

2024 - 2025 VOYAGES

Remote Islands of

INDONESIA



- > Sulawesi Circumnavigation - 20 Nights - Makassar to Makassar
- > In The Wake Of The Makassans - 14 Nights - Darwin & Makassar
- > An Equatorial Adventure Across North Borneo - 16 Nights - Manila to Singapore
- > Circumnavigation of Sumatra - 18 Nights - Singapore to Singapore
- > Into The Wilds Of Borneo - 16 Nights - Singapore to Makassar



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Exploring THE ISLANDS OF INDONESIA

Islands of Indonesia

Join us as we embark on a series of expedition voyages through Indonesia. Explore small islands including Alor in Lesser Sundas and Buton in Sulawesi. Stir your senses as we delve into the rich history, ancient cultures and unique wildlife of Indonesia.

Gain appreciation from traditional seaside lifestyles and visit Lamalera village, one of the last subsistence whaling communities in the world. At the coastal town of Ende, travel to the multicoloured Kelimutu crater lakes. Encounter endemic wildlife including the famed orangutan sanctuary in Borneo and swim with countless harmless golden jellyfish at Togean. Be spoilt for choice to explore pristine marine environments with Bunaken and Lembeh offering some of the most vibrant dive and snorkel opportunities in the world.

With an expert team and warm Australian hospitality, there is no better bay to experience these remote places than by small ship.

Voyage Series

- > **Sulawesi Circle**
Makassar to Makassar | 20 Nights | 3 April 2024
- > **In The Wake of the Makassans**
Darwin & Makassar | 14 Nights | 20 Mar & 23 Apr 2024, 9 Jan 2025
- > **An Equatorial Adventure Across North Borneo**
Manila to Singapore | 16 Nights | 7 November 2024
- > **Circumnavigation of Sumatra**
Singapore to Singapore | 18 Nights | 23 November 2024
- > **Into The Wilds Of Borneo**
Singapore to Makassar | 16 Nights | 24 December 2024





10% Adjoining Cruise Saving

Join us on multiple voyages in the series and you will enjoy the benefits of our Xplorer's Club along with a further 10% adjoining cruise saving.



SULAWESI CIRCUMNAVIGATION

MAKASSAR TO MAKASSAR | 20 NIGHTS | 3 APRIL 2024



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Expedition Highlights

- > Begin and conclude your journey in historic Makassar, once the centre of the Dutch Indies head quarters
- > Meet the beachside boatbuilders of Tana Beru and admire the skillful construction of Phinisi ships
- > With some luck, enjoy the opportunity to swim with gentle and majestic whale sharks at Gorontalo
- > Cruise up river to inland Samarinda and participate in the traditional dance of the Dayak Kenyah tribe in Pampang
- > On the island of Borneo, encounter endangered orangutans and sun bears in natural conservation sanctuaries
- > Discover the extraordinary underwater worlds of renowned diving locations in Bunaken, Wakatobi, Lembeh and Banggai
- > Visit the stilt villages of the Bajau tribe who live off the sea and learn of their unique traditional lifestyle
- > Swim with thousands of harmless golden jellyfish at remote Togeian

Fares

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	43,320	32,380	24,180	20,180
Sole Use	n/a	48,570	36,270	30,270

Charter Flights - We offer optional pre &/or post cruise charter flight/s between Makassar & Darwin, with fares to be confirmed (approximately \$1,250 each way).



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Limited sole use occupancy available.

ITINERARY: 20 NIGHTS > MAKASSAR TO MAKASSAR

DEPART MAKASSAR

From your optional charter flight from Darwin, board *Coral Geographer* at Makassar Port at 5:00pm where there is time to settle into your cabin before our 6:00pm departure. In the evening, meet your crew and fellow guests at the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

This is an indicative itinerary covering remote areas. Your Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule as necessary to maximise guest experience.

BALABALAGAN ISLANDS

We arrive at the tranquil Balabalagan Islands and enjoy a leisurely day of swimming, snorkelling, diving and relaxation on the palm fringed sands of this picturesque destination.

BALIKPAPAN

Journey to the Samboja Lestari Rainforest and the Sun Bear sanctuary to encounter the endangered species. The Borneo Orangutan Survival Foundation rehabilitates orangutans before releasing them into the wilds of the surrounding rainforest. We will visit the conservation centre to see these iconic primates.

SAMARINDA & PAMPANG

Explore Samarinda with a visit to the Grand Mosque and stroll through the Cita Miaga street market. From Samarinda we will make our way to Pampang to be welcomed by the traditional dance of the Dayak Kenyah tribe and visit the ancestral Lamin Longhouses. Enjoy a guided walk to gain a deeper understanding of the life and history of the Dayak people.

TOLI TOLI

Explore famed Toli Toli, known as the 'city of cloves'. Ride through the fisherman's village in becaks to the Rumah Adat to enjoy the Maragai and Mamanuk Tau Panau dances. A walk through the village passes the tombs of Toli Toli kings and the historic mosque.

SARONDE ISLANDS

In true expedition style, we will let the winds and the tides guide us to explore the picturesque island chain of the Saronde region with options for snorkelling and beachside adventures.

BUNAKEN

Bunaken Marine Park is world renowned for its incredible diversity of marine life and is a must-see underwater destination for snorkellers and divers. The remarkable water clarity and precipitous walls of coral create an otherworldly diving or snorkelling experience.

LEMBEH

Lembah Strait is another spectacular underwater world, where you may spend a whole day exploring in search of the fascinating marine life that dwell in this marine sanctuary. There is also an opportunity to visit Kangkoko National Park for a forest walk to spot endemic wildlife.

GORONTALO

At the remote city of Gorontalo, enjoy local cultural performances and a guided forest walk, before spending the afternoon swimming and kayaking in the sheltered waters of the harbour. If nature permits, there may be an opportunity to swim with the gentle whale sharks.

TOGEAN

Arrive at the beautiful Togeian Islands, home to the Bajau people who live in stilt houses built above the turquoise sea. The welcoming tribe will share their unique lifestyle with us. Swim or kayak in the pristine waters and swim with thousands of tiny harmless Amaranth jellyfish in Marion Lake - an unforgettable and ethereal encounter.

BANGGAI ISLAND

The famous and endangered Banggai cardinalfish is a striking species not much bigger than a matchbox and recognisable by its vertical black stripes. They are endemic to the Banggai Archipelago and we hope to spot these elegant fish while snorkelling and diving around the islands.

LABENGI ISLAND

Often compared to Raja Ampat for its geographical similarities, Labengki Island is surrounded by picturesque islets, covered in forest and colourful orchids. White-sand beaches shaded by palm trees are our base to enjoy water activities such as snorkelling over giant clams, kayaking around the lagoon and visiting the local village.

WAKATOBI NATIONAL PARK

In the heart of the coral triangle, Wakatobi is part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves with extraordinary numbers of coral species, fish, whales, dolphin and turtle populations and some of the largest reef systems in Indonesia. Enjoy water activities and a cultural visit to a Village.

BAU BAU, BUTON

Be welcomed to the historical centre of the Buton Kingdom by a traditional dance performance, before being whisked away in local petepete transport to tour the island. Visit a traditional market, a fisherman's village, the Buton Fortress, Kraton (palace) and Wolio Cultural Centre.

TANA BERU

Traditionally, wooden Phinisi ships have been crafted by the Bugis boat-builders on the beach at Tana Beru since the 14th century. The ancient technique, which uses no nails, has been handed down through generations. Hear the seafaring tales of the boat builders and climb into a Phinisi ship to admire its size and the craftsmanship of the boat-builders.

ARRIVE MAKASSAR

Coral Geographer arrives in Makassar at 7:00am. Farewell your Master, crew and fellow explorers with disembarkation at 8:00am. An optional charter flight to Darwin will be available.



IN THE WAKE OF THE MAKASSANS

DARWIN & MAKASSAR | 14 NIGHTS | 20 MARCH & 23 APRIL 2024, 9 JANUARY 2025



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Expedition Highlights

- > **SPECIAL EVENT** Meet the people of Tana Toraja, high up in the mountains of Sulawesi, and encounter their astonishing cultural traditions and funeral rituals
- > Explore 17th century Fort Rotterdam in Makassar, which now houses museums and cultural wonders
- > Walk in the tracks of the endangered Komodo Dragons and spot this iconic monitor lizard in the wild with local guides
- > Meet the beachside boatbuilders of Tana Beru and admire the skillful construction of Phinisi ships
- > Explore the turquoise waters and tiny islands of Takabonarate Marine Park
- > Meet the Abui people of Alor Island and watch the Lego Lego dance in their traditional village
- > On Padar Island, hike to the summit to enjoy breathtaking panoramic views
- > Gaze out over the tri-coloured crater lakes of Kelimutu National Park

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Fares

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	30,380	22,620	16,980	14,120
Sole Use	n/a	33,930	25,470	21,180

Charter Flight - We offer an optional post cruise charter flight from Makassar to Darwin, with fares to be confirmed (approximately \$850pp).

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ITINERARY: 14 NIGHTS > DARWIN TO MAKASSAR

DEPART DARWIN

Board *Coral Geographer* at 8:30am for a 10:30am departure. In the evening, meet your fellow explorers and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

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AT SEA

Enjoy a peaceful day at sea as we make our way towards Tablolong Bay, where our first adventure of this journey awaits. Partake in onboard activities including workshops and lectures from our special guests and Expedition Team.

TABLOLONG BAY, KUPANG

Listen to the bright, harp like sounds produced by the traditional Sasando instrument with a beachside performance. Later, there is an opportunity to swim or snorkel.

ALOR ISLAND

Small, rugged Alor Island is home to around 140,000 people speaking 50 different languages. Visit the open-air Kadelang Market, the Museum of 1000 Moko and a traditional village, where you will be warmly welcomed. Witness the ceremonial Lego Lego dance in which ladies dressed in handwoven textiles and bronze bangles form a tightly-knit circle and dance rhythmically to gongs and Moko drums.

LAMALERA VILLAGE

Lamalera is one of the last traditional whaling villages, where an ancient hunting tradition continues to provide for the subsistence lifestyle of this rarely-visited village. The villagers will welcome you and share their way of life, which follows ancient beliefs and uses traditional tools and methods. Observe hunting and Ikat weaving demonstrations, with opportunities to purchase the exquisite hand-woven cloth directly from the weavers.

KELIMUTU CRATER LAKES

From the coastal town of Ende, travel a beautiful road up to Kelimutu. On the way, stop at an orphanage, where you will meet the nuns and orphans and share refreshments. Arrive at the spectacular tricoloured Crater Lakes, where we may throw stones into the lakes for good luck. Later, enjoy lunch at Kelimutu Eco Lodge accompanied by the traditional music of Flores.

PADAR ISLAND

An early morning energetic climb to the peak of Padar Island offers a chance to stretch your legs and be rewarded with a mesmerizing panoramic view over the island's rugged peaks, beaches and vast blue sea. Alternatively, explore the island up close by Xplorer cruise.

KOMODO ISLAND & PINK BEACH

Take an early morning walk with local rangers to spot the Komodo Dragon and visit a local village. You will learn of the legends of the Komodo Dragons and why villagers treat them with kindness. Later, enjoy a stroll along the dusky pink sands of Pink Beach and swim or snorkel in the clear water.

TAKABONARATE MARINE PARK

Be welcomed at Tinabo Island with a dance performance before a guided tour through the village. Enjoy music and craft demonstrations and insights into the local cottage industries of coconut oil, fishing nets and boat building. At Tinabo Besar, visitors are encouraged to help with conservation programs of tree planting or coral transplanting under the guidance of National Park staff, before snorkelling in the pristine waters.

SOGORI

The small island of Sogori is home to the Bajau and Bugis people. The surrounding white sandy beaches as well as several shipwrecks make it appealing for beach walking, swimming, snorkelling or scuba diving.

TANA TORAJA

An overland journey takes us into the highlands of Sulawesi to the remarkable Tana Toraja, where you will witness stunning limestone mountains and the ancient culture and traditions of the Torajan people. Visit the Tongkonan houses at Marante, the stone graves with Tau-tau effigies at Lemo and the hanging burial sites of Bori Parinding. See the Torajan market and explore Kete Kesu, a 400-year-old village high in the mountains. Stay overnight and enjoy local music and dancing.

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CHRIS COOK > GUEST LECTURER

Chris has been working as a Naturalist, Marine Biologist and Wildlife Photographer for 15 years, joining expeditions as a Guest Lecturer for 5 years. Throughout his adventures, he has circumnavigated Australia and New Zealand several times and ventured to places including Easter Island, Borneo and Raja Ampat. Chris is passionate about connecting people to the natural world and will share stories and images throughout the voyage.



AN EQUATORIAL ADVENTURE ACROSS NORTH BORNEO

MANILA TO SINGAPORE | 16 NIGHTS | 7 NOVEMBER 2024



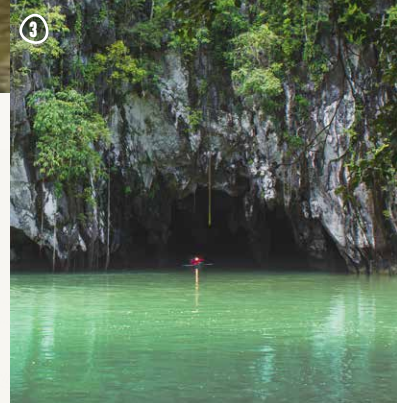
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Expedition Highlights

- > Dive and snorkel at the geographical centre of the Coral Triangle amongst the most biodiverse marine habitats in the world
- > Explore the historical village of Culion and the leprosy archives inscribed into the UNESCO Memory of the World Register
- > Visit Iban longhouses deep in the jungles of Brunei and learn about past traditions in modernity
- > Explore the seven complete ecosystems of Bako National Park and look out for the proboscis monkey and the 264 species of birds found in the area with a local expert birding guide
- > Meet resident orangutans and hear about the continuing plight of dislocation from natural environments at the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre
- > Explore one of the world's most unique cave systems and archaeologies - Niah Caves
- > Enjoy an exotic cultural feast event interacting with diverse ethnic groups at Mari Mari Cultural Village



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Fares

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	31,680	23,490	17,620	14,690
Sole Use	n/a	35,235	26,430	22,035

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ITINERARY: 16 NIGHTS > MANILA TO SINGAPORE

DAY 1: DEPART MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Board *Coral Geographer* at 4:00pm and settle into your stateroom to relax as we set sail across the South China Sea. Join the Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow guests as the sun sets.

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VERDE ISLAND & SILONAY ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

We arrive at the Verde Island, known as the 'Centre of Marine Biodiversity of the World' and 'the Amazon of the Oceans.' Here we will swim, snorkel and dive, exploring the highest concentration of marine species in the world. There will also be an opportunity to explore the local village, home to a vibrant fishing community, markets, and friendly locals. Enjoy lunch onboard before our afternoon expedition to Silonay Mangrove Ecopark where we enjoy a short boardwalk stroll into the heart of the mangrove forest.

BOAC, MARINDUQUE ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

Begin with a warm 'Putungan Welcome,' a Marinduque tradition featuring songs, flowers, coins, and pictures. Explore the historic Boac Cathedral, ancestral homes, Marinduque National Museum, and Boac Central Market. In the afternoon, venture to a nearby village to discover the Marionos Festival, meet talented mask craftsmen, and explore a Kalutang (tuned percussion sticks) workshop. Browse traditional handicrafts at the island's central market.

CULION ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

Culion Island, part of the Calamian group of islands, once a leprosarium, is now a World Health Organisation certified leprosy-free zone. Embark on a guided tour to discover its rich heritage, with well-preserved architecture from the 1900s and earlier. Explore the Culion Museum, Archives, and Church, structures built by the leper colony. After lunch, head to Lusong Island for snorkeling and diving adventures at Gunboat Wreck and Lusong Coral Garden.

PURAO & JOHNSON ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

This is our last opportunity to enjoy the remote beaches of the Philippines before heading to Malaysia. Spend the morning swimming or snorkelling off the sandbar at Johnson Island, home to stingray, dugong, coral and seagrass meadows. Spend a relaxing afternoon onboard as we travel to Puerto Princesa.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES

Explore the UNESCO-listed Puerto-Princesa Subterranean River National Park, a New Seven Wonder of Nature. Discover St. Paul's Underground River Cave, over 24km long, showcasing stunning limestone karst formations and an underground river. Traverse the peninsula via overland transfer for this unique experience.

KOTA KINABALU, MALAYSIAN BORNEO - SIGNATURE DINNER

Embark on a sea journey to Kota Kinabalu. Later, transfer to the Mari Mari Cultural Village for a tonight's cultural feast. Amidst lush jungle surroundings, savor a traditional feast in a longhouse and immerse yourself in Sabah's diverse culture, including Rungus, Bajau, Murut, Dusun, and Lundayeh traditions. Enjoy cultural performances, market-style interactions, and hands-on experiences like bamboo fire starting, rice wine making, fire blowpipes, henna tattoos, and bamboo dance.

KOTA KINABALU & PULAU TIGA SABAH, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Join our Chef for a waterfront market experience in Kota Kinabalu, at the Pasar Besar (Central Market). Explore the old-world charm of the narrow, quaint lanes that are filled with handicrafts, people, colours, and food. Return to *Coral Geographer* for a locally inspired lunch onboard as the ship repositions to Pulau Tiga. Here we will have a range of activities to choose from including island walks,

swimming and snorkeling from the beach, and volcanic mud bathing. Depending on the tide, this evening we will transfer to nearby Kalamunian Island to enjoy the incredible Sabah sunset with sundowners and canapés.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI

On our first day in Brunei, explore the city on a guided tour visiting the Kampung Ayer, a floating coastal water village. We will also explore the Royal Ceremonial Hall, Parliament House, visit the tomb of the fifth Sultan of Brunei, Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque, the Brunei Museum, Royal Regalia Museum, the Water Village, and the Sultan's Palace.

On our second day in Brunei we discover the Jungle of Brunei, which is some of the most pristine jungle on the island of Borneo. We will travel to the Kampung to experience the Iban Longhouses on the fringes of Labi Forest Reserve. Here we will witness traditional weaving and dances, learn regional environmental knowledge on foraging walks, enjoy a bamboo lunch and participate in conservation opportunities. If time permits, we may also take a short walk to a nearby waterfall for a refreshing swim.

MIRI, SARAWAK, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Miri is a coastal city in north-eastern Sarawak, Malaysia, located near the border of Brunei, on the island of Borneo. Today you will have the option of three expeditions to either Lambir Hills National Park, Niah Caves and or Miri-Sibuti Coral Reef National Park.

DAY AT SEA

Join our guest lecturers for presentations on the ethnic cultures of Sarawak, palm oil and conservation, and how Borneo became Malaysian.

KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Join a morning expedition at Semenggoh Nature Reserve for potential orangutan sightings. Stroll through forest trails, witness orangutans enjoying meals at feeding platforms, and return to *Coral Geographer* for lunch. Afterward, explore Kuching, a charming and walkable city with a rich cultural and architectural heritage. Discover waterfront shopping areas with English-speaking locals and abundant handicrafts. Explore notable museums like the Islamic Heritage Museum and the Borneo Cultures Museum.

BAKO NATIONAL PARK, SANTUBONG, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Bako is Sarawak's oldest national park, at the tip of the Muara Tebas peninsula and home to seven different ecosystems and a variety of wildlife such including 264 species of bird, wild boars, snakes, and monkeys. It is one of the smallest national parks in Sarawak, yet one of the most interesting, as it contains almost every type of vegetation found in Borneo. A well-maintained network of trails - from easy forest strolls to longer treks - allows for a range of fitness levels in this unique environment.

KUCHING WETLANDS, SANTUBONG, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Enjoy a cruise through the Kuching Wetlands, a RAMSAR site (wetland of international importance). Enjoy morning tea while we hope to spot a wide diversity of wildlife, including proboscis monkeys, long tailed macaque monkeys, silver-leaf monkeys, monitor lizards, estuarine crocodiles, and a range of birdlife.

DAY AT SEA

Relax and spend time reflecting on your epic voyage as we prepare to disembark in Singapore. Enjoy the hospitality onboard with Captain's Farewell Drinks.

DAY 17: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Arrive in Singapore ready to disembark *Coral Geographer* at 8:00am. Bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew.

CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF SUMATRA

SINGAPORE TO SINGAPORE | 18 NIGHTS | 23 NOVEMBER 2024



Expedition Highlights

- > Take a guided walk with local rangers in Ujung Kulon National Park, one of the last remaining habitats of the Javan Rhinoceros
- > Enjoy a guided walk through the Tambling National Park, learn about the sub species of Sumatran tiger not found anywhere else in the world as we visit their enclosure and hear about the plight of rehabilitated and remaining tigers
- > On a city tour, trace the historical and architectural influences of early Bengkulu, from Kampung China through to the 19th Century British Empire era of Sir Stamford Raffles
- > Enjoy sunset drinks at Zero° latitude
- > Experience a moving memorial service at sea at the site of the HMAS Perth and cross the Sunda Straits to site the volcanic spectacle of Anak Krakatau
- > Experience the local means of transport with a becak ride through the old town and market precinct of Medan
- > Enjoy an evening feast with immersive cultural dance and music entertainment as we share and enjoy traditional local cuisine



Fares

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	35,520	26,440	19,820	16,520
Sole Use	n/a	39,660	29,730	24,780



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IMAGES 1 Tari Moyo (eagle dance) | 2 Sumatran tiger | 3 Masjid Raya Sumatera Barat Mosque, Padang

ITINERARY: 18 NIGHTS > SINGAPORE TO SINGAPORE

DAY 1: DEPART SINGAPORE

Board *Coral Geographer* at 4:00pm at the Harbourfront Passenger Terminal and settle into your stateroom before our departure at 5:00pm as we sail south towards Belitung on our clockwise circumnavigation of Sumatra.

This is an indicative itinerary covering remote areas. Your Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule as necessary to maximise guest experience.

DAYS AT SEA

Join the Captain for welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow travelers as the sun sets. This itinerary includes a total of 3 days at sea to reach these destinations. During sea days, relax or join our Expedition Team for a fascinating program of interactive workshops and informative presentations.

TINGGI BEACH - BELITUNG ISLAND, INDONESIA

We arrive at Belitung Island off the east coast of Sumatra. Board the *Xplorer* for a short trip over to Tinggi Beach, known for serene and picturesque white sand, turquoise waters, and granite rock formations. Swim, beachcomb, or simply enjoy a leisurely stroll to the headland along the shoreline.

AT SEA - HMAS PERTH & ANAK KRAKATAU, INDONESIA

Explore the history of HMAS Perth, sunk by the Imperial Japanese Navy in the Battle of Sunda Strait. Pay homage with a remembrance ceremony at its resting place. Also in Sunda Strait, discover Anak Krakatau, born from the catastrophic 1883 eruption that shattered Krakatau. Emerging in 1927 as a new volcano, Anak Krakatau remains a fascination for volcanologists due to its youthful activity.

UJUNG KULON, INDONESIA

Explore Ujung Kulon National Park, home to vast lowland rainforests and the endangered Javan rhinoceros. The park's marine habitats, from rocky shores to coral reefs, offer underwater wonders. Join small groups led by Park Rangers on a 1.2km rainforest trail, learning about geology, biodiversity, conservation, and challenges faced. Discover mangrove ecology and visit the Ciduan grazing ground to spot rhino footprints.

TAMBLING WILDLIFE NATURE CONSERVATION, INDONESIA

We venture into the surrounding jungle to spend a day exploring this nature conservation area. Learn about the sub species of Sumatran tiger, not found anywhere else in the world as we visit their enclosure and hear about the plight of rehabilitated and remaining tigers. Also, visit a nearby village and meet researchers involved in anti-poaching jungle patrols.

ENGGANO ISLAND & DUA ISLAND, INDONESIA

Enjoy the pristine waters and white sand beaches as we snorkel and swim from the beach at Dua Island. We will also enjoy a swim at the unique freshwater spring Bak Blau, which translates in English to 'a blue eye'. We may also explore a nearby village before enjoying sunset views on this remote island.

BENGKULU, INDONESIA

Bengkulu holds a diverse history shaped by the Srivijaya empire, Portuguese and Dutch colonisation, and British presence. The region hosts various indigenous groups, with Rejangs as the majority, followed by Javanese and other minorities, as well as non-indigenous groups from across Indonesia. Explore Bengkulu's early history, from Kampung China to British rule, with local guides highlighting architectural landmarks. Visit local markets and explore the Besurek Batik village's unique fusion of Arabic calligraphy and Rafflesia flower motifs, a symbol of Bengkulu Province.

PADANG & SIKUAI ISLAND, INDONESIA

Padang is a historic trading hub renowned for pepper and gold commerce in pre-colonial times. The Minangkabau people, known for matrilineal heritage and 16th-century Islamic conversion, have left a cultural imprint. On a walking tour, admire Dutch, English, Chinese, and Minangkabau architecture along the old port, surrounded by breathtaking ocean views and jungle-clad volcanoes. Explore bustling morning markets and visit Masjid Raya Sumatera Barat, a unique mosque.

SIBERUT ISLAND

Coastal areas, mangroves, Barringtonia forests, and rolling landscapes make up Siberut Island's unique ecosystem. In the morning, enjoy snorkeling and swimming at the island's vibrant coral reefs. After lunch, an *Xplorer* cruise takes you to Katurei Bay, where you'll engage with local villagers and learn about their fishing and jungle foraging. In the afternoon, visit Sikuai Island, known for tropical forests, white-sand beaches, and stunning coral reefs. Explore trails or ascend to the highest peak for a sunset vista.

TANAH BALAH CHANNEL & MARIT ISLAND, INDONESIA

Board the *Xplorers* for a cruise through a section of the Tanahbala Channel, separating Tanah Balah Island from Tanah Masa Island. See coastal villages, rock and reef formations as well as birdlife only accessible by small sailing or local boats. This evening as the sun sets, enjoy beach drinks on Marit Island at zero degrees latitude.

SOUTH NIAS, INDONESIA

Nias Island's rich cultural heritage dating back to prehistory, is often considered one of the last megalithic cultures. Nias boasts diverse festivals, notably Stone Jumping, and hauntingly beautiful music, predominantly performed by women, is another distinctive feature. Explore Bawomataluo Village, a UNESCO-recognized site, showcasing megalithic monuments, traditional houses and rituals. Tonight, revel in a cultural festivity on South Nias Island, featuring traditional dance, music, and local cuisine.

NORTH NIAS, INDONESIA

Experience a traditional welcome from the Sisarahili Teluk Siabang community, savor local sweets, and meet our local interpreter. Explore the mangrove forest, discovering new community initiatives in this remote fishing village. Later, visit Sena Island for beachcombing, swimming, snorkeling, and exploring its two lakes.

SIMEULUE, ACEH, INDONESIA

Aceh, the only province with extensive autonomy in Indonesia, applies Sharia law to its Muslim residents. Visitors' respectful and conservative attire is appreciated. Simeulue locals are known for vibrant dance performances with live percussion. We'll visit Aluan, an organic coconut oil producer, and explore sustainable supply chains. At Sinabang Arts and Cultural Centre, experience Nandong, a cherished oral tradition. After lunch, we'll move to Simuat Island, featuring cliffs and coral beaches, offering a leisurely afternoon of snorkeling and swimming.

SIMEULUE, ACEH, INDONESIA

Visit the remarkable museum and memorial park for a moving symbolic reminder of the devastation affected on the local people by the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004. Following this there will be time to explore the city and purchase souvenirs. Tonight during dinner onboard we will enjoy a display of the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Practice of the Saman Dance specific to the region, with a fast-paced rhythm and common harmony between dancers.

MEDAN, INDONESIA

Take a guided tour of this capital city that exemplifies the multicultural fabric of Medan. Enjoy a cultural performance, try the exotic durian fruit, see the splendor of the Sultan of Delhi's Palace, photograph Dutch and English Art Deco buildings still standing today and learn more about the history and culture of the Batak Karo people. Get a taste of local life with a becak tour of the old town.

DAY AT SEA - STRAIT OF MALACCA

The Strait of Malacca is a narrow stretch of water 800km long between the Malay Peninsula to the northeast and Sumatra to the southwest, connecting the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. One of the busiest and most important trade and strategic routes in the world. Spend the day relaxing before we complete our circumnavigation and arrive back in Singapore the next morning.

DAY 19: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

This morning we arrive in Singapore at 7:00am. Farewell your Master, crew, and fellow guests before disembarking at 8:00am.

INTO THE WILDS OF BORNEO

SINGAPORE TO MAKASSAR | 16 NIGHTS | 24 DECEMBER 2024



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Expedition Highlights

- > Explore the seven ecosystems of Bako National Park on a jungle nature walk, with the opportunity to spot native wildlife including hornbills and proboscis monkeys
- > Delve into the rich ethnic cultural history and learn about the customs and unique art and craft of remarkable artisans
- > Cruise the ink-black waters of the Nipah waterway by Xplorer before embarking on the traditional klotok along the winding Sekonyer River
- > Visit the renowned Camp Leakey conservation park and learn from experts about the efforts to protect the endangered orangutans
- > Discover Banjarmasin, 'the city of a thousand rivers' and explore the remarkable floating markets of Lok Baintain and the cacophony of smells, sounds and sights
- > Relax on pristine palm-fringed tropical beaches, snorkel over coral gardens and taste island life at the idyllic Karimata Islands
- > Visit the wildlife hotspot of Tanjung Puting National Park and the Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre



Fares

	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	34,720	25,850	19,410	16,140
Sole Use	n/a	38,775	29,115	24,210

Charter Flight - We offer an optional post cruise charter flight from Makassar to Darwin, with fares to be confirmed (approximately \$850pp).



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Xplorer Club Benefits & Adjoining Cruise Savings Apply

Prices are per person, listed in Australian Dollars (AUD).
Limited sole use occupancy available.

ITINERARY: 16 NIGHTS > SINGAPORE TO MAKASSAR

DAY 1: DEPART SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE

Board *Coral Geographer* at 3:00pm at the Harbour Front Passenger Terminal and settle into your stateroom and get to know your fellow guests and crew at the Captain's Welcome drinks.

This is an indicative itinerary covering remote areas. Your Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule as necessary to maximise guest experience.

DAY AT SEA - CHRISTMAS DAY

Today we spend a relaxing day traversing the Karimata Strait which connects the South China Sea and the Java Sea. It was used as an invasion route by the British fleet in the 1811 Invasion of Java in the Dutch East Indies. Enjoy Christmas lunch onboard prepared by our team of chefs.

DAY 3-5: KUCHING / BAKO NATIONAL PARK, MALAYSIA

Today we arrive in Kuching, a major food destination and member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. Our expedition team will guide you through this picturesque city that straddles the Sarawak River. Delve into the rich ethnic cultural history and learn about the customs and unique art and craft of these remarkable artisans. On our second day in Kuching, visit the lush jungle and mangrove forests of Bako National Park. Join nature walks to sight rare bird species, wildlife such as proboscis monkeys, as well as macaque and silver leaf monkeys. The park is inhabited by many bird species such as kingfishers and the rhinoceros hornbill.

PONTIANAK, INDONESIA

This afternoon we arrive at the riverside city of Pontianak, one of Indonesia's most cultural cities. Spend the afternoon wandering through the eclectic, narrow wooden pathways of Kampung Beting, located at the confluence of the Kapuas and Landak Rivers.

Awake the following morning ready for another day exploring. Take a full day tour of the local sights of significance that traces through the history of Pontianak. Explore the Pasar Flamboyan and mingle with local stall holders in this traditional market bustling with activity each morning. Explore Rumah Radakng, a Dayak Longhouse 138 meters long and 7 meters high. The main room can accommodate 600 people and is often used for festivals and celebrations.

Continue to the Jami' Mosque of Sultan Abdurrahman Al-Qadri, built in 1771, and the Equator Monument, as the distinction of being the only city in the world that sits right on the Equator. Visit the Palace of Kadriyah Sultanate, built from 1771 until 1778 by Syarif Abdurrahman Alkadri, the first sultan and founder of the city of Pontianak and St Joseph's Cathedral Church.

KARIMATA ISLANDS, INDONESIA - NEW YEARS EVE

Today we visit the isolated Karimata Islands, located off West Kalimantan, situated in the Karimata Strait that divides the islands of Sumatra and Borneo. The two largest islands, Karimata and Serutu boast a handful of small, sleepy coastal villages nestled under swaying palms, home to the Melayu and Bugis people. We will take time to explore these pristine islands, relax on the white-sand beaches and snorkel over coral reefs, soaking up the tranquility and peace of island life. This afternoon, celebrate the New Year with sunset drinks and canapes.

DAY 9-12: KUMAI BAY / TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, INDONESIA

Tanjung Puting is the largest and most diverse protected example of extensive coastal tropical heath and peat swamp forest which used to cover much of southern Borneo. Start your exploration of the remarkable Tanjung Puting National Park with an afternoon Xplorer cruise along the snaking Bulu Kecil River. Look out for

some of the rare wildlife that takes haven in this tropical forest, including seven species of primates. The area is home to over 230 bird species such as hornbills, crimson sunbirds, and wetland species.

Awake early on our second day in Kumai to join the Xplorer for a cruise along the inky-black waters of the Nipah waterway and the winding Sekonyer River to transfer into the local Klotok boats. Each Klotok will have a local guide who will point out the sights as we travel the Sekonyer River at a leisurely pace towards Camp Leaky. Enjoy a traditional lunch onboard before we arrive at our destination for the day, Camp Leaky.

Named after the renowned paleo-anthropologist Louis Leakey, Camp Leakey serves as both a research center and a release site for older orangutans into the rainforest. Stroll along the boardwalk into the jungle, where we will witness the locally rehabilitated orangutans ambling towards the feeding platforms, where rangers provide fresh fruit and sugar cane daily.

PONDOK TANGGUI & PANGKALAN BUN, INDONESIA

We awake this morning for another early morning of exploration via Xplorer to meet the local Klotoks, this time venturing along the Sekonyer River to Pondok Tanggui. Traverse the wooden boardwalks through the jungle to a feeding platform where we will witness Orangutan feeding.

Enjoy lunch onboard before spending the afternoon exploring Pangkalan Bun's historical sites. Located on the Arut River, this 'small' busy town has a history stretching back centuries. Visit the 200-year-old Istana Kuning (Yellow Palace), the only Banjar royal structure left in Central Kalimantan which celebrates three architectural traditions of the sultans' assorted wives: Chinese, Dayak and Malay. We will also visit the region's oldest mosque, Kyai Gede, a 300-year-old piece of living history.

BAWEAN ISLAND, INDONESIA

This morning we will anchor in Sangkapura Bay, Bawean Island. Measuring just 15km in diameter, the extinct volcanic island of Bawean can be circumnavigated by a single narrow ring road. Spend the day snorkelling, beach combing and swimming off the white sand beaches.

DAY 14-15: BANJARMASIN, INDONESIA

Enjoy lunch onboard *Coral Geographer* before heading into the hub of Banjarmasin to get acquainted with the unique history and peoples of the region. Visit Museum Wasaka, once an old Banjarese traditional house in the style of Bubungan Tinggi, with approximately 400 artifacts on display. We will continue our afternoon with a visit to Kampung Sasirangan, the hub of home-weavers and textile galleries. Weavers in this village specialise in making pamintan cloth for local shamans and healers. Before returning to *Coral Geographer* for pre-dinner drinks, stop for a visit at the Jingah River where traditional houses of an old Banjar village remain. These houses are still privately owned by the descendants of wealthy people from that village.

On our second morning in Banjarmasin, get close to the action at the famed Lok Baintan and Kuin floating markets. Join in as the locals meet at the river and transactions with the shop merchants are made from small boats selling fresh produce, small snacks and more.

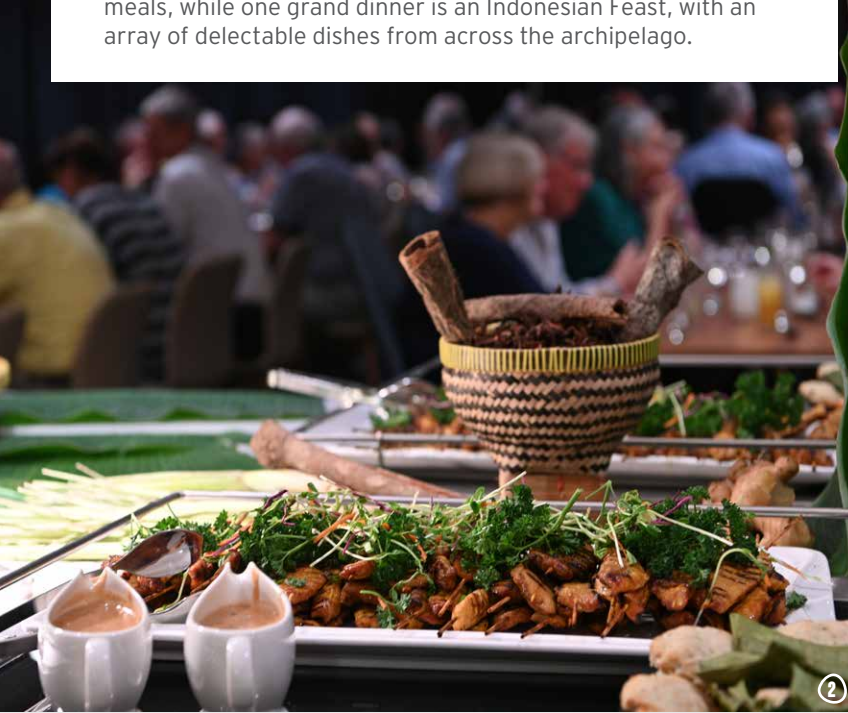
DAY 17: ARRIVE MAKASSAR, SULAWESI

This morning *Coral Geographer* arrives at the ancient port city of Makassar at 6:00am ready to disembark at 8:00am. Farewell your Master, crew, and fellow guests with disembarkation at 8:00am.

Discover THE EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE

A Taste of Traditional Cuisine

On these expeditions, experiencing a taste of the fragrant local cuisine, with spices and flavours unique to Indonesia. Featuring locally sourced produce wherever possible, the fresh and authentic flavours of the Indonesian menu selection can be sampled as an option at most evening meals, while one grand dinner is an Indonesian Feast, with an array of delectable dishes from across the archipelago.



TRIP LOG: ISLANDS OF INDONESIA JANUARY 2020

"We were treated to spectacular scenery as we made our way up the narrow, fjord-like Kalibahi Bay at the west of Alor Island. The steep forest-clad slopes were bathed in sunrise colours as we came into the Kalabahi Pier. Alongside our guides, we walked through the Kadalang Markets where we mingled with the friendly residents. We learned of cultural history and saw ancient bronze drums and ikat textiles on display at the museum before venturing deeper into this high, volcanic island. Agriculture was flourishing on the volcanic soils and everything looked healthy. The road took us across to an adjacent coast, where we stretched our legs walking uphill to Latafui Village. Here we were ceremoniously invited to enter by the ikat-clad residents who performed Lego Lego and Cakalele, respectively a celebratory and a war dance. Here we saw the most ancient pattern of village architecture in this archipelago, with elevated timber and thatch houses built on three levels surrounding a central altar of stonework."



Snorkelling & Scuba Diving

The opportunity to snorkel and scuba dive over spectacular coral gardens, and come face to face with brightly coloured tropical fish is one of the highlights you might enjoy on your voyages through the Indonesian islands.

Beginners can enjoy guided snorkelling tours or introductory and resort-style dives, while more challenging dives are available to entice experienced divers. Our Dive Instructor accompanies you every step of the way.

Scuba diving is subject to medical clearance and certification. See our website for requirements.

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We explore remote locations that are hard to reach or not often touched by tourists, with shore excursions providing environmental and cultural appreciation. Our small group sizes ensure your experience is personal, with minimal impact on the communities and environments we visit.

Enjoy excursions or activities each day, guided by expert Expedition Leaders and Lecturers who provide commentary on culture, history, and the region's unique geology, plants and wildlife to help you connect with these special places. On board our Australian-flagged expedition ships, discover a personalised, relaxed style of cruising. With a maximum of 120 guests, there is no need for queues or assigned seating. Instead, an intimate, convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded travellers makes you feel at home.

Our Australian and New Zealand crew share their passion for our destinations and the explorer's life. Join our engine room tours, watch our chefs at work in the open galley, and chat with our Captain or Officers on the bridge - they will be delighted to have your company.

Our chefs, inspired by destination flavours, prepare cuisine from fresh regional produce. Our wine cellars hold a curated selection of wines and unique beers from Australia and New Zealand.

Our guests love to mingle over drinks as the sun sets, enjoy daily educational presentations by our lecturers, participate in stargazing sessions after dark, or simply find a quiet corner on deck and enjoy the solitude.

INCLUSIONS

- > All excursions with our Expedition Team
- > Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and Kayaks
- > Snorkelling & SCUBA equipment (SCUBA diving at an additional cost)
- > Wi-Fi access
- > 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
- > 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

IMAGES | 1 Our guests dancing with locals at Sungsang Village | 2 Locally inspired cuisine onboard | 3 & 4 Our guests exploring Padar Island | 5 Scuba Diving with our onboard Dive Instructor | 6 Snorkelling from the Xplorer | 7 In the bridge with our Master | 8 Boarding the Xplorer from the beach



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CORAL GEOGRAPHER

Coral Geographer is the sister ship of *Coral Adventurer*. Launched in March 2021 and purpose-built to take you closer to unspoilt vistas in comfort, style and safety, *Coral Geographer* accommodates 120 guests in 60 spacious staterooms, and all Explorer Deck and Bridge Deck staterooms and suites offer private balconies.

With over 1000 sq m of open deck space including a wrap-around promenade deck with panoramic views, *Coral Geographer* 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 our Xplorer bar on the sundeck, a well-equipped gym, and a passenger elevator creates an environment designed for guest comfort.

Coral Geographer 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 Geographer* 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 Geographer*.

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	• 37.5sqm • Private Balcony
Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms	• 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
Promenade Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Picture Window
Coral Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Porthole Window

[VIEW DECK PLAN >](#)

IMAGES 1 Explorer Deck Stateroom | 2 Bridge Deck Suite Bathroom
3 Bridge Deck lounge | 4 Gym | 5 Suite balcony, *Coral Geographer* | 6 Peaceful relaxation on the deck.





IMAGES 1 Moriones Mask, Marinduque Island, Philippines | 2 Kuching Wetlands | 3 Tinabo | 4 Ende, Crater Lakes

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