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PASSAGE TO BOROBUDUR & BEYOND

A VOYAGE FROM BALI TO KUALA LUMPUR ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY
11TH TO 27TH SEPTEMBER 2027

NOBLE CALEDONIA

This unusual journey between the beautiful island of Bali and the cosmopolitan city of Kuala Lumpur represents a fascinating itinerary which focuses on the island of Java, the heart of Indonesia and the most culturally compelling of her islands. From encounters with endemic wildlife, snorkelling on wonderful corals, witnessing volcanic landscapes and visiting places of deep spiritual significance and areas of outstanding natural beauty, we have planned the itinerary to incorporate all facets of this beguiling region.

Our expedition promises to be an adventure shared with just 100 like-minded travellers and with our perfectly suited small ship, we can access islands and bays that the big ships simply cannot get close to and with our fleet of Zodiac landing craft, friendly crew and excellent expedition team we will truly make the most of our time in this unique part of the world.

After some time in Bali, during which we will explore the less developed north coast of the island, we begin our exploration of Java. From Probolinggo we will witness the stunning landscape of Mount Bromo National Park, learn of 16th century Javanese history in Cirebon, see the Krakatoa volcano, birdwatch in the beautiful World Heritage Site of the Ujung Kulon National Park and snorkel, swim and explore ribbons of pristine beaches in the idyllic 'Thousand Islands' and Belitung Islands. In addition, one of the many highlights of our journey will be our visit to Borobudur, the great Buddhist stupa, built and decorated perhaps before 800 AD. This should be on anybody's list of the ten greatest art-complexes in the world for its size, quality, sophistication and excellent state of preservation.

Leaving Java we sail for Malaysia, and before our voyage concludes in Kuala Lumpur, we will have the opportunity to explore the culturally fascinating city of Malacca. We hope you can join us for this extraordinary adventure as we discover areas of outstanding natural beauty and witness diverse cultures while learning of the region's intriguing history.



Pura Ulun Danu temple, Lake Bratan



Munduk, Bali



Kasepuhan Palace

EXPLORING ASHORE

During this expedition, many days will feature Zodiac landings and several of the excursions will involve hikes or walks over uneven terrain in hot and humid conditions. We will be exploring some remote regions and will utilise a range of modes of transport ashore. 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. Throughout our journey our expedition team will endeavour to arrange a selection of walks to include longer and shorter options to cater for different abilities and interests. To best enjoy this itinerary, we do recommend a good level of mobility and if you would like to discuss the level of fitness required, please contact us.

The Itinerary

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

Day 2 Bali. Arrive today and transfer to our hotel for an overnight night stay. The remainder of the day and evening is at leisure to acclimatise after our flight.

Day 3 Bali. Spend the morning relaxing in the hotel or exploring the local area at your own pace. We will check out in the late morning and after lunch transfer to the MS Island Sky which will be moored in Benoa. Sail this evening.

Day 4 Celukan Bawang. Overnight we will have sailed around Bali and will arrive on the less developed north coast of the island from where there will be a choice of two full day excursions. You may wish to visit the West Bali National Park which comprises of 19,000 hectares of land with an additional 7000 hectares of coral reefs and coastal waters. Here we can take a gentle trek through the protected mangrove and monsoon forest and hope to see grey monkeys, black monkeys, giant lizard and some of the 160 species of birds that live here. Afterwards we will take a short boat ride to Menjangan Island to snorkel in beautiful coral reef gardens and hope to also see electric clams, scorpion fish, starfish, eels and reef fish. Alternatively you can choose to join the excursion to the Munduk Highlands. Passing through Singaraja, the former capital city of Bali, we continue to the mountainous area of Bedugul to see the three lakes, Bratan, Buyan and Tamblingan. Alongside Lake Bratan is Pura Ulun Danu, an important Hindu-Buddhist temple dedicated to the water goddess and a site of pilgrimage. The scenery is stunning and we will have time to take in the surroundings before continuing to the appealing town of Munduk which is set amongst hillsides full of fruit trees, jungles and rice fields.

Day 5 Probolinggo for Mount Bromo, Java. This morning we will arrive on Java where, from the port of Probolinggo we will leave the ship early to make our way towards the active volcano, Mount Bromo, driving through the awe inspiring surrounding landscapes. At 2329 metres, Mount Bromo is not the highest peak in the Tengger Massif Range but is the most famous. The name derives from the Javanese pronunciation of Brahma, the Hindu creator god and it sits in the middle of a vast plain called the 'Sea of Sand', a protected nature reserve since 1919. We will use four-wheel drive vehicles to reach the Penanjakan viewpoint which offers spectacular views of the caldera and surrounding mountains. We will enjoy a lunch in a local restaurant before returning to the MS Island Sky and sailing this evening.

Day 6 Bawean Island. After a relaxing morning at sea we will use our Zodiacs to land on Bawean, an island dominated by an extinct volcano that rises 655 metres above sea level. During our island tour we will see the endemic local subspecies of deer known as Bawean hog deer (*Axis kuhlii*). Considered the symbol of Bawean, it is also protected by Indonesian law. As well as spending time at Lake Kastoba we will visit a local school and enjoy a traditional dance performance before returning to the ship.

Days 7 & 8 Semarang, Borobudur & Yogyakarta. Returning to Java we reach Semarang, our base for our overnight excursion to the UNESCO sites of Borobudur and Yogyakarta. Leaving the ship we cross Java towards the site of Yogyakarta recognised as the cradle of Javanese civilisation. Constructed in the 8th century, the Prabanan Temple Complex consists of 240 temples and is the largest Hindu Temple complex in Indonesia. Also visit the Kraton, the sprawling palace of the Sultan of Yogyakarta. After our visit we transfer to our hotel for dinner and a special performance of Ramayana ballet. The following day we will make an early start and drive to Borobudur, one of world's greatest ancient monuments and the single largest Buddhist structure anywhere on earth. Built in the 9th century, possibly to enhance the image of Buddhism when Hinduism was growing in strength across the Indonesian archipelago, it was deserted almost immediately when the Buddhist Sailendra dynasty was overthrown by the Hindu Majapahit Empire. It lay for 1000 years under heavy jungle before its re-discovery by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1814 from when it was slowly restored. The site consists of six square platforms topped by three circular platforms and is decorated with no less than 2672 relief panels and 504 Buddha statues of various types. Return to the MS Island Sky after lunch and set sail in the early evening.

Day 9 Cirebon. Continuing along the coast of Java we arrive at Cirebon during lunch. Here we will use pedicabs to take us to the Kasepuhan Palace which was built in the 16th century and is a blend of Sundanese, Javanese, Islamic, Chinese and Dutch styles. We will watch local dance performances



Bawean deer



Fortress, Malacca



Belitung Islands



Mount Bromo Volcano



Thousand Islands

before touring the palace museum which features royal carriages, weaponry, masks, clothing, artwork and the mosque. We continue to the bustling local market before returning to the ship.

Day 10 Pulau Krakatoa. This afternoon we sail into the Sunda Strait and towards the island of Krakatoa. The volcano here famously exploded in 1883 with the explosion considered to be the loudest sound ever heard in modern history, with reports of it being heard nearly 3,000 miles from its point of origin. If conditions permit, we will use our Zodiacs to land on the island where you can choose to join a nature walk at the base, climb up the lower slopes of the volcano or swim in the surrounding waters.

Day 11 Ujung Kolon National Park. Arrive this morning at the far western tip of Java for a day of exploration in the Ujung Kulon National Park, a World Heritage Site. It is a stunningly beautiful area with great bird watching and the largest remaining area of lowland rainforest on the Java Plain. During guided walks we will explore the park and thriving ecosystem alive with monkeys, macaques, deer and varied birdlife which live amongst the towering fig trees, vibrant orchids and ancient medicinal plants. This afternoon there will be the opportunity to swim, snorkel or relax on the beach.

Day 12 Thousand Islands. We will spend the day in the 'Thousand Islands', located in the Bay of Jakarta. The archipelago consists of a string of 110 islands stretching 28 miles and covering an area of 107,489 hectares of land and sea. We hope to land on Pulau Harapan where we can visit the local community and learn about their work developing mangrove forests. There will also be time to enjoy swimming, snorkelling or relaxing on one of the island's beaches.

Day 13 Belitung Islands. Our final call in Indonesia is the idyllic Belitung Islands, a group of islands off the coast of Sumatra famed for their long clean beaches and crystal clear seawater. We have the afternoon to enjoy the fine white sandy beaches and the wonderful coral reefs. Snorkelling platforms will allow us to swim with a multitude of colourful fish, molluscs and sea urchins. Meanwhile on nature walks we will explore the forest for birdlife, or you may prefer to simply relax on the beach.

Day 14 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we cruise towards Malaysia and into the Malacca Strait which was named after the Malacca Sultanate that ruled over the archipelago between 1414 and 1511. It is from here that early traders from Arabia, Africa and Persia would trade glassware, camphor, ivory, sandalwood and perfumes and today the Strait is one of the most important shipping lanes in the world.

Day 15 Malacca, Malaysia. With more than its fair share of colonisers from Malaysian princes to the Portuguese, Dutch, British and Japanese, this strategically placed city has a fascinating history which is brought vividly to life in the excellent Ethnographical Museum. During our guided walk we will also visit the 16th century Portuguese fortress, the former Dutch Governor's house and the impressive Christ Church. This afternoon is free to relax on board or explore further at your own pace.

Day 16 Kuala Lumpur to London. Disembark this morning in Port Klang and transfer to Kuala Lumpur where our walking tour will include Independence Square, the Masjid Jamek Mosque and Chinatown, with the extravagantly decorated Sri Mahamariamman Temple, before ending at the Petronas Twin Towers. After lunch we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 17 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Columbus	Superior	£11395	£10895
Marco Polo	Premium	£11795	£11295
Marco Polo	Corner	£12295	£11795
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£12995	£12495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£13495	£12995
Explorer	Island Suite	£13995	£13495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£11395	£10895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Bali with breakfast • 13 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis (inclusive of overnight stay for Borobudur visit) • 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, Indonesian visa.

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



Alfresco Dining on the Lido Deck

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.

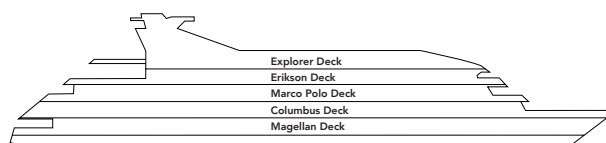
Your Comfort

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.

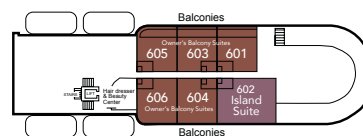
Your Life On Board

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.

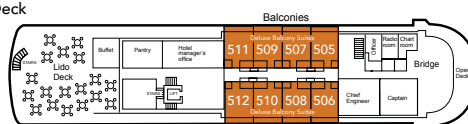
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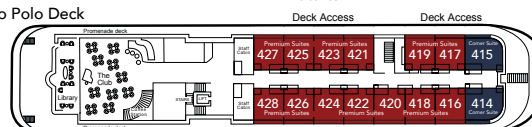
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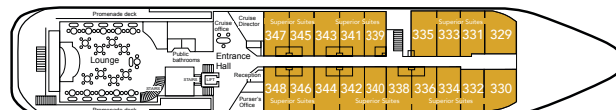
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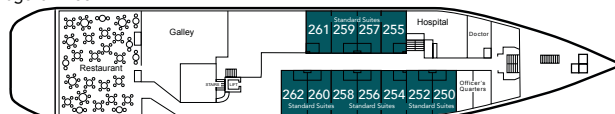
Marco Polo Deck



Columbus Deck



Magellan Deck



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



During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.



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