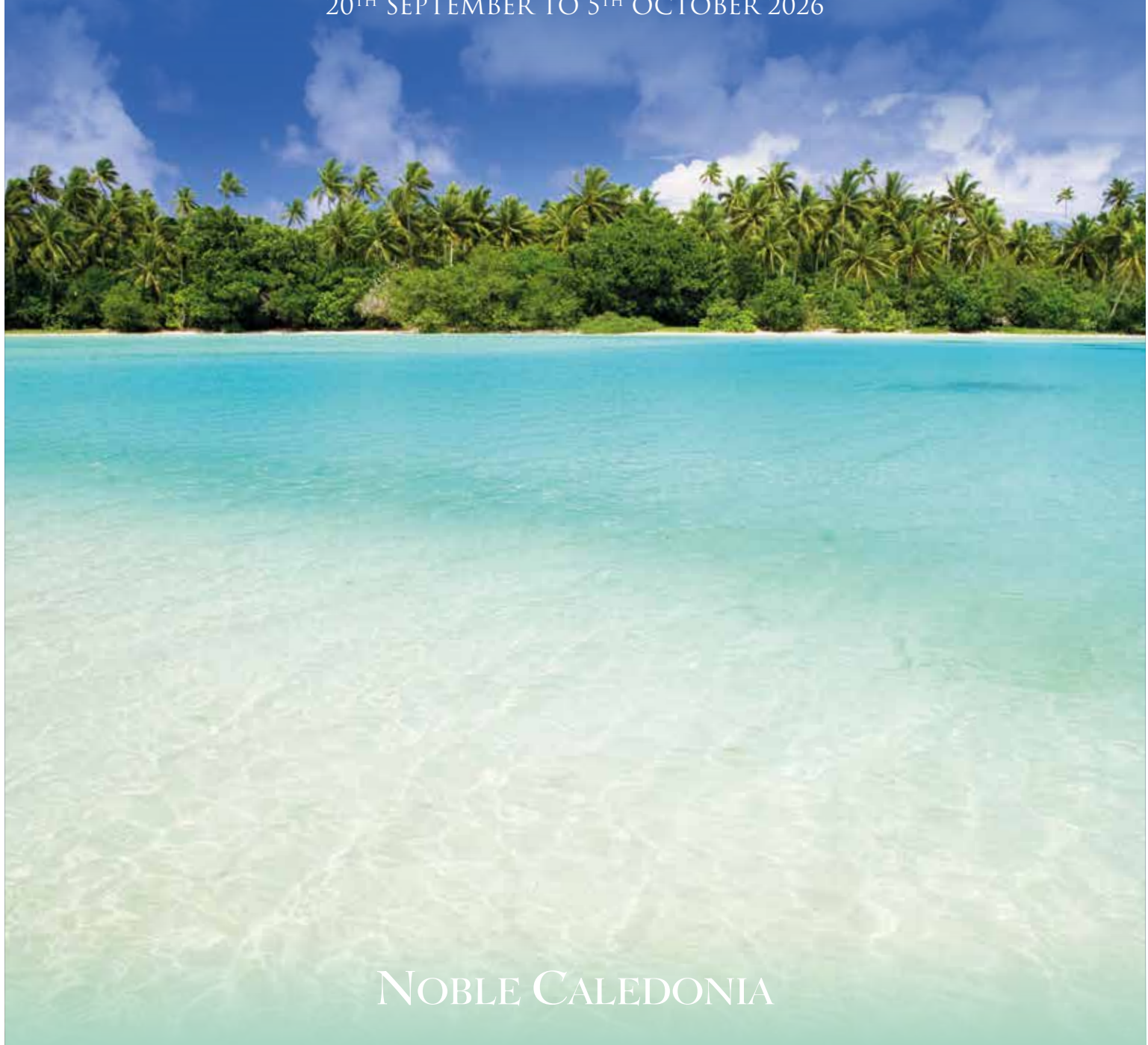


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# LOST ISLANDS OF POLYNESIA

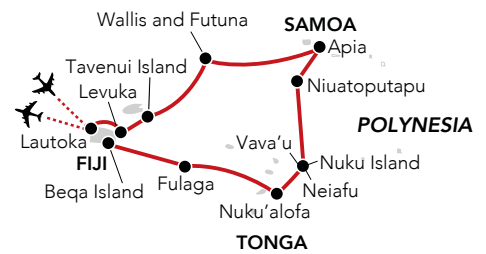
AN ISLAND HOPPING EXPEDITION INCLUDING FIJI, WALLIS AND FUTUNA,  
TONGA & SAMOA ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026



NOBLE CALEDONIA

This voyage tells the story of Polynesia and uncovers its history and legends as we sail through the South Seas and visit some truly captivating islands. By wind, wave and star the ancient people of Polynesia ventured to the farthest reaches of the South Pacific. Isolated by miles of ocean over thousands of years, these, the world's first island cultures, developed a pantheon of gods, myths and legends. The real age of European exploration did not take place until the 18th century and some of the islands we will visit have changed little since that time. Their sheer isolation has been their saving grace and apart from an influx of missionaries in the late 19th century, western culture has made few inroads into most of the islands.



From aboard the MS Island Sky we will discover the diversity and warmth of the islands and experience their description-defying beauty along with the fascinating culture and ambience which have long attracted adventurers, explorers and travellers to their magical shores. The natural beauty of the islands is mesmerising and one of the many advantages of our small ship is the opportunity to venture off the beaten track where others seldom have the opportunity to explore. With this in mind we have planned our itinerary with visits to many remote and idyllic isles including the little-known French Territory of Wallis and Futuna, the island of Niuatoputapu in Tonga and the Fijian island of Fulaga.

Our days will be spent on nature walks, searching for the endemic birdlife, 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. An expedition such as this requires a vessel akin to the MS Island Sky with the ability to adapt to her surroundings and land on remote atolls using the fleet of Zodiac landing craft whilst providing a comfortable base. We will explore inlets, lagoons and land in otherwise inaccessible places and although we set sail with a set itinerary, it is often the unscheduled events that become the highlight. We will be joined on board by an expert expedition team, consisting of naturalists and marine biologists who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm during forays ashore and whilst on board.

## WHAT TO EXPECT...

Flexibility is the key to an expedition cruise; sometimes the whole day's schedule will be changed to maximise your experience, something that would not be possible on a large cruise ship. Each day holds something new and to provide you with an idea of what to expect, below is an extract from the ship's log from the MS Island Sky's most recent visit to Fiji.

***Taveuni Island, Fiji:** We set off on our different tours for the day including one to a charming village. Here we experienced demonstrations of earth oven cooking, the results of which we were invited to taste on disposable leaf plates, coconut shredding for milk, basket weaving and fishing. We then joined the kava ceremony where you could request what amount of kava you wanted in your coconut cup; low, medium, or high-tide. The more adventurous of us requested a tsunami. Next, the Des Voeux birding walk took us high up into the nature reserve where we had stunning vistas across the fringing reef in between the trees. Our trusty 4x4s climbed the steep "road" stopping at intervals to let us explore into the jungle along the trails. We were rewarded with sightings of orange-chested pigeons and barking pigeons whilst small warblers flitted in the thick foliage overhead.*





Exploring by Zodiac



Robert Louis Stevenson museum, Apia



Neiafu



Frangipani flower

## The Itinerary

**Days 1 & 2 London to Fiji.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

**Day 3 Fiji.** Arrive this morning and transfer directly to the MS Island Sky which will be moored in Lautoka. The remainder of the day will be at leisure to settle in on board and relax before we sail this evening.

**Day 4 Levuka Island.** The island of Levuka and the town of Ovalau has a special place in Fijian history as it was here in 1874 that the Fiji islands were ceded to the British and also where in 1970 Fiji was declared independent again. The town is unlike any other Fijian town having retained the colonial buildings which made it the first Fijian site to be granted UNESCO World Heritage status. Join a walking tour around Nasova village on the shores of the bay and visit the museum and Cession Monument, the site where Chief Cakobau signed the deed ceding Fiji to Great Britain. This afternoon we will relocate to one of the nearby islands where we can relax on the beach, snorkel or swim.

**Day 5 Tavenui Island.** Today we visit the island of Tavenui which due to its abundant flora is known as the 'Garden Island of Fiji'. There will be a choice of guided excursions and you can choose to take a four-wheel drive to Dos Voeux Peak where at the summit we will be treated to fantastic views of Tavenui and across to Lake Tagimoucia. Here we will see the tropical plants, palms and rainforest and we hope to spot some of the spectacular birdlife such as orange-breasted doves, silktails, ferntails and parrots. Alternatively, join a walking trip to the Bouma Heritage Park to see some of the waterfalls and enjoy a swim. The view from the highest waterfall is spectacular. Finally, during the cultural tour there will be the opportunity to witness lifestyles in a traditional Fijian village including some cooking demonstrations.

**Days 6 & 7 Wallis and Futuna Islands.** Well off the beaten track, Wallis and Futuna are part of the smallest of France's three South Pacific territories and sit on the threshold of Polynesia and Melanesia. Wallis is isolated from its neighbours geographically, culturally and politically with strong historical connections to Tonga. Here we will explore the interior of the island visiting Mata Utu Cathedral, the crater lakes of Mount Lulu Fakahega and the recently excavated fort at Talietumu. Nearby Futuna has closer links to Samoa and here we will discover the famous Church of Pierre Chanel, a peculiar church with a stepped tower erected to honour Polynesia's first and only Catholic Saint. Later we will enjoy nature walks on the beaches to take in the amazing scenery and wildlife.

**Day 8 At Sea.** Spend a relaxing day on board as we sail to Samoa. Spend time on deck, relax with a book in the library and attend some of the onboard lectures which will take place today.

**Day 9 Apia, Samoa.** Arrive this morning in Apia, the capital of Samoa which is regarded as the heart of Polynesia and where we will be guaranteed a warm welcome. Leaving the city behind we will make our way to the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum located in the house where the author spent his final years. After touring the house we can explore the 12 hectares of Botanical Gardens and possibly take a swim in the freshwater swimming hole. Those feeling active may also wish to walk to the grave of Robert Louis Stevenson which is situated on Mount Vaea offering wonderful views over the island. Returning to Apia we can spend some time shopping in the Maketi Fou, visit the museum of Samoa or learn about local traditions at the Cultural Village.

**Day 10 Niuatoputapu, Tonga.** After a morning at sea we arrive at Niuatoputapu in the Kingdom of Tonga, a lovely untouched island where tourists are still a rarity. With just 1000 residents and a land area of only 6.4 square kilometres the island is known for its natural beauty. There are wonderful beaches, sheltered lagoons, lush vegetation and crystal clear waters. We will spend the afternoon swimming or snorkelling from the beach or maybe join one of our expedition team for a nature walk.

**Day 11 Neiafu & Nuku Island, Vava'u.** We arrive during breakfast in the Vava'u islands, part of the kingdom of Tonga, and the pretty port of Neiafu. Spend the morning exploring the town independently, maybe visit the local market or enjoy a drink in a harbourside café. Alternatively join a tour to the Ene'io Botanical Gardens, founded in 1972 they are the only botanical gardens in Tonga. Here the local guides will identify some of the 550 different plant varieties found in the gardens. Over lunch we hope to reposition to the nearby Nuku Island and use our Zodiacs to find a suitable location to land and set up snorkelling activities. There are many different species of colourful tropical fish here and we hope to see the graceful black-and-yellow angelfish and curious clown fish on the surrounding reefs.

**Day 12 Nuku'alofa.** Spend the day in Nuku'alofa, the capital of Tonga, a laidback town on the island of Tongatapu. Having never been colonised by Europeans we will experience traditional Polynesian culture alongside beautiful beaches and spectacular natural wonders. We will see the historical



Nuku'alofa



Brown Booby, Vavau



Stingray



Taliétumu, Wallis and Futuna Islands



Sacred Heart Church, Levuka Island

Captain Cook landing site from his 1777 voyage, explore the Royal Palace (Tonga retains the last monarchy in the Polynesia), and the famous Tongan blowholes, considered the most spectacular in the South Pacific.

**Day 13 Fulaga, Fiji.** After a morning cruising we return to Fiji in the Southern Lau group and the island of Fulaga, famous for its woodcarving and the making of large outrigger canoes. Over 100 tiny islands in the Fulaga Lagoon have been undercut into extraordinary mushroom shapes and the surrounding waters are tinged with striking colours by the dissolved limestone. On arrival we hope to meet with the village elder to welcome us to the island before spending the afternoon chatting with the villagers, taking nature walks or using our Zodiacs to find a suitable beach to land for swimming, snorkelling or beachcombing.

**Day 14 Beqa Island.** Enjoy a final leisurely morning at sea before we arrive at lunchtime off Beqa Island. Situated just 10 kilometres off the coast of Viti Levu, this small island is encircled by one of the world's largest barrier reefs and dotted with villages renowned for their traditional fire walking. We will spend our final afternoon relaxing on one of the beaches, swim or snorkel in the clear waters surrounded by tropical fish or join members of the expedition team on a nature walk in the nearby rainforest.

**Day 15 Lautoka to London.** Disembark and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

**Day 16 London.** Arrive today.

## 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.

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£10295	£9995
Columbus	Superior	£10595	£10295
Marco Polo	Premium	£10995	£10695
Marco Polo	Corner	£11495	£11195
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£12795	£12495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£13195	£12895
Explorer	Island Suite	£13995	£13695
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£13295	£12995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£13595	£13295

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 12 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 • Gratuities • Shore excursions • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, US ESTA (required for transiting en-route).  
**FLIGHTS:** Please note that flight schedules and routings are yet to be released at the time of promotion. If you would like to break your journeys to and from Fiji, 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.

# MS ISLAND SKY



Friendly Service



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 Club



The Library

## 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.

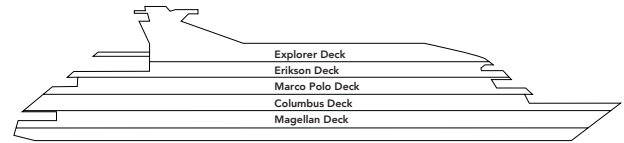
## Your Comfort

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.

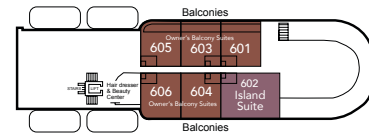
## Your Life On Board

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.

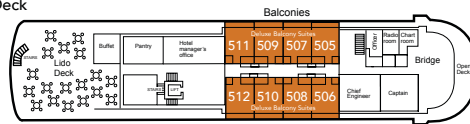
## MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



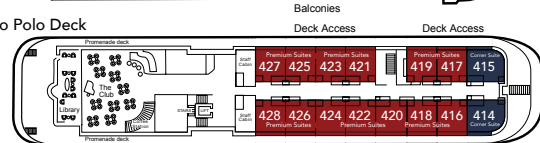
### Explorer Deck



### Erikson Deck



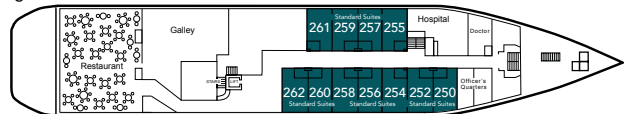
### Marco Polo Deck



### Columbus Deck



### Magellan Deck



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



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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