on the island. Here our onboard naturalists will lead some guided walks as we explore the main island, which boasts some 147 species of birds, and walk up to the observation tower. Alternatively take the chance to swim from one of the beaches.

Day 11 Golfo Dulce, Costa Rica. After clearing immigration formalities into Costa Rica at Golfito we make our way to Casa Orquideas (Orchid House) a five hectare private botanical garden cut out of the rainforest by Ron and Trudy MacAllister who now cultivate over 100 species of orchids which attract many different bird species. Plants of the tropics burst with colour and the air here is heady with the fragrance of flowers and humid soil. Due to the open space, it is often easy to spot a number of tropical birds here including toucans.

Day 12 Corcovado National Park. Resting on the northern side of the Osa Peninsula, Drake Bay (Bahía Drake) is our gateway to the Corcovado National Park. We will use the Zodiacs to land on one of the beaches before enjoying a walk through the primary and secondary forest with our naturalist guides. The rich biological diversity of the biological corridor of the Corcovado National Park is astounding and bird lovers will be enchanted by a wide variety of birds, including tanagers, flycatchers, kingfishers, manakins, trogons, crested guans and spectacular scarlet macaws and toucans. We return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon hope to use our Zodiacs to land on one of the nearby beaches.

Day 13 Manuel Antonio National Park. Early this morning we will travel to Manuel Antonio National Park which is one of the most stunning and bio-diverse areas of the world. Spread out over 683 hectares it is filled with diverse wildlife, has both primary and secondary forests, boasts a stunning shoreline ideal for bird watching or swimming and is home to a number of endemic species of plants and animals. We will make an early start this morning allowing for the best viewing of monkeys, vividly coloured birds and the lethargic three-toed sloth. This afternoon we will

have time at leisure in Quepos before we sail later tonight.

Day 14 Curu National Park & Isla Tortuga. We spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife refuge which boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here on a range of walks we will find a number of species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we have the chance to snorkel over the volcanic reef which is home to angelfish, morays and needlefish. Alternatively spend the afternoon relaxing on the white sand beaches.

Day 15 Puerto Caldera to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to San Jose for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 16 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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2	Standard Stateroom	£7195	£6895
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8	Serenissima Suite	£9295	£8995
10	Standard Single	£7195	£6895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Cartagena with breakfast • 12 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

Pre-cruise Bogota Extension

14th to 17th January 2021



If you would like to explore the Colombian city of Bogota before embarking the MS Serenissima we are offering a two night extension.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Bogota, Colombia. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Bogota. Arrive today and transfer to our hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore independently before we meet for dinner this evening.

Day 3 Bogota. Bogota is a melting pot of people from around Colombia, it is diverse and multi-cultural, with a wonderful blend of modern and colonial architecture. On a full day tour we will visit the historic downtown of Candelaria, full of small cobbled streets and excellent museums including the Gold Museum where objects crafted by the Muisca, the first ever populations inhabiting Bogota are carefully exhibited. Spend time at the Paloquemao flower and fruit market before we travel up to Monserrate Hill top with magnificent views over the capital. Return to our hotel in the late afternoon and meet for dinner this evening.

Day 4 Bogota to Cartagena. Check out from the hotel this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Cartagena.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1395** Single: **£1895**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Bogota with breakfast, dinner on Day 2 & Day 3, lunch on Day 3, excursions, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Costa Rica Extension

30th January to 5th February 2021



Before returning to the UK, we are offering the opportunity to discover more of Costa Rica with our extension which will include the Montverde Cloud Forest and Arenal.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Puerto Caldera to Monteverde, Costa Rica. Disembark this morning and transfer to Monteverde enjoying lunch along the way. On arrival check into the El Establo Hotel (or similar) for a two night stay and enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening.

Day 2 Monteverde. Today we will experience the hanging bridges of Monteverde Cloud Forest Sky Walk which cross the canyons below and bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. Biologists now know that about 90 percent of all organisms in a rainforest are found in the canopy. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half and we will be accompanied by local guides. We will also have the opportunity to make our way up to one of the highest mountains in the area by Sky Tram, a tranquil way to take in the natural beauty of the forest. After lunch we will enjoy further exploration of the forest with a walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

Day 3 Monteverde to Arenal. This morning we will start our stunning journey to Arenal including a stop for lunch. Afterwards enjoy some time at leisure absorbing the region's lush and verdant flora and fauna whilst taking in its rare and diverse biosphere. Continue on to Arenal and check into the Kioro Hotel (or similar) for our two night stay. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4 Arenal. After breakfast, we depart for a guided visit to Arenal Park. Here, we will take a walk through the area where the Arenal volcanic eruption took place in 1968, learning about the destruction this caused and the subsequent rebirth of life via the rich mineral deposits the eruption provided to the region. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy a treetop cable car ride and for the more adventurous, to participate in a zip-line adventure, providing an exhilarating bird's eye view of the park.

Day 5 Arenal to San Jose. Today we will make our way to San Jose, visiting the Poas Volcano National Park this morning. After a short walk, we will be treated to spectacular 180-degree views of the volcano's crater and the picturesque surrounding area. We will also visit the Doka Estate for an insight into one of Costa Rica's prime exports, coffee. Upon arrival into San Jose check in to the Real Intercontinental Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.

Day 6 San Jose to London. Check out from the hotel after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 7 London. Arrive today.

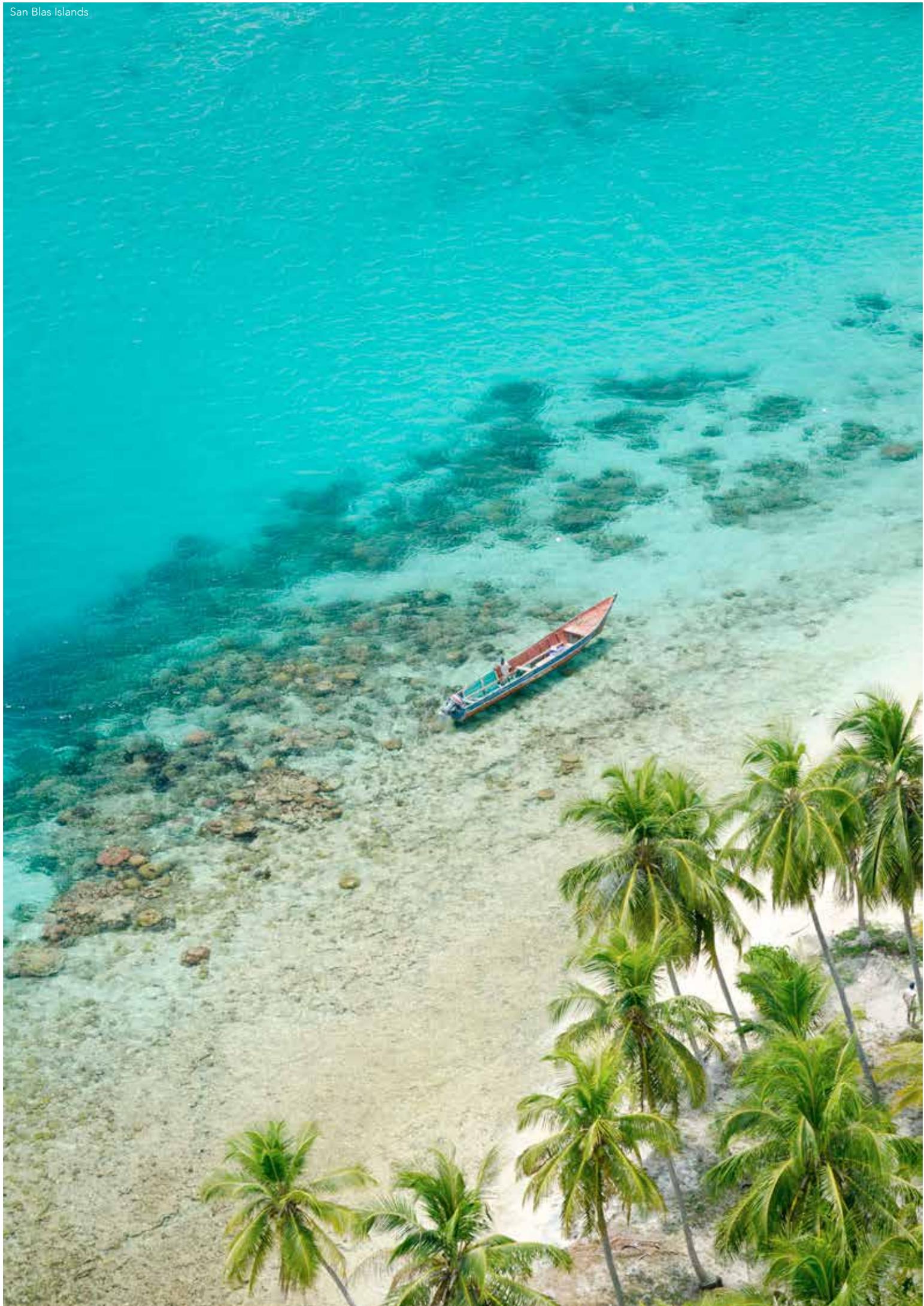
PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£2295** Single: **£2795**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Arenal & Monteverde, overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose, all meals throughout (other than lunch on Day 6), excursions, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch on Day 6.



Central American Odyssey



A voyage from Costa Rica to Guatemala aboard the MS Serenissima

29th January to 12th February 2021

Join us aboard the Serenissima as we explore Central America's Pacific Coastline visiting Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala. Such a varied and comprehensive itinerary would be difficult to comprehend or undertake by any other means than a cruise aboard a vessel like the MS Serenissima with her expert expedition team, fleet of Zodiacs and less than 100 passengers. We will be able to visit some small islands and ports which the larger cruise vessels simply cannot access and skip the arduous, lengthy land travel which such a trip would usually entail and instead relax on board as we deliver you to a new and exciting destination each day.



If you have been contemplating a visit to Central America, then this fascinating voyage could offer you the perfect opportunity with its mix of cultural and natural wonders. The history of the ancient Mayan civilisation, the colonial years and the more recent events of the region will be brought to life by our onboard team and local guides. There is also much of the natural world to occupy us on our journey including our visits to Costa Rica's Curu National Wildlife Refuge, the spectacular Manuel Antonio National Park and the Palo Verde National Park and El Salvador's most important marine ecosystem, the Jiquilisco Bay Biosphere Reserve. The birdlife of the region is magnificent and its home to countless species of endangered birds from tiny hummingbirds to flashy macaws and parrots, toucans and woodpeckers. Add an amazingly rich biodiversity of flora and fauna seen against some of the lushest of landscapes to be found anywhere in the world and you have the recipe for a perfect escape.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. On arrival transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2 San Jose to Puerto Caldera. After breakfast in the hotel we will have some free time in San Jose before transferring to the MS Serenissima in Puerto Caldera. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail tonight to our overnight anchorage at Puerto Quepos.

Day 3 Manuel Antonio National Park. Early this morning we will travel to the Manuel Antonio National Park which is one of the most stunning and bio-diverse areas of the world. Spread out over 683 hectares it is filled with diverse wildlife, has both primary and secondary forests, boasts a stunning shoreline ideal for bird watching or swimming and is home to a number of endemic species of plants and animals. We will make an early start this morning allowing for the best viewing of monkeys, vividly coloured birds and the lethargic three-toed sloth. This afternoon we will have time at leisure in Quepos before we sail later tonight.

Day 4 Curu National Park & Isla Tortuga. We spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife refuge which boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here on a range of walks we will find a number of species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we have the chance to snorkel over the volcanic reef which is home to angelfish, morays and needlefish. Alternatively spend the afternoon relaxing on the white sand beaches.

Day 5 Playas del Coco. Our last stop in Costa Rica is the beach town of Playas del Coco in the Papagayo Gulf, once a small fishing village it has grown into a popular destination for local Costa Rican tourism. We will use our Zodiacs to land before heading inland to the Palo Verde National Park where we will board local boats to travel along the Tempisque River seeing the mangroves and dry forest vegetation which is home to countless birds and multiple mammals. As we visit in the dry season we hope to see peccaries, armadillos, jaguarondis, coatis, agoutis, deer and monkeys which are attracted to the river. We will enjoy

lunch at the 19th century Hacienda House with views of the savannahs and sugar cane fields.

Day 6 San Juan del Sur for Granada, Nicaragua. After an early breakfast we will leave from the friendly fishing village of San Juan del Sur for a full day tour to Granada and Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1523, Granada is Nicaragua's oldest Spanish city and has retained much of its Spanish character with colonial churches, narrow streets and colourful Spanish style homes. We will enjoy a walking tour including the cathedral and convent of San Francisco where we find around 30 pre-Colombian stone statues dating back to 800 AD sculpted by the inhabitants of Zapatera Island on Lake Nicaragua. After a local lunch we continue to Lake Nicaragua and enjoy a relaxing boat ride amongst the 365 small islands created by the volcanic activity of the Mombacho volcano around 20,000 years ago. Whilst some islands are inhabited most remain unspoiled and are home to exotic plants, howler monkeys and orchids.

Day 7 Corinto for Leon. The port of Corinto is our base for our visit to Leon, the former capital of Nicaragua. Here we will explore the colonial architecture and the 18th century cathedral which is one of the most prominent buildings in the city with fantastic views from the rooftop. Inside we will see the fresco paintings, statues and the lion that guards the tomb of Ruben Dario, the famous Nicaraguan poet. There will be some free time for those who wish to visit the bustling market.

Days 8 & 9 La Union, El Salvador. We have two days to explore the southern region of El Salvador and will offer a number of excursion options. You may wish to follow the 'peace route' set up to remember the events of the 1980s when El Salvador experienced a bitter civil war. It is estimated that over 100,000 were killed in the fighting whilst half a million fled into exile. We will visit Perquin, once a stronghold of the guerrillas and home to the Museum of the Revolution where former members of the rebel army are willing to share their experiences. We continue to the village of El Mozote where in December 1981 one of the worst atrocities occurred and more than 1000 people were killed in a single day. Our local guides will explain about living in the country during this time and we will see the monument erected for the victims and the memorial garden decorated with brightly coloured murals. There will also be a tour



Manuel Antonio National Park



Antigua

to Alegria, the birthplace of the writer Alberto Masferrer where we visit the museum before continuing to the lagoon known as the 'Emerald of America' located in the Tecapa Volcano. A full day tour will visit the Jiquilisco Bay Biosphere Reserve which is El Salvador's most important marine ecosystem with the coastal area being made up of remote islands, mangrove canals and desolate beaches whilst inland we find beautiful forests and cacao plantations. It is an important base for migratory birds as well as a nesting site for four sea turtle species including one of only two sites in the Pacific for the endangered Hawksbill Turtle. We explore the different areas of the reserve spending time with the environmentalists and scientists who will teach us about the conservation of the turtles, walking through the forest on the lookout for spider monkeys before learning about the cultivation of cacao, which creates some of the finest chocolate, on one of the local plantations.

Days 10 & 11 Acajutla. We have a day and a half in the northern port of Acajutla. From here we will explore some of the colonial towns and communities on the 'Flower Route' named after the abundance of flowers found along the roadsides and in the villages. We will drive through the beautiful mountains to the town of Nahuizalco, home to one of the most longstanding native communities and arts and crafts production sites in the country. We continue to Ataco, the final stop on the Ruta de las Flores. Ataco is a quaint, colonial village that is known for its natural beauty, as well as its brightly painted homes, cobblestone streets, colourful murals and unique arts and crafts. Alternatively our full day excursion will discover the Mayan route starting at the archaeological site of Joya de Ceren, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Pompeii of America. The site was covered by the Loma Caldera volcano explosion which kept the remains of pre-Hispanic civilisation for hundreds of years and provides a unique insight into everyday life in a Mesoamerican farming community of the 6th century AD. We continue to the ruins of San Andres, once an important political and religious centre and testimony of the Indigo industry during the colonial period, better known as the 'Blue Gold'. After lunch in a local restaurant we will continue to Santa Ana and see the beautiful Gothic Cathedral and National Palace before our tour ends at the ruins of Tazumal, the largest pyramid in El Salvador dating from 1500 BC and an important Mayan settlement.

Day 12 Antigua, Guatemala. Disembark after breakfast and from our berth at Puerto Quetzal drive to Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built between three magnificent volcanoes in 1542, it is one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in the Americas. Antigua remained an economic and political heart of Central America until a devastating earthquake in 1773 destroyed much of the city. We will explore the city

which is a wonder of colonial buildings, beautiful squares, cobblestone streets and Baroque churches. This afternoon we transfer to our hotel for our two night stay and the remainder of the day and evening is free for independent exploration.

Day 13 Antigua. Guatemala is recognised for producing some of the world's finest coffees and a morning excursion takes us to a nearby plantation. Walk through coffee fields and processing plants and learn the secrets of how high quality Guatemalan coffee is cultivated, harvested and processed and understand how the region's ideal climate, high altitude, fertile volcanic soils and traditional farming practices all contribute to create the finest coffee beans - which are harvested by hand. After lunch at the Finca we return to the hotel this afternoon. Meet later this evening for dinner.

Day 14 Guatemala City to London. After breakfast in the hotel we will transfer to Guatemala City for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 15 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£6395	£6095
3	Classic Stateroom	£6595	£6295
4	Superior Stateroom	£7095	£6795
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£7595	£7295
6	Junior Suite	£8395	£8095
7	Owner's Suite	£8995	£8695
8	Serenissima Suite	£8995	£8695
10	Standard Single	£6295	£5995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose with breakfast • 10 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Two nights hotel accommodation in Antigua with breakfast • Lunch on Days 12 & 13 and dinner on Day 13 • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on Days 1 & 12, visas.

Pre-cruise Costa Rica Extension

25th to 30th January 2021



Before embarking the MS Serenissima we are offering the opportunity to discover more of Costa Rica with our extension which will include the Montverde Cloud Forest and Arenal.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. On arrival, transfer to the Real Intercontinental Hotel or similar. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 2 San Jose to Arenal. Following breakfast at our hotel, we will first head to the Doka Estate for an insight into one of Costa Rica's prime exports, coffee. We will continue to Poas Volcano National Park, where after a short walk, we will be treated to spectacular 180 degree views of the volcano's crater and the picturesque surrounding areas. Following lunch in a local restaurant, we will transfer to the Tabacon Hot Springs which are heated by the nearby volcano and set in a tropical paradise. We will have some time here to relax before transferring to Arenal and checking in to the Kioro Hotel or similar for a two night stay. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

Day 3 Arenal. After breakfast, we depart for a guided visit to Arenal Park. Here, we will take a walk through the area where the Arenal volcanic eruption took place in 1968, learning about the destruction this caused and the subsequent rebirth of life via the rich mineral deposits

the eruption provided to the region. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy a treetop cable car ride and for the more adventurous, to participate in a zip-line adventure, providing an exhilarating bird's eye view of the park. Following lunch, there will be time to relax and explore Arenal at leisure.

Day 4 Arenal to Monteverde. After breakfast we will start our stunning journey to Monteverde including a stop for lunch after which we will enjoy some time at leisure absorbing the region's lush and verdant flora and fauna whilst taking in its rare and diverse biosphere. Continue on to Monteverde and check-in to the El Establo Hotel or similar for our two night stay. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 5 Monteverde. Today we will experience the hanging bridges of Monteverde Cloud Forest Sky Walk which cross the canyons below and bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half and we will be accompanied by local guides. Biologists now know that about 90 percent of all organisms in a rainforest are found in the canopy. We will also have the opportunity to make our way up to one of the highest mountains in the area by Sky Tram, a tranquil way to take in the natural beauty of the forest. After lunch we will enjoy further exploration of the forest with a walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

Day 6 Monteverde to Puerto Caldera. After breakfast and a morning at leisure in the hotel we transfer to the MS Serenissima in Puerto Caldera with lunch enroute and continue with the main itinerary from Day 2.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£2295**

Single: **£2795**

Price Includes: Overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose, two nights hotel accommodation in Arenal and Monteverde, all meals as mentioned, excursions, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Tikal Extension

11th to 14th February 2021



After your voyage aboard the MS Serenissima we are offering the opportunity to discover Tikal, an ancient Mayan citadel in the rainforest of northern Guatemala as well as beautiful Lake Atitlan.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Tikal. Today we leave Antigua early in the morning for a short flight to Flores (approximately 1 hour) in the Peten Department. We visit the Tikal National Park, touring the beautiful Maya ruins in the dense sub-tropical humid jungle. This afternoon lunch will be served in a local restaurant and we will then make our way to the airport for our return flight to Antigua and transfer back to the hotel. The rest of the evening will be at leisure.

Day 2 Lake Atitlan. After breakfast, we embark on full day tour to Lake Atitlan, described by Aldous Huxley as the most beautiful lake in the world. Surrounded by 12 post-Maya villages, all bearing the names of Catholic saints, and surrounded by three majestic volcanoes, the experience is unique. We visit the main town of Panajachel where there will be some time at leisure to take some photographs and explore the local shops. After lunch in a local restaurant we will head back to our hotel in Antigua. The remainder of the evening will be at leisure.

Day 3 Guatemala City to London. After breakfast in the hotel transfer to the airport in Guatemala City for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 4 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1095**

Single: **£1295**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Antigua, Guatemala with breakfast, lunch on Days 1 & 2, Tikal excursion by air, Lake Atitlan excursion, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance, dinners.



Ancient & Natural Wonders of Central America



A voyage linking the Pacific Ocean & Caribbean Sea including a transit of the Panama Canal aboard the MS Serenissima

8th to 25th February 2021

Our unique voyage along Central America's Pacific Coastline from Guatemala's charming, UNESCO World Heritage City of Antigua to Puerto Limon in Costa Rica by way of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama is certainly an odyssey to some of Central America's most picturesque and fascinating destinations. The region is imbued with colour and culture with a tremendous mix of natural beauty and historical sites.

We will spend five days in Costa Rica which, although small in size has a particular topography and position between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans which results in it being one of the most biologically diverse places on earth with teeming rain forest, cloud forest, hot volcanoes and a remarkably diverse landscape and culture. Added to this is the famous wildlife of the region: spider, howler and capuchin monkeys, coatimundis and over 300 species of birds including brilliant toucans and scarlet macaws. In Nicaragua, Central America's largest country and one that remains delightfully undiscovered we will also witness extraordinary volcanic landscapes and take in the splendours of the colonial cities, from the pastel hues of the great buildings that line the streets of Granada to the shady gardens and plazas of delightful Leon.

Our flexible itinerary and knowledgeable onboard team will enable us to make the most of each day, whether we are landing on remote beaches by Zodiac, searching for endemic flowers, mammals and birds with our onboard naturalists, meeting with members of indigenous tribes or learning about the colonial and often turbulent history of the region and of course not forgetting what will be one of the highlights for many, our daylight transit through the iconic Panama Canal.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Guatemala City, Guatemala. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 2 Antigua. After breakfast in the hotel we will drive to Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built between three magnificent volcanoes in 1542, it is one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in the Americas. Antigua remained an economic and political heart of Central America until a devastating earthquake in 1773 destroyed much of the city. We will explore the city which is a wonder of colonial buildings, beautiful squares, cobblestone streets and Baroque churches. This afternoon we transfer to MS Serenissima in Puerto Quetzal and sail this evening.

Days 3 & 4 Acajutla, El Salvador. Our first two days in El Salvador will be based in the northern port of Acajutla. From here we will explore some of the colonial towns and communities on the 'Flower Route' named after the abundance of flowers found along the roadsides and in the villages. We will drive through the beautiful mountains to the town of Nahuizalco, home to one of the most longstanding native communities and arts and crafts production sites in the country. We continue to Ataco, the final stop on the Ruta de las Flores. Ataco is a quaint, colonial village that is known for its natural beauty, as well as its brightly painted homes, cobblestone streets, colourful murals and unique arts and crafts. Alternatively, a full day excursion will discover the Mayan route starting at the archaeological site of Joya de Ceren, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Pompeii of America. The site was covered by the Loma Caldera volcano explosion which kept the remains of pre-Hispanic civilisation for hundreds of years and provides a unique insight into everyday life in a Mesoamerican farming community of the 6th century AD. We continue to the ruins of San Andres, once an important political and religious centre and testimony of the Indigo industry during the colonial period, better known as the 'Blue Gold'. After lunch in a local

restaurant we will continue to Santa Ana and see the beautiful Gothic cathedral and National Palace before our tour ends at the ruins of Tazumal, the largest pyramid in El Salvador dating from 1500 BC and an important Mayan settlement.

Day 5 La Union. Today we arrive in the south of El Salvador where there will be a choice of excursions. You may wish to follow the 'peace route' which was set up to remember the events of the 1980s when El Salvador experienced a bitter civil war. It is estimated that over 100,000 were killed in the fighting whilst half a million fled into exile. We will visit Perquin, once a stronghold of the guerrillas and home to the Museum of the Revolution where former members of the rebel army are willing to share their experiences. We continue to the village of El Mozote where in December 1981 one of the worst atrocities occurred and more than 1000 people were killed in a single day. Our local guides will explain about living in the country during this time and we will see the monument



Granada Cathedral



Tazumal



Sloth



Hawksbill Turtle, La Union



Butterfly



Lake Nicaragua

erected for the victims and the memorial garden decorated with brightly coloured murals. Alternatively a full day tour will visit the Jiquilisco Bay Biosphere Reserve which is El Salvador's most important marine ecosystem with the coastal area being made up of remote islands, mangrove canals and desolate beaches whilst inland we find beautiful forests and cacao plantations. It is an important base for migratory birds as well as a nesting site for four sea turtle species including one of only two sites in the Pacific for the endangered Hawksbill Turtle. We explore the different areas of the reserve spending time with the environmentalists and scientists who will teach us about the conservation of the turtles, walking through the forest on the lookout for spider monkeys before learning about the cultivation of cacao, which creates some of the finest chocolate, on one of the local plantations.

Day 6 Corinto for Leon, Nicaragua. Spend the morning at sea before arriving at the port of Corinto over lunch. This afternoon we visit Leon, the former capital of Nicaragua. Here we will explore the colonial architecture and the 18th century cathedral which is one of the most prominent buildings in the city with fantastic views from the rooftop. Inside we will see the fresco paintings, statues and the lion that guards the tomb of Ruben Dario, the famous Nicaraguan poet. We will enjoy a little free time for those who wish to visit the bustling market.

Day 7 San Juan del Sur for Granada. After an early breakfast we will leave from the friendly fishing village of San Juan del Sur for a full day tour to Granada and Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1523, Granada is Nicaragua's oldest Spanish city and has retained much of its Spanish character with colonial churches, narrow streets and colourful Spanish style homes. We will enjoy a walking tour including the cathedral and convent of San Francisco where we find around 30 pre-Colombian stone statues dating back to 800 AD sculpted by the inhabitants of Zapatera Island on Lake Nicaragua. After a local lunch we continue to Lake Nicaragua and enjoy a relaxing boat ride amongst the 365 small islands created by the volcanic activity of the Mombacho volcano around 20,000 years ago. Whilst some islands are inhabited most remain unspoiled and are home to exotic plants, howler monkeys and orchids.

Day 8 Playas del Coco, Costa Rica. Our first stop in Costa Rica is the beach town of Playas del Coco in the Papagayo Gulf. Once a small

fishing village it has grown into a popular destination for local Costa Rican tourism. We will use our Zodiacs to land before heading inland to the Palo Verde National Park where we will board local boats to travel along the Tempisque River seeing the mangroves and dry forest vegetation which is home to countless birds and multiple mammals. As we visit in the dry season we hope to see peccaries, armadillos, jaguarondis, coatis, agoutis, deer and monkeys which are attracted to the river. We will enjoy lunch at the 19th century Hacienda House with views of the savannahs and sugar cane fields.

Day 9 Curu National Park & Isla Tortuga. We spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife refuge which boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here on a range of walks we will find a number of species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we have the chance to snorkel over the volcanic reef which is home to angelfish, morays and needlefish. Alternatively spend the afternoon relaxing on the white sand beaches.

Day 10 Manuel Antonio National Park. Early this morning we will travel to Manuel Antonio National Park which is one of the most stunning and bio-diverse areas of the world. Spread out over 683 hectares it is filled with diverse wildlife, has both primary and secondary forests, boasts a stunning shoreline ideal for bird watching or swimming and is home to a number of endemic species of plants and animals. We will make an early start this morning allowing for the best viewing of monkeys, vividly coloured birds and the lethargic three-toed sloth. This afternoon we will have time at leisure in Quepos before we sail later tonight.

Day 11 Golfo Dulce. Spend the morning at Casa Orquideas (Orchid House), a five hectare private botanical garden cut out of the rainforest by Ron and Trudy MacAllister who now cultivate over 100 species of orchids which attract many different bird species. Plants of the tropics burst with colour and the air here is heady with the fragrance of flowers and humid soil. Due to the open space, it is often easy to spot a number of tropical birds here including toucans. This afternoon we will clear immigration formalities at Golfito as we sail towards Panama.



Squirrel Monkey



Leon



Antigua

Day 12 Isla Coiba, Panama. This once infamous prison island, now a National Park, has reverted to an island paradise. We will anchor off the ranger station and use our Zodiacs to land on the island. Here our onboard naturalists will lead some guided walks as we explore the main island, which boasts some 147 species of birds, and walk up to the observation tower. Alternatively take the chance to swim from one of the beaches. Return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 13 Panama City. Arriving at lunchtime at our berth at Flamenco Marina, there will be a choice of activities this afternoon. Join an excursion to the Miraflores Locks Visitor Centre where a number of exhibitions tell us about the history of the canal and its construction and where we can watch the ships as they pass through. Alternatively stroll along the cobblestone streets of the Casco Viejo visiting the colonial mansions and 17th century churches and convents before continuing to Panama Viejo and the original ruins of the city founded in 1517 and burnt to the ground by British pirate Henry Morgan.

Day 14 Panama Canal Transit. An undisputed destination on the travel bucket list has to be the Panama Canal. The first attempt to build the canal was made by a French company but ended in failure in 1889. The American government eventually bought out the French for 40 million dollars, and their attempt to build the Canal started in 1904. Through the efforts of over 80,000 workers and the loss of more than 30,000 lives, the greatest single construction project ever undertaken was completed. The project ended in triumph, with the Canal opening in 1914, and it is now a vital artery of international trade, with nearly 14,000 ships travelling through it every year. The canal is around 50 miles long and takes between eight to ten hours to cross.

Day 15 Bocas del Toro. Arrive this morning in the Bocas del Toro archipelago and the island of Isla Colon. After breakfast we will travel the short distance to the Finca Los Monos, a privately run garden managed by David and Lin Gillingham. Over the years Finca Los Monos has evolved from a lush rainforest to a magnificently planned garden with large collections of heliconias, gingers, palms, flowering trees, fruits, spices and ornamentals whilst new plants are constantly being added. With such an abundance of fruit and flowers, a wide variety of birds reside here including parrots, tanagers, woodpeckers, orioles, flycatchers, green Ibis and many more. One may be lucky enough to see the small nests of the hummingbirds or the pendulous nests of the montezuma oropendulas. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to explore the small town.

Day 16 Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. This morning we head south to the Cahuita National Park. The area is filled with wildlife that includes howler monkeys, white-faced capuchin monkeys, raccoons, sloths, otters, coatis, agoutis, armadillos and porcupines. Several avian species also live in the swamp forest, including the green ibis, the green kingfisher, the yellow crowned night-heron, the frigate bird and the boat-billed heron. Our naturalist guides will lead us through the trails of the rainforest, sharing their vast knowledge of this fragile ecosystem. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to relax or join a restored passenger train and travel through beautiful scenery to catch a glimpse of some more of Costa Rica's amazing wildlife such as sloths and monkeys. The train track is part of the 3' 6" gauge Atlantic Railway, opened in 1890 to link San José with the country's east coast but closed to regular services after severe damage by an earthquake in 1991. For the second part of the trip we will board a boat and travel along the scenic Tortuguero canals, where waterfowl, white-faced and spider monkeys can be spotted.

Day 17 Puerto Limon to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to San Jose to join our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 18 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

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5	Deluxe Stateroom	£9095	£8795
6	Junior Suite	£9595	£9295
7	Owner's Suite	£10295	£9995
8	Serenissima Suite	£10295	£9995
10	Standard Single	£8295	£7995

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Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on Day 1, visas.

Pre-cruise Tikal Extension

6th to 8th February 2021



Before joining the MS Serenissima we are offering the opportunity to discover Tikal, an ancient Mayan citadel in the rainforest of northern Guatemala as well as beautiful Lake Atitlan.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Guatemala City, Guatemala. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this evening and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2 Tikal. This morning we will depart Guatemala City early for our short flight to Flores in the Peten Department. We will visit the Tikal National Park to see the beautiful Maya ruins in the dense sub-tropical humid

jungle including temples reaching 70 feet tall and several thousand other monuments, stela and altars. After lunch in a local restaurant we will make our way to the airport for our return flight to Guatemala City. Return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

Day 3 Lake Atitlan. After breakfast we embark on our full day tour to Lake Atitlan, described by Aldous Huxley as the most beautiful lake in the world. Surrounded by 12 post-Maya villages, all bearing the names of Catholic saints and surrounded by three majestic volcanoes, the experience is unique. We will visit the main town of Panajachel where the quaint streets are home to many bohemian artists selling their crafts and there will be some time to explore at leisure and browse the local shops. After lunch at a local restaurant we will head back to the comforts of our hotel in Guatemala City. The remainder of the evening will be at leisure as we continue with the main itinerary from the afternoon of Day 1.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1095** Single: **£1295**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Guatemala City with breakfast, lunch on Days 2 & 3, Tikal excursion by air, Lake Atitlan excursion, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance, dinners.

Post-cruise Costa Rica Extension

24th February to 2nd March 2021



If you would like to discover more of Costa Rica after your cruise, you can join our five night extension which includes the Monteverde Cloud Forest and Arenal.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Puerto Limon to Monteverde, Costa Rica. Disembark this morning and transfer to Monteverde enjoying lunch en-route. On arrival we transfer to the El Establo Hotel (or similar) for a two night stay and will have dinner in the hotel this evening.

Day 2 Monteverde. Today we will experience the hanging bridges of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Sky Walk which cross the canyons below and bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. Biologists now know that about 90 percent of all organisms in a rainforest are found in the canopy. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half and we will be accompanied by local guides. We will also have the opportunity to make our way up to one of the highest mountains in the area by Sky Tram, a tranquil way to take in the natural beauty of the forest. After lunch we will enjoy further exploration of the forest with a walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

Day 3 Monteverde to Arenal. This morning we will start our stunning journey to Arenal including a stop for lunch. On arrival check in to the Kioro Hotel (or similar) for our two-night stay. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4 Arenal. After breakfast we depart for a guided visit to Arenal Park. Here, we will take a walk through the area where the Arenal volcanic eruption took place in 1968, learning about the destruction this caused and the subsequent rebirth of life via the rich mineral deposits the eruption provided to the region. Following lunch there will be the opportunity to enjoy a treetop cable car ride, and for the more adventurous, to participate in a zip-line adventure, providing an exhilarating bird's eye view of the park.

Day 5 Arenal to San Jose. Today we will make our way to San Jose, visiting the Poas Volcano National Park this morning. After a short walk, we will be treated to spectacular 180-degree views of the volcano's crater and the picturesque surrounding areas. We will also visit the Doka Estate for an insight into one of Costa Rica's prime exports, coffee. Here we will learn about the processes involved in the harvesting and manufacturing of this ubiquitous beverage. Upon arrival into San Jose check in to the Real Intercontinental Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.

Day 6 San Jose to London. Check out from the hotel after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

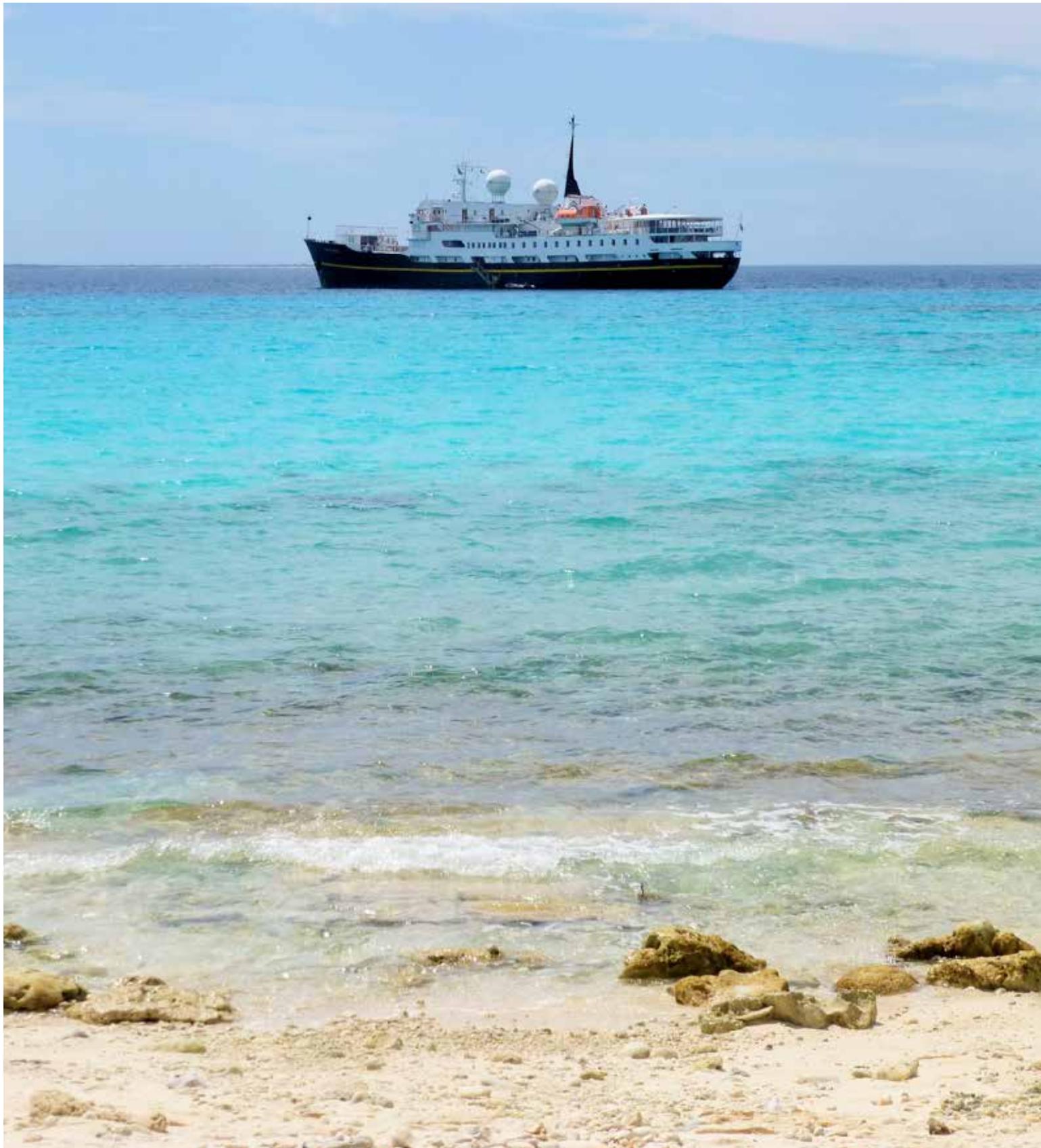
Day 7 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£2295** Single: **£2795**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Arenal and Monteverde, overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose, all meals throughout (other than lunch on Day 6), excursions, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch on Day 6.



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