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Observation Lounge



Category 5, Heritage Suite



Pool

For our voyages in Southeast Asia and New Zealand we have chartered the Heritage Adventurer, a pioneering expedition vessel of exceptional pedigree. The vessel was purpose built for small ship adventures in 1991 in Finland's Rauma shipyard. Formerly known as the MS Hanseatic, we know the vessel well and she is ideal for our small ship explorations. When required, the onboard fleet of 14 Zodiac landing craft enables guests to reach every spectacular site, no matter how remote and explore otherwise inaccessible fjords and waterways.

Originally designed to accommodate 184 guests, the Heritage Adventurer now welcomes just 140 passengers ensuring ample space on board and the opportunity to accommodate more solo travellers than is usual for a vessel of this size. The vessel offers an informal and relaxed atmosphere and you will be joined on board by a knowledgeable cruise team including a Guest Speaker who will provide informative talks in the comfort of the Presentation Theatre whilst the excellent crew will offer attentive service on board.

Your Cabin/Suite

The accommodation on board the Heritage Adventurer is spacious and well appointed. All cabins measure 22 square metres and the four Heritage Suites measure 44 square metres. All accommodation offers comfortable living and sleeping areas with a king or two single beds, flat screen entertainment system, ample storage, a writing desk and a modern en-suite bathroom – cabins have a shower and suites have a bathtub and shower. Cabins on Deck 3 feature two maritime portholes and all other cabins and suites have large panoramic windows.

Your Space

The vessel features two spacious restaurants where you can dine on international gourmet fare from leading chefs whilst the Bar and Lounge on Deck 5 is the social hub of the Heritage Adventurer. Enjoy a beverage at the bar, relax on one of the many spacious loungers and watch the world go by through the panoramic windows or make new friends at the communal seating. There is also a Presentation Theatre on board with state-of-the-art

audio-visual equipment where you can enjoy talks and presentations from our Guest Speaker. One of the most celebrated features of the vessel is the Observation Lounge, located on Deck 7 directly above the Bridge from where you can enjoy sweeping 270-degree views through floor to ceiling windows, perfect for wildlife spotting and quick access to the outer deck. Bring your binoculars to spot wildlife, observe the ever-changing landscape, write in your journal or relax with a book. For further viewing opportunities, the Observation Deck is above the Observation Lounge and provides exceptional outside viewing options. Stretching the full width of the vessel, this is an ideal spot to take in the surrounding land and seascapes. Perfect on a sunny day, recline in the comfortable sun loungers protected from the wind and elements and watch your voyage unfold. When relaxing on board you can enjoy time in the dry-heat Finnish sauna and European steam room on Deck 7 and take a dip in the pool and hot tub. Surrounded by seating including sun loungers, the open-air saltwater pool can be heated or chilled. There is also a well-equipped gym, a library, a lift which serves all decks, a shop and a doctor on board.



Dining Room



Category 4, Worsley Suite



Category 3, Superior Cabin



Library

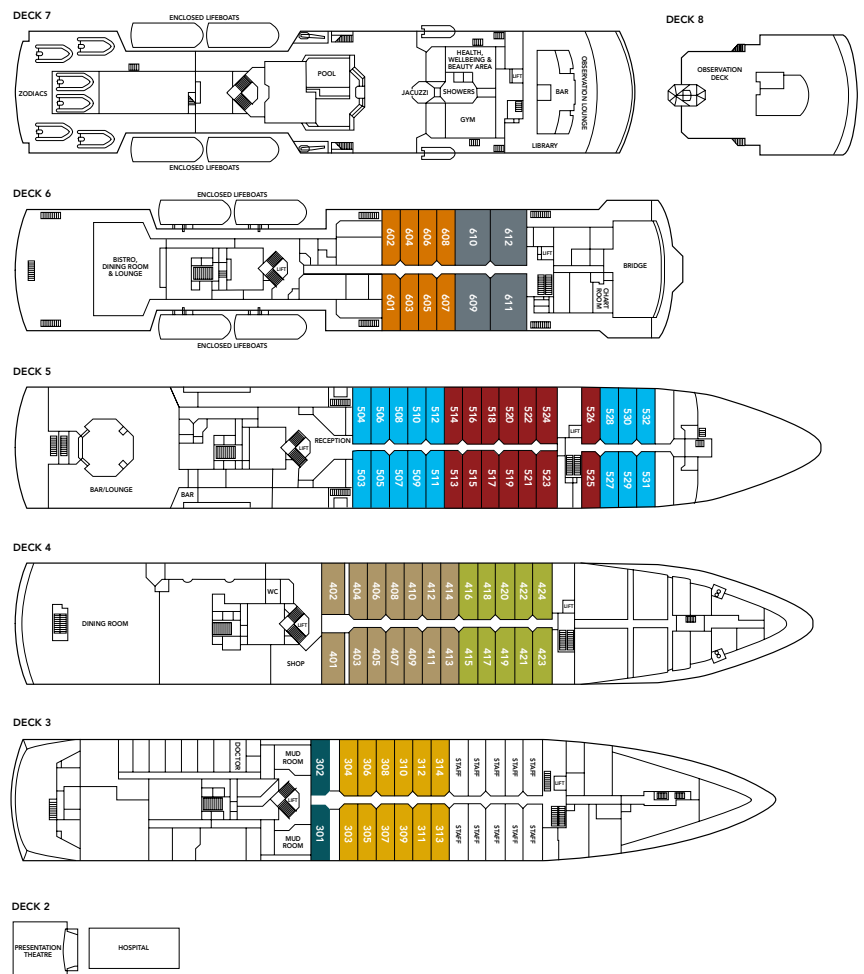
Your Dining

Indulge in fine international cuisine from the talented chefs in the comfortable surrounds of the Dining Room on Deck 4. Sensational 270-degree views provide a stunning backdrop to meals here along with an international wine list. With relaxed seating arrangements, all guests can enjoy dining in a single sitting from hearty breakfasts setting you up for the day's adventure to sumptuous lunches and multi-course evening dining. Alternatively, simple and delicious meals and snacks are available in the relaxed Bistro on Deck 6. Perfect for early risers to enjoy tea, coffee and light breakfast options, the Bistro provides great views and opens directly onto a covered and heated teak-deck outdoor dining area.

Life On Board

The atmosphere on board is warm and welcoming, and the emphasis is on well-thought out itineraries, relaxation, time spent with like-minded passengers and discovery. There is an Open Bridge policy on board meaning you are welcome to observe the Captain and crew at work while enjoying some of the ship's best views. It is a fascinating place to learn about navigation and vessel operations, however, please note the Bridge will be closed when departing or arriving at port and at the Captain's request. You can join members of the onboard team and Guest Speakers in the Presentation Theatre for fascinating talks and presentations and whilst relaxing on board can unwind in the library, saltwater pool, well-equipped gym, enclosed hot tub, sauna and steam room or find a quiet place to enjoy a beverage. Watch your adventure unfold from numerous spectacular viewing locations including the Observation Lounge resplendent with 270-degree views, discover the relaxed atmosphere of the Bar and Lounge, or head outside to the teak decks of the open-topped Observation Deck and numerous weather protected locations including the expansive space aft of Deck 6. Informative port briefings from our onboard team, talks from our Guest Speaker and of course, good food with wine included at lunch and dinner, all contribute to make a voyage aboard the Heritage Adventurer a memorable and joyful experience.

HERITAGE ADVENTURER DECK PLAN



Please note that all cabins and suites can be configured as twin or double with the exception of the Category 5 Heritage Suites which feature a fixed double bed and cabins 403 and 404 which feature fixed twin beds.

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WONDERS & WILDLIFE OF BORNEO

A journey from Singapore to Bali aboard the Heritage Adventurer

16th September to 5th October 2024

Straddling the equator, Borneo is the third largest island in the world and a wildlife wonderland, home to half of all known plant and animal species including some of the rarest and most endangered. It is not one country but shared by the states of Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei. By far the largest portion of the island is Kalimantan which is part of the island nation of Indonesia, and to the north the Malaysian states of Sarawak and Sabah reside with their tiny neighbour of Brunei. There are distinct differences between the more developed northern states and the larger region of Kalimantan and such differences make our voyage all the more interesting.

In order to get the measure of this extraordinary island with its vast rainforests, endemic wildlife and diverse culture something longer than a few days is required and as with most islands, the best way to explore is by sea. Borneo may be larger than most, but we feel the same rule applies and for this unique small ship adventure we have chartered the Heritage Adventurer at an ideal time of year for our exploration.

Marvellous experiences are to be had as we explore remote jungle and rainforest on foot or by boat, observe the diverse range of plants, trees and wildlife including the 'wild man of Borneo' – the orangutan, snorkel over coral reefs and visit remote offshore islands, returning each evening to the comforts of the Heritage Adventurer to sail on to our next adventure. If you enjoy immersing yourself in the culture and wildlife you will find our days in Kalimantan endlessly fascinating. By way of contrast the well-run order of the Malaysian States and the riches of Brunei all combine to create an intoxicating mix of cultures rarely found on one island.

Never far from our minds are the writings of Conrad and the adventures of James Brooke and the White Rajahs as we journey around the islands, rivers and jungles of Borneo. The privilege of exploring this remarkable land from a small ship and in the company of knowledgeable speakers, expedition team members and local guides is an opportunity not to be missed. Our voyage will be so much more than a holiday, it promises to be an adventure shared with like-minded travellers.



VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy unique natural world experiences including opportunities to see orangutans, sun bears and proboscis monkeys.
- Explore on nature walks on the slopes of Mount Kinabalu, in the Bako National Park and the rainforest near Sandakan.
- Visit the off the beaten track township of Toli-Toli in Indonesian Sulawesi.
- See the contrasting scenery in the oil rich Kingdom of Brunei.
- Swim and snorkel in the Indonesian Derawan Islands, Pulau Birahirahan and Menjangan Island.

EXPLORING ASHORE

This voyage will appeal to those who enjoy the natural world. We will be exploring some remote regions in Borneo and Indonesia and will utilise a range of modes of transport ashore including minibuses, rickshaws and local boats. We also expect to be at anchor in four ports of call where we will make use of the vessel's Zodiacs. Many of the excursions include guided walks through rainforests and nature reserves in humid conditions and there will also be opportunities to snorkel. Our expedition team will endeavour to arrange a selection of walks to include longer and shorter options to cater for different abilities and interests. To best enjoy this itinerary, we do recommend a good level of mobility and if you would like to discuss the level of fitness required, please contact us.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Singapore. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Singapore. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure.

Day 3 Singapore. After breakfast in the hotel spend a relaxing morning enjoying the facilities or exploring independently. An afternoon tour will include the National Orchid Garden which displays the largest collection of orchids in the world with 2000 hybrids. Later we transfer to the Heritage Adventurer moored in the city and set sail this evening.

Day 4 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day at sea as we make our way to the island of Borneo during which our lecture programme will commence.

Day 5 Kuching, Malaysia. A day to explore this most charming of Asian cities that sits astride the Sarawak River in Malaysian Borneo. On our guided morning tour we will learn more about the exploits of the Brooke family who, some 200 years ago, were awarded Sarawak by the former owner, the Sultan of Brunei, in recognition for the aid provided to quash a rebellion. See Fort Margherita which was built in 1879 to guard Kuching's river approaches from pirates and the Chinese History Museum which houses many artifacts of past eras and contains memorabilia of Chinese affairs during the time of Charles Vyner Brooke who is popularly known as the White Rajah in Sarawak history. Return to the ship for lunch and either spend the afternoon at leisure or join an excursion to the nearby Semenggoh Nature Reserve. Since 1975, the wardens here trained young orangutans, who had been orphaned or rescued from captivity, how to survive in the wild. The success of this programme has left the surrounding forest reserve with a thriving population of healthy adolescent and young adult orangutans, who are now breeding in the wild. Besides orangutans, Semenggoh Nature Reserve is also a habitat for rare flora and fauna including the giant squirrel, pigmy squirrel, gibbons and a splendid variety of birds.

Day 6 Bako National Park. This morning we will anchor off of the Muara Tebas peninsula and use our Zodiacs to access the Bako National Park, the oldest national park in Sarawak and known for its amazing diversity containing almost every type of vegetation found in Borneo. Established in 1957 it occupies more than 27 square kilometres of rainforest, waterfalls, secluded beaches and rocky shorelines. On a series of guided nature walks for all levels we will explore the jungle keeping an eye out for proboscis monkeys, long tailed macaques, silvered langurs, monitor lizards and bearded pigs as well as some of the 190 species of birds that can be found here.

Day 7 At Sea. Take some time to relax after a busy couple of days as we continue our journey up the Borneo coast.

Day 8 Brunei. We arrive this morning in oil-rich Brunei. A full day excursion will include the immense Kianggeh open air market before taking a scenic boat ride along the Brunei River offering views of the magnificent Sultan's Palace. The Istana Nurul Iman is the official residence of the Sultan of Brunei and one of the largest residential palaces in the world. After cruising around the palace, we will make our way slowly under mangrove trees to view a myriad of marine life and maybe even proboscis monkeys. We will also see the colourful water villages built on stilts and connected by wooden walkways before continuing to the stunning Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque. We end at the Royal Regalia Building, which is home to the Sultan's marvellous collection of royal gifts and ceremonial weapons. A local lunch will be served ashore and we sail in the late afternoon.

Day 9 Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. Returning to Malaysia we have a full day to explore the city and surroundings of Kota Kinabalu. A full day tour will take us to Kinabalu Park located beneath the jagged granite peaks of Mount Kinabalu. This UNESCO World Heritage Site provides a glimpse into the fascinating and often unique plant life of the region. Walk through the

montane oak and chestnut rainforest at park headquarters to view some of the 700 species of orchids, nine species of carnivorous pitcher plants and 27 species of rhododendrons found here. Next, visit the botanical gardens where a diverse collection of unique flora is gathered from the entire park and transplanted here for conservation and educational purposes. Take lunch in the park before returning to the ship later in the afternoon. Alternatively enjoy a Kota Kinabalu Town Heritage walk this morning which provides the link between the pre-war, post war and post-independence eras and includes the famous Atkinson Clock Tower, North Borneo War Memorial, Australia Place and Museum Kopitiam. A further option is nearby Gaya Island, the largest island in the Tunku Abdul Rahman Park. The island is covered with unspoilt and undisturbed lowland rainforest with pockets of mangrove forest and beach flora along the coast. On a guided walk we may find long-tailed macaques, wild pigs, pangolins, squirrels, monitor lizards and numerous varieties of birds such as pied hornbills, whitebellied sea eagles and sunbirds.

Day 10 Sandakan. After a morning at sea we arrive in the city of Sandakan. For the keen nature lovers there will be an excursion to the Rainforest Discovery Centre, one of the most accessible natural rainforests in Sabah. It sits by a lake at the edge of the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve and is managed by the Sabah Forestry Department which has been in operation since 1996 for environmental education purposes. Today, it is a 3-in-1 park (wildlife, bird and plant) for nature lovers and bird watchers where we can see the unique flora and fauna of Borneo. Our walk in the forest trails will lead to the canopy walkway where the centre boasts a pristine lowland dipterocarp forest with an astounding 300 species of birds recorded in the area. Alternatively a Sandakan city tour will visit the lively market, the old-fashioned stone building of St Michael Church, one of the few surviving pre-war stone building built in 1893. We will also visit Newlands, former home of author Agnes Newton Keith.

Day 11 Sandakan. Today we will learn about the rehabilitation of the orangutans at the Sepilok Centre and hear about their threats to survival. We will visit the Sepilok Forest Reserve feeding platform and see orangutans in the third stage of their rehabilitation programme where the orphaned and injured orangutans are brought to Sepilok to be rehabilitated to return to forest life. Sepilok is a primary lowland forest and one of the few remaining rainforests in Sabah. Observe the fascinating diversity of plants, trees and wildlife as Sepilok is known to have more 450



Orangutan mother and baby

species of trees and more than 250 species of birds and we also have a good chance of sighting macaques, leaf monkeys and other mammals. Close by is the Sun Bear Conservation Centre. Opened in 2014 this centre provides rehabilitation to the smallest bears in the world which are at risk from deforestation and poaching. We end at the Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary. These distinctive primates, endemic to Borneo, live mainly in the mangrove and lowland forests near fresh water and rivers.

Day 12 At Sea. We have a day at sea as we continue our journey around the Borneo coast and make our way to Indonesia.

Day 13 Derawan Islands, Indonesia. Here in the idyllic Derawan Islands, we spend the day either on nature walks or snorkelling over the colourful coral reefs. On Pulau Kakaban we can walk to the lake in the centre of the island which is home to many types of nonstinging jellyfish which are strangely beautiful. Over lunch we will relocate to another of the islands for an afternoon of swimming, snorkelling or Zodiac cruising.

Day 14 Sulawesi. Today we sail over to Sulawesi and the charming township of Toli-Toli. Few tourists and even fewer cruise ships visit here. We will be collected by local becaks (cycle rickshaw) to explore the town including the local church, mosque and the small market to see the trading of local crops. At the traditional house 'Rumah Adat of Toli' we will be treated to a welcome ceremony.

Day 15 Menumbar River & Pulau Birahbirahan. Today we enjoy the benefits of our small ship as we spend a day of exploration well off the usual cruise ship and tourist routes. Spend the morning at the Menumbar River where we will launch the Zodiacs. This remote river, flanked with pristine mangrove forest is a haven for birds and crocodiles and offers the opportunity to see an unexplored part of Borneo. Over lunch we position to the small island of Birahbirahan where our onboard naturalists will lead a series of nature walks in the rainforest. We will keep an eye out for kingfishers, sunbirds and Pacific swallows and learn about the flora. Alternatively a snorkel platform will offer the chance to explore the reef with its colourful fish and turtles.

Day 16 Samboja Lestari. From our berth in Balikpapan we enjoy a full day excursion to Samboja Lestari, an area of restored tropical jungle. This once barren area has seen a remarkable regeneration with the planting of over a million trees. Wildlife has returned and the density of the forest has increased cloud cover, lowered temperatures and increased rainfall. The great work by the Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation has profoundly changed the lives of the local people and the wildlife. We will have the opportunity to see the great work being carried out by the foundation where 200 orangutans live in its protected environments as well as over 50 Malayan sun bears. We enjoy lunch at the lodge overlooking the jungle before returning to Balikpapan and sailing later this afternoon.

Day 17 At Sea. Enjoy a day at leisure as we cross from the Makassar Strait and into the Java Sea sailing towards Bali. Maybe join the lecture programme in the lounge or find a spot on deck to relax with a book.

Day 18 Celukan Bawang, Bali. We arrive in Bali this morning but are well away from the main tourist hubs as we land on the north eastern coast from where there will be a choice of two full day excursions. You may wish to visit the West Bali National Park which comprises of 19,000 hectares of land with an additional 7,000 hectares of coral reefs and coastal waters. Here we can take a gentle trek to the protected mangrove and monsoon forest and hope to see grey monkeys, black monkeys, giant lizard and some of the 160 species of birds that live here. Afterwards we take a short boat ride to Menjangan Island to snorkel in beautiful coral reef gardens and hope to also see electric clams, scorpion fish, starfish, eels and reef fish. Alternatively drive inland to the Munduk Highlands. Passing through Singaraja, the former capital city of Bali, we continue to the mountainous area of Bedugul to see the three lakes, Bratan, Buyan and Tamblingan. Alongside Lake Bratan is Pura Ulun Danu, an important Hindu-Buddhist temple dedicated to the water goddess and a site of pilgrimage. The scenery is stunning and we will have time to take in the surroundings before continuing to the appealing town of Munduk which is set amongst hillsides full of fruit trees, jungles and rice fields.

Day 19 Bali to London. Disembark in Benoa and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 20 London. Arrive this morning.

Pre-cruise Singapore Extension

14th to 17th September 2024



Supertrees

If you would like to spend some additional time in Singapore before embarking the Heritage Adventurer we are offering a two night hotel stay including a city tour and visit to the Gardens by the Bay.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Singapore. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Singapore. Arrive and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to recover from the flight or explore independently.

Day 3 Singapore. After breakfast in the hotel a city tour will start in Little India including the magnificent Sultan Mosque. Continue to the bright colours and vibrant hues in Singapore's exciting Chinatown. Narrow streets centered on the pagoda lead you to a treasure trove of apothecary shops, quaint teahouses and a cornucopia of stalls selling trinkets as well as the oldest Hindu temple in Singapore, Sri Mariamman. Here we join a bumboat for a cruise along the Singapore River sailing past a mix of colonial buildings and modern skyscrapers ending at Merlion Park. Return to the hotel for a free afternoon and evening. (B)

Day 4 Singapore. This morning we visit the Gardens By the Bay. Covering 100 hectares we can visit the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest, two climate controlled glasshouses. Within the gardens, there are also 18 impressive-looking Supertrees (tree-like structures), which are vertical gardens that perform a multitude of functions. Along with providing a bird's eye view of the entire gardens, they also collect rainwater, generate solar power and act as vending ducts for the park's conservatory. This afternoon continue as per day 2 of the main itinerary. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£995** Single: **£1395**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Singapore, meals as stated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), excursions as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Bali Extension

4th to 7th October 2024



Ubud Monkey Forest Sanctuary

After disembarking the Heritage Adventurer you can extend your time on the island of Bali with our two night hotel stay in the charming town of Ubud in the uplands of Bali.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Benoa to Ubud, Bali, Indonesia. Disembark this morning and drive into the interior of the island. Our first call will be the 11th century Pusa Puseh Batuan Temple, a five-tiered gateway tower, clearly influenced by Indian religious architecture its icons and decorations, however, are typically Balinese in style. Continue to Tegalalang, a valley of rice paddies which has been granted UNESCO World Heritage status. Learn about the traditional irrigation systems still used to this day in the terraces and enjoy the stunning scenery. After lunch we will check into our hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 2 Ubud. Enjoy a free day to explore at your own pace. Maybe visit the Ubud Monkey Forest Sanctuary or the town's vibrant market. Alternatively enjoy the hotel facilities. This evening we will enjoy a special Balinese dinner and cultural event. (B, D)

Day 3 Bali to London. Check out and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

Day 4 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£895** Single: **£1145**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Bali, meals as stated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), excursions as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Stork-billed kingfisher



PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Deck	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Deluxe Twin/Double Cabin with Portholes	3	£11995	£11495
2	Superior Twin/Double Cabin with Panoramic Windows	4	£12395	£11895
3	Superior Twin/Double Cabin with Panoramic Windows	5	£12895	£12395
4	Worsley Suite with Panoramic Windows	6	£14495	£13995
5	Heritage Suites with Double Panoramic Windows	6	£15295	£14795
6	Deluxe Twin/Double Cabin with Portholes for sole occupancy	3	£11995	£11495
7	Superior Twin/Double Cabin with Panoramic Window for sole occupancy	4	£12395	£11895
8	Superior Twin/Double Cabin with Panoramic Window for sole occupancy	5	£12895	£12395

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Singapore with breakfast • 16 nights aboard the Heritage Adventurer on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes. **Not Included:** Travel insurance, Indonesian visa.

EAST OF BALI

An expedition through the spectacular Nusa Tenggara islands
aboard the Heritage Adventurer

2nd to 15th October 2024



To many seasoned travellers the chain of islands to the East of Bali is the most fascinating in all the Indonesian archipelago. Certainly, they are not on the mass tourism circuit and their beauty and customs are relatively unscathed by the modern world. Our adventure explores the Nusa Tenggara islands which cover a relatively small geographical area of the country but deliver a rich experience where neighbouring islands embrace different cultures, lifestyles and languages. As we sail from one island to another we will enter a timeless world that is blessed with pure white sandy deserted beaches that in turn give way to stunning, beautiful coral reefs in dazzlingly clear water. Obviously, such beauty and serenity is best enjoyed with a small number of travelling companions. After all, it would be disappointing to find yourself in the company of hundreds on what was a deserted beach. We have therefore chartered the Heritage Adventurer which accommodates a maximum of just 140 passengers and offers all the comforts of a larger vessel, but with the added luxury of a small number of passengers. The onboard fleet of Zodiacs gives us the freedom of spontaneity to explore and land in places where relatively few travellers have been before us.



Afloat and ashore, our expedition will be filled with unforgettable images and experiences, sky-piercing volcanoes, multi-coloured crater lakes, remote idyllic islets, kaleidoscopic reefs and endemic flora and fauna including the Komodo dragon. There will be opportunities to snorkel in the coral wonderlands and the cultural component of the region is equally unique; the spectrum of customs, spiritual beliefs and artistic craftsmanship is mind-boggling. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a wonderful adventure and an opportunity to set foot on islands of astonishing richness and beauty.





Hawksbill turtle



Exploring by Zodiac



Komodo islands, Flores



Satonda Island



Rufous chested flycatcher

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Kelimutu National Park with its unique coloured crater lakes.
- Discover the Taka Bonerate National Park, the largest coral reef in Indonesia.
- Visit the traditional whaling villages on the island of Lembata.
- See Komodo Dragons in the wild and relax on the beautiful Pink Beach in Komodo National Park.
- Snorkel over pristine reefs around Satonda Island.
- Join our naturalists on guided nature walks to discover the flora and fauna.



Komodo dragon

The Itinerary

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

Day 2 Bali. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet this evening for dinner in the hotel.

Day 3 Bali. Spend the morning relaxing in the hotel or exploring the local area at your own pace. Check out in the late morning and after lunch we transfer to the Heritage Adventurer moored in Benoa and sail this evening.

Day 4 Lombok. Overnight we sail the short distance to neighbouring Lombok. An island drive passes the beautiful scenery of rice fields and palm trees to the village of Banyu Mulek, famous for its handmade pottery. Continue to the unique Lingsar Temple. Built around 1714 and renovated with a stunning garden and lotus pools, it is sacred to both Hindus and Muslims. Our final call will be at Waktu Telu Sasak village with its unique traditional houses and bonnet-shaped rice barns which are the symbol of Lombok.

Day 5 Sumba. Enjoy a relaxing morning at sea arriving into northern Sumba at lunchtime. From the port of Waikelo we head into the Kodi region where we will learn of the Pasola horseback fighting. Here rival Sumba tribes in traditional costume battle bareback on horses using hand carved spears (Pasola). This activity is a ceremonial part of the Marapu religion and is run during the harvest months. We will also visit Rotenggaro village and see the traditional Sumba houses, which are as high as coconut

trees. Upon arriving at Rotenggaro village we will be welcomed by Merapu traditional dance and then there will be time to browse around the village, see the high roof houses with backdrops of the Indian Ocean and the large decorated tombs carved from stone.

Day 6 Flores. Arriving in Flores at dawn we embark on a full day excursion to the remarkable Kelimutu National Park with its unique three coloured crater lakes. These three lakes change colours from time to time and nobody can explain why, but stories vary from a changing mineral content of the water to angry ancestor spirits. Kelimutu is sacred to the local population and they believe the souls of the dead go to the lakes. We will make our way to 'Inspiration Point' with views over all three lakes and enjoy lunch in the picturesque village of Moni which is ringed by volcanoes and dotted with rice fields before our scenic drive back to the vessel.

Day 7 Lamalera, Lembata. Well off the tourist path, the island of Lembata is a perfect destination for us to explore with our small ship. Here we find traditional whaling villages, mentioned in Portuguese documents dating back to 1643, who hunt large sea animals, like whales and manta rays, to provide food and a living for the entire village. Using simple sailboats and following ancient beliefs and traditions they are exempt from the ban on whaling due to the small numbers of whales taken and the traditional hunting methods they use. We will have the chance to walk around the fascinating village and see the boats made entirely of wood with wooden pegs (there is not a nail to be found) and sails made of palm leaves. Return to the vessel for lunch and this afternoon we will find a suitable location to snorkel and swim.

Day 8 Kalabahi, Alor. Arrive this morning in the Solor and Alor archipelago for our visit to the island of Alor, home to indigenous tribal groups renowned for their Moko drum culture. This is a beautiful island with its smouldering volcanoes reaching down into crystal clear waters fringed with coral reefs, coconut palm beaches of pure white sand and traditional villages built halfway up mountainsides. From our berth in Kalabahi we will explore the rugged interior of the island where we find the indigenous Melanesian people living a very traditional life. In the village of Takpala, we will meet the Abui tribe, see demonstrations of local handicrafts made of wood and bamboo and observe their daily life. On our return to Kalabahi we will visit the colourful Kadelang traditional market and the local museum with its unique collection of ikats textiles, ceramics, traditional music and a bronze Dongson drum (Moko). After lunch on board we will enjoy a leisurely afternoon at sea.

Day 9 Taka Bonerate National Park. Stretching south from the main island of Sulawesi into the Flores Sea is the Taka Bonerate National Park. Spread out over 220,000 hectares this is the largest coral reef in Indonesia and is rich in marine life and also a variety of bird species. Using our small ship to navigate and our Zodiacs to land, we will find a suitable spot amongst the 21 islands of the park to spend the day. The clear waters offer snorkellers a chance to explore the reefs where we find many species of coral and colourful reef fish as well as dolphins and turtles. Alternatively enjoy a walk in the sand dunes where we will find many land, coastal and sea birds.

Day 10 Komodo National Park. One of the highlights of our expedition for many will be our visit to Komodo to see the distant cousins of the dinosaurs, the Komodo dragons. These rare, huge lizards grow up to twelve feet in length and were only known to the western world in 1910 when a Dutch lieutenant first laid eyes on them. Escorted by the island's wardens in the national park we will walk to the dragon's feeding station, seeing dragons in the wild. Today fewer than 300 of this protected species remain and its continuing existence hangs in the balance. During our walk we also hope to see frigate birds, white buffalo and long tailed monkeys. Over lunch we will sail to Pink Beach where we can relax, enjoy a nature walk or swim or snorkel from the beach.

Day 11 Satonda Island. Spend the day exploring the diminutive Satonda Island, located between the large island of Sumbawa and the smaller Pulau Moyo. The island is wooded and uninhabited, with a fringing reef and a small but swimmable crater lake where the trees are decorated with 'wishing' stones, shells and pieces of coral. This is a snorkeller's paradise with pristine reefs, colourful coral and abundant fish whilst guided walks inland will search for the local birdlife including the endemic island monarch and rufous chested flycatcher.

Day 12 Labahani, Moyo. Awake this morning anchored off the lovely island of Moyo. Moyo is a nature reserve with wild oxen deer, wild boars and a great variety of bird species which we will explore on nature walks with our naturalists. If conditions allow there will be the opportunity to snorkel and explore by Zodiac. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon cruising as we return to Bali.

Day 13 Bali to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning in Benoa and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to the UK.

Day 14 London or Manchester. Arrive this morning.



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.

Post-cruise Bali Extension

14th to 17th October 2024



After disembarking the Heritage Adventurer you can extend your time on the island of Bali with our two night hotel stay in the charming town of Ubud in the uplands of Bali.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Benoa to Ubud, Bali, Indonesia. Disembark this morning and drive into the interior of the island. Our first call will be the 11th century Pusa Puseh Batuan Temple, a five-tiered gateway tower, clearly influenced by Indian religious architecture its icons and decorations, however, are typically Balinese in style. Continue to Tegalalang, a valley of rice paddies which has been granted UNESCO World Heritage status. Learn about the traditional irrigation systems still used to this day in the terraces and enjoy the stunning scenery. After lunch we will check into our hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 2 Ubud. Enjoy a free day to explore at your own pace. Maybe visit the Ubud Monkey Forest Sanctuary or the town's vibrant market. Alternatively enjoy the hotel facilities. This evening we will enjoy a special Balinese dinner and cultural event. (B, D)

Day 3 Bali to London. Check out and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

Day 4 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£895** Single: **£1145**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Bali, meals as stated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), excursions, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

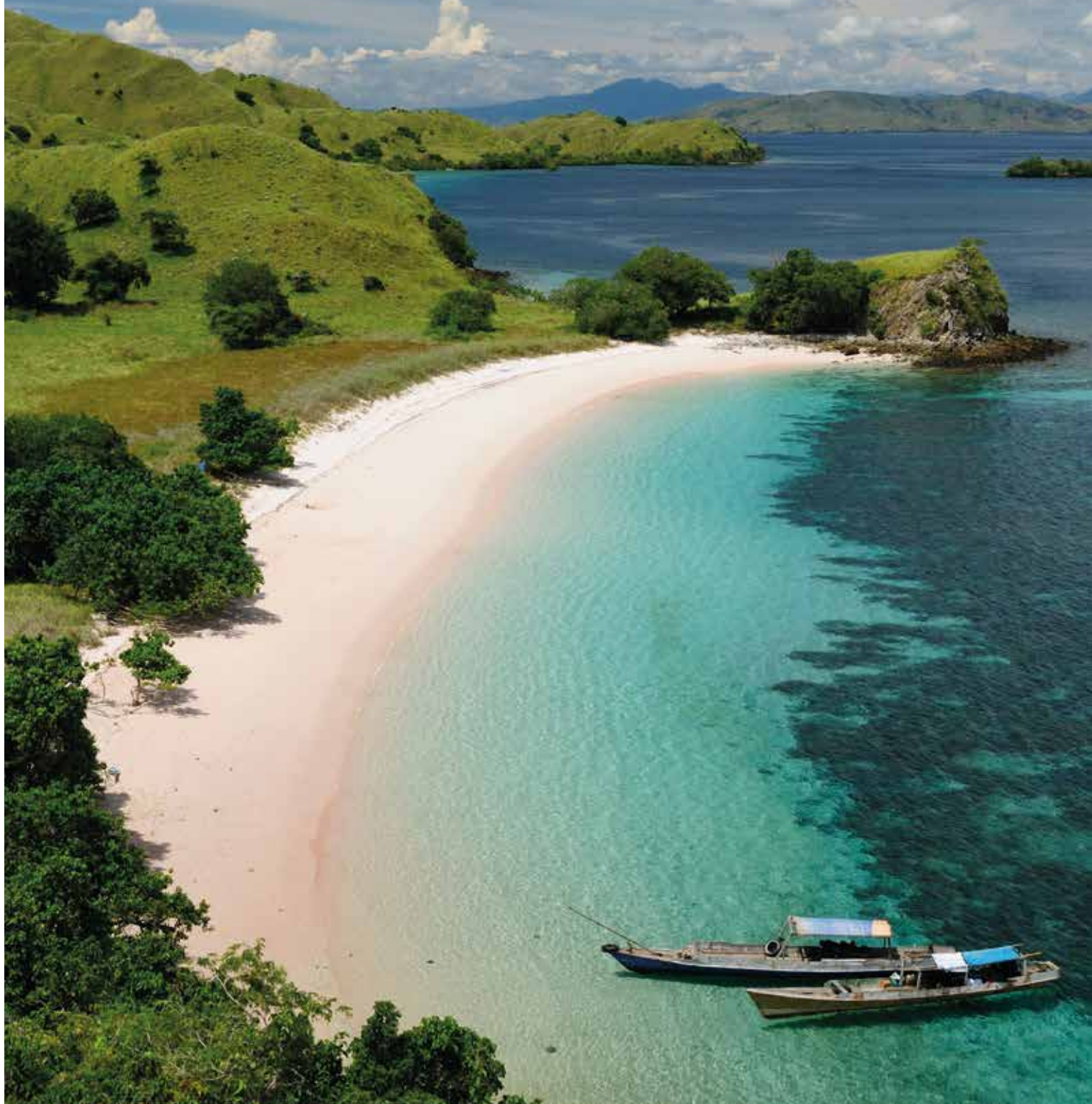
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NEW ZEALAND COASTAL ODYSSEY

An exploration of New Zealand's South & North Islands aboard the Heritage Adventurer

25th February to 15th March 2025

New Zealand may be about as far away as it is possible to be from the UK, but in many ways it is the most similar to our own country being comparable in size, climate and culture. Another similarity with the UK is that like our own islands the two major islands of New Zealand are purpose made for coastal cruising with the vast majority of the 'must see' places being either on the coast or close by in the hinterland. Of course there are some major differences, the most significant being a population of just 4 million to our 60 million. It is these similarities and differences that make a trip to New Zealand such a special experience and why anyone considering a trip should look at a minimum of two weeks but preferably longer.

With vast open spaces filled with stunning rugged landscapes and a temperate climate, New Zealand is a land of rare natural beauty and contrasts. There are steep-sided fjords, geysers and boiling mud, coastal rainforests, snow-capped mountains, rolling green pasture lands, often spectacular geothermal and volcanic activity, enchanting sandy bays and coves, fast flowing rivers and a variety of birdlife. During our voyage, we will visit Stewart Island in the south and explore the dramatic southern coast fjords, admire the unique Art Deco architecture of Napier in the North Island and walk in the stunning Abel Tasman National Park as well as historic Ship Cove.

All of this is best achieved by travelling on a small ship and we have therefore chartered the 140-passenger Heritage Adventurer which offers all the comforts of a larger vessel, but with the luxury of a small number of passengers. With the added advantage of our Zodiac landing craft we will be able to land in otherwise inaccessible places making the most of New Zealand's extraordinary natural attractions.





The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Christchurch, New Zealand. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 En-Route.

Day 3 Christchurch. Arrive this morning into Christchurch and transfer to our hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day and evening is free to acclimatise and recuperate after our flight.

Day 4 Christchurch. After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning tour of this most English of cities where we enjoy an overview of the city showing how it is recovering from the devastating earthquake of February 2011. We will view the Southern Alps from the Port Hills, ride a restored tram, tour the Canterbury Museum with its acclaimed Antarctic collection and enjoy morning tea at a private home and garden. The afternoon and evening are free for independent exploration. Alternatively, join an optional full day tour on the Tranz Alpine Express Train to Arthur's Pass in the heart of the Southern Alps, one of the world's most famous train journeys. Wonderful views are revealed from the train's huge windows as we pass snow-capped mountains and mountain beech forests. After some free time in Greymouth for lunch and to explore the town we re-board the train and return to Christchurch for an evening of leisure.

Day 5 Christchurch to Bluff. This morning is free to explore the city further at your own pace before we transfer to the airport for our early afternoon flight to Invercargill. On arrival we will transfer to the Heritage Adventurer moored in Bluff and embark before we sail this evening.

Days 6 & 7 Fiordland. We have two days to explore the incredible wilderness of fjords in the southwest corner of the South Island. This is an area rich in history, Captain Cook landed here on HMS Resolution in 1773, with majestic scenery and abundant wildlife. It is only accessible by sea, making it the most remote region of New Zealand. Our schedule may include Astronomers Point, Doubtful Sound and Dusky Sound but final itinerary decisions will be

made by the Captain and Expedition Leader based on weather conditions. Zodiacs will be used daily either to shuttle from the ship to a landing site or as our transport to explore the fjords beyond the ship's anchorage position.

Day 8 Stewart Island. New Zealand's third island is well off the usual beaten tourist track. It is a wonderfully tranquil place, the scenery of untouched bushland is stunning. We will enjoy a morning on the small Ulva Island where we will use Zodiacs to go ashore for a choice of walks with our local guides. We will explore the dense vegetation and keep an eye out for the amazing birdlife. This afternoon we land at Oban on Stewart Island and have the chance to wander amongst the shops and see the museum or join a drive along some of the 15 miles of sealed road to some of the beauty spots including Observation Rock with views over Iona and Ulva Island and the beaches lining the East coast.

Day 9 Dunedin. Arrive this morning in Dunedin and enjoy a guided tour including the gracious 19th century buildings and the beautiful botanical gardens, the oldest in New Zealand containing over 6,800 plant species. Alternatively choose to drive to the Otago Peninsula where we board local boats to view Taiaroa Head, the world's only mainland albatross nesting place. We may also see fur seals on the rocks or be joined by dolphins around our boats. Continue to the Royal Albatross Centre where we can learn more about these fascinating birds. Return to Dunedin for a free afternoon to explore further at your own pace.

Day 10 Akaroa. Akaroa meaning, 'Long Harbour', in Maori, was founded by French whaling Captain Jean Langlois on his ship Cachelot in 1838. He returned in 1840 with 60 settlers on the Comte de Paris to create a French colony. We spend a morning here and there will be a choice of excursions including a dolphin watching trip using local boats to explore the scenic coastline and search for the rare Hector's dolphin or a guided historic walk in Akaroa and through the native bush of the Garden of Tane. Return to the ship and spend the afternoon at sea as we sail to the North Island.

Day 11 Wellington. Spend the day in Wellington, the nation's capital. From our central berth we will explore the city on a guided walk to see St Paul's Cathedral, the parliament buildings, stroll through the Botanical Gardens and take a ride on the iconic cable car which offers panoramic views over the city. Return to the ship for lunch and a free afternoon to explore further at your own pace. Alternatively you can choose to be dropped off at the Te Papa National Museum of New Zealand with its impressive interactive displays and marvellous Maori collection, from here you can explore the museum at your own pace and take an independent lunch ashore.

Day 12 Abel Tasman National Park & Nelson. Anchoring this morning at Kaiteriteri we have a choice of excursions today. Choose to visit Abel Tasman, New Zealand's smallest national park, protecting over 23,000 hectares of the most easily accessible coastline in the country. Enjoy a coastal walk and scenic cruise with excellent wildlife opportunities including seal colonies and numerous aquatic birds including penguins. Alternatively enjoy a morning exploring Nelson which has for many years attracted resident artists. There are more than 350 working artists and craftspeople living in Nelson and their work is often inspired by the region's exceptionally beautiful geography – coastal, forest and valley landscapes. Join an excursion of the area's highlights or maybe take a walk along the riverside to the Queens Garden. Return to the ship via one of the region's vineyards where we can enjoy a tasting.

Day 13 Resolution Bay & Ship Cove. Sail through the Marlborough Sounds which divide the North and South Islands of New Zealand and arrive in the early morning at Resolution Bay on the South Island where keen walkers can enjoy a longer hike over to Ship Cove along the Queen Charlotte Track enjoying fantastic views over the archipelago of islands. Alternatively alight a little later at Ship Cove where Captain James Cook spent much of his time in New Zealand. View the monument dedicated to Cook or maybe walk the forest trail to the nearby waterfall. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at sea.

Day 14 Napier. Arrive this morning in Napier and join a tour of this beautiful town including its charming Art Deco buildings. Totally rebuilt after the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake, Napier's Art Deco is unique, with Maori motifs and the buildings of Louis Hay, an admirer of the great Frank Lloyd Wright. We also visit a local vineyard to sample the local wines. This afternoon is free for independent exploration of the town or alternatively join the excursion to the gannetry at Cape Kidnappers where you are able to get amazingly close to the birds. The 13 hectare reserve includes the saddle and black reef gannet colonies.

Day 15 At Sea. Join our lecturers in the lounge or find a spot on deck as we spend a day at sea.

Day 16 Tauranga for Rotorua. From our berth in Tauranga we drive inland to the famous thermal springs at Rotorua. Discover Wai-O-Tapu, meaning Sacred Waters, an active geothermal area with colourful hot springs, steaming ground and boiling mud pools. Marvel at the incredible palette of vibrant hues displayed in the pools, lakes and craters, and enjoy the melodic sounds of birds singing in the native forest. From here we visit a

local Maori Marae where we will enjoy a traditional Maori welcome and lunch before returning to the ship in the late afternoon.

Day 17 Auckland. Disembark this morning and join a city tour including the Domain and the excellent Auckland Museum, overlooking Waitemata Harbour and housing the world's largest collection of Polynesian artefacts. After lunch we transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free to explore further at your own pace.

Day 18 Auckland to London. After breakfast in the hotel we will check out in the late morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 19 London. Arrive today.

SHIP TO SHORE

This voyage is a combination of both expedition style cruising and small ship destination cruising. Whilst we will be alongside in most ports, we will be at anchor in Fiordland, Stewart Island, Akaroa, Kaiteriteri and Ship Cove. The vessel's Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore and for Zodiac cruising to explore the more remote regions we will be visiting. The use of the Zodiacs will be key to the operation of the itinerary as shown. If you have any queries pertaining to the use of Zodiacs or the level of fitness required for this voyage please do not hesitate to ask one of our experienced travel consultants.



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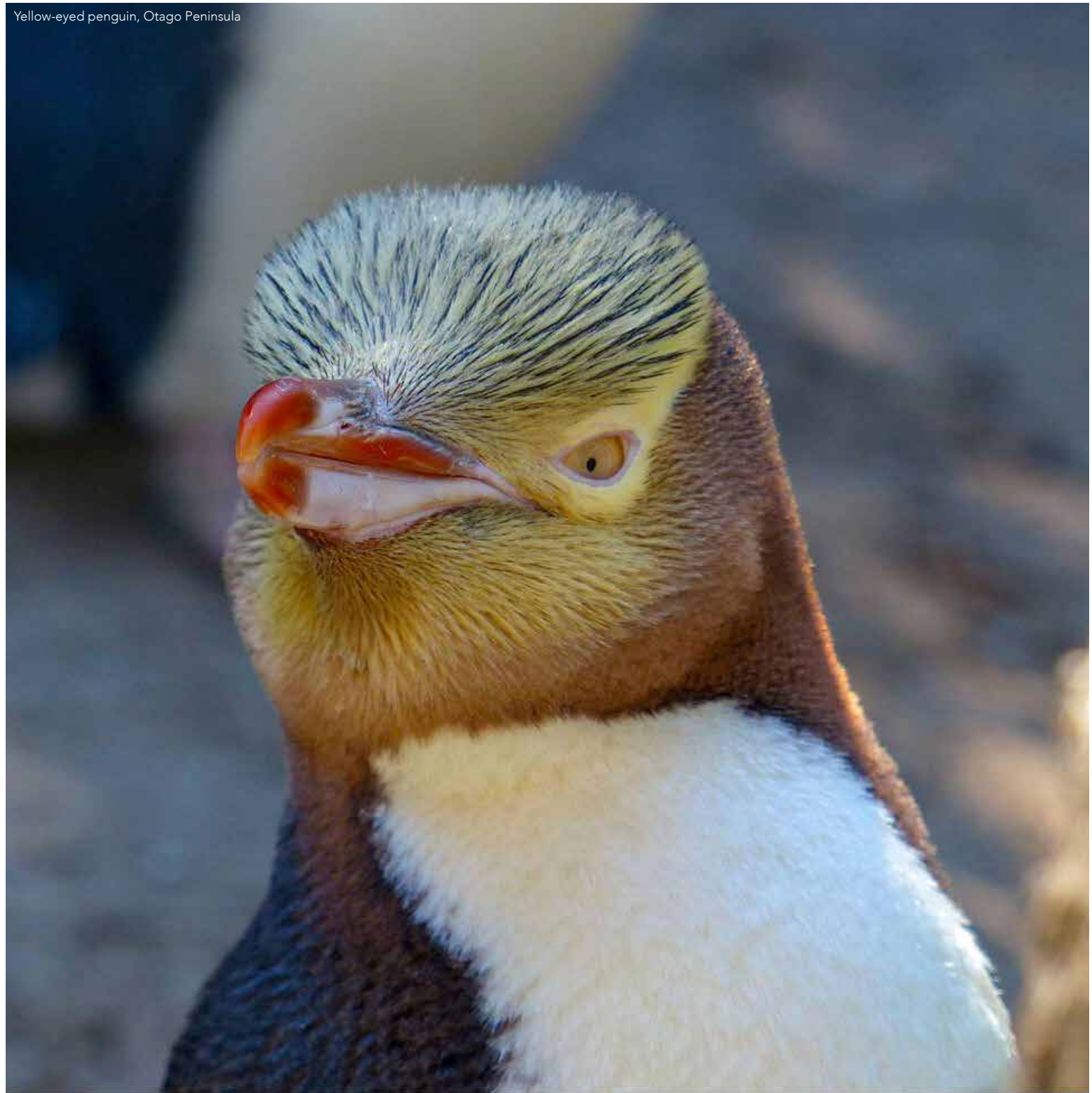
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