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NEW GUINEA, MICRONESIA & MELANESIA

2026 - 2027 VOYAGES



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A TRUE EXPEDITION ETHOS

PURPOSE BUILT SHIPS

WARM AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALITY

UNIQUELY DEEP CONNECTIONS



NEW GUINEA, MELANESIA & MICRONESIA
FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

Our long history of operating in remote New Guinea, Melanesia and Micronesia allows us to showcase these secluded frontiers, among the most isolated on the planet. Enjoy warm welcomes as you connect with village life and cultural traditions unchanged for millennia. Explore the famed archaeological site Nan Madol, known as the 'Venice of the Pacific'. Witness the power of nature as you gaze into the depths of an active volcano on Tanna Island. Snorkel and dive at almost every stop including world-renowned lagoons, pristine "blue holes" to remote biosphere reserves. Whilst ashore, admire intricate craft work passed down from generation to generation.

For 40 years, Coral Expeditions has operated with a single purpose – to take small groups of like-minded explorers to remote places with expert guidance and warm Australian hospitality.

There is no better way to explore and experience the spirit of Micronesia, Melanesia and Papua New Guinea than joining the unique itineraries of this epic series.

Voyage Series

- **Papua New Guinea Discoverer**
  12 Nights | Madang to Cairns | Oct 2026
- **Frontier Lands of Papua New Guinea**
  12 Nights | Cairns to Rabaul | Oct 2026 & 2027
- **Beyond Frontier Lands of Papua New Guinea**
  10 Nights | Rabaul to Port Moresby | Oct 2026 & 2027
- **Passage through the Melanesian Arc**
  14 Night | Port Moresby to Port Villa | Nov 2026 & Oct 2027

Expedition Note

These are expedition itineraries covering remote regions. Your Captain and Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise your experience. These itineraries are indicative - some variation may occur due to weather conditions, safety or local community requirements.

We recommend that you arrive to the embarkation port on the day prior to departure and schedule your own travel arrangements for the day following disembarkation due to unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

IMAGES 1 Tami Island cultural performance



WHY CHOOSE CORAL EXPEDITIONS

Our fleet of three specialised expedition ships and tenders take guests to some of the most beautiful, yet undiscovered islands and coastal regions of the world. Our guests are attracted by our relaxed small ship atmosphere and itineraries larger ships cannot replicate.

At a time when the cruise industry is moving to larger and less personal ships with more gimmicks, we have purposefully limited the size of our ships to maximise the expedition experience. Our cuisine is prepared in small batches from our onboard galley using quality Australian produce and wine. We operate to high Australian standards of safety with qualified Australian crew wherever we go. We were the first to offer interpretive programs reflective of the destinations we visit and to employ Expedition Leaders, Guest Lecturers, Marine Biologists, and SCUBA Instructors – a tradition that continues today.

- **We focus on the destinations.** Connecting guests with nature, culture, and heritage with more time ashore in remote natural areas away from the crowds.
- **A true expedition ethos.** Small ships mean fewer guests and more intimate and personal encounters along the way. We have deep respect and strong connections with the places we visit and maintain flexibility in our planning to make impromptu stops if extraordinary opportunities in nature present.
- **Warm Australian hospitality.** Our all-Australian crew are passionate and proud to share the adventure with you. Always attentive and caring with a friendly and approachable style in keeping with our Australian values.
- **Purpose built ships.** Designed for tropical expedition access, our fleet is comfortable, safe, and manoeuvrable enabling you to get in shallow and close to nature with ease where other operators cannot. Plenty of wide-open public spaces and all outward facing staterooms connect you with the destination.
- **Our unique Xplorer tenders.** The safari jeeps of the sea; our Xplorers enable guests safe and easy access onto excursions into remote rivers, reef systems and isolated beaches. All guests get out on excursion at once with no queues or waiting. Shade canopy to protect from the tropical sun, comfortable seats, open sides and audio systems enhance the journey. These are supported by Zodiacs along the way.
- **Local expertise that is unrivalled.** Our expert guides and local crew have decades of experience to draw on regarding the tides, the charts, and the seasons. We get you to the right place at the right time and always explore in a respectful and caring manner.
- **All inclusive.** Your cruise fare covers everything that matters most including excursions, activities, meals and drinks, expert guides, taxes, and fees. Unpack once and then simply relax and enjoy the experience.
- **Our service and care.** Our friendly staff and crew have one focus – to help you enjoy the trip of a lifetime. We will always be willing to assist and with a genuine care that is part of our culture.

This is true expedition cruising. At Coral Expeditions, we have built our reputation on offering a truly immersive and authentic expedition cruise experience. It is more relevant today than ever and sets us apart from the pack.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA DISCOVERER

MADANG TO CAIRNS

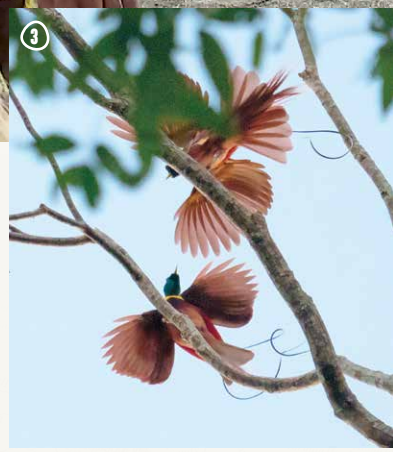
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Expedition Highlights

- Explore the very remote southwestern tip of New Britain Island, where evidence of ancient trade dates back 3,500 years.
- Dive and snorkel pristine coral reefs supporting community-driven marine conservation programmes.
- Experience authentic village life among Papua New Guinea's 850 distinct tribal cultures and languages.
- Support Dr Marianne George's traditional voyaging revival project, helping preserve endangered Pacific navigation knowledge for future generations.
- Gain insights from our expert Guest Lecturers, who have worked alongside us in the region for over twelve years.





Includes Charter Flight from Cairns to Madang



ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > MADANG TO CAIRNS

DAY 1: MADANG
Make your own way to the Cairns International Airport for check-in and charter briefing before joining the charter flight. After the charter flight guests will be transferred from Madang Airport to Madang Resort, where light finger food and refreshments will be provided.

Board *Coral Discoverer* at 4:00pm in this bustling Papua New Guinea port town, where your remote island adventure begins. Join our expedition staff as they introduce you to the journey and the many experiences you will enjoy. This evening, join the Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow guests as the sun sets.

UMBOI & TUAM ISLAND
Discover volcanic Umboi's cultural heritage, then explore Tuam Island's rich trading history dating to the Holocene era and unique windbreak innovations.

KUMBUN ISLAND & PULIA RIVER
Cross the Dampier Strait to visit Apalo Village on New Britain Island's remote southwestern tip. Engage with local fishing life and the methods and customs that exist today. In the afternoon, cruise the jungle-flanked Pulia River by Xplorer.

LABABIA VILLAGE & BIANGATU ISLAND
Experience colourful welcome rituals and traditional bilum weaving demonstrations at this seaside village on Papua's mainland. Spend the afternoon exploring the biodiverse underwater worlds of Biangatu Island. Snorkelling and diving is available in Biangatu Island.

SEA DAY
Enjoy onboard activities and presentations as we sail towards the remote islands of southeastern Papua New Guinea. Take time to process the cultural connections you've already made on this unique voyage.

GOODENOUGH & WAGIFA ISLAND
Engage with vocational training and climate resilience projects in Bolu Bolu Village. Visit the community tourism school and enjoy water activities at nearby Wagifa Island, perfect for snorkelling and diving.

SEWA BAY & BOIA BOIA WAGA ISLAND
Choose between a moderate jungle walk to search for wildlife or visit Pwanapwana Village for a cultural experience. Later, relax on the white beaches of uninhabited Boia Boia Waga Island. Snorkelling and diving is available.

DEBOYNE ISLAND & SURROUNDING LAGOONS
The ship will be positioned for the best water activities based on conditions. The Deboyne Lagoon features diverse reefs and islands teeming with marine life, offering excellent opportunities for kayaking and snorkelling.

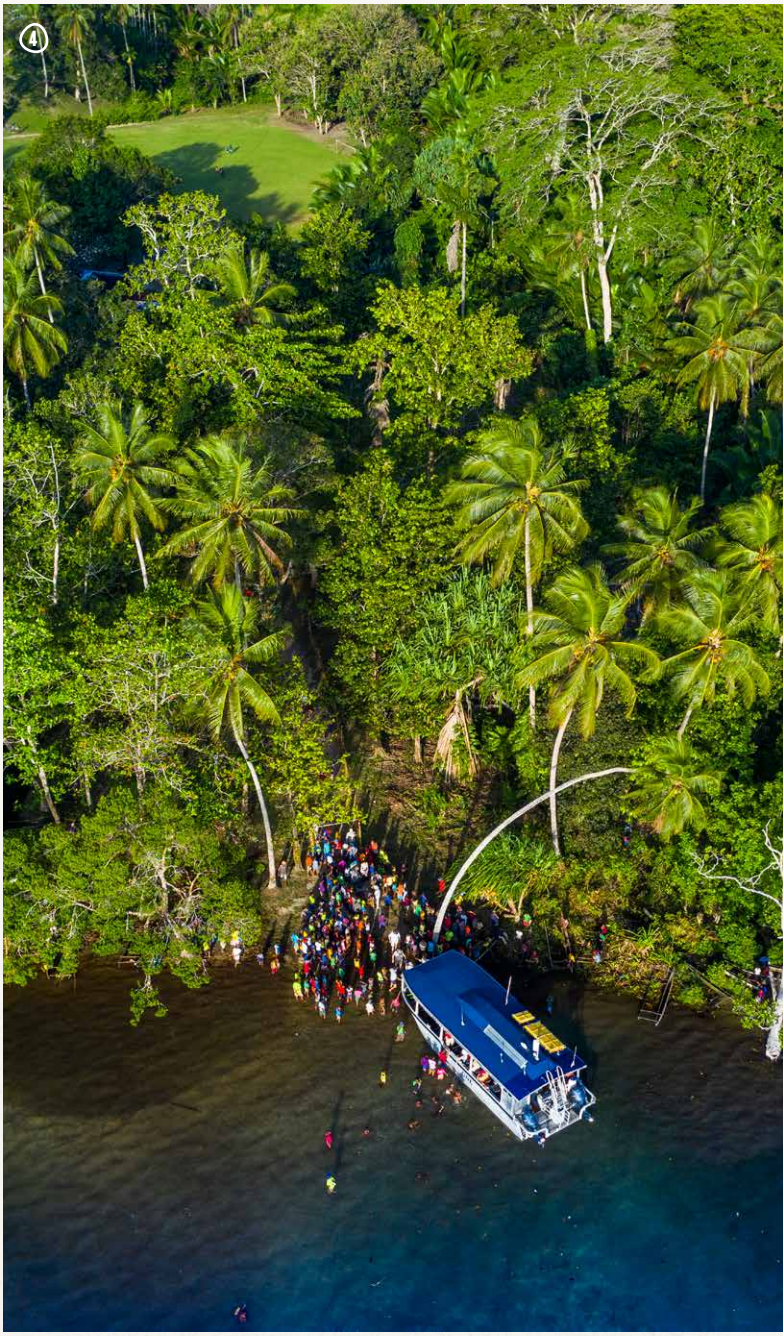
EXPLORATION OF THE CALVADOS CHAIN
Discover pristine atolls in the Calvados chain. Your Expedition Team will source the best locations for snorkelling, diving, swimming and kayaking amongst these remote coral formations.

TAWALI & NUAKATA ISLAND
This morning, rise early for a walk in search of endemic bird-of-paradise through uneven jungle pathways. Enjoy a traditional Mumu lunch before visiting Nuakata Island to learn about the Hale Vaka Initiative and traditional canoe building.

SAMARAI
Discover the island of Samarai, once a key maritime hub connecting Australia and East Asia. Stroll through its vibrant local markets and learn about its pivotal role in regional trade and navigation before continuing towards the Coral Sea.

CORAL SEA
Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as we sail towards Australia. Reflect on your Papua New Guinea discoveries and enjoy presentations about the remarkable places you've visited.

DAY 13: ARRIVE CAIRNS
Disembark at 8:00am and enjoy complimentary transfers to Port Vila hotels and the airport.



IMAGES 1 Enjoy the colours and traditions of a welcome ritual, Lababia Village | 2 From jungle walks to cultural experiences, snorkelling & diving, Sewa Bay has something for everyone | 3 Venture through jungle looking for bird-of-paradise | 4 Shore landings on teh Xplorer tender, Papua New Guinea

FRONTIER LANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CAIRNS TO RABAUL

12 NIGHTS | DEPARTS 16 OCTOBER 2026, 22 SEPTEMBER 2027

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Expedition Highlights

- Walk to the mythical Dei Dei Hot Springs and snorkel the bubbling springs reef at Fergusson Island.
- Snorkel and dive the world-famous reefs of the picturesque Tufi fjords, transported ashore on outriggers.
- Pay tribute to Australian and Japanese soldiers who lost their lives during the battle of Buna.
- Visit the craft markets of Dregerhafen, famous for their traditional tami bowls and timber paddles.
- Cruise up the mighty Sepik River to meet Papua New Guinea's most talented artists and carvers.
- Explore Kimbe Bay's coral crucible, home to over 860 tropical fish species and 400 coral varieties.





Note: No Charter Flight from Port Vila



ITINERARY: 12 NIGHTS > CAIRNS TO RABAUL

DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS
Arrive at Trinity Wharf (berth to be advised) for boarding at 7:30am for a 9:00am departure. Cruise across the Coral Sea and spend the afternoon relaxing as you are welcomed onboard *Coral Adventurer.* Join our expedition staff as they introduce you to the journey and the many experiences you will enjoy. This evening, join the Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow guests as the sun sets.

AT SEA
Spend today relaxing onboard, listen and learn from our Guest Lecturer presentations, or enjoy an engine room or bridge tour.

SAMARAI ISLAND
Clear into Papua New Guinea at this historic former administrative capital, once the second largest settlement after Port Moresby. Choose to explore colonial Samarai and purchase pearls or snorkel at nearby Ebuma Island.

DOBU ISLAND & DEI DEI SPRINGS
Walk to the mythical Dei Dei Hot Springs, where locals share spiritual tales and still cook food in palm frond baskets. Learn about the ancient Kula Ring trading network at Dobu Island and snorkel the bubbling springs reef.

KUIAWA ISLAND | TROBRIAND ISLANDS
Visit the famous 'Islands of Love' where Trobriand Islanders employ traditional magic to grow better produce. Witness cultural performances, browse local markets and swim off pristine beaches in this Polynesian-influenced community.

TUFI FJORD
Explore the spectacular fjords of Cape Nelson, famous for tapa cloth production. Enjoy cultural demonstrations, nature walks, and world-class snorkelling and diving amongst uncharted reefs in this dramatic landscape.

BUNA & SANANANDA
Pay tribute at these significant World War II battlefields where fierce fighting occurred between Australian, American and Japanese forces. Visit the village-built War Museum and experience traditional welcomes honouring all sides.

DREGERHAFEN, MOROBE
Experience a high-spirited welcome at Gingala Village and browse the markets, famous for their traditional Tami bowls and timber paddles. Enjoy water activities in pristine lagoons surrounded by the stunning coastline of the Finschhafen district.

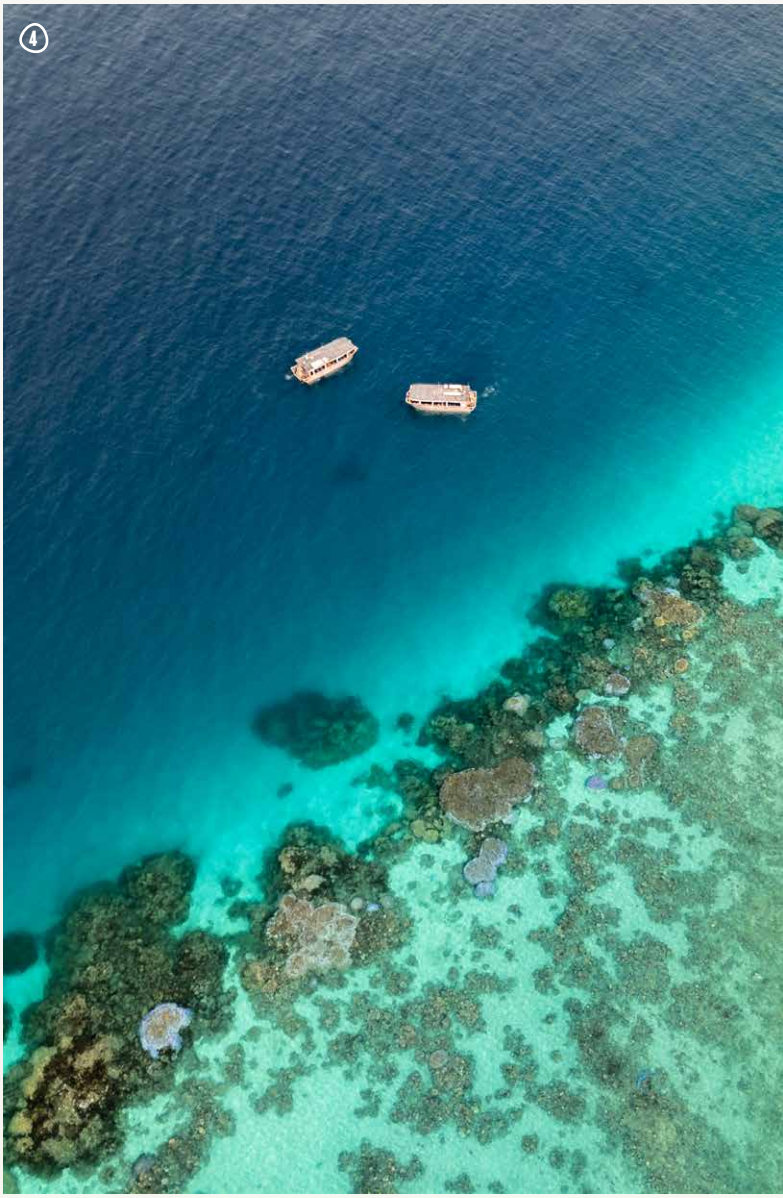
MADANG
Discover Madang, the capital of Madang Province, named during the late German administration in the 1890s. Visit Bilbil village for traditional clay pot demonstrations and the Coast Watchers monument, then spend the afternoon diving, relaxing at the waterside Madang Resort, or browsing the town's vibrant markets.

SEPIK RIVER
Navigate Papua New Guinea's longest river, renowned as one of the world's most prolific art-producing regions. Visit Bien village to meet master carvers, enjoy traditional performances, and cruise by Xplorer to spot a diverse array of wildlife.

AT SEA
Sail towards New Britain while enjoying presentations about the remarkable coral reef systems ahead. Reflect on the incredible cultural connections you've made throughout Papua New Guinea's diverse frontier regions.

KIMBE BAY
Explore the 'coral crucible' with over 860 tropical fish species and 400 coral varieties. Join traditional sing-sings at the Catholic Mission before swimming, snorkelling and diving at the spectacular Witu Islands.

DAY 13: ARRIVE RABAUL
Disembark at 8:00am in this dramatic volcanic harbour town. For those wanting to explore more, consider adding on our Beyond Frontiers of Papua New Guinea voyage.



IMAGES 1 Dei Dei hot springs | 2 Cultural performance, Kuiawa Island | 3 Watch the traditional methods of Bilbil village pottery artisans
4 Xplorer tenders deliver you to pristine reefs, leaving nothing but memories

BEYOND FRONTIERS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

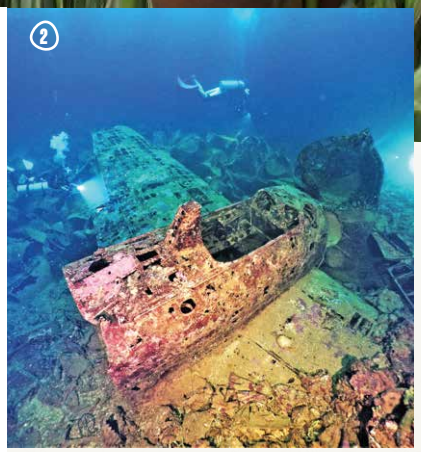
RABAUL TO PORT MORESBY

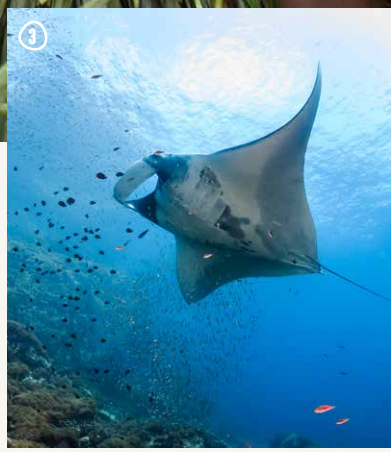
10 NIGHTS | DEPARTS 28 OCTOBER 2026, 4 OCTOBER 2027



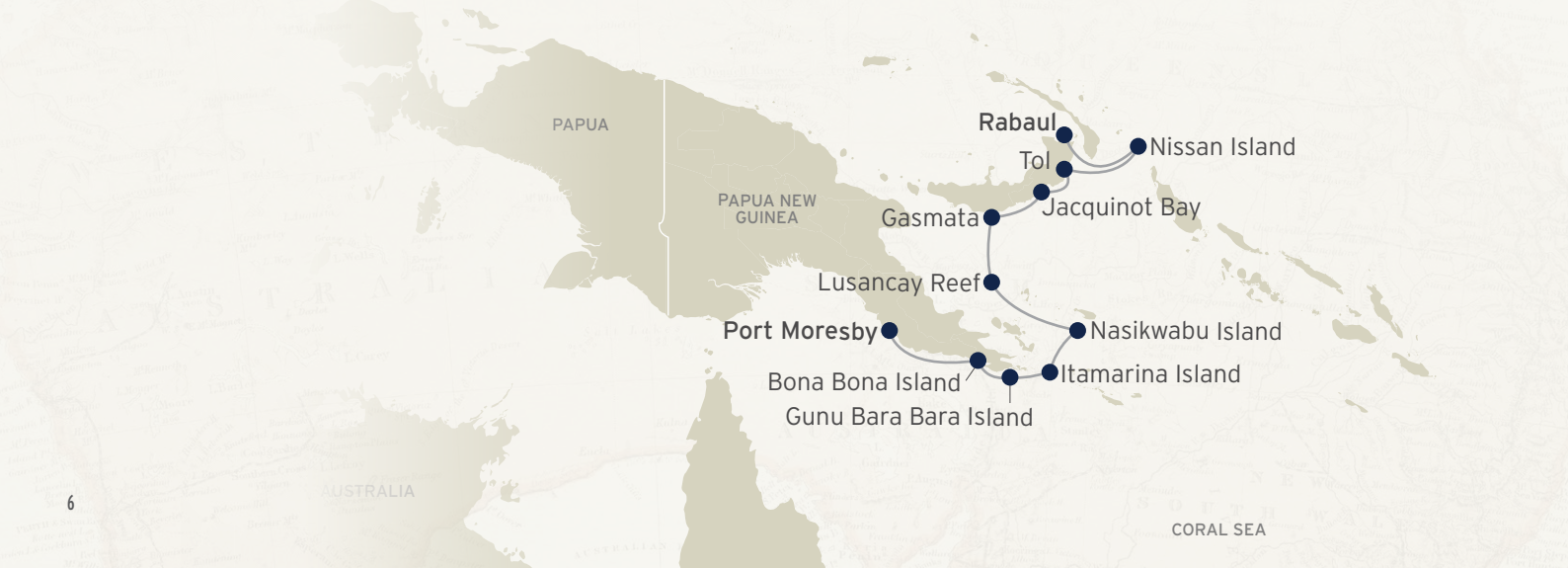
Expedition Highlights

- Dive and snorkel remote beaches and atolls of the Solomon Sea and Milne Bay.
- Delve into climate resilience programmes and World War II history on Nissan Island, Bougainville.
- Enjoy a local seafood lunch with villagers and commemorate lives lost at the Tol massacre site.
- Explore ancient traditions of the Kula Ring in remote island communities.
- Scout temperate waters for elusive manta rays, green and hawksbill sea turtles.
- Visit the newly erected Australian War Memorial sites honouring fallen soldiers.





Note: No Charter Flights included



ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > RABAUL TO PORT MORESBY

DAY 1: DEPART RABAUL
Board Coral Adventurer at 4:00pm in this bustling Papua New Guinea port town, where your remote island adventure begins. Join our expedition staff as they introduce you to the journey and the many experiences you will enjoy. This evening, join the Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow guests as the sun sets.

NISSAN ISLAND (GREEN ISLAND)
Discover significant World War II history, alongside innovative climate resilience programs. Meet Andrew Buka, who facilitates community development projects, including solar power and water supply initiatives, addressing climate change impacts.

TOL, NEW BRITAIN ISLAND
Visit the memorial commemorating 160 Australian soldiers of the 2/22nd Battalion executed here in 1942. On return, enjoy a seafood lunch prepared by village women and explore Japanese caves or visit the local high school.

JACQUINOT BAY
Explore this tranquil bay with white sandy beaches and tropical palms. Visit the spectacular waterfall flowing from mountainside to beach, engage with villagers at the local carving market and cruise the Kalamalage River to a World War II flagpole.

GASMATA (LINDEN HARBOUR)
Honour fallen Australian soldiers at the newly erected 2025 memorial. Discover Dr. Andrew Forrest's connection to this location and experience cultural performances before exploring Japanese World War II wrecks and limestone karst formations—diving option available at Linden Reef, including Japanese plane wreck diving and Elsie's Reef for snorkelling.

LUSANCAY REEF
Enjoy pristine waters at this uninhabited reef perfect for swimming, diving and snorkelling. The crystal-clear waters showcase fantastic coral and marine biodiversity, making it an ideal location for beach refreshments in paradise.

NASIKWABU (ALCESTER) ISLAND
Immerse yourself in the ancient Kula ring traditions and the rich culture of Milne Bay. Experience traditional welcome ceremonies and cultural performances before enjoying water activities in these remote Kiriwina Islands.

ITAMARINA ISLAND
Visit the turtle sanctuary where conservation efforts protect nesting green and hawksbill turtles. Engage with local sea rangers working to support Papua New Guinea's blue economy through marine protection initiatives. Snorkelling and diving opportunities available.

GUNU BARA BARA ISLAND
Search for manta rays at their cleaning station on this island home to just 20 members of the Mailulu family. Discover blue economy opportunities while savouring local delicacies, such as sago fish patties.

BONA BONA ISLAND & DELIMA ISLAND
Experience village life and spot a diverse array of birdlife, including pied imperial pigeons and eclectus parrots. Learn about palm oil plantation impacts before moving to Delima Island for exceptional reef diving and snorkelling.

DAY 11: PORT MORESBY
Disembark at 8:30am in Papua New Guinea's capital, biding farewell to new-found friends, the Captain and crew.



IMAGES 1 Rom dance, Ambrym | 2 Divers will have the opportunity to explore World War II wrecks in Gasmata | 3 Keep on the lookout for manta ray above and below the water, especially near Gunu Bara Bara Island | 4 Kula, also known as the Kula exchange or Kula ring, is a ceremonial exchange system conducted in the Milne Bay Province

PASSAGE THROUGH THE MELANESIAN ARC

PORT MORESBY TO PORT VILA

15 NIGHTS | DEPARTS 7 NOVEMBER 2026

14 NIGHTS | DEPARTS 14 OCTOBER 2027

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Expedition Highlights

- Cruise the remote and spectacular Louisiade archipelago of Papua New Guinea.
- Learn about local 'kastom' and kula ring trading during authentic village visits.
- Partake in conservation efforts by helping release turtle hatchlings at the Arnarvon Islands.
- Snorkel and dive in the world's most significant double barrier, enclosed reef saltwater lagoon at Marovo Lagoon.
- See the iconic Rom dance at volcanic Ambrym, Vanuatu's black magic centre.
- Delve into the ancient skills of Lakatoi artisans and their remarkable seafaring history.





Note: No Charter Flight from Port Vila



ITINERARY: 15 NIGHTS > PORT MORESBY TO PORT VILA

DAY 1: DEPART PORT MORESBY
Meet at the provided hotel (TBA) meeting room from 2:30pm for transfers to *Coral Adventurer*. Board at 4:00pm, where you will meet our expedition staff as they introduce you to the journey and the many experiences you will enjoy. This evening, join the Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow guests as the sun sets.

AT SEA
Enjoy onboard presentations about Melanesian culture and the fascinating anthropological history of how Austronesian and Papuan peoples populated these islands through the centuries.

LOUISIADE ARCHIPELAGO
Swim over a nearly intact Japanese Zero fighter plane in Deboyne Lagoon and connect with villagers maintaining traditional subsistence lifestyles. In the afternoon, explore limestone karst caves and snorkel at spectacular Panasia Beach.

LAUGHLAN ATOLL
Witness the traditional canoe-building mastery in this remote archipelago. Meet the friendly villagers of Bodaluna and learn about their subsistence gardening, fishing and participation in the ancient Kula Ring trading network.

GHIZO & NJARI ISLAND
Enter the Solomons Islands with clearance via Kennedy Island, where former President John F Kennedy swam ashore during World War II. Snorkel the crystal-clear waters of uninhabited Njari Island, teeming with colourful corals and marine life.

KEREHIKAPA - ARNARVON ISLANDS
Participate in conservation efforts by helping to release turtle hatchlings from this important breeding sanctuary. Learn about loggerhead, green and hawksbill turtle protection in this 40,000-acre marine conservation area.

MAROVO LAGOON - UEPI ISLAND
Explore one of the world's largest double barrier enclosed lagoons, a natural wonder proposed for World Heritage listing. Meet expert carvers famous for intricate ebony pieces with rosewood and mother-of-pearl inlays.

MARAU SOUND
Experience the mesmerising Ëtëtung water dance performed by women in hand-woven costumes. This soothing sonic and visual performance creates hypnotic rhythms through water while singing traditional songs. Here, the Marau people depend on their natural environment, practicing subsistence farming and fishing.

SANTA ANA ISLAND
Discover this small island famous for elaborate bone fishhooks and imaginative fishing floats. Walk through forests filled with colourful orchids and learn about the Austrian anthropologist who studied this community in 1932.

AT SEA
Sail towards Vanuatu while enjoying presentations about the volcanic islands ahead and their unique cultural practices, including cargo cults and traditional dance ceremonies. Enjoy onboard program with lectures and cooking demonstration.

ESPIRITU SANTO - LUGANVILLE
As we enter Vanuatu, for divers, explore Million Dollar Point, where Americans sunk vehicles after World War II rather than sell them. Dive amongst wrecks turned into coral reefs, now home to diverse marine life and swim in the one of Malo Island's mysterious 'blue holes'.

AMBRYM ISLAND- FANLA
Witness the famous Rom dance performed in the shadow of active Benbow and Marum volcanoes. This traditional ceremony connects men to the spirit world on Vanuatu's 'black magic' island with its iconic black sand beaches.

MASKELYNE ISLANDS
Our morning begins in Peskarus Village where we join a walking tour through the community and gain a glimpse into everyday life. It is an opportunity to meet locals hear stories from village life and experience the rhythms of this remote island setting. Weather permitting guests may also experience traditional island travel across the lagoon by dugout canoe or handcrafted sailing canoe guided by local seafarers.

In the afternoon we visit Sakao Island, uninhabited, cloaked in rainforest and fringed by vibrant coral reefs. Dugongs are frequently sighted in these waters providing excellent opportunities to observe them from our xplorer tender as we travel to and from the ship.

NGUNA ISLAND
Snorkel or dive in the Nguna-Pele Marine Protected Area amongst stunning coral gardens, sea grass beds and mangrove forests. An optional, challenging hike to extinct volcano craters Mount Tapuora and Mount Marow is recommended for the very fit.

TANNA ISLAND - WAISISI
Take a 4WD trip to peer into active Mount Yasur volcano, whose glow attracted Captain Cook in 1774. Learn about the unique John Frum Cargo Cult and Tannese culture on this remarkably fertile island.

DAY 15: ARRIVE PORT VILA
Disembark at 7:00am in Vanuatu's capital. Reflect on the cultural connections you've made across Melanesia's sacred islands, carrying with you a deeper understanding of these remarkable Pacific communities.

Please note: *This brochure reflects the 2026 itinerary. As itineraries may vary slightly from year to year, please refer to our website for the latest 2027 itinerary details.*



IMAGES 1 Explore some of the world's most remote tropical islands | 2 On Santa Ana Island, Solomon Islands, panpipes are often crafted in a distinctive boat shape, echoing local maritime traditions 3 Explore Marovo Lagoon, Uepi Island | 4 Take a 4WD tour to enjoy scenic views on your way to the summit of volcano Mount Yasur

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

EXPEDITION LOG

Voyage	Frontier Lands of Papua New Guinea	Master	Jacopo Barchetti
Vessel	*Coral Adventurer*	Expedition Leader	Jamie Anderson
Depart	Cairns 30 October 2019	Guest Lecturer	Chris Ballard
Arrive	Madang 12 November 2019		



Day 3 | Samarai Island & Sewa Bay

After lunch, we edged through the narrow passage into beautiful Sewa Bay, on the west coast of Normanby Island, where the Xplorer landed us on the beach at Pwanapwana village. We were greeted by a throng of children and their parents and led along an avenue of trees to the grounds of the community school. Seated under an L-shaped canopy of pandanus thatch, we were treated to a series of dances by the school children, all dressed in traditional clothing, and then led to a series of different demonstrations of pandanus weaving, sago processing and local cooking. Many of the school teachers and children kindly guided us up the hill behind the school and into their homes, and then the entire community followed us down to the water's edge, where Bosun Bryan revved up the Xplorer's engines, showering the more adventurous kids with spray, to their absolute delight.



Day 4 | Dei Dei (Ferguson Island) & Dobu Island

We took up a position off the smaller conical volcanic island of Dobu, its ash slopes deeply scored by eroded valleys. With volcanoes to our right and left, and geysers and vents elsewhere we were now well within the Ring of Fire! We were also now in the area known as the Kula ring, a traditional network of exchange involving ancient shell and stone valuables in which Dobu Island played a central part. Senior chiefs in the hierarchical societies of these islands continue to participate in these competitive and prestige exchanges which see white armshells called mwali move in a more or less counter-clockwise direction between the D'Entrecasteaux and Trobriand Island groups, against a counter-current of bagi shell necklaces moving clockwise. Dobu is one of the most famous mission stations in PNG, with an old church bearing the name of the first missionary, William Bromilow, and where we were treated to delightful renditions of the national anthem by schoolchildren, followed by dances and a display of Kula valuables, strung out along a pole.











Day 5 | Kuiawa Island (Trobriand Islands)

At 0800 we headed ashore to magical Kuiawa on the Xplorer. Even within the Trobriand Islands, Kuiawa is relatively remote and removed from the main island of Kiriwina, and the local villagers were out in force to greet us. We were given an official welcome and then enjoyed several traditional Trobriand dances and songs performed by all age groups. The costumes, instruments and style of dancing were notably different to anything we had experienced so far. The Trobriands are expert carvers and their style is unique. Proud mothers and sisters would dash out from the crowd to hang shell necklaces over the dancers. As guests were shown through the village by enthusiastic guides there were small stalls along the way where we could purchase our own piece of the Trobriands and take home an expertly made carving or woven basket.

After lunch on board the ship, it was time to get in the water and enjoy some excellent snorkelling on the reef at the entrance to Kuiawa village. Other guests chose to return to shore and spend more time in the village.

Day 6 | Tufi Fjord & Natade Village

Traditional canoes expertly steered by children and led by a magnificent leader standing on a canoe platform to deliver his welcome, ferried us across to a welcome by black-painted warriors and girls throwing petals. On a grassy expanse in the pretty village of Natade, dancers performed for us, dressed in beaten barkcloth or tapa, decorated with ancient clan designs, and sporting elaborate headdresses topped with the plumes of Raggiana birds-of-paradise, cassowary and cockatoos. This was followed by a number of well-designed demonstrations of traditional practices, including the tattooing of women's faces, fire-making, the production and decoration of tapa, and the application of traditional medicines. A stunning range of local artefacts, including lengths of decorated tapa, shell necklaces and string bags, was available in a market that sprang up out of nowhere, and the dancers continued to beat their drums long after we had filed back to the landing and returned to the ship for lunch.

Day 7 | Buna & Sanananda

The Xplorer landed us, much like troops in the war, on the black sand beach of Buna, only we were greeted by a line of beautiful children wearing traditional costumes and placing flower garlands over our heads. We then enjoyed a powerful traditional dance by senior men beating hand drums and women holding sheets of tapa barkcloth over their heads.

From there some walked in groups along the long beach while others took the Xplorer to Buna government station, where we read a number of commemorative plaques put up in memory of fallen US and Australian soldiers. Passing an aircraft wing inserted vertically into the ground, we walked up a long straight road through Buna village, visiting the local medical aid post and a small community museum which had been opened just the day before, stocked with helmets, weapons and the other debris of war found in the surrounding fields.











INCLUSIONS

- All excursions with our Expedition Team
- Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and Kayaks
- Snorkelling equipment
- Daily lectures and briefings with Guest Lecturers
- All meals, chef-prepared on board
- Captain's welcome and farewell events, and open bridge access
- Selected wines, selected beers and house spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- 24-hour barista-style coffee and tea station
- Wifi Access – standard connectivity for messaging and staying in touch while travelling remotely
- All entrance fees to National Parks, ports, traditional owner fees and charges imposed by governing authorities
- Tips and gratuities
- Use of all onboard facilities, incl. a reference library
- Your expedition photos captured during the voyage

CUISINE & WINE

On board you will discover a personal and relaxed atmosphere befitting our Australian heritage. We do not have formal nights, organised entertainment or designated seating. Instead, you will enjoy a convivial atmosphere shared by like-minded explorers, our experienced and friendly crew always at hand.

Enjoy freshly prepared meals from the open galley featuring local ingredients from the regions we visit. Relax in the spacious and open atmosphere of our indoor and outdoor bars and dining areas. Enjoy craft beers, artisanal spirits and wines sourced from Australia and New Zealand's finest terroirs at the end of a long day ashore.

WINE SELECTIONS

We offer two wine packages, which guests may purchase in addition to our house selection, which feature hand-selected Australian wines and French Champagne.

- **A Taste of Australia Selection:** Six bottles featuring Australian wines - three reds, two whites and a rosé.
- **Connoisseur Selection:** Six bottles featuring two whites, three reds and French Champagne.

IMAGES 1 Chefs at work | 2 Dinner served onboard *Coral Adventurer* | 3 Sunset drinks on the Vista Deck



CORAL ADVENTURER

Passengers: 120 | **Staterooms:** 60
Length: 93.4m | **Draught:** 4.5m | **Tonnage:** 5,516

Our expedition vessel, *Coral Adventurer*, will be your home for this voyage. *Coral Adventurer* accommodates 110 guests in 60 spacious staterooms, with all Explorer Deck staterooms, Bridge Deck staterooms and suites offering private balconies.

With over 1000sqm of open deck space including a wrap-around promenade deck with panoramic views, *Coral Adventurer* features spacious and vibrant living spaces inspired by the company's Australian ethos and the wide-open spaces the ship visits. Multiple indoor and outdoor bars, including the Xplorer bar on the sundeck, a well-equipped gym and a passenger elevator creates an environment designed for guest comfort.

Coral Adventurer is purpose-built for comfortable ocean voyages and for exploring remote areas inaccessible to larger cruise ships. The ship's lightweight dual Xplorer expedition tenders extend the capabilities of the ship by allowing deeper exploration, on shore excursions and an easy, step-on embarkation from the ship's main deck. *Coral Adventurer* also features advanced technologies and environmentally-responsible design, including anchor-free technology and efficient water and waste recycling systems.

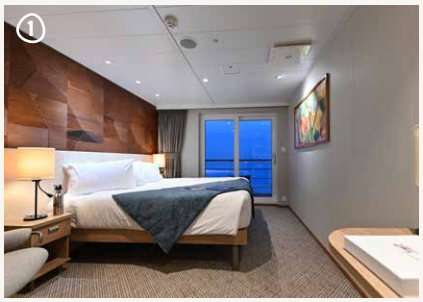
As an Australian flagged and crewed vessel, you can expect the highest standard of service, environmental responsibility and the intimate and personal experience of small-ship cruising on *Coral Adventurer*.

Features

· 2 Xplorer tenders, 6 Zodiacs · Navigator Lounge in Bridge · Single seat dining · Three cocktail bars · Well-equipped gym · elevator · Anchor-free technology

Stateroom Categories

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites	· *55.8sqm · Private Balcony*
Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms	· *21.4sqm · Private Balcony*
Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms	· *21.4sqm · Private Balcony*
Promenade Deck Staterooms	· *17sqm · Picture Window*
Coral Deck Staterooms	· *17sqm · Porthole Window*





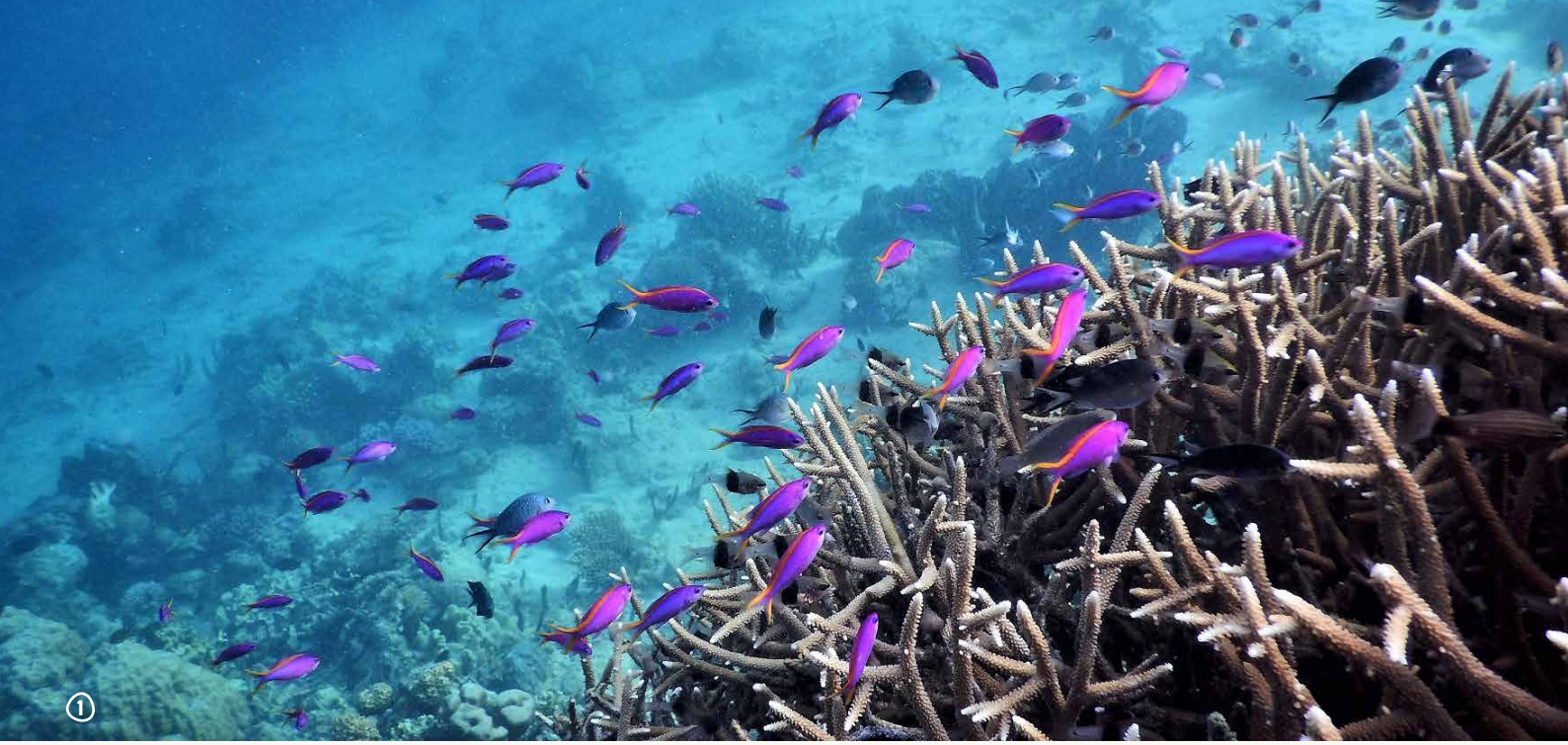








IMAGES 1 Explorer Deck Stateroom | 2 Bridge Deck Suite Bathroom | 3 Bridge Deck lounge | 4 Xplorer | 5 Toasts on the vista deck | 6 Dining room









IMAGES 1 Purple queen fish, Fly Islands | 2 Preparing food, Boisa Island | 3 Lamotrek, Caroline Islands | 4 Dancer, Kofure Village

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