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SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND ODYSSEY

An epic voyage across the South Pacific including the
Pitcairn Islands & Easter Island aboard the MS Island Sky

31st October to 26th November 2028

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Moai at Rano Raraku, Easter Island



Mangareva, Gambier Island



Pitcairn Island



Here is an extraordinary expedition offering the opportunity to experience some of the most beautiful and untouched scenery to be found anywhere in the world. The term unique can be overused in the world of travel, however it is a totally fitting description for this epic exploration of the South Pacific which will take you from the glorious islands of French Polynesia right across the South Pacific to mainland Chile. Along the way we will visit islands and atolls of indescribable beauty, spend time on the island of Pitcairn, the final destination of the *Bounty* in the late 18th century, discover the mysteries and moais of Easter Island, see the uninhabited Islas Salas y Gomez, explore the Juan Fernandez Islands with their rare and endemic flora and fauna and spend time on Robinson Crusoe Island where Alexander Selkirk was marooned becoming the inspiration for Daniel Defoe's famous novel.

Our expedition promises to be a marvellous island hopping adventure and an enjoyable undertaking for those who relish travelling off the beaten track to remote and extraordinary islands. From coral reefs teeming with life to powerful legends that shaped history, each island we will visit is unique, each culture distinct. On the more remote islands, villages are still composed of thatched houses, set amongst the shade of the breadfruit and coconut trees. Being welcomed by friendly locals into a village untouched by the modern world is truly a memorable experience. Many islands are important nesting grounds for seabirds and sea turtles and the lagoons everywhere are breeding grounds for countless species of fish. Our days will be spent on nature walks, searching for endemic birds such as the Tuamotu sandpiper, beachcombing, snorkelling or swimming from the pristine beaches, interacting with the locals and learning about their way of life and traditional handicrafts or, simply experiencing some of the most pristine tropical scenery to be found anywhere in the world.

The only comfortable way to explore this beautiful and intriguing region is by sea and sailing aboard the all-suite MS *Island Sky* with just 100 fellow, like-minded travellers, we will be able to use the onboard Zodiacs to explore inlets, bird sanctuaries and land in otherwise inaccessible places accompanied by our expert expedition team including naturalists, marine biologists and ornithologists who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm during forays ashore and whilst on board. Sailing through the area long associated with Captain Cook, Captain Bligh and the *Bounty*, and *Matisse*, we can promise you an unforgettable voyage to a corner of the world which has lured adventurers and romantics alike ever since Magellan first sailed to these waters in 1521.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Tahiti, French Polynesia. Fly by scheduled flight via Los Angeles.

Day 2 Tahiti. Arrive this morning and transfer directly to the MS Island Sky which will be moored in Papeete. Spend the remainder of the day relaxing on board or exploring Papeete independently before we sail this evening.

Days 3 to 6 Tuamotu Islands. Over the next four days we will traverse the Tuamotu Islands, an archipelago of 77 islands and atolls which constitute the largest chain of atolls in the world with a combined land area of 328 square miles. Our day to day itinerary whilst we explore the islands will be in the hands of our experienced Expedition Leader and Captain and based on sea and weather conditions. We hope to visit Fakarava, a protected atoll, which along with its six neighbouring islands, make up a UNESCO Classified Nature Reserve. The island was home to Robert Louis Stevenson in 1888 and Henri Matisse in 1930 whose art was influenced by the landscape for many years. The local villagers of Rotoava will welcome us and demonstrate their handicrafts and cultural traditions and we will also have the opportunity to sample local delicacies before enjoying walks on the island with our naturalists. Nearby Raroia is known for its pearl farming and we will see the strings of oysters all around the local farms. After the traditional welcome to the island including a selection of local fruits and fish, we will have the day to explore on a variety of walks or swim in the beautiful coral garden with parrotfish, angelfish and butterfly fish. Located on the outer fringes of French Polynesia, we also hope to call into Pukarua which faces thousands of miles of open ocean. Onshore, its small population lives in a spirit of cooperation and friendship, living largely on coconuts and the bounty of the sea. As we visit this small community, we will be enthusiastically greeted with genuine friendliness and lively music and we will be able to walk through the village or enjoy a swim in the lagoon.

Day 7 Acteon Group. As we make our way towards the Gambier Islands we will pass by the Acteon Group of islands. These remote, uninhabited atolls were named by Lord Edward Russell, commander of the HMS Acteon who sighted the islands in 1837. Landing on the islands is very weather dependent but we hope to be able to spend time on Tenararo which, whilst small, is an important habitat for Tuamotu sandpipers, curlews and Murphy's petrel which are not threatened by predators. We may also have the chance to swim from the beach.

Day 8 Mangareva, Gambier Islands. Mountainous Mangareva is the capital of the Gambier group of islands and home to the remarkable St Michael's Cathedral and its stunning mother-of-pearl altar. We will spend the full day on the island and there will be the opportunity to join an island nature walk, take a hike up the 440 metre Mount Duff, named after the first European vessel to visit the island in 1797, or spend time simply wandering around the small village. If weather permits, a snorkelling platform will be set up on the surrounding coral reef.

Days 9 & 10 Pitcairn Islands. Spend a day and a half in the Pitcairn Islands where we plan to visit Oeno Atoll, three uninhabited islands situated around 75 nautical miles from Pitcairn. It is a designated Important Bird Area due to the colony of 12,500 pairs of Murphy's petrels that nest here alongside sooty tern and brown noddy. We also plan a full day on the island of Pitcairn, famous as the final destination of the Bounty in the late 18th century. Meet the Anglo-Tahitian descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty, who arrived here 200 years ago and see the ship's anchor outside the courthouse. We will have time to explore this inspiring island setting and visit with islanders who display memorable stamps and handicrafts. We will experience a Pitcairn welcome in the Town Hall before exploring the capital of Adamstown and our expedition team members will lead a number of walks to explore the highlights of the island.

Day 11 Henderson Island. Early this morning we will arrive at Henderson Island and will look for a suitable landing place. This upraised former coral atoll has fascinating eroded rock formations, with giant blowholes flinging up tremendous sea spray. Very rare birds inhabit the island, including the Henderson Island rail and Stephen's lorikeet. Numerous underwater ravines and crevices support a great diversity of fish and during walks on the island or along the beach you are likely to come across coconut crabs.

Day 12 Ducie Island. This morning we will experience expedition cruising at its finest as we hope to land on one of the wildlife sanctuaries where our expedition team will lead a series of walks. A remote coral atoll with good snorkelling and birding, Ducie Island is so remote that no threats to its native wildlife exist and it is one of the rare places in the world where wildlife is relatively unaffected by man's presence.

Days 13 & 14 At Sea. We have two days to spend relaxing on board as we continue our journey across the Pacific towards Easter Island.

Days 15 & 16 Easter Island, Chile. We arrive at Easter Island for a day and a half of exploration. A half day tour includes Rano Kau, the second oldest volcano on the island. Its huge caldera (1.5 kilometres at its base) contains one of the island's three freshwater lakes. From the lookout at the rim of Rano Kau we continue on to the ceremonial village of Orongo, best known for the birdman cult ceremonies. The site was restored in 1974 and within the village you will see 47 restored houses. Continue to Ahu Tahai, another restored ceremonial site and one of the oldest, dating back to the 6th century. On our second day on Easter Island, we will visit many of the different areas where moais (statues) can be found and will see the volcano of Rano Raraku, the site where 95% of all moais were carved and today you will find nearly 400 statues here in various stages of completion. We continue our exploration of the island at Ahu



Tongariki, the largest ceremonial site in Polynesia which was restored in 1996 and Ahu Akivi where we find seven moais which face out to sea which were built around 1460 BC. Lunch will be a specially arranged barbecue on Anakena beach, home of Easter Island's ancient paramount chiefs and one of the prettiest coves in the South Pacific.

Day 17 Islas Salas y Gomez. After a leisurely morning at sea we arrive at the uninhabited island of Islas Salas y Gomez located in the Motu Motiro Hiva Marine Park and named after the Spaniards, Jose Salas and Jose Gomez, who provided the first detailed descriptions of the islands after their visit in 1805. Part of a volcanic range that rises up to 3500 metres from the seabed, the rocky coastline makes landing impossible, however we will use our Zodiacs to view the coastline which is home to many bird species including Christmas shearwater, masked booby and brown noddy.

Days 18 to 21 At Sea. Enjoy a leisurely four days at sea relaxing on deck, watching for wildlife with the expedition team and listening to the lectures from our onboard experts.

Days 22 & 23 Juan Fernandez Islands. We will spend a day and a half at the Juan Fernandez Islands, an archipelago of islands which were named a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve in 1977. The volcanic islands are recognised as a distinct ecoregion and are home to a high percentage of rare and endemic plants and animals. Located 400 miles off the Chilean coast, the islands were discovered by Spanish explorer Juan Fernandez in 1563 and were often used by passing sailors as a source of fresh water. In the 19th and early 20th century the islands were used as a penal colony for political prisoners and today the small population are mainly lobster fishermen and their families. We spend a day on Robinson Crusoe Island, also known Isla Mas a Tierra, it was here that the Scotsman, Alexander Selkirk, was marooned alone from September 1704 to February 1709 living off the land, and alongside the few goats that had been left by previous visitors, becoming the inspiration for Daniel Defoe's famous novel. Using the main village of San Juan Bautista as our base, our expedition team will lead nature walks looking for endemic flora and fauna including hummingbirds, Juan Fernandez petrel and Stejneger's petrel. Also visit the caves used as prisons in the 19th century whilst those feeling active may wish to take a hike to the viewpoints in the hills around the town. Meanwhile on nearby Alexander Selkirk Island a Zodiac cruise will survey the prodigious birdlife and dramatic cliffs.

Day 24 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we make our way to the Chilean mainland.

Day 25 San Antonio to Santiago. Disembark after breakfast and drive out to the Casablanca Valley which is now one of the country's premier wine areas and learn about the cultivation of grapes during a visit to one of the

vineyards for a tasting and lunch. In the late afternoon we arrive at our hotel in Santiago for an overnight stay with the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 26 Santiago to London. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 27 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£16995	£16495
Columbus	Superior	£17495	£16995
Marco Polo	Premium	£17995	£17495
Marco Polo	Corner	£18495	£17995
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£19995	£19495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony	£20495	£19995
Explorer	Island	£20995	£20495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£16995	£16495
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£17495	£16995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 23 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, US ESTA (required for transiting en-route to Tahiti), dinner on day 25.

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

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

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.



Standard Suite



The Lounge



Al fresco 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.

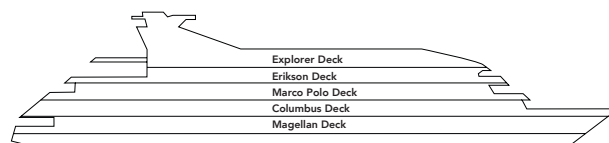
Your Comfort

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.

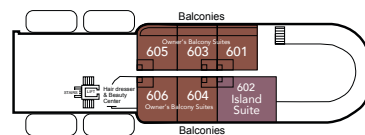
Your Life On Board

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.

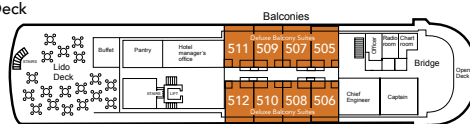
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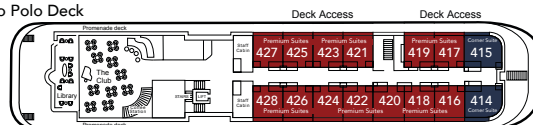
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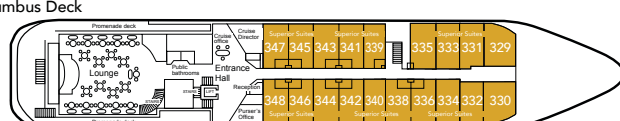
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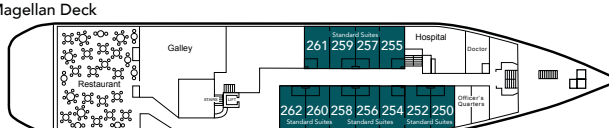
Marco Polo Deck



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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