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ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

OCTOBER 2027 TO JANUARY 2028



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DEAR TRAVELLER

We are delighted to be bringing the all-suite MS Island Sky to the Indian Ocean for a series of expeditions from October 2027 to January 2028. Having operated vessels in the Indian Ocean since our establishment in 1991, we know the region well, as do our expert expedition team and if ever there was a region perfect for expedition cruising it is here, a timeless world of wonders both below and above the water.

The MS Island Sky is an ideally suited vessel for expedition cruising in the Indian Ocean, her size allowing us access to places larger vessels are unable to venture. In addition, with our fleet of Zodiac landing craft we are able to explore and land in otherwise inaccessible places. Your experience will be made all the more memorable by our expert crew and officers who along with our expedition team of marine biologists, ornithologists and botanists have many years of experience in the Indian Ocean.

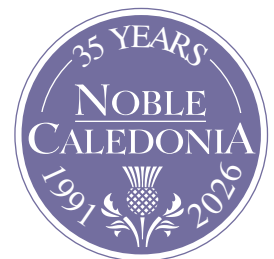
Our itineraries represent a veritable feast of beauty and the natural world, from the unique flora and fauna of Madagascar to the enchanting, tropical scenery and magnificent birdlife of the Seychelles and the idyllic Maldives. Obviously, such beauty and serenity is best enjoyed with a small number of travelling companions and with the MS Island Sky, you have the luxury of travelling with just 100 or so fellow travellers. Your days will be spent exploring verdant rainforests and national parks on guided walks with our expedition team, swimming or snorkelling in the clear waters, visiting local villages or just relaxing on some of the beautiful beaches, each evening returning to our comfortable ship to rest and look forward to the next adventure. If you would like to combine some time exploring the idyllic islands of the Indian Ocean with a more cultural focus, you can choose one of the voyages that includes time in either Sri Lanka or Southern India.

We hope you can join us on board and discover for yourself the bounty of the Indian Ocean including the wildlife from the lemurs and chameleons of Madagascar to the giant tortoises of Aldabra, the amazingly prolific birdlife and the mesmerising underwater world.

We look forward to welcoming you on board.

Yours sincerely

Tim Cochrane
Managing Director



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During our worldwide explorations over the years, we have come across many situations where help is desperately needed, be it following a natural disaster, civil unrest, abject poverty or to save an endangered species. To this end we established the Noble Caledonia Charitable Trust in 2013 (NCCT). It is our vision to use the Noble Caledonia framework to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in the areas we work and visit. Our onboard teams are uniquely positioned to identify projects and lead fundraising initiatives, whilst many of our guests genuinely care about the people and places we visit and want to make a difference. 100% of all donations go directly to the beneficiaries as Noble Caledonia Ltd covers all the administration costs and donates a percentage of profits annually. Details of our projects can be found on our website www.noble-caledonia.co.uk



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.

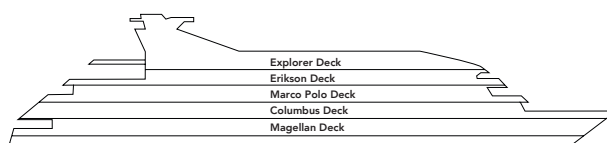


Please note that cruises with this logo visit out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. These cruises will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

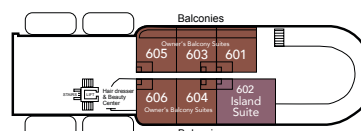


Alfresco Dining on the Lido Deck

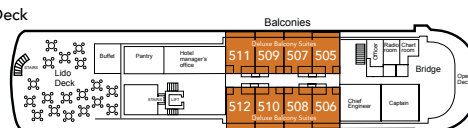
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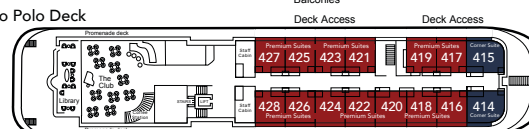
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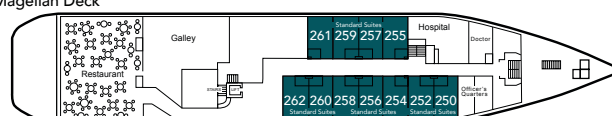
Marco Polo Deck



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

SRI LANKA TO THE SEYCHELLES

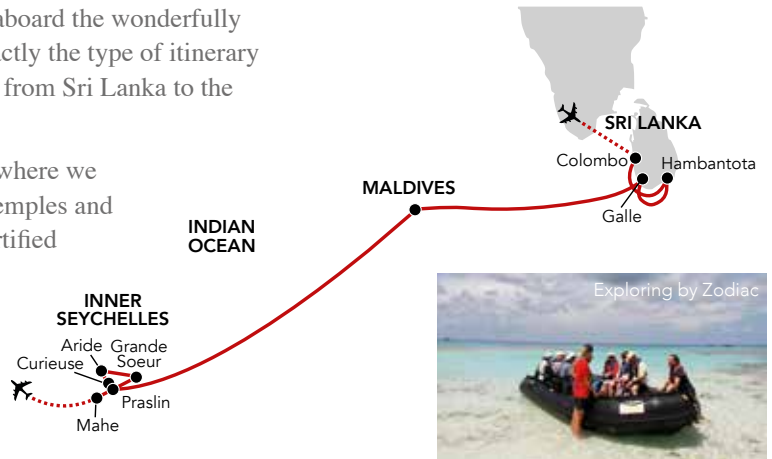
A voyage from Colombo to Mahe including the Maldives aboard the MS Island Sky

30th September to 15th October 2027



Enjoy the warmth and beauty of the Indian Ocean aboard the wonderfully comfortable MS Island Sky as she undertakes exactly the type of itinerary that suits her best. Join us in the tropics as we journey from Sri Lanka to the islands and atolls of the Maldives and Seychelles.

Our voyage begins with a cultural focus in Sri Lanka where we spend time in Colombo with its Buddhist and Hindu temples and old colonial buildings before we explore Galle, the fortified old city founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will also discover some natural world wonders during our visit to the Bundala National Park, a haven for birdwatchers and Sri Lanka's first designated wetland site of international importance.



Following a relaxing day at sea our voyage will take on more of an expeditionary and natural world focus as we sail across to the Maldives and the Seychelles, two of the world's most pristine and picturesque archipelagos. With our fleet of Zodiacs we will explore some truly beautiful islands, land on otherwise inaccessible beaches, explore vast lagoons and coral reefs and encounter some wonderful tropical scenery. Our small ship is ideal for the region, allowing us to enjoy the peace and tranquility of these paradise islands, after all it would be disappointing to find yourself in the company of hundreds on what was a deserted beach.

This unusual itinerary will appeal to those looking for something different, incorporating a fascinating look at Sri Lanka followed by island hopping through some of the most idyllic tropical scenery in the world. With the MS Island Sky as our base and, travelling with just over 100 fellow passengers, we can enjoy great food, good company, a convivial atmosphere and of course the expert onboard team and friendly crew which entices travellers to cruise on her time and time again.



Maldives

The Itinerary

Day 1 London or Manchester to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

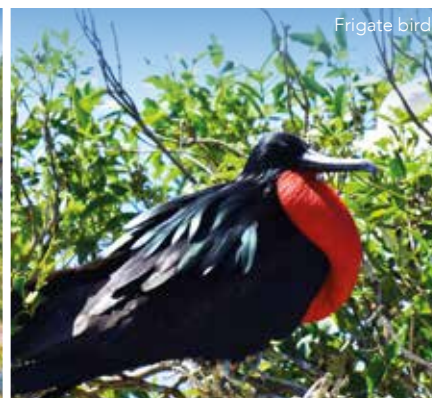
Day 2 Colombo. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 3 Colombo. Sri Lanka's commercial capital and largest city dates back over 600 years having been a trading hub for sea merchants and colonial rulers. Buddhist temples, Hindu temples, mosques and churches reflect the various beliefs practiced all over the island and the beautiful facades of the old, colonial buildings contrast with the modern but elegant

shopping arcades that have been developed inside. There will be a choice of activities this morning including a cultural tour visiting the Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple, the National Museum and Independence Square. Alternatively, visit the Kelaniya Buddhist Temple, located on the outskirts of the city. It is said that Buddha visited and preached his doctrine here to a gathering of serpent-kings. Today worshippers come to lay sprigs of lotus flowers around the great white dagoba, light oil lamps, and sprinkle the base of the Tree of Enlightenment with purifying water. We will see the fine carvings and lovely frescoes, fascinating geometrically patterned ceiling paintings, and three important images of Buddha. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon at sea.

Day 4 Hambantota. From our berth in Hambantota there will be a choice of excursions today. You can choose to visit Kataragama, one of the three most important religious sites in Sri Lanka and a popular place of pilgrimage for Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and the indigenous Vedda communities of Sri Lanka and South India. According to Buddhists, this was one of the 16 places visited by Buddha during his visits to Sri Lanka. We will explore the religious complex built across the Menik Ganga which contains buildings from all three religions including the mosque, temple, the small archaeological museum and the principal shrine of the god Kataragama. Alternatively explore Bundala National Park, a haven for birdwatchers and Sri Lanka's first declared Ramsar wetland. Located in the deep south of the island, the diversity of the park lies in its landscape, from dry thorny scrubland to sand dunes and salt marshes, to mangroves and lagoons. Take a jeep through the park and discover close to 200 species of bird as well as many species of butterflies, crocodiles, elephants, and deer.

Day 5 Galle. Awake this morning in Galle where we take a walking tour



of the impressive Galle Fortress. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the port where the Portuguese first landed in Sri Lanka in the 16th century and was then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century. Also see the maritime museum, which is housed in an old Dutch house, the lighthouse, mosque, and church before taking a stroll through the narrow streets with their shuttered mansions and cloistered courtyards. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Galle further at your own pace or alternatively join a tour to a nearby tea plantation where we will learn about the growing processes and enjoy a tasting.

Day 6 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we cross the Laccadive Sea towards the Maldives.

Days 7 to 10 Maldives. We spend four days exploring the whole archipelago. This vast area of ocean is scattered with staggeringly beautiful dots of land surrounded by a cerulean sea. It offers some of the finest lagoons, beaches and coral reefs in the world. Our day to day schedule will be left in the capable hands of the Captain and Expedition Leader and we hope to include visits to a number of atolls as we sail from the northern islands to the south. Our expedition team will be on hand to take guided walking tours to explore the flora and fauna on land whilst our Snorkel Master will take us to some stunning reefs to view the wonderful coral and marine life.

Days 11 to 13 At Sea. Relax and enjoy our days at sea as we continue to the Seychelles. Watch out for the bird and marine life and listen to the informative talks by our expedition team. We are assured of warm weather so make the most of the fresh air, get lost in a novel from your deck chair and enjoy all the comforts of the MS Island Sky.

Days 14 & 15 Inner Seychelles. We have two days exploring the islands of the Inner Seychelles group. After clearing immigration formalities at Praslin we will explore the 'Vallee de Mai', the last remnant of the original high canopied Seychelles palm forest and home to the coco de mer. We will walk its paths looking out for the rare black parrot and enjoying its natural beauty. We also hope to include time on Aride which is one of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater, lesser noddy, frigate birds and roseate tern in addition to five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles

magpie robin. The island is largely covered in native woodland, including the endemic Wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world. Also see Curieuse, a rugged island which was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitor centre. The island is an important nesting site for hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vine and mangroves which we explore on an island walk. Maybe also relax on Grande Soeur, an idyllic uninhabited island. Walk the island trails which link the white sand beaches and maybe catch sight of some of the island's giant Aldabra tortoises, or take a swim in the turquoise waters. Our final night will be spent alongside at Mahe.

Day 16 Mahe to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London or Manchester. Arrive this afternoon.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Magellan	Standard	£10995	£9995
Columbus	Superior	£11395	£10395
Marco Polo	Premium	£11795	£10795
Marco Polo	Corner	£12295	£11295
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£12995	£11995
Explorer	Owner's Balcony	£13495	£12495
Explorer	Island	£13995	£12995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£12495	£11495
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Not Included: Travel insurance, Sri Lankan visa, Maldives visa, Seychelles Travel Authorisation.

ISLANDS & ATOLLS OF THE SEYCHELLES

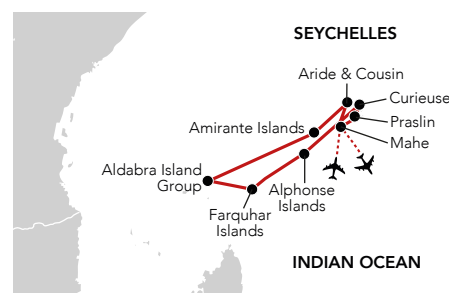
Discover the beauty of the Seychelles aboard the MS Island Sky
14th to 25th October 2027



The Seychelles offers the visitor a tropical beauty that is difficult, if not impossible to match anywhere else in the world. Spread out over a vast area of the Indian Ocean, they offer everything from quiet sophistication and enchanting scenery to wild and uninhabited nature reserves, where the very remoteness of the islands has protected them from the worst excesses of mankind. The Seychelles are perfectly suited to expedition cruising and offer the intrepid traveller a timeless world of wonders both below and above the water.

Obviously, such beauty and serenity are best enjoyed with a small number of travelling companions and the MS Island Sky is an ideal vessel. With a maximum of just over 100 passengers, an expert expedition team and our fleet of Zodiacs we can land on remote beaches, walk through verdant rainforest and national parks and get close to some unique flora and fauna. Those who have sailed with us through these extraordinary waters have experienced the magic of dropping anchor off a remote atoll at first light and watched the dawn illuminate the watery horizon. Then as the sun rises, have ventured ashore by Zodiac, landing on a deserted beach to discover the rich bird and marine life, the exotic flora and nature reserves as colonies of birds congregate overhead and in the seas a kaleidoscope of tropical fish swim amongst the coral.

Our journey will include all aspects of this extraordinary island nation from the developed Inner Seychelles with staggeringly beautiful islands such as Praslin to the lesser known and rarely visited Outer Seychelles. Here we will sail all the way to Aldabra, the world's largest coral atoll and a World Heritage Site. Being one of the most difficult places in the world to access and having a lack of freshwater has saved Aldabra from any tourism development and only small vessels like the MS Island Sky are allowed to visit. It is therefore a great privilege to be able to land on the untouched beaches of Aldabra, the breeding ground for thousands of giant tortoises and home to some of the rarest birds in the Indian Ocean. To explore the abundant crystal clear waters of the vast lagoon and to set foot on atolls which have never been exploited by the hand of man is a rare experience and one we hope you can join us for.



Fairy tern

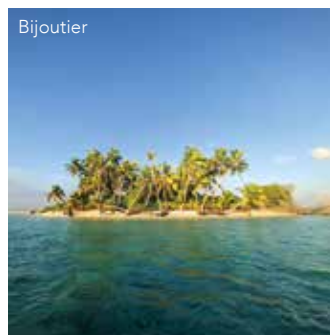
The Itinerary

Day 1 London or Manchester to Mahe, Seychelles. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Mahe. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail the short distance to our overnight anchorage at Praslin.

Day 3 Praslin & Curieuse, Inner Seychelles. Spend the morning on Praslin where we will explore the 'Vallee de Mai', the last remnant of the original high canopied Seychelles palm forest and home to the coco de mer. We will walk its paths looking out for the rare black parrot and enjoying its natural beauty. Sail over lunch to Curieuse, a rugged island that was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitor centre. The island is an important nesting site for hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vines and mangroves which we will explore during our island walk.

Day 4 Alphonse Islands. There are three islands in the Alphonse group and as we approach them you will understand why they are regarded by many to be the most beautiful of the 115 islands in the Seychelles archipelago. After a leisurely morning at sea we plan to spend the afternoon on the tiny and idyllic island of Bijoutier which, rarely visited, is a haven for a variety of seabirds. There will be the opportunity to swim and we hope to offer a snorkel platform in the crystal clear waters. Bijoutier sits between two larger atolls so the ocean current flows passing Bijoutier replenish the coral reefs and make them especially rich in biodiversity.



Bijoutier



Vallee de Mai



Coconut crab



Red-footed Booby, Cosmoledo



Curieuse



Exploring by Zodiac

Days 5 & 6 Farquhar Islands. Spend the morning at sea as we cruise to the Farquhar Group which consists of ten islands and atolls which cover an area of 370 square kilometres. We will spend two days here and will discover the Providence Atoll before we anchor off Farquhar where we will use our Zodiacs to explore the sparkling lagoon of this remote, atoll ringed island of coconut and casuarina trees. Hawksbill and green sea turtles come to the atoll to nest and several of the Farquhar Group's islands are Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas. We will visit the island's settlement, enjoy walks looking for the birdlife or snorkel in the clear waters.

Days 7 & 8 Aldabra Islands. We have two days to enjoy the Aldabra group of islands and hope to include landings at Cosmoledo where a huge ring of twelve islands circles a lagoon. Many of the atolls are still to be surveyed and we will explore some of them by Zodiac. This is an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area with all three species of booby found in the Seychelles including the last breeding site for the brown booby. We also hope to spot sooty terns and great frigate birds on land and have the opportunity to see turtles as we swim and snorkel in the lagoon. Close by is Aldabra, the island referred to by Sir Julian Huxley as "One of nature's treasures and should belong to the whole world" which is unique and every time we call at what is believed to be the world's largest atoll we find something new of interest. Sightings have been made of the extremely rare white throated rail and the atoll is also home to the world's second largest colony of frigate birds and to the largest crab, the coconut crab. Whilst exploring by Zodiac it is difficult to know in which direction to look. The clear blue seas abound with life, the skies are alive with varied birdlife and ashore giant land tortoises forage as they have done for millions of years. We hope to explore Picard Island with a short walk to see some of the thousands of tortoises and numerous robber crabs or swim in the lagoon, a vast 17 mile stretch of shallow clear water. From our Zodiacs we can watch the ever-changing undersea world and snorkel in colourful coral waters.

Day 9 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day on board as we continue our journey through the Seychelles. Maybe join a lecture and watch for wildlife on deck.

Day 10 Amirante Islands. Over lunch we arrive at the 28 islands in the Amirante Group which were discovered by Vasco de Gama in 1501 and are considered to be some of the most pristine and untouched islands in the world. If conditions permit we will visit Poivre Atoll which is made up of three islands. In the past the islands were used for vanilla, nuts, maize, cattle and pig farming but in recent years, the atolls' landscapes have become a popular nesting ground for bird species like Chinese and blue

heron, whimbrels, fodies, noddies and greater frigate birds. The sandy shores are also important nesting grounds for hawksbill and green turtles.

Day 11 Aride & Cousin, Inner Seychelles. Early this morning we return to the Inner Seychelles and hope to anchor off Aride, one of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater, lesser noddy, frigatebirds and roseate tern and also five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles magpie robin. The island is largely covered in native woodland including the endemic Wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world. We will spend our final afternoon on Cousin, a lovely island and nature reserve which is surrounded on two sides by spectacular beaches. There will be the option to take a final swim from the beach or keen bird watchers may like to join a nature walk to look for some of the endemic land birds including the Seychelles sunbird and Seychelles fody.

Day 12 Mahe to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London or Manchester. Arrive this afternoon.

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WONDERS OF MADAGASCAR & THE SEYCHELLES

An expedition from Mauritius to Mahe aboard the MS Island Sky

16th to 30th November 2027



Join us aboard the MS Island Sky for this island hopping expedition through the Indian Ocean which will appeal to those who enjoy the natural world and all its wonders, travelling aboard a small ship and staying clear of the well-beaten tourist tracks. The all-suite MS Island Sky with her fleet of Zodiac landing craft is the perfect vessel for such an enterprise. Carrying just over 100 guests, she is a far cry from the latest breed of cruise ships and can visit small islands which larger vessels cannot access. Your experience will be made all the more memorable by the expert crew and officers, who along with our expedition team of marine biologists, ornithologists and botanists have many years of experience in the Indian Ocean and will provide commentary on all we see.

Setting sail from Mauritius we will land on its nearest neighbour, Reunion, a little bit of France in the Indian Ocean and a truly stunning place. We will spend the day exploring its truly awesome and dramatic landscape before continuing to Madagascar where we will have four days to explore the incredible verdant and beautiful island and its unique flora and fauna.

Continuing to the Seychelles, one of the highlights of the voyage will be our time spent exploring the Aldabra Islands, the last breeding ground of the giant tortoise and in addition to seeing some of these endearing creatures, we should also encounter dolphins, turtles and whales as well as countless birds including the flightless rail, the last flightless bird in the Indian Ocean. To explore the abundant crystal clear waters of the vast lagoon and to set foot on atolls that have never been exploited by the hand of man is a rare experience.

Our itinerary is a veritable feast of beauty and the natural world. You will witness the bounty of the islands, the wildlife from the lemurs of Madagascar to the giant tortoises of Aldabra, an amazingly prolific birdlife and a mesmerising underwater life.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London or Manchester to Mauritius. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Mauritius. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky moored in Port Louis. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner on board as we sail this evening.

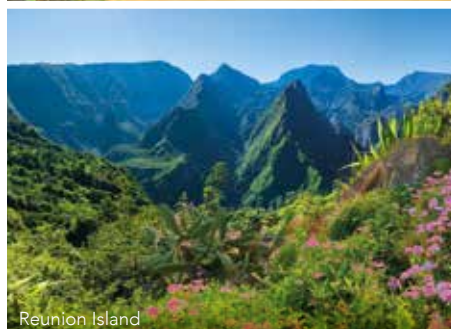
Day 3 Reunion Island. Arrive at breakfast in Reunion where we have a choice of excursions. On a full day tour we will visit the central highlands, where spectacularly rugged peaks of volcanoes cradle huge amphitheatres known as cirques, where mountains tower to over 10,000 feet and magnificent waterfalls plummet hundreds of feet. The rich soil and mellow climate create a verdant landscape, dotted with villages and towns with a distinct French atmosphere. Fields of sugar cane and plantations of tropical fruits, vanilla and all manner of spices perfume the air. Enjoy panoramic views from the Nez des Boeuf and visit the crater of Piton de la Fournaise. After a Creole lunch in a local restaurant, we will visit La Cite du Volcan museum. Alternatively, take a morning tour to a vanilla plantation in Saint Andre to learn about the history and cultural importance of the crop, an integral part of Reunion's heritage. Continue to Salazie, a verdant landscape and home to many waterfalls including the 'Voile de la Mariee' before spending some free time in Saint Denis on the way back to the ship for an afternoon at leisure.

Day 4 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we sail towards Madagascar. Perhaps attend a lecture or simply relax on deck and enjoy the passing seascapes.

Days 5 & 6 Nosy Mangabe & Masoala National Park, Madagascar. Spend two days exploring from our anchorage in Antongil Bay. Discover Nosy Mangabe, a 520-hectare island reserve and one of Madagascar's most diverse areas of virgin rainforest. The island has served as an important research centre since the mid-1960s when several aye-ayes and other lemurs were released into the forest. Using our Zodiacs we will land

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Day 7 Vohemar. After a morning at sea, arrive over lunch at the port of Vohemar. This afternoon, there is a choice of tours. Set out to explore Daraina Forest, a protected area in Loky Manambato. The undulating hills covered with deciduous and semi ever green forest are home to one of the world's rarest primates, the golden crowned sifaka, as well as Daraina sportive lemur and Sanford's brown lemur. The forest is one of the richest and most ecologically sensitive areas in the north of the island. Its isolation and lack of tourist infrastructure ensure an unspoilt and tranquil experience. Alternatively, for those that would like to experience a bit of local life there will be a tour of Vohemar. From the port, set out on a walking tour through the city taking in the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Visit the Catholic church and continue along the seaside promenade where pirogues line the beach, and fishermen untangle their nets. There will also be an opportunity to sample the local rice cake, mokary vary, one of the most popular street foods in Madagascar. Continue by tuk tuk to a nearby vanilla plantation, where we will learn about the process of cultivation, harvest and transformation of vanilla for export. Vanilla is the region's main economic resource. Return to the port by tuk tuk, with the opportunity to visit the local market for those who wish.



Day 8 Diego Suarez. This morning we will enter the dramatic harbour of Diego Suarez, also known as Antsiranana. The town has a cosmopolitan mix of inhabitants, including Creoles, Indians, Chinese, Comorans and Arabs. This morning, choose from a city tour taking in the Commonwealth Cemetery, the faded colonial grandeur of Place Joffre, and a baobab viewpoint at French Mountain; or alternatively, drive up to the Amber Mountain National Park at an elevation of 3,200 feet, where we will divide into short and long walking parties to explore the pristine rainforest. Amid the towering vegetation, we may encounter Sanford's brown and crowned lemurs, as well as chameleons, stunningly well camouflaged leaf-tailed geckos, and an array of endemic birds. We will depart this afternoon, continuing our voyage towards the Seychelles.

Days 9 to 11 Aldabra Islands, Seychelles. Arriving in the Outer Seychelles we have two and a half days to enjoy the remarkable Aldabra group of islands. Our itinerary will be in the hands of our Expedition Leader and Captain, who will monitor the local conditions to ensure we maximise our time here. Whilst our itinerary is flexible, we hope to call at the island of Assumption which was ruthlessly plundered for its vast deposits of guano in the early 20th century. Happily, peace has returned, and the wildlife of rare birds and green turtles are once again in abundance. Our time here will be spent beachcombing, on nature walks or snorkelling. We will also plan time on Aldabra, the island referred to by Sir Julian Huxley as "One of nature's treasures and should belong to the whole world". Aldabra is truly unique, and every time we call at what is believed to be the world's largest atoll we find something new of interest. Sightings have included the extremely rare white throated rail, while the atoll is also home to the world's second largest colony of frigate birds and the largest crab, the coconut crab. Whilst exploring by Zodiac it is difficult to know in which direction to look first. The clear blue seas abound with life, the skies are alive with varied birdlife and ashore giant land tortoises forage as they have done for millions of years. We hope to explore Picard Island with a short walk to see some of the numerous tortoises and robber crabs or swim in the lagoon, a vast 17 mile stretch of shallow clear water. From our Zodiacs we can watch the ever-changing undersea world and snorkel in colourful coral waters. Meanwhile, at Cosmoledo a huge ring of twelve islands circles a lagoon. Many of the atolls are still to be surveyed and we will explore some of them by Zodiac. This is an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area with all three species of booby found in the Seychelles including the last breeding site for the brown booby. We also hope to spot sooty terns and great frigate birds ashore and encounter turtles as we swim and snorkel in the lagoon.

Day 12 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day on board as we continue our journey to the Amirante Islands.

Day 13 Amirante Islands. This morning we arrive at the 28 islands in the Amirante Group which were discovered by Vasco de Gama in 1501 and

are considered to be some of the most pristine and untouched islands in the world. If conditions permit we will visit Poivre Atoll which is made up of three islands. In the past the islands were used for vanilla, nuts, maize, cattle and pig farming but in recent years, the atolls' landscapes have become a popular nesting ground for bird species like Chinese and blue heron, whimbrels, fodies, noddies and greater frigate birds. The sandy shores are also important nesting grounds for hawksbill and green turtles.

Day 14 Aride & Curieuse. Early this morning we arrive at the Inner Seychelles and hope to anchor off Aride, one of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater, lesser noddy, frigatebirds and roseate tern and also five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles magpie robin. The island is largely covered in native woodland including the endemic Wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world. We will spend our final afternoon on the island of Curieuse, a rugged island that was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitor centre. The island is an important nesting site for hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vines and mangroves which we will explore during our island walk.

Day 15 Mahe to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon.

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Marco Polo	Corner	£12295	£11795
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£12995	£12495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony	£13495	£12995
Explorer	Island	£13995	£13495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£11995	£11495
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£12395	£11895

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MADAGASCAR & BEYOND

Discover the wonders of the Seychelles & Madagascar aboard the MS Island Sky

29th November to 19th December 2027



Join us aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky for a wonderful expedition that combines idyllic islands, some of which are a mere dot in the Indian Ocean, with the natural wonders of Madagascar. Our voyage begins with a week in the Seychelles including the magnificent Aldabra islands before we sail to the world's 'eighth continent' for nine days of discovery of Madagascar's astonishing flora and fauna. We then continue to the island of Reunion where we have the benefit of a full day to discover its beautiful scenery before our expedition concludes in Mauritius.

The Seychelles offer a tropical beauty that is difficult, if not impossible to match anywhere else in the world and whilst exploring the islands, one of the highlights will be our time in the Aldabra Islands, the last breeding ground of the giant tortoise and in addition to seeing some of these endearing creatures, we should also encounter dolphins, turtles and whales as well as countless birds including the flightless rail, the last flightless bird in the Indian Ocean. To explore the abundant crystal clear waters of the vast lagoon and to set foot on atolls that have never been exploited by the hand of man is a rare experience.

We continue to Madagascar where the animals, plants, landscapes and people that make up this thousand mile long island are unlike anywhere else in the world. This extraordinary country long remained obscure as a destination and is still relatively unknown amongst even the most serious of travellers. There is minimal infrastructure in many parts of the island and for those wishing to explore the island in some depth, doing so by small ship is far more preferable than by any other means. During our time exploring Madagascar we will discover the rainforests which are full of wildlife including the iconic lemur, chameleons and indigenous birdlife as well as seeing the underwater world and village life.

Our expedition is a veritable feast of beauty and the natural world. You will witness the bounty of the Seychelles, the wildlife from the lemurs of Madagascar to the giant tortoises of Aldabra, an amazingly prolific birdlife and a mesmerising underwater life. With the vessel's fleet of Zodiacs for forays ashore, allowing access to the wonderful places denied to larger ships and accompanied by just 100 fellow travellers and our onboard experts, you can learn about and enjoy encounters with fabulous endemic wildlife in this immensely rich and timeless corner of the Indian Ocean.



Giant tortoise, Aldabra





Alphonse Islands



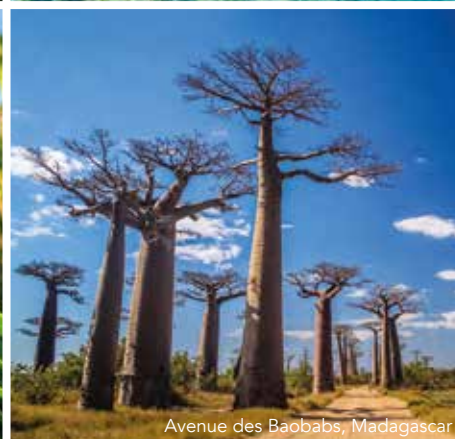
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Turtle, Aldabra Atoll



Ring-tailed lemurs



Avenue des Baobabs, Madagascar

The Itinerary

Day 1 London or Manchester to Mahe, Seychelles. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Mahe. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky moored in Port Victoria. Later we sail the short distance to our overnight anchorage.

Day 3 Curieuse & Aride. Spend the morning on Curieuse, a rugged island that was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitor centre. The island is an important nesting site for hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vines and mangroves which we will explore during our island walk. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Aride, one of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater, lesser noddy, frigate birds and roseate tern and also five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles magpie robin. The island is largely covered in native woodland including the endemic Wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world.

Day 4 Amirante Islands. Over lunch we arrive at the 28 islands in the Amirante Group which were discovered by Vasco da Gama in 1501 and are considered to be some of the most pristine and untouched islands in the world. If conditions permit we will visit Poivre Atoll which is made up of three islands. In the past the islands were used for vanilla, nuts, maize, cattle and pig farming but in recent years, the atolls' landscapes have become a popular nesting ground for bird species like Chinese and blue heron, whimbrels, fodies, noddies and greater frigate birds. The sandy shores are also important nesting grounds for hawksbill and green turtles.

Day 5 Alphonse Islands. There are three islands in the Alphonse group, and as we approach them you will understand why they are regarded by many to be the most beautiful of the 115 islands in the Seychelles archipelago. Our day will be directed by sea and weather conditions but we hope to call at the tiny and idyllic island of Bijoutier which, rarely visited, is a haven for a variety of seabirds. There will be the opportunity to swim and maybe snorkel in the crystal clear waters. Bijoutier sits between two larger atolls so the ocean current flows passing Bijoutier replenish the coral reefs and make them especially rich in biodiversity.

Day 6 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we continue our journey through the Seychelles. Maybe watch for wildlife on deck or join a lecture.

Days 7 & 8 Aldabra Islands. Arriving in the Outer Seychelles we have one and a half days to enjoy the remarkable Aldabra group of islands. Our itinerary will be in the hands of our Expedition Leader and Captain, who will monitor the local conditions to ensure we maximise our time here. Whilst our itinerary is flexible, we hope to call at the island of Assumption which was ruthlessly plundered for its vast deposits of guano in the early 20th century. Happily, peace has returned, and the wildlife of rare birds and green turtles is once again in abundance. Our time here will be spent beachcombing, on nature walks or snorkelling. We will also plan time on Aldabra, the island referred to by Sir Julian Huxley as "One of nature's treasures and should belong to the whole world". Aldabra is truly unique, and every time we call at what is believed to be the world's largest atoll we find something new of interest. Sightings have included the extremely rare white-throated rail, while the atoll is also home to the world's second largest colony of frigate birds and the largest crab, the coconut crab. Whilst exploring by Zodiac it is difficult to know in which direction to look first. The clear blue seas abound with life, the skies are alive with varied birdlife and ashore giant land tortoises forage as they have done for millions of years. We hope to explore Picard Island with a short walk to see some of the numerous tortoises and robber crabs or swim in the lagoon, a vast 17 mile stretch of shallow clear water. From our Zodiacs we can watch the ever-changing undersea world and snorkel in colourful coral waters.

Day 9 Nosy Hara, Madagascar. Our first call in Madagascar will be off the northwest coast where we will find a number of strangely shaped limestone islets that dot the aquamarine-coloured sea. The expedition team will decide on the most suitable island for landing, such as Nosy Hara with its abundant birdlife and great places to swim off the beach. We will spend the day exploring the islands on foot or alternatively join a Zodiac cruise around the islands and have a chance to snorkel over the coral.

Day 10 Nosy Tanikely. Spend the morning at the Nosy Tanikely Island Marine Reserve, an uninhabited island which offers snorkelling opportunities



Nosy Hara

and wonderful beaches. We will take the chance to either swim in the clear waters or snorkel over the corals keeping an eye out for reef fish, turtles and morays. Alternatively, explore the island where we may see the resident lemurs, skinks, fruit bats and hermit crabs and enjoy fantastic views from the 1908 lighthouse on the island's highest point. Sail this afternoon.

Day 11 Mahajanga. Mahajanga is a major port in northwest Madagascar. This cosmopolitan city, situated on the Betsiboka River, mixes Sakalava, Tsimihety, Arab, Chinese, Indian and European influences and is our base for a full day tour of the surrounding area. After landing by Zodiac we will commence with a drive to Lake Mangatsa, a sacred site of many legends where we will learn about local traditions as we search for lemurs, chameleons and birds in the trees. Lunch will be served at a hotel, which offers lovely sea views, before we return to the MS Island Sky via the local market.

Day 12 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day on board as we continue our journey around the Madagascan coast.

Day 13 Morondava. From our anchorage off the town of Morondava, the capital of the Menabe region, we will use the Zodiacs to make a beach landing. From here there will be a choice of excursions to explore the local region. We will explore Marofandilia Forest, a protected area that is home to a number of species of lemurs, birds, reptiles and plants, and is managed by the proactive NGO Fanamby (the Malagasy 'arm' of Conservation International). During our visit we will take part in walks through the forest before a picnic lunch. We will then head to the Avenue des Baobabs. Of the eight baobab species in the world, six are endemic to Madagascar and here we will marvel at the majestic Granddier's baobabs, a couple of dozen of which form a natural avenue. We will learn about the trees and their spiritual significance and have the opportunity to contribute to local reforestation efforts by planting a young baobab ourselves. Alternatively, if you would prefer a more leisurely day, there will be a morning tour to the Avenue des Baobabs which will return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon on board.

Days 14 & 15 Tulear. After a morning at sea we arrive in Tulear and this afternoon will visit the Antsoy Arboretum which is entirely devoted to the conservation of the plants from the southwest of Madagascar and, after more than 30 years of hard work, offers a densely kept selection of flora presenting a typical sub-arid thicket with baobab trees towering over the smaller plants. We will see the four hectare botanical garden which comprises over 900 species of plants of which 90% are endemic to the region. After mooring overnight we spend our second morning at the Reniala Private Reserve, a small area of just 60 hectares but containing a spiny forest which is unique to southeastern Madagascar. The park is home to 200 plant species including baobabs as well as being a haven for birders with sightings of paradise flycatchers, Madagascar hoopoe and Madagascar crested drongo. Return to the ship for lunch and spend a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Days 16 & 17 Taolagnaro. Our final call in Madagascar is the southeastern port of Taolagnaro, also known as Fort Dauphin. This was the first French settlement in Madagascar, situated on a peninsula overlooked by the Anosy mountains. We will moor overnight and our afternoon and morning excursions will include the Nahampoana Private Park. The reserve is only 67 hectares but home to four species of lemur including ring-tailed and sifakas whilst the gardens showcase

Madagascan plants with three-cornered palms and spiny Desiderata trees. A tour of Taolagnaro will include the historical buildings where we will learn about the arrival of the Malagasy people to Madagascar and the links with Reunion. Also enjoy walks at Manantantely, a 136 hectare park consisting of a nursery set in a paradisiacal valley with several walking trails where we may see chameleons and lizards.

Day 18 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we leave Madagascar and sail towards Reunion Island.

Day 19 Port Est, Reunion Island. Over breakfast we arrive in Reunion where we have a choice of excursions. On a full day tour we will visit the central highlands where spectacularly rugged peaks of dormant or extinct volcanoes cradle huge amphitheatres known as cirques, where mountains tower to over 10,000 feet and beautiful waterfalls plummet hundreds of feet. The rich soil and mellow climate produce a lush and verdant landscape which is dotted with villages and towns with a uniquely French atmosphere. Fields of sugar cane and plantations of tropical fruits, vanilla and all manner of spices perfume the air. We will enjoy views from the Nez des Boeuf and see the Piton de la Fournaise crater. After enjoying a Creole lunch in a local restaurant we will visit the 'Cite du Volcan' museum. Alternatively, enjoy a morning tour to a vanilla plantation in St Andre where we learn about the history and culture of this integral part of Reunion's heritage. Continue to Salazie, a verdant landscape and home to many waterfalls including the 'Voile de la Mariee' before spending some free time in St Denis. Return to the MS Island Sky for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on board before we sail to Mauritius this evening.

Day 20 Mauritius to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London or Manchester.

Day 21 London or Manchester. Arrive this morning.

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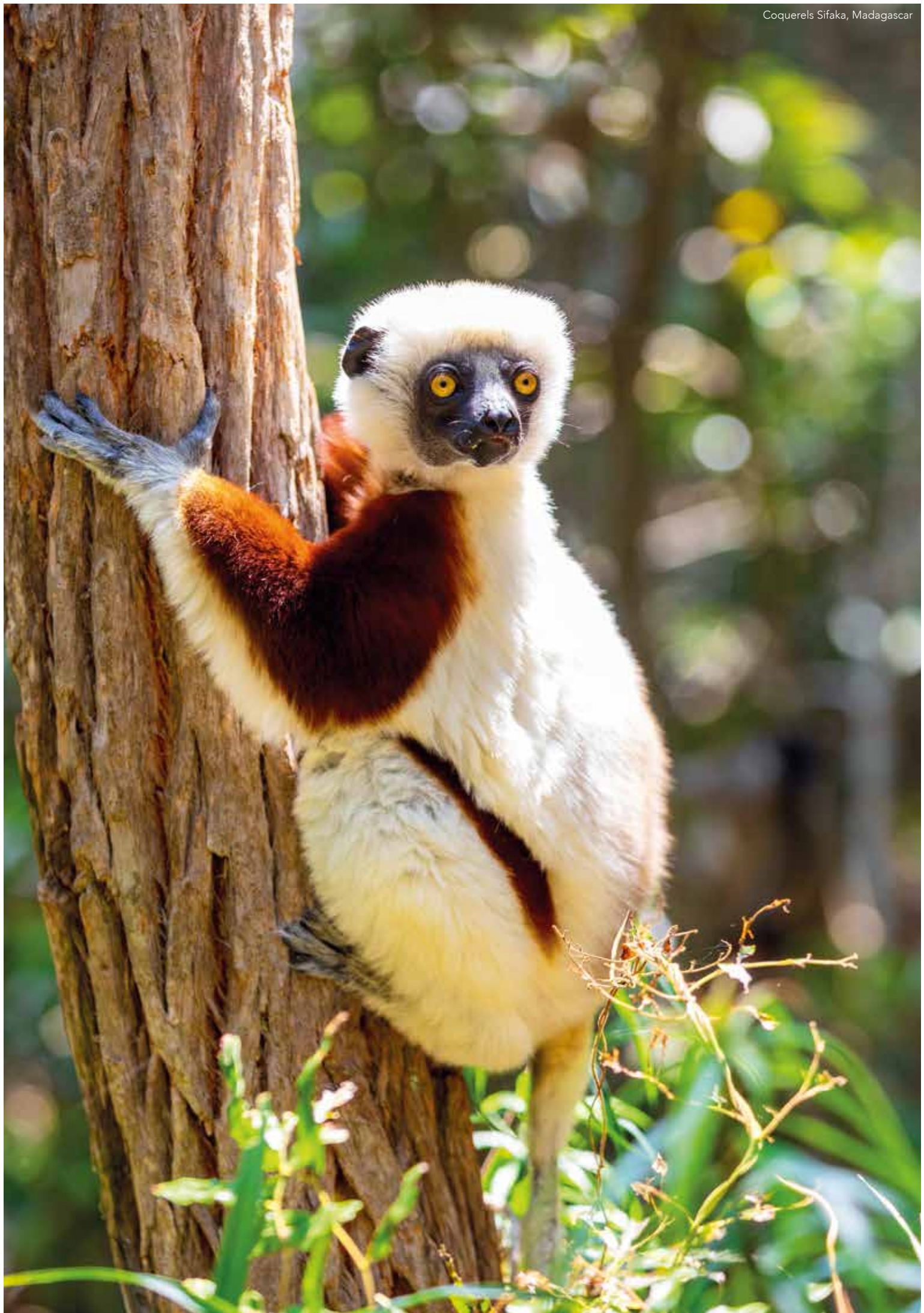
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ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

An expedition from Mauritius to Zanzibar exploring Madagascar, the Seychelles & Tanzania aboard the MS Island Sky

18th December 2027 to 4th January 2028



Here is an extraordinary cruise for those who enjoy the natural world and all its wonders and are looking for the opportunity to experience an unforgettable Christmas and New Year in the Indian Ocean. Our journey aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky incorporates some fascinating and exotic calls combining the magnificent Aldabra group of islands with the natural wonders of Madagascar.

Sailing from Mauritius we will land on its nearest neighbour, Reunion, a little bit of France in the Indian Ocean and a stunning place to spend a day. We will discover the island's truly awesome and dramatic scenery before we continue to Madagascar for four days of exploration of this incredibly verdant and beautiful island. Madagascar is unique; the animals, plants, landscapes and people that make up this thousand mile long island are unlike anywhere else. It is a country that has long remained obscure as a destination and is relatively little known even amongst the most serious of travellers. The long separation from the African mainland has given rise to its amazing number of unique species of flora and fauna.



Continuing to the Seychelles we spend time in the Aldabra group of islands. Being one of the most difficult places in the world to access and having a lack of freshwater has saved Aldabra from any tourism development and it is the last breeding ground of the giant tortoises. In addition to seeing some of these endearing creatures we should also encounter dolphins, turtles and whales as well as countless birds including the flightless rail, the last flightless bird in the Indian Ocean. Our expedition concludes in Tanzania where we visit Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest, followed by an expedition day to explore the treasure trove of islands off the coast which are rich in biodiversity. Our final full day will be spent in atmospheric Zanzibar.

The MS Island Sky is the perfect vessel for our expedition. Carrying just over 100 guests, she is a far cry from the latest breed of cruise ships and can visit small islands and backwaters that are denied to larger vessels. Your experience will be made all the more memorable by our expert crew and officers, who along with our expedition team of marine biologists, ornithologists and botanists have many years of experience in the Indian Ocean and will provide commentary on all we see. With the vessel's purpose built Zodiacs and accompanied by our expert team, we will land on otherwise inaccessible beaches, explore vast lagoons and coral reefs and encounter some of the most beautiful tropical scenery and extraordinary wildlife to be found anywhere in the world.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London or Manchester to Mauritius. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Mauritius. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky moored in Port Louis. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 3 Port Est, Reunion Island. Over breakfast we arrive in Reunion where we have a choice of excursions. On a full day tour we will visit the central highlands where spectacularly rugged peaks of dormant or extinct volcanoes cradle huge amphitheatres known as cirques, where mountains tower to over 10,000 feet and beautiful waterfalls plummet hundreds of feet. The rich soil and mellow climate produce a lush and verdant landscape which is dotted with villages and towns with a uniquely French atmosphere. Fields of sugar cane and plantations of tropical fruits, vanilla and all manner of spices perfume the air. We will enjoy views from the Nez des Boeuf and see the Piton de la Fournaise crater. After enjoying a Creole lunch in a local restaurant we will visit the 'Cite du Volcan' museum. Alternatively, enjoy a morning tour to a vanilla plantation in St Andre where we learn about the history and culture of this integral part of Reunion's heritage. Continue to Salazie, a verdant landscape and home to many waterfalls including the 'Voile de la Mariee' before spending some free time in St Denis on the way back to the ship. This afternoon is at leisure before we set sail this evening.

Day 4 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we sail to Madagascar. Maybe watch for wildlife on deck or join a lecture.

Day 5 Toamasina, Madagascar. Our first call in Madagascar is Toamasina, the country's main port and second largest city as well as the gateway to the Ivoloia Zoological Parc, a 282 hectare property combining a small zoo where we will see up to a dozen species of lemur as well as indigenous tortoises and chameleons. In the surrounding forest we can see free roaming wild lemurs and other wildlife along the various lakeside walking trails. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon cruising.

Days 6 & 7 Nosy Mangabe & Masoala National Park. Spend two days exploring from our anchorage in Antongil Bay. Discover Nosy Mangabe, a 520-hectare island reserve and one of Madagascar's most diverse areas of virgin rainforest. The island has served as an important research centre since the mid-1960s when several aye-ayes and other lemurs were released into the forest. Using our Zodiacs we will land on a beach next to the forest and enjoy guided nature walks looking at the varied trees, plants and ferns and we hope to spot chameleon, lizards and black and white ruffed lemur. For the birders, we will keep an eye out for Madagascar buzzard, kingfisher, and paradise flycatchers. We will also explore Madagascar's largest protected National Park, the Masoala Peninsula, which comprises of coastal rainforest, flooded forests, marsh and mangroves. With luck, we may encounter the endemic red-ruffed lemur. The park is also home to various species of brightly coloured Mantella frogs, all manner of extraordinary chameleons and is a refuge for the endangered Madagascar red owl, Madagascar serpent eagle and



many endemic bird species. A range of walks for all levels will be on offer, as well as a visit to the local village.

Day 8 At Sea. Celebrate Christmas Day on board as we continue our journey sailing around the coast of Madagascar.

Day 9 Diego Suarez. This morning we will enter the dramatic harbour of Diego Suarez, also known as Antsiranana. The town has a cosmopolitan mix of inhabitants, including Creoles, Indians, Chinese, Comorans and Arabs. The city tour will include the Commonwealth Cemetery, the faded colonial grandeur of Place Joffre, and a baobab viewpoint at French Mountain. Alternatively, drive up to the Amber Mountain National Park at an elevation of 3,200 feet, where we will divide into short and long walking parties to explore the pristine rainforest. Amid the towering vegetation, we may encounter Sanford's brown and crowned lemurs, as well as chameleons, stunningly well camouflaged leaf-tailed geckos, and an array of endemic birds. We will depart late this afternoon, continuing our voyage towards the Seychelles.

Days 10 to 12 Aldabra Islands. Arriving in the Outer Seychelles we have two and a half days to enjoy the remarkable Aldabra group of islands. Our itinerary will be in the hands of our Expedition Leader and Captain, who will monitor the local conditions to ensure we maximise our time here. Whilst our itinerary is flexible, we hope to call at the island of Assumption which was ruthlessly plundered for its vast deposits of guano in the early 20th century. Happily, peace has returned, and the wildlife of rare birds and green turtles are once again in abundance. Our time here will be spent beachcombing, on nature walks or snorkelling. We will also plan time on Aldabra, the island referred to by Sir Julian Huxley as "One of nature's treasures and should belong to the whole world". Aldabra is truly unique, and every time we call at what is believed to be the world's largest atoll we find something new of interest. Sightings have included the extremely rare white-throated rail, while the atoll is also home to the world's second largest colony of frigate birds and the largest crab, the coconut crab. Whilst exploring by Zodiac it is difficult to know in which direction to look first. The clear blue seas abound with life, the skies are alive with varied birdlife and ashore giant tortoises forage as they have done for millions of years. We hope to explore Picard Island with a short walk to see some of the numerous tortoises and robber crabs or swim in the lagoon, a vast 17 mile stretch of shallow clear water. From our Zodiacs we can watch the ever-changing undersea world and snorkel in colourful coral waters. Meanwhile at Cosmoledo a huge ring of twelve islands circles a lagoon. Many of the atolls are still to be surveyed and we will explore some of them by Zodiac. This is an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area with all three species of booby found in the Seychelles including the last breeding site for the brown booby. We also hope to spot sooty terns and great frigate birds on land and have the opportunity to see turtles as we swim and snorkel in the lagoon.

Day 13 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day on board as we continue our journey towards the African mainland.

Day 14 Kilwa Kisiwani, Tanzania. Arriving in Tanzania we anchor off Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest, where the atmospheric ruins represent a wide sweep of East African coastal history, from the heights of

the Swahili and Shirazi trading civilisation to the darker days of slavery and the uprisings against German rule. Once one of Africa's wealthiest towns, Kilwa Kisiwani is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and contains the world's most extensive and best-preserved Swahili ruins. We will spend the morning on a walking tour and see the prominent fort and the Great Mosque which stood at the heart of this ancient city which was once the largest in East Africa. This afternoon we hope to find a local beach to offer the chance to swim, snorkel or take a stroll. Tonight we will welcome in the New Year on board.

Day 15 Expedition Day, Tanzanian Islands. Today we start the new year in the hands of our Captain and Expedition Leader as we explore the islands off the coast of Tanzania. We hope to use the Zodiacs to land on one of the beaches and offer nature walks or swimming opportunities in the clear waters.

Day 16 Zanzibar. Zanzibar's harbour, crowded with dhows, very much sets the scene for our visit to this Arab-style city with its long narrow streets, bazaars, houses with overhanging balconies and intricately carved doorways. On a morning walking tour, soak up the timeless atmosphere of Stone Town including Livingstone House, Sultan's Palace, the slave market and the Old Fort. This afternoon there will be a tour to Jozani Forest which sustains a variety of wildlife and birds, including the rare red colobus monkey, indigenous to the island.

Day 17 Zanzibar to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London or Manchester.

Day 18 London or Manchester. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£12995	£12495
Columbus	Superior	£13495	£12995
Marco Polo	Premium	£13995	£13495
Marco Polo	Corner	£14395	£13895
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£14995	£14495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony	£15495	£14995
Explorer	Island	£15995	£15495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£13995	£13495
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£14495	£13995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 15 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, Madagascar visa, Seychelles Travel Authorisation, Tanzania visa, Zanzibar mandatory insurance.

PASSAGE THROUGH THE SEYCHELLES

An island hopping adventure from Zanzibar to Mahe aboard the MS Island Sky

2nd to 15th January 2028



Escape to warmer climes over the winter with a voyage aboard the MS Island Sky in the wonderful Indian Ocean, discovering some of the most beautiful tropical islands on earth in the company of just over 100 fellow guests and our expert onboard team.

Setting sail from Tanzania, we have a full day to explore atmospheric Zanzibar before we enjoy time to discover the beautiful islands off the Tanzanian coast followed by a day discovering Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest. We continue to the idyllic islands of the Seychelles which offer the visitor a tropical beauty that is difficult, if not impossible to match anywhere else in the world. Spread out over a vast area of the Indian Ocean, they offer everything from quiet sophistication and enchanting scenery to wild and uninhabited nature reserves, where the very remoteness of the islands has protected them from the worst excesses of mankind.

Our time in the Seychelles will include all aspects of this extraordinary island nation from the lesser known and rarely visited Outer Seychelles where we visit the Aldabra Islands to the developed Inner Seychelles with staggeringly beautiful islands such as Aride and Curieuse. Amongst the highlights of our time in the Seychelles will be the Aldabra Islands, the last breeding ground of the giant tortoise and in addition to seeing some of these endearing creatures we should also encounter dolphins, turtles and whales as well as countless birds including the flightless rail, the last flightless bird in the Indian Ocean. To explore the abundant crystal-clear waters of the vast lagoon and to set foot on atolls which have never been exploited by the hand of man is a rare experience.

We know the region well having operated vessels there for thirty-five years and if ever there was an area perfect for expedition cruising it is here, a timeless world of wonders both below and above the water. With our fleet of Zodiacs we can reach the unreachable, landing on remote beaches, walking through verdant rainforest and national parks and getting close to some unique flora and fauna. Obviously, such beauty and serenity is best enjoyed with a small number of travelling companions and the MS Island Sky is an ideal vessel, offering all the comforts of a larger vessel, but with the added luxury of a small number of passengers and an expert expedition team who will add much to your enjoyment.



Dhow near Zanzibar

The Itinerary

Day 1 London or Manchester to Zanzibar, Tanzania. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Zanzibar. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 3 Zanzibar. Zanzibar's harbour, crowded with dhows, very much sets the scene for our visit to this Arab-style city with its long narrow streets, bazaars, houses with overhanging balconies and intricately carved doorways. During our morning walking tour, soak up the timeless atmosphere of Stone Town including Livingstone House, Sultan's Palace, the slave market and the Old Fort. After lunch on board, you can choose to join a tour to a spice farm to experience the various fruits and spices cultivated on the island. Alternatively, travel to Jozani Forest which

sustains a variety of wildlife and birds, including the rare red colobus monkey, indigenous to the island.

Day 4 Expedition Day in the Tanzanian Islands. Today we are in the hands of our Captain and Expedition Leader as we explore the islands off the coast of Tanzania. We hope to use the Zodiacs to land on one of the beaches and offer nature walks or swimming opportunities in the clear waters.

Day 5 Kilwa Kisiwani. Anchor this morning off Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest, where the atmospheric ruins represent a wide sweep of East African coastal history, from the heights of the Swahili and Shirazi trading civilisation to the darker days of slavery and the uprisings against German rule. Once one of Africa's wealthiest towns, Kilwa Kisiwani is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and contains the world's most extensive and best-preserved Swahili ruins. We will spend the morning on a walking tour and see the prominent fort and the Great Mosque which stood at the heart of this ancient city which was once the largest in East Africa. This afternoon we hope to find a local beach to offer the chance to swim, snorkel or take a stroll.

Day 6 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we sail to the Seychelles. Maybe watch for wildlife on deck or join a lecture.

Days 7 to 9 Aldabra Islands. Arriving in the Outer Seychelles we have three days to enjoy the remarkable Aldabra group of islands. Our itinerary will be in the hands of our Expedition Leader and Captain, who will monitor the local conditions to ensure we maximise our time here. Whilst our itinerary is flexible, we hope to call at the island of Assumption which was ruthlessly plundered for its vast deposits of guano in the early 20th century. Happily, peace has returned, and the wildlife of rare birds and green turtles are once



Spinner dolphins, Seychelles



Kilwa Kisiwani



Giant tortoise, Aldabra



Local villagers, Tanzania



White-throated rail, Aldabra



Seychelles lilies

again in abundance. Our time here will be spent beachcombing, on nature walks or snorkelling. We will also plan time on Aldabra, the island referred to by Sir Julian Huxley as "One of nature's treasures and should belong to the whole world". Aldabra is truly unique, and every time we call at what is believed to be the world's largest atoll we find something new of interest. Sightings have included the extremely rare white throated rail, while the atoll is also home to the world's second largest colony of frigate birds and the largest crab, the coconut crab. Whilst exploring by Zodiac it is difficult to know in which direction to look first. The clear blue seas abound with life, the skies are alive with varied birdlife and ashore giant land tortoises forage as they have done for millions of years. We hope to explore Picard Island with a short walk to see some of the numerous tortoises and robber crabs or swim in the lagoon, a vast 17 mile stretch of shallow clear water. From our Zodiacs we can watch the ever-changing undersea world and snorkel in colourful coral waters. Meanwhile at Cosmoledo a huge ring of twelve islands circles a lagoon. Many of the atolls are still to be surveyed and we will explore some of them by Zodiac. This is an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area with all three species of booby found in the Seychelles including the last breeding site for the brown booby. We also hope to spot sooty terns and great frigate birds on land and have the opportunity to see turtles as we swim and snorkel in the lagoon.

Day 10 Farquhar Islands. Continuing our journey through the Seychelles we arrive at lunchtime in the Farquhar Group which consists of ten islands and atolls which cover an area of 370 square kilometres. We hope to land on Providence Atoll where our team will lead a nature walk to the old settlement and plantation house which once housed a thriving copra industry or enjoy a chance to swim or snorkel.

Day 11 Alphonse Islands. There are three islands in the Alphonse group and as we approach them you will understand why they are regarded by many to be the most beautiful of the 115 islands in the Seychelles archipelago. Arriving this afternoon our time will be directed by sea and weather conditions but we hope to call at the tiny and idyllic island of Bijoutier which, rarely visited, is a haven for a variety of seabirds. There will be the opportunity to swim and maybe snorkel in the crystal clear waters. Bijoutier sits between two larger atolls so the ocean current flows passing Bijoutier replenish the coral reefs and make them especially rich in biodiversity.

Day 12 Amirante Islands. Today we arrive at the 28 islands in the Amirante Group which were discovered by Vasco de Gama in 1501 and are considered to be some of the most pristine and untouched islands in the world. If conditions permit we will visit Poivre Atoll which is made up of three islands. In the past the islands were used for vanilla, nuts, maize, cattle and pig farming but in recent years, the atolls' landscapes have

become a popular nesting ground for bird species like Chinese and blue heron, whimbrels, fodies, noddies and greater frigate birds. The sandy shores are also important nesting grounds for hawksbill and green turtles.

Day 13 Aride & Curieuse, Inner Seychelles. Spend the morning on Aride, one of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater, lesser noddy, frigatebirds and roseate tern and also five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles magpie robin. The island is largely covered in native woodland including the endemic Wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Curieuse, a rugged island that was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitor centre. The island is an important nesting site for hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vines and mangroves which we will explore during our island walk.

Day 14 Mahe to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London or Manchester. Arrive this evening.

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Marco Polo	Premium	£11295	£10795
Marco Polo	Corner	£11495	£10995
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£12495	£11995
Explorer	Owner's Balcony	£12995	£12495
Explorer	Island	£13495	£12995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£10495	£9995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£10995	£10495

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PASSAGE TO INDIA

A voyage from the Seychelles to India's Malabar Coast including the Maldives & Lakshadweep Islands aboard the MS Island Sky

14th to 31st January 2028

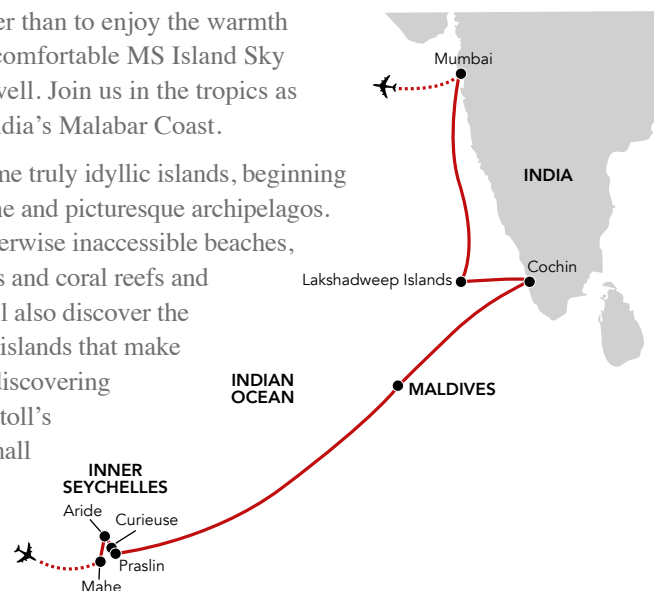


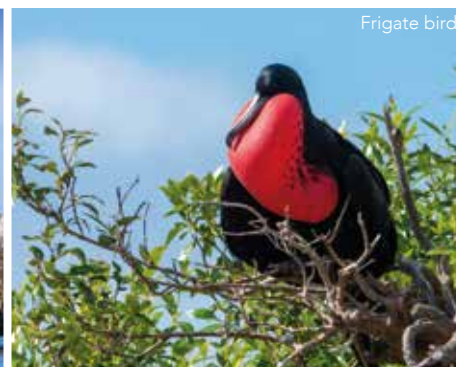
We can think of few better ways to escape the British winter than to enjoy the warmth and beauty of the Indian Ocean aboard the wonderfully comfortable MS Island Sky as she undertakes exactly the type of itinerary that suits her so well. Join us in the tropics as we journey from the islands and atolls of the Indian Ocean to India's Malabar Coast.

Our journey between Mahe and Mumbai allows us to explore some truly idyllic islands, beginning with the Seychelles and Maldives, two of the world's most pristine and picturesque archipelagos. Using our purpose built Zodiac landing craft, we will land on otherwise inaccessible beaches, witness the magnificent bird and marine life, explore vast lagoons and coral reefs and encounter some extraordinarily beautiful tropical scenery. We will also discover the pristine beauty and rich biodiversity of Lakshadweep, a group of islands that make up India's smallest union territory. We will spend two days here discovering the serene islands with opportunities to swim and snorkel in the atoll's shallow waters which abound with marine life and corals. Our small ship, the MS Island Sky is the perfect means of discovering these three archipelagos, allowing us to enjoy the beauty, peace and tranquillity of the islands. After all, it would be disappointing to find yourself in the company of hundreds on what should be a deserted beach or whilst exploring these remote atolls.

Contrasting well with our natural world exploration, will be our visit to Cochin in the Indian state of Kerala which will have a more cultural focus. Cochin, an ancient city of islands has for centuries attracted traders and adventurers from Europe and the far Orient and from here we can explore the serene 'backwaters', a network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. Finally, we will spend time in Mumbai, the perfect city in which to observe the colourful day to day life and the general hubbub of India.

This unusual itinerary will appeal to those looking for something different, incorporating explorations of some remarkable archipelagos combined with a call in southern India and the opportunity to experience the vibrancy of Mumbai. With the MS Island Sky as our base and travelling with just over 100 fellow passengers and our expert onboard team, we can enjoy great food, good company and a convivial atmosphere. After our expedition there is the option to extend your time in India with our post-cruise extension to Pench National Park.





The Itinerary

Day 1 London or Manchester to Mahe, Seychelles. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Mahe. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Island Sky for embarkation. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail the short distance to our overnight anchorage.

Days 3 & 4 Inner Seychelles. Spend two days exploring the islands of the Inner Seychelles. We hope to include time on Aride which is one of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater, lesser noddy, frigatebirds and roseate tern in addition to five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles magpie robin. The island is largely covered in native woodland, including the endemic Wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world. See Curieuse, a rugged island which was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitor centre. The island is an important nesting site for hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vines and mangroves which we explore on an island walk. Our last call in the Seychelles will be at Praslin where we explore the 'Vallee de Mai', the last remnant of the original high canopied Seychelles palm forest and home to the coco de mer. We will walk its paths looking out for the rare black parrot and enjoying the natural beauty. This evening we will clear customs formalities as we start our journey to the Maldives.

Days 5 to 7 At Sea. Relax and enjoy our days at sea. Watch out for bird and marine life and listen to the informative talks by our expedition team. We are assured of warm weather so make the most of the fresh air, get lost in a novel from your deck chair and enjoy all the comforts of the MS Island Sky.

Days 8 to 11 Maldives. We spend four days exploring the whole archipelago. This vast area of ocean is scattered with staggeringly beautiful dots of land surrounded by a cerulean sea. It offers some of the finest lagoons, beaches and coral reefs in the world. Our day to day schedule will be left in the capable hands of the Captain and Expedition Leader and we hope to include visits to a number of atolls as we sail from the southern islands to the north. Our expedition team will be on hand to lead guided walks exploring the birds and wildlife on land, whilst our Snorkel Master will take us to stunning reefs to view the wonderful coral

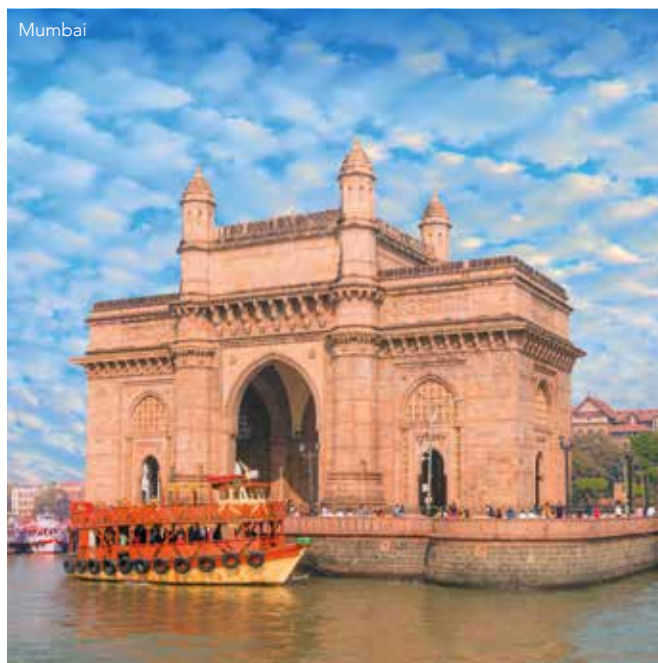
and marine life. We also hope to visit one of the islands' villages and take the opportunity to mingle with the local population and learn a little about life in the Maldives.

Day 12 At Sea. Our lecture programme continues as we make our way across the Laccadive Sea to India.

Day 13 Cochin, India. Our first call in India is at Cochin, an extraordinary city with strong influences of Portuguese, Chinese, Arab, Dutch and British cultures still much in evidence today. From our berth you can choose to visit the serene Kerala backwaters at Alleppey where we will board a local boat for a cruise past colonial warehouses and coconut thatched houses. For centuries, these canals provided a safe and efficient means of transportation for goods and people moving between the heartland of Kerala and the port towns along the coast. Even today, traditional barges, or kettuvallams, haul coconut, pepper, rice and other goods along the waterways. Alternatively stay in Cochin to explore the diverse mix of cultures and religions that, together with its strong trading past in spices and silks, make for a fascinating city. Discover Mattancherry Palace with its ornately decorated rooms including some marvellous ancient murals. We see the oldest European church in India, St Francis, which was the original burial site of Vasco da Gama, and the oldest active synagogue in India built in 1568. Return to the ship via the atmospheric streets known for local handicrafts.

Days 14 & 15 Lakshadweep Islands. Situated about 200 miles off the coast of Kerala, Lakshadweep is comprised of 36 idyllic islands, 10 of which are inhabited and the archipelago is the smallest Union Territory of India, totalling just 11 square miles of land. Stunning lagoons, colourful birds, marine flora and fauna, swaying palms, and pristine beaches make these an island paradise. During our two days here we will stroll along lovely, unspoiled beaches and explore the underwater realm. Weather and tide conditions determine our course but we hope to land for walks amongst the palm trees, visit a village to learn about the local industries and culture as well as exploring the clear waters that surround these pristine islands which are perfect for swimming, and seeing the colourful hard and soft corals which teem with many marine species.

Day 16 At Sea. Relax on board as we make our way to our final destination of Mumbai.



Day 17 Mumbai. Over lunch we sail into Mumbai, a cluster of seven islands which were first home to the 'Koli' fishermen, who still occupy parts of the city shoreline today. Mumbai was derived from 'Mumba' the name of the Hindu goddess 'Mumbadevi' and 'Aai' – mother in the local Marathi language. First ceded to the Portuguese, the British Government took possession of the islands in 1665 before leasing them to the East India Company who founded the port and saw the city grow in size and importance. This afternoon we explore the city and see the prominent landmarks visiting the Gateway of India, the Victoria Terminus, Mani Bhavan, the former residence of Mahatma Gandhi when he stayed in Mumbai from 1917 to 1934 and Dhobi Ghat where we can observe the vast open air Indian laundry. Alternatively, those interested in the spice trade may prefer to visit Crawford Market, one of Mumbai's oldest markets, where the lively atmosphere provides a wonderful opportunity to observe everyday city life. Continue to Lalbaug's famous Mirchi Galli, Mumbai's traditional spice district. Walk through narrow lanes stacked high with colourful chillies, aromatic spices, and dry fruits, gaining insight into the age-old spice trade that has shaped Indian cuisine for centuries.

Day 18 Mumbai to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London or Manchester. Arrive this afternoon.

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Explorer	Owner's Balcony	£15495	£14495
Explorer	Island	£15995	£14995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£12995	£11995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£13495	£12495

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 16 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, India visa, Maldives visa, Seychelles Travel Authorisation.

Pench National Park Post-cruise Extension

31st January to 4th February 2028

If you would like to spend some time in India after your cruise, we are offering a four-night escorted extension to Pench National Park, which lies between the states of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The park features a high density of wildlife including tigers, deer and antelope, leopards, Asiatic wild dogs and even the rare Indian wolf as well as prolific birdlife.



Bengal tigers

The Itinerary

Day 1 Mumbai to Pench National Park. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Nagpur. On arrival transfer to our accommodation at Pench National Park. The remainder of the day is free to relax before we meet in the early evening for a talk with a local naturalist regarding the flora and fauna found in the national park. (B, L, D)

Days 2 & 3 Pench National Park. We will spend the next two days at Pench National Park. Named after the Pench River that meanders through its heart, the park forms part of the greater Satpura range, where teak forests, open meadows and gentle hills create a varied habitat. Declared a sanctuary in 1965 and later designated a national park, Pench today forms part of India's celebrated Project Tiger initiative, but its cultural resonance stretches further back, most famously inspiring Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'. Pench is known for its healthy population of Bengal tigers, leopards, wild dogs (dhole) and sloth bears alongside herds of chital and sambar deer. Meanwhile, multiple species of birds have been recorded, from vibrant kingfishers to parakeets and hornbills. We will explore during morning and afternoon jeep safaris or guided nature walks with time to also relax in our comfortable accommodation. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Pench National Park to Mumbai. We will check out this morning and transfer to Nagpur Airport enjoying lunch on the way. In the afternoon we take our scheduled flight to Mumbai and on arrival we transfer to our airport hotel for an overnight stay. There will be free time to relax in the hotel before we meet for dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Mumbai to London or Manchester. Check out and transfer to the airport this morning for our scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon. (B)

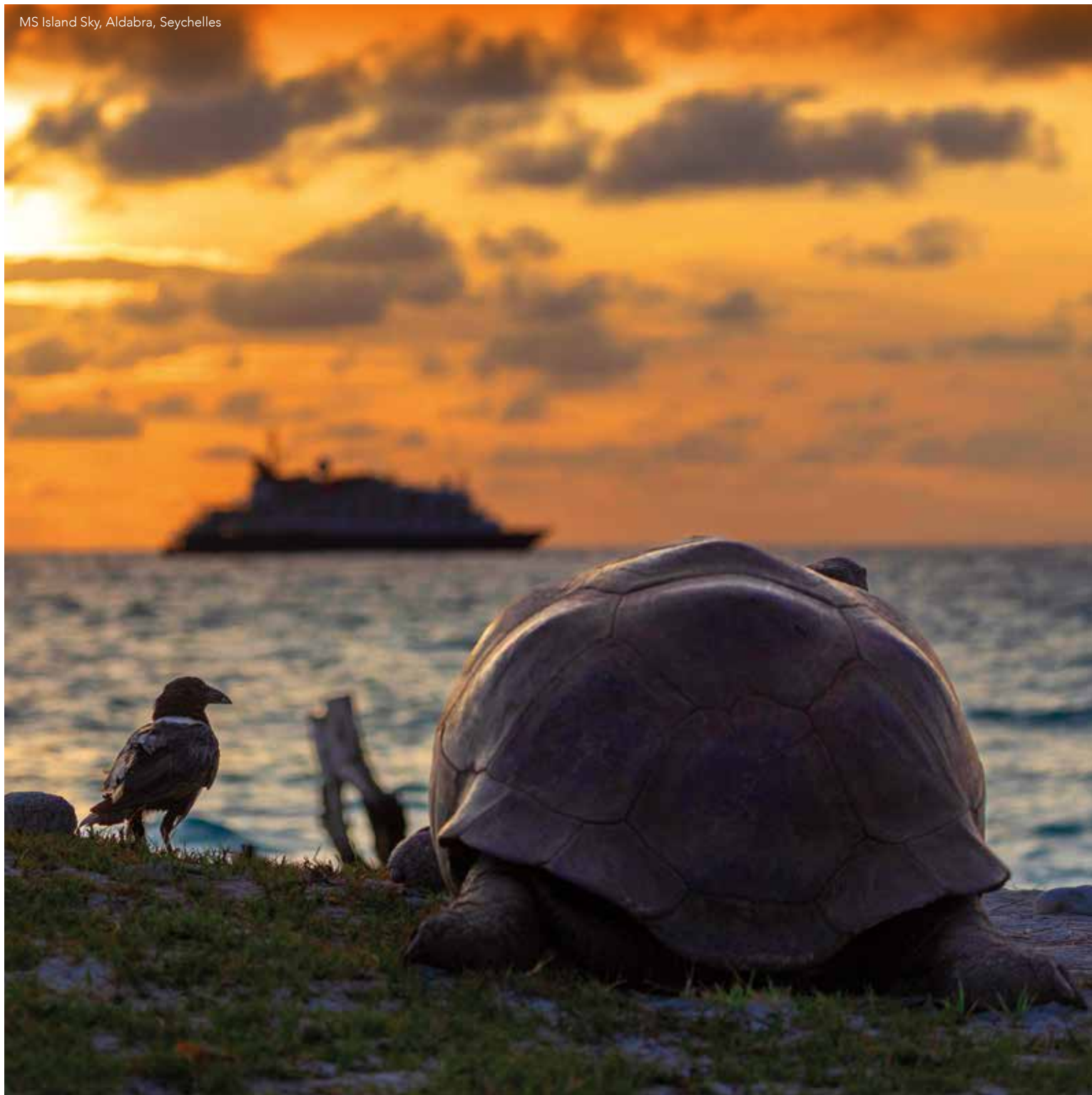
PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1495 Single: £1795

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel between Mumbai and Nagpur, three nights accommodation at Pench National Park, overnight accommodation in Mumbai, meals as indicated, (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), Indian wine, beer and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers, airport taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance, India visa.





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