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UNRIVALLED LOCAL EXPERTISE

A TRUE EXPEDITION ETHOS

PURPOSE BUILT SHIPS

WARM AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALITY

UNIQUELY DEEP CONNECTIONS



RAJA AMPAT & SPICE ISLANDS
FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

The rich history and diverse marine life of Raja Ampat and Spice Islands are brought to life on this 18-night voyage. Retrace the ancient trade routes of spice merchants trading Chinese silks for cloves, Indian cotton for nutmeg and Arabian coffee for pepper.

Explore some of the hundreds of rarely visited islands of Raja Ampat whose waters harbour over 75% of the world's coral species. At Cenderawasih Bay, swim with the gentle whale sharks – the largest living non-mammalian vertebrate – in what guests describe as a 'once in a lifetime experience.' Walk through vibrant village markets. Experience a traditional welcome at Banda Neira where our ship is serenaded by kora kora canoes.

Enjoy the view over sunset drinks at 17th century Dutch Fort Belgica. Climb atop Mount Pindito to marvel at one of the world's most photographed marine scenes: the jagged green limestone cliffs and crystal clear water of Wayag.

Voyage Series

› **Raja Ampat & Spice Islands**
18 Nights | Departures between Darwin & Sorong
Dec 2026
Jan, Aug & Sep 2027

Voyages also in Indonesia

› **Island Empires & Ancient Mariners**
14 Nights | Makassar to Darwin
Nov & Dec 2026
(View details online)

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 following disembarkation due to unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

IMAGES Cover: Xplorer tenders cruising through Wayag, Raja Ampat - credit @Nomadasaurus | Inside cover: Gunung Api Reef, Banda Neira



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 maneuverable 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.

RAJA AMPAT & SPICE ISLANDS

DARWIN & SORONG

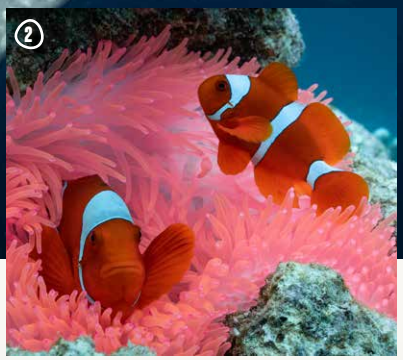
18 NIGHTS | DEC 2026, JAN, AUG & SEP 2027

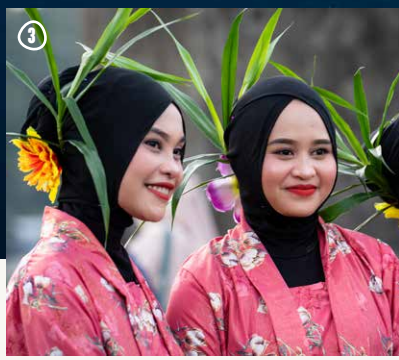
Charter flight included



Expedition Highlights

- Indulge with five days in spectacular Raja Ampat, the famed 'Four Kings' archipelago
- Swim in the turquoise waters of Balbulol in Misool
- Swim with the gentle and majestic whale sharks at Cenderawasih Bay, the world's largest fish
- Be welcomed to Banda Neira by the exciting spectacle of the traditional Kora Kora canoes
- Explore the ancient kingdoms fought over by English, Dutch, and Portuguese explorers
- Learn the customs & cultures of West Papua and Indonesia, and experience local culture, including traditional dances, handicrafts and fresh local food







This itinerary is an indication of the destinations we visit and activities on offer. Throughout the expedition we may make changes to the itinerary as necessary to maximise your expeditionary experience. Allowances may be made for seasonal variations, weather, tidal conditions, cultural ceremonies, and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel.



IMAGES 1 Whale shark, Cenderawasih Bay - credit @ashkarasphotography | 2 Clown fish spotted on expedition 3 Dance performers, Fort Belgica | 4 Snorkelling from the Xplorer in Wayag

ITINERARY: 18 NIGHTS > BETWEEN DARWIN & SORONG

This itinerary is based on a Darwin departure, slight variances occur when departing from Sorong.

DEPART DARWIN OR SORONG

Embark Darwin: Board at Darwin's Fort Hill Wharf for departure.

Embark Sorong: ***An optional charter flight is available from Darwin.*** Make your way to check in at Darwin International Airport for a departure accompanied by our Expedition Team. On arrival in Sorong, you will be transferred to Sorong Wharf for embarking. Alternatively if you have opted out of the charter flight please make your way to Sorong Wharf.

As dusk falls, join your fellow travellers for the Captain's Welcome.

SEA DAY | TIMOR SEA

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea crossing the Timor Sea. Attend briefings on Raja Ampat, Indonesian customs and your upcoming destinations. Use this time to unwind, get acquainted with fellow guests and enjoy Coral Geographer's facilities.

YAMDENA ISLAND - SPICE ISLANDS

Visit the village of Tumbur for a cultural welcome. Meet local woodcarvers and Ikat weavers and explore artisan traditions. Purchase authentic Tanimbarese crafts before returning to the ship for an afternoon at sea toward Banda Neira.

BANDA NEIRA - SPICE ISLANDS

On our approach to Banda Neira, witness the outline of Gunung Api volcano. Admire the photo-worthy spectacle of Moluku paddlers propelling kora kora canoes with their elaborately carved figureheads. Snorkel and dive over the nearby lava flow reef system or explore ashore and enjoy local tea and snacks on the waterfront.

Later in the afternoon, there is time to explore Fort Belgica, built by the first Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) in 1611. The pentagonal shaped fort is extremely well preserved and provides an interesting insight into Dutch colonization. Join the locals for a traditional dance and music performance before enjoying a glass of sparkling wine as the sun sets over the fort.

MOLANA ISLAND & SAPARUA ISLAND - SPICE ISLANDS

Snorkel shallow coral reefs at Molana Island. Later, receive a warm welcome at Saparua Island, tour Fort Duurstede and witness local war dances with cultural adornments—a vivid look into Maluku Island traditions and Dutch-Indonesian history.

SERAM ISLAND - SPICE ISLANDS

Visit Saleman Village on Seram Island. One of the oldest villages in the Maluku islands, Saleman is set in the middle of the Banda Sea, with simple stilt homes over the ocean and a spectacular Karst landscape. Take a meandering walk through the village, engage in local life or go snorkelling in the afternoon.

MANAWOKA ISLAND - SPICE ISLANDS

After negotiating a landing on Manawoka Island guests will walk with local guides to the geological site of Lake Sole – a freshwater lagoon of limestone geology that is connected to the sea by an underground cavern. Kayaking may be possible at the beach, subject to weather conditions.

MISOOL - RAJA AMPAT

Enter the heart of Raja Ampat with a stop at Misool. Kayak or swim among limestone karsts in crystal clear waters. Dive or snorkel vibrant coral gardens in some of the world's most pristine marine habitats.

KOFIAU ISLAND - RAJA AMPAT

Be welcomed by village dancers from their traditional pontoon boats before leading us ashore at Deer Village where local villagers escort us through the home. Birders have the opportunity to take a jungle walk to spot the endemic Kofiau Paradise Kingfisher before rejoining the village walk. After lunch, you dive, snorkel and swim in the uniquely featured Boo Kecil – if lucky, you'll get to see mantas rays!

WAIGEO ISLAND & FRIWAN WALL - RAJA AMPAT

Early risers may spot red, or Wilson's bird-of-paradise on a pre-dawn jungle walk. This afternoon, snorkel and dive the nearby reef system at Friwan.

KABUI BAY - RAJA AMPAT

Weather permitting Kayak this pristine karst lined secluded green water bay or snorkel and dive The Passage.

SEA DAY

Enjoy a leisurely sea day as the ship heads towards Cenderawasih bay. Attend guest lectures, review the journey so far, or relax with a book on deck as we prepare for the final leg of this Indonesian adventure.

ROON - INDONESIA

Snorkel over the wreck of a Japanese Zero fighter plane, now an artificial reef teeming with marine life. Connect with the island's villagers and learn about traditional livelihoods, crafts, and the region's wartime history.

CENDERAWASIH BAY & KWATISORE VILLAGE - INDONESIA

Cenderawasih Bay is Indonesia's largest marine park, spanning 14,500 sq km. It protects whale sharks, dugongs, dolphins, 200 fish species, and 150 coral species. One of the few places to swim with endangered whale sharks, encounters aren't guaranteed, but if they appear, snorkeling alongside them is unforgettable. Later, visit Kwatisore village with local guides to learn about West Papuan customs and traditional lifestyles.

SWANDE / MANIM ISLAND - WEST PAPUA

These weather-dependent locations offer chances to snorkel, dive, or beachcomb along pristine shores. A flexible day focused on relaxed, reef and island experiences in clear tropical waters.

MANSINAM ISLAND - WEST PAPUA

Learn of the impacts of Christianity across West Papua with local guides on this unassuming island off the West Papuan mainland. Snorkel nearby coral reefs or dive World War II wrecks in the afternoon.

AMSTERDAM ISLAND - WEST PAPUA

Part of the Su Islands group off the northern coast of West Papua, today we visit the little-known Amsterdam Island. Participate in local traditions, walk the beach and relax or snorkel nearby reefs depending on the tides and schedule.

NB: This is a seasonal stop, an alternate location will be visited if a ceremony is occurring.

DAY 19: ARRIVE IN SORONG/ DARWIN

Disembark Sorong: Arrive into Sorong Wharf, disembark the ship and if you are booked on the charter flight, a transfer will take you to the airport for your flight to Darwin via Manado.

Disembark Darwin: A complimentary transfer is provided to CBD hotels or the airport.

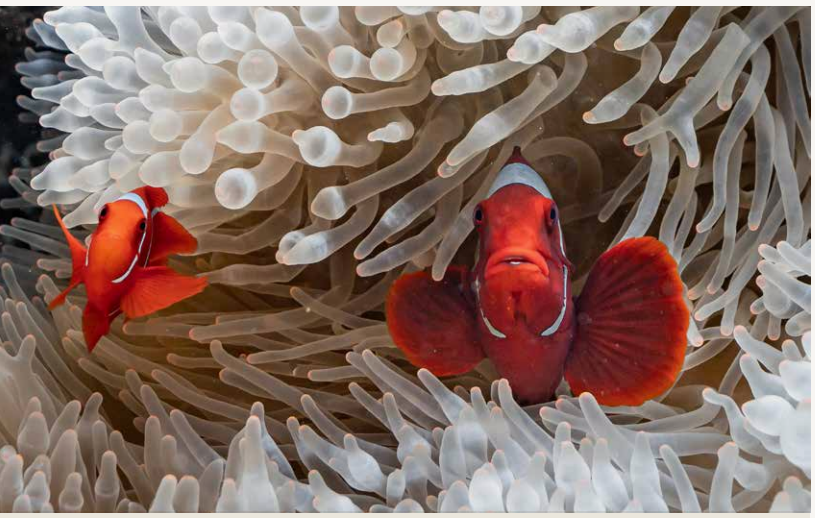


Optional Charter Flights are included as a part of this itinerary.

Cruise and Fly Fare: *Fare includes direct charter flight Darwin to Sorong / Sorong to Darwin. Connect with ease on this hosted charter flight transfer to or from Australia. Flight duration approximately 2 hours, 15 mins.*

Cruise Only: *You can easily opt out of the charter flight and we will adjust the fare. Please contact reservations.*

*Prices are per person and listed in Australian Dollars (AUD). Refer to website pricing at time of booking as pricing may be subject to change. *Limited sole use occupancy available.*



Snorkelling & Scuba

The opportunity to snorkel and scuba dive over spectacular coral gardens and come face to face with brightly coloured tropical fish is a highlight of our expedition.

Beginners can join guided snorkelling tours or introductory and resort-style dives, while more experienced divers are able to participate in challenging dives (scuba diving at additional cost). Our Dive Instructor accompanies you every step of the way. Snorkelling equipment will be assigned to each guest at the commencement of the cruise, and the onboard introductory scuba skills session is complimentary.

Scuba diving requires medical clearance and a medical certificate.







IMAGES 1 Chefs at work, credit David Kirkland | 2 Dinner is served
3 Sunset drinks on the Vista Deck

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.

INCLUSIONS

- All excursions with our Expedition Team
- Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- Snorkelling and equipment (Scuba diving at additional cost)
- 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 – Starlink 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



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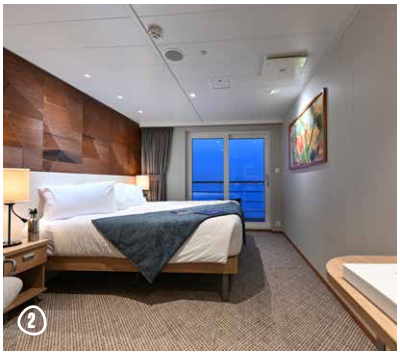
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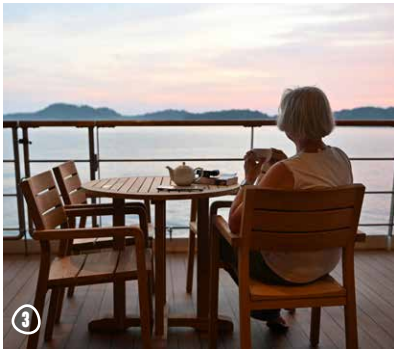
Features

· 2 Xplorer tenders, 6 Zodiacs · Navigator Lounge in Bridge
· Single seat dining with wine table · Three cocktail bars
· Well-equipped gym · Passenger 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*







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Promenade Deck Staterooms	· *17sqm · Picture Window*
Coral Deck Staterooms	· *17sqm · Porthole Window*



IMAGES 1 *Coral Adventurer* | 2 Explorer Deck Balcony Stateroom | 3 Tea on the Deck, *Coral Adventurer* | 4 *Coral Geographer* | 5 Lounge, *Coral Geographer*









IMAGES 1 Enjoying the beaches of Wayag | 2 Moluku paddlers maneuver kora kora canoes | 3 Red bird-of-Paradise | 4 Kayaking from the beach

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