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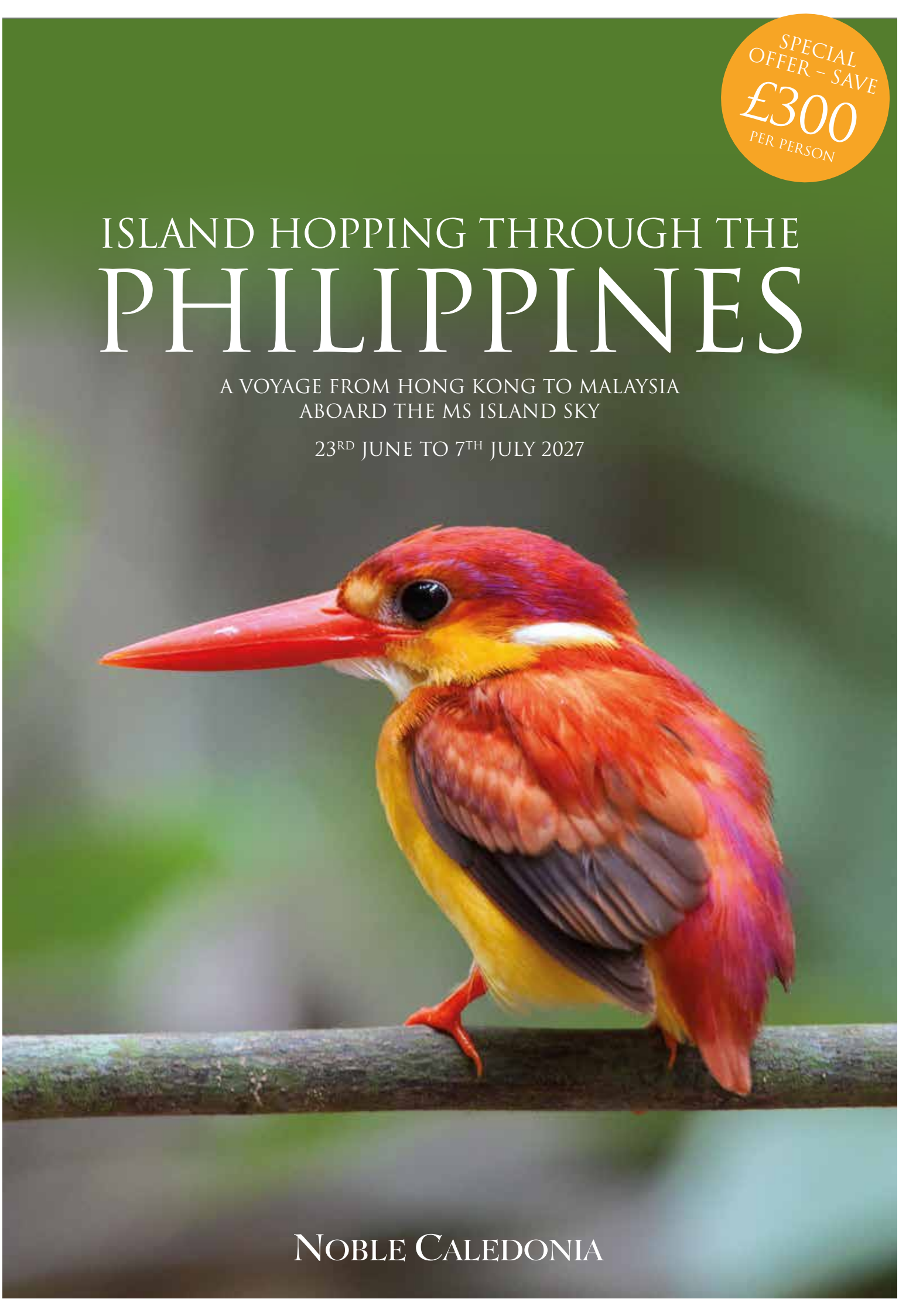
ISLAND HOPPING THROUGH THE PHILIPPINES

A VOYAGE FROM HONG KONG TO MALAYSIA
ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

23RD JUNE TO 7TH JULY 2027



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Hundred Islands National Park

For the well-travelled, our voyage from Hong Kong to Kuala Lumpur offers a unique opportunity to visit little known and remote regions that are well away from the usual cruise routes. The privilege of exploring these remarkable lands from a small ship in the company of just over 100 fellow passengers and knowledgeable local guides is an opportunity not to be missed. Marvellous experiences are to be had as we land on pristine beaches, witness traditional ways of life in remote communities and explore mangrove forests while looking out for endemic flora and fauna, each evening returning to the considerable comforts of the all-suite MS Island Sky.

Setting sail from Hong Kong we spend a relaxing day at sea before arriving in Taiwan where, having first been under control of the Chinese empire in the 17th century and later a colony of Japan, history abounds. We will spend a day exploring the former capital of Tainan before making our way to the Philippines where we have the benefit of seven days to experience the legendary Filipino hospitality with visits to traditional villages and remote island communities and discover the rich cultural history with Chinese traders, Spanish conquistadors, and American rulers all having left their mark. We will spend time in the capital city of Manila where quaint street stalls sit side by side with ancient Spanish colonial and modern high-rise buildings and also visit Vigan, the finest surviving example of a Spanish Colonial town in Asia.

As we journey through the staggeringly beautiful Filipino islands, there will be opportunities to swim from the white-sand beaches and birders will delight in the opportunity to visit the Subterranean River National Park which is home to long-tailed macaques, blue-naped parrots and other indigenous wildlife. Our final few days will be spent immersing ourselves in the culture and nature of Malaysia as we observe the diverse range of plants, trees and wildlife including the 'wild man of Borneo' – the orangutan, before our journey ends in the city of Kuala Lumpur. We hope you will join us for this unparalleled opportunity to explore one of the most intriguing places on the map.

EXPLORING ASHORE

During our voyage, the MS Island Sky will be alongside on most days, but is likely to be at anchor in Batanes, Currimao, Hundred Islands and Marinduque where the Zodiacs will be used to transfer guests ashore. We will endeavour to offer a choice of excursions for all mobility levels but please be aware that the conditions will be hot and humid for some of the walks, such as in Sandakan, Coron and Puerto Princessa and a good level of mobility will be required to participate.

Batan Island

Orangutan

Vigan

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Hong Kong. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Hong Kong. Arrive today and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner on board.

Day 3 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we make our way to Taiwan.

Day 4 Tainan, Taiwan. This morning we arrive at our first port of call in Taiwan, the southern city of Kaohsiung which is our base for our excursion to nearby Tainan, the former capital of Taiwan. During our tour we will see the Chikan Tower, built by the Dutch in 1653 as an administrative centre, and the Koxinga Shrine, dedicated to General Chenggong. We will continue to the beautiful Confucius Temple which is over three hundred years old and played a key role in education and is now a venue for cultural festivals and events. This afternoon we will drive to the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum which covers over 100 hectares and is home to the 108 metre high bronze Buddha, the largest seated bronze Buddha in Asia. The museum houses a number of permanent exhibitions about the life of Buddha, Buddhist festivals and relics. We will enjoy lunch here before exploring this impressive site.

Day 5 Batanes Islands, Philippines. Arrive this morning in the Philippines at the Batanes Islands, a chain of 10 isolated islands in the north of the country. Rugged and windswept, the three largest islands are inhabited by the Ivatan people who are famed for their distinctive typhoon-resistant houses and wearing the vakul, headgear which is designed to protect against the weather. During our island tour we will see the verdant pasturelands, the volcano, Basco Lighthouse, the pretty village of Mahatao, and Ivana with its picturesque yellow church and Batan's oldest stone house. Also, see one of the Japanese tunnels built during World War II. Spend a leisurely afternoon at sea as we continue our journey south.

Day 6 Currimao for Vigan. The port of Currimao will be our base to explore the UNESCO town of Vigan, one of the oldest towns in the Philippines and considered the best preserved example of a planned Spanish colonial town in Asia. We will walk its cobblestone streets, including the pedestrianised Calle Crisologo, and discover a unique architectural style that fuses Philippine building design and construction with colonial European architecture. See the St Vincent Ferrer Church, built in 1795, before we visit the Hidden Garden where we enjoy a lunch of traditional Ilocano cuisine.

Day 7 Hundred Islands. Awake this morning among the one hundred and twenty three islands that make up the Hundred Islands National Park in the Lingayen Gulf. The park is made up of mostly coral and supported by mangrove forests, which creates a healthy ecosystem for both marine and birdlife, as well as various lizards and mammals. We will spend the morning travelling between the islands on local boats, swimming amongst the coral or taking a walk on one of the islands. Return to the ship for lunch and sail this afternoon.

Day 8 Manila. Arrive today in the capital of the Philippines. A morning tour will explore the colonial area within the well preserved 16th century walled city of Intramuros which was created by the Spanish elite during their colonisation of the Philippines. See the San Agustin Church, one of four Philippine churches constructed during the Spanish colonial period to be designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and which withstood heavy bombardment during the World War II. Later we visit Baluarte San Diego, Baluarte Dilao, Manila Cathedral and Plaza Roma before ending at Fort Santiago, one of the oldest forts in Manila strategically built in 1571 on the tongue of land where the Pasig River flows into Manila Bay.

Day 9 Marinduque. We arrive at the heart shaped island of Marinduque this morning and will set out on a guided island tour, taking in its beautiful scenery. At Boac Town we will walk through the historic centre taking in the National Museum, the Cathedral as well as seeing many of the historic houses that still remain. The historic centre offers a glimpse into the islands Spanish colonial past. We will visit a Morion mask maker before visiting a butterfly farm. The island is known as the butterfly capital of the Philippines, with over 600 species of butterflies and contributes over 85% of the countries butterfly exports. Butterfly farming is a large part of the island's economy as well as a vital part in keeping the butterfly populations high.

Day 10 Coron Island. This morning we enter the spectacular bay of Coron Island. Known to only a few, this remarkable area will one day most likely be a major tourist resort but for now you can enjoy the peace and beauty without the crowds. This morning you can choose an island tour including St Augustin Church and Lualhati Park before ending at the Maquinit Hot Springs where warm saltwater springs are said to have therapeutic qualities. Alternatively explore the coastline by local boat and take in the towering limestone cliffs, rock formations, idyllic lagoons and abundant reefs of the marine park. We plan to land on one of the white sand beaches for a swim in the crystal-clear waters before returning to the MS Island Sky.

Day 11 Palawan. Arrive today on the island of Palawan where from our berth at Puerto Princessa we have a choice of tours. Perhaps cross the island, passing through picturesque countryside to Sabang where we board local boats to discover the Subterranean River National Park which is home to long-tailed macaques, blue-naped parrots and other indigenous wildlife. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was also listed as one of the new seven wonders of the world and on our 45 minute sailing in the underground river we are treated to a spectacular display of rock formations and cathedral like chambers sculpted over millions of years. Alternatively, explore Puerto Princessa and surrounding areas including the Binuatan Creations where we see the art of handloom weaving using local materials, the nearby butterfly eco-garden, the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, and the Palawan World War II Museum.

Petronas Towers, Kuala Lumpur

Chikan Tower, Tainan

Manila Cathedral

Palawan

Day 12 Sandakan, Malaysia. After a morning at sea we arrive into Borneo and the port of Sandakan where we have a choice of excursions. For the keen nature lovers, we visit 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) where we can see the unique flora and fauna of Borneo. Our walk through 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 city tour of Sandakan will include the lively market and 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, the former home of author Agnes Newton Keith.

Day 13 Sandakan to Kuala Lumpur. Disembark this morning and transfer to the Sepilok Centre where we will learn about the rehabilitation of the orangutans and the threats to their survival. We will visit the Sepilok Forest Reserve feeding platform and see orangutans in the third stage of their rehabilitation programme; the orphaned and injured orangutans are brought to Sepilok to be rehabilitated to return to forest life. Sepilok is a primary lowland rainforest and one of the few remaining in Sabah. Observe the fascinating diversity of plants, trees and wildlife as Sepilok is known to have more than 450 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 that are at risk from deforestation and poaching. After lunch we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Kuala Lumpur. On arrival we transfer to our hotel for a two night stay and have the evening at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore independently.

Day 14 Kuala Lumpur. Spend a day in Malaysia's capital city of Kuala Lumpur. A morning walking tour begins in Independence Square, also known as Dataran Merdeka. This is the historical place where the Union Flag was lowered, and the Malayan flag was raised for the very first time on the 31st of August 1957. Continue to the Masjid Jamek Mosque, the oldest Islamic place of worship in Kuala Lumpur. Overlooking the Klang River, it offers breathtaking vistas due to the combination of ancient Moorish, Islam and Mughal architectural styles, verdant surroundings, and distant views of the city's other iconic landmarks. Also see the Central Market, Chinatown and the extravagantly decorated Sri Mahamariamman Temple before ending at the Petronas Twin Towers which were once the tallest buildings in the world. The remainder of the day is free to explore further at your own pace before we meet for dinner this evening.

Day 15 Kuala Lumpur to London. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. Arrive this evening.

Pre-cruise Hong Kong Extension
20th to 24th June 2027

If you would like to spend some time in Hong Kong before embarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering the opportunity to join a two night extension.

Hong Kong

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Hong Kong. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Hong Kong. Arrive and transfer to our centrally located hotel. Meet for dinner this evening. **(D)**

Day 3 Hong Kong. Today we will explore the highlights of Hong Kong including riding the Peak Tram up Victoria Peak for wonderful views of the city. We will also board a sampan and experience life on the water and after a local lunch will visit Stanley and Kowloon. Enjoy an evening at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 4 Macao. This morning, we will cross the Hong Kong-Shuhai Macao Bridge into the island of Macao. Known to many as the 'Las Vegas of the East', Macao has a lot more to offer than gambling and glitz. It was a Portuguese colony for 300 years and has a history of hybridity that can be seen throughout the city. We will explore the ancient temples, see the Chinese architecture the colonial buildings and the islands natural beauty. We will return to Hong Kong this afternoon and the evening is at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 5 Hong Kong. This morning is free to relax or enjoy final sightseeing in the city. We will check out of the hotel and meet for lunch before transferring to the MS Island Sky in the afternoon. **(B, L)**

PRICES PER PERSON
Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£2095** Single: **£2495**

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation in Hong Kong, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D- Dinner), excursions, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£9995	£9695
Columbus	Superior	£10295	£9995
Marco Polo	Premium	£10495	£10195
Marco Polo	Corner	£10995	£10695
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£11495	£11195
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£11795	£11495
Explorer	Island Suite	£12295	£11995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£11995	£11695
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£12495	£12195

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 11 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • Two nights accommodation in Kuala Lumpur with breakfast • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes. **Not Included:** Travel insurance, dinner on day 13, lunch on day 14.

MS ISLAND SKY

The Library

Deluxe Balcony Suite

The Restaurant

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our two flagships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean Sky. Both vessels were built in the same shipyard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them two of the finest small ships in the world. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Island Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks.

Your Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a seating area and some have private balconies, whilst those on the Marco Polo Deck feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities and quick access to the deck. The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessel conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, a large wardrobe, dressing table and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, television and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a safe, hairdryer, assorted Noble Isle toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin.

Your Dining

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Island Sky is of a consistent superior quality that befits such a vessel. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants at your leisure; whether that be joining a table of four to six other passengers in the elegant à la carte Restaurant or outside buffet-style on the Lido Deck in the evening sunshine. In the main Restaurant, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. The Welcome and Farewell dinners are a sumptuous five course affair. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both meals. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or the Club. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice.

Superior Suite

The Lounge

Alfresco Dining on the Lido Deck

Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Columbus Deck featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place in the Lounge. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Marco Polo Deck which features the main bar. The Club also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship on the Columbus Deck is the Library. Well stocked with reference books pertaining to the destinations the vessel is visiting and a selection of essential reads, you will not find yourself short of excellent literature on board. A collection of games as well as devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite can also be found in the Library. Access to the ship's satellite Wi-Fi via your own device is complimentary on board *(signal strength varies depending on location and demand)*. The main Restaurant, which can seat all guests at one sitting, is located on the Magellan Deck, and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Erikson Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Further to this on the top Explorer Deck there is an observation area ideal for spotting wildlife, complete with sun loungers for sunbathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. The Promenade Deck wraps around the whole ship giving outstanding views. There is also a small beauty salon on board with appointments made on request.

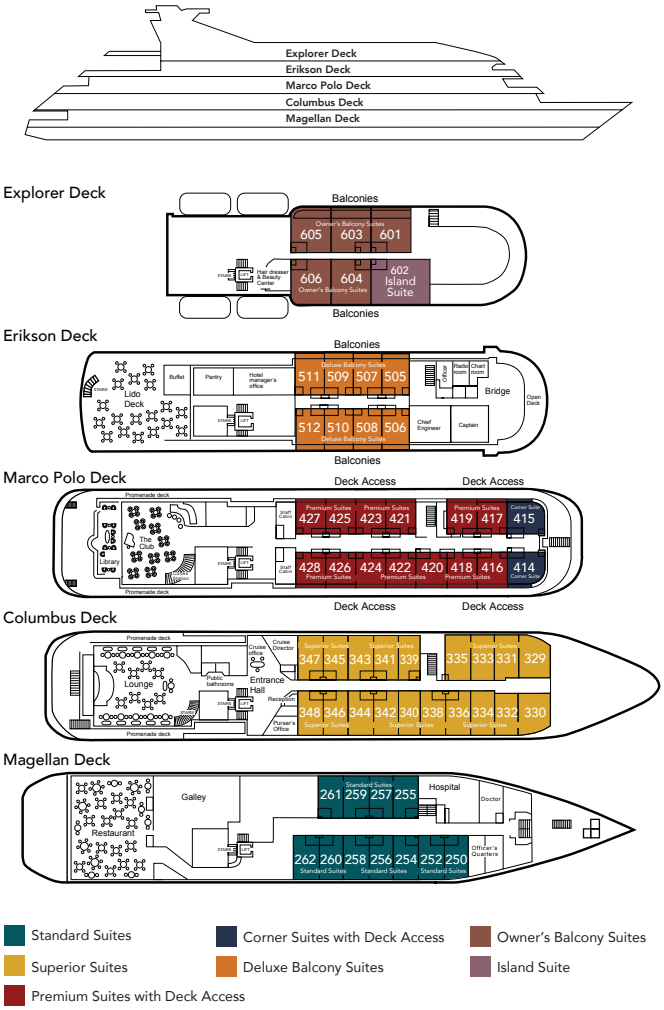
Your Comfort

The MS Island Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilisers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. On board you will also find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks. When at anchor our nimble Zodiacs will ferry you ashore or, on select cruises, enjoy Zodiac cruises getting you closer to the natural world.

Your Life On Board

The atmosphere on board is warm and convivial and more akin to a private yacht or country hotel in which you can learn more about wonderful destinations you are visiting in the company of like-minded people. There is a high ratio of crew to passengers and our friendly crew of 75 are mainly Filipino and Eastern European and our Captains are experienced mariners. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable ship where peace, high quality of service and attention to detail are the order of the day. A little music in the Lounge after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.

MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



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