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2025 VOYAGES



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JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

Join us on a journey to the small islands of Japan and the Philippines, where we explore regions rich in history and culture.

Delve into the cultural heritage of Japan and the Philippines as we visit cities and remote, rarely visited locations. Participate in cultural activities, explore temples, enjoy performances, savor local cuisine, and engage in artisan crafts while appreciating the natural beauty that surrounds you. Sail to the remote islands of the Ryukyu archipelago, most of which remain untouched by Western travellers. Discover traditional fishing villages and experience authentic encounters with local people, culture, and nature.

This is Japan and the Philippines that most visitors have not seen. With only 120 like-minded passengers, an expert expedition team and warm Australian hospitality, there is no better way to experience these far reaches than by small ship.

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.

Voyages series

- > **Through the Heart of Japan**
Tokyo to Fukuoka | 14 Nights | Oct & Nov 2025
- > **Through Japan's Ryukyu Islands**
Fukuoka to Keelung | 16 Nights | Nov 2025
- > **Island Trails of the Philippines**
Keelung to Manila | 16 Nights | Dec 2025
- > **An Equatorial Adventure Across North Borneo**
Manila to Singapore | 16 Nights | Dec 2025



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.

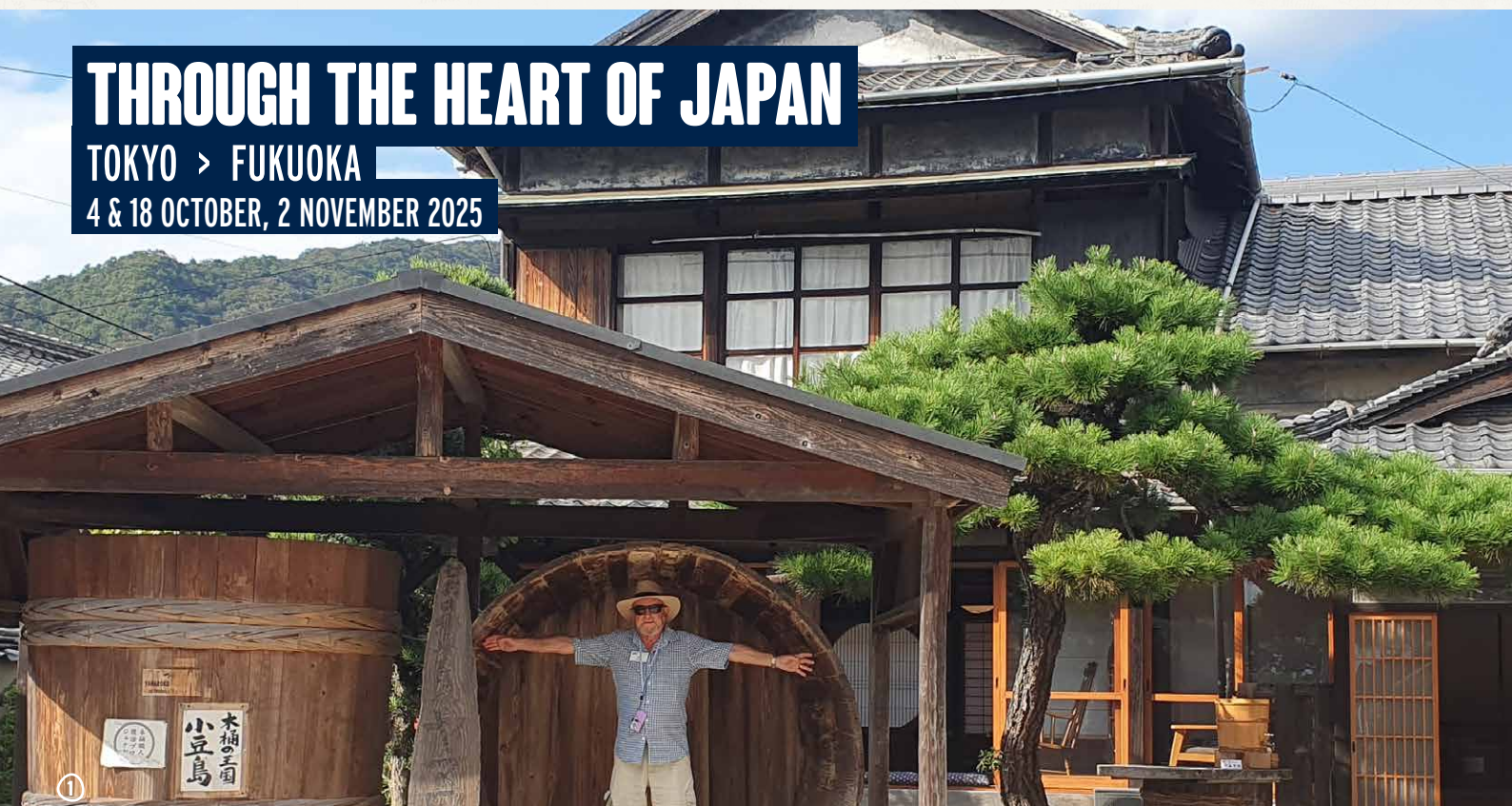
- **We focus on the destinations.** Connecting guests with nature, culture, and heritage with more time ashore in remote natural areas away from the crowds.
- **A true expedition ethos.** Small ships mean fewer guests and more intimate and personal encounters along the way. We have deep respect and strong 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.

THROUGH THE HEART OF JAPAN

TOKYO > FUKUOKA

4 & 18 OCTOBER, 2 NOVEMBER 2025



Expedition Highlights

- › Visit Arita, Japan's most prodigious exporter of fine porcelain in the 17th century.
- › View the iconic red torii gate of the Itsukujima Shinto shrine 'floating' in the Seto Inland Sea and visit neighbouring cultural sites to witness centuries-old customs.
- › Uncover World War II histories including on a visit Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park.
- › Visit Osaka, the food capital of Japan, or the historic city of Kyoto where traditional and modern architecture collide.
- › Explore UNESCO-listed Global Geopark Manjanggul, a 7.4km long lava tube and cave of South Korea's Jeju Island.
- › Visit Shodoshima and hike 2 hours in the breathtaking Kankakei Gorge or visit the Japan's oldest area for Soy Sauce production more than 400 years of crafting.



ITINERARY: 14 NIGHTS > TOKYO TO FUKUOKA

DAY 1: DEPART TOKYO, JAPAN

Board at 4:00pm for a 7:00pm departure. Settle into your cabin and relax as we set sail.

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SHIMIZU, JAPAN

Here we will visit the Mt Fuji World Heritage Centre which boasts a viewing deck and a variety of exhibitions pertaining to the volcano's seismology, history, and cultural significance. The building has an inverted conical form that reflects in the pond outside to reveal the shape of the iconic mountain. Afterwards enjoy self exploration to discover the city, including street markets and local food. We will also enjoy a visit to the nearby Fujisan Sengen Shrine. In the afternoon visit the Obuchisasaba Tea Plantation area. Take a walk between sites to enjoy local tea and a short presentation on the long history of this famous tea plantation with spectacular views of Mt Fuji.

SHINGU, JAPAN

Guests will visit important shrines - Kumano Hayatama Taisha Shrine, and Kumano Hongu Taisha Shrine. For keen walkers, the 4-hour Daimon-zaka trail can be traversed through tall cedar forests. This is an impressive cobblestone staircase slope that runs from the base of the valley to Kumano Nachi Taisha Shrine, Seiganto-ji Temple, and Nachi waterfall. We will drive through the stunning Dorokyo Gorge stopping for unforgettable photo opportunities.

KOBE PORT TO OSAKA/KYOTO, JAPAN

Today, you may choose to explore Osaka or Kyoto for the day.

Osaka: Immersive yourself in colourful, bustling Osaka, the food capital of Japan. Visit Osaka Castle, join a guided tour of famous Dotonbori Street, stroll through Kuromon Market and take it all in from the observation deck in Umeda Sky Building.

Kyoto: Once the capital of Japan, Kyoto is famous for its classical Buddhist temples, gardens, imperial palaces, Shinto shrines and traditional wooden houses. Learn of the rich history of this area as we visit these places as well as local street market, Nishiki Market, well-known for its fantastic takeaway food.

TOKUSHIMA, JAPAN

We start our expedition with a quick stop to enjoy picturesque scenery at Whirlpool Viewpoint on your transfer to a local town. Shop the local establishments, or hike along tracks to the viewpoints above the town. In Tokushima, visit the Otsuka Museum of Art, housing hundreds of artwork pieces including massive replicas of the Sistine Chapel. After lunch, we walk the streets between temples or visit the famous local Sake Brewery.

SHODOSHIMA, JAPAN

Shodoshima translates to 'small bean island', a fitting name for an island where traditionally soybean crops were processed into soy sauce. Learn about this time-honoured condiment with a 400-year-old history at the Marukin Soy Sauce Historical Museum. Experience the making of the Japanese famous Somen noodle and try your hand at dividing the noodles with long chopsticks. Hike or cable car in the Kankei Gorge ranked as one of Japan's most beautiful gorges.

HIROSHIMA, JAPAN

Forever linked to the World War II tragedy, Hiroshima has since been rebuilt while retaining some historical heritage, with the Peace Memorial Park now the city's most prominent feature. Shukkeien Garden dates as far back as the 1600's with its valleys, mountains and forests represented in miniature with tea houses amongst the gardens an ideal spot to take time to enjoy the idyllic surrounds. Enjoy a guided tour of the A-bomb area, park and museum. You may wish to enjoy free time in the city.

MIYAJIMA, JAPAN

Itsukujima shrine (a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Treasure) is one of Japan's most recognisable symbols with its red torii gate seemingly floating upon the Seto Inland Sea. Other important sites are Daisho-in, a temple of Shingon Buddhism and Reikado Hall, located on Mt Misen. Walking paths link Miyajima's cultural sites and Maple Valley, providing the ideal pace with which to absorb centuries-old customs. Stroll around the island on either a guided or self-walk tour with a map, amongst the deer that wander the same sites, and take in the beauty of the island.

MATSUYAMA, JAPAN

Matsuyama Castle is one of Japan's twelve original castles and stands at the heart of the city. We have the option to use the cable car or hike up to the castle, where you will enjoy views of the surrounding city. Next visit Ishiteji Temple, where Pilgrims dressed all in white are frequent. An inner temple connects to the main temple grounds via a dimly lit cave and 200m long tunnel that houses Buddhist statues, carvings, and drawings. Or, enjoy free time at Dogo township, known for its hot spring onsen.

KARATSU, JAPAN

Here we will explore the island's many idyllic surrounds including the Nanatsugama limestone caves, the bustling city area and markets, climbing to historic Karatsu Castle and Mikaeri Falls.

TSUSHIMA, JAPAN

Hike the Mt Shimizu trail above the township to the castle ruins where 360° views are on offer and then down through oak and cedar forests, or take a moderate walk to the first viewpoint with a great view of the township below. For those not wanting to hike, enjoy the beautiful Izuhara traditional township. We visit the local Museum with interesting artifacts dating back to the 14th century.

JEJU, SOUTH KOREA

Jeju Island's Manjanggul Lava Tubes are regarded as the finest lava tube system of caves anywhere in the world and are recognised by UNESCO as a Global Geopark site for their unique geological features and volcanic landforms. Today guests have an option to walk 60 minutes to the Seongsan Sunrise Peak with ocean and island views. Dine for lunch at a local restaurant before heading off to explore the Manjang Lava Caves.

SASEBO, JAPAN

Visit the historical pottery town of Arita where Japan's fine porcelain was first produced around 400 years ago. Arita-yaki pottery is now the most highly regarded pottery across all Japan. Spend a relaxed afternoon where you can visit the well-known viewpoint over what is known as the 99 Islands, visit the Arita township with shops to purchase local items, or enjoy free time at the local shopping area.

AOKATA AND NAKADORI ISLANDS, GOTO ISLANDS, JAPAN

Goto Island translates into English as the 'five island chain', with Nakadori and Aokata Islands being two of the most populated. Here we can visit the Kashiragashima Village and church, visit beautiful Yagotame Park and Narao Shrine.

FUKUE ISLAND, GOTO ISLANDS, JAPAN

Also a member of the Goto Islands, Fukue Island is the largest of the group with hilly terrain, temples, and churches. Either hike Mt Onidake, a dormant volcano which offers excellent views of the area, or choose the shorter hike option followed by a visit to Dozaki Church.

DAY 15: ARRIVE FUKUOKA

Our voyage ends in the Japanese port of Fukuoka. Disembark *Coral Geographer* at 8:30am and bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew. Fukuoka has great shopping, some of the best cuisine and accessibility to nature nearby.

THROUGH JAPAN'S RYUKYU ISLANDS

FUKUOKA > KEELUNG

16 NIGHTS | 16 November 2025

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Expedition Highlights

- › Be among the few overseas tourists to set foot on the remote Ryukyu Islands and learn about the culture and tradition of these coastal communities
- › Walk through UNESCO listed thousand-year-old cedar forests and view a 25m tall giant cedar tree estimated to be up to 7,200 years old
- › At Nakijin, Okinawa, enjoy a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage 'Gusuku' castle site.
- › Swim, snorkel, kayak and dive to explore Japan's diverse underwater ecosystems including at the pristine Kerama Island Group
- › Venture into Okinoerabujima's limestone caves to be surrounded by twinkling stalactites and stalagmites

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ITINERARY: 16 NIGHTS > FUKUOKA TO KEELUNG

DAY 1: DEPART FUKUOKA, JAPAN

Board at the harbour city of Fukuoka at 4:00pm. Settle into your cabin before Captain's welcome drinks as the sun sets.

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NAGASAKI, JAPAN

Once home to a major imperial Japanese base during the first Sino-Japanese War and Russo-Japanese War as well as being the second city to be hit by an atomic bomb, has a colourful history. Visit the peace memorial and the many shrines and temples throughout. Take note of the mix of old and new architecture with influences from the US, Dutch to Chinese.

SHIMOKOSHIKIJIMA, JAPAN

Today we travel back in time to the island of Shimokoshiki which was formed approximately 80 million years ago during the Mesozoic Era. Remnants of this time can be seen in the impressive sea cliffs and unique geological formations throughout the island. For nature lovers there is an exciting hiking and waterfall expedition through the ancient evergreen forests. Alternatively; guests can experience local ceremonies and traditions with village experts in the seaside town of Sato.

KAGOSHIMA, JAPAN

Kagoshima combines incredible views of Sakurajima volcano with a tapestry of unique local history. Today's excursions reflect the region's diversity so there is something for everyone to enjoy. We have the opportunity to explore a 250 year old Samurai district and the area's more recent World War II history; or spend time learning about the revived Satsuma Kiriko Glass artform at the historic Sengan-en residence that overlooks Sakurajima bay.

YAKUSHIMA, JAPAN

Walk through UNESCO-listed thousand-year-old cedar forests and view a 25-metre-tall giant cedar tree estimated to be up to 7,200 years old at Yakusugi Land. With a number of walking trails on the island, we may visit some of the many waterfalls as well. The Yakusugi Museum displays the ecology, history and industry of the forests on Yakushima Island. Here you can visit a sochu distillery and learn to make your own chopsticks with local craftspeople.

SEA DAY - SUWANOSEJIMA, JAPAN

Suwanosejima is one of the Tokara Islands and is home to a population of less than 100 people who make their living from agriculture, fishing and seasonal tourism. The volcano on this island is one of the most active in the world, in a state of near-continuous strombolian-style eruption since 1949. Cruise around the island to view this unique, remote destination.

AMAMI OSHIMA, JAPAN

Amami Oshima is home to a rare endemic wildlife including the prefectural Lidth's Jay bird recognisable by its blue and red plumage and the Amami black rabbit - one of the most primitive species of rabbit alive today. Amami Oshima's underwater ecosystem is equally as diverse as its shoreside flora and fauna. Enjoy time on the picturesque tropical beaches by swimming, kayaking and diving. Alternatively explore the island's cultural history at its art museum and kimono village.

OKINOERABUJIMA, JAPAN

Okinoerabujima is an explorer's heaven - over 300 limestone caves can be found beneath the island varying from enormous caverns to coves shaped by the ocean spray. Venture into rim stone cave and be surrounded by twinkling stalactites and stalagmites. Spot abundant marine life alongside numerous

species of coral while swimming, snorkelling and diving in the island's pristine waters or discover unique local textile production if you prefer an above-ground adventure.

MOTOBU, OKINAWA, JAPAN

We visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Nakijin Castle. Enjoy a Japanese buffet lunch at the Marine Piazza featuring organic local genki vegetables, traditional Okinawan stir fry, tempura dishes and famous local Okinawan soups and soba noodles. Following lunch, stroll along the scenic Bise-Fukugi Road, where rows of camphor trees create a beautiful tree-lined path. Choose to take in the scenery with a 20-minute ox cart ride through the picturesque local streets, offering a unique and leisurely way to explore the area. Alternatively, enjoy water activities of swimming and snorkelling from the beach.

NAHA, OKINAWA, JAPAN

Naha, the capital city of Okinawa, is located on the southwest of the Island. Immerse yourself in Okinawa's unique culture on a once-in-a-lifetime excursion to the Otsunahiki festival (more commonly known as the Tug-of-War festival). Teams dressed in traditional Ryukyu costumes battle to drag a 40-tonne rope 5 meters to victory. Once a winner is declared, pieces of the rope are cut and handed out to spectators to bring luck for the following year.

KERAMA NATIONAL PARK, ZAMAMI ISLAND, JAPAN

The water clarity here is world-class and the colour of the ocean even has its own namesake: 'Kerama blue'. Visit the observatories on Zamami Island and enjoy magnificent views. Swim, snorkel and scuba dive from the pristine beaches of largely undeveloped islands that receive few visitors. For walkers, we will be able to hike to the summit of Mt Takatsuki for incredible views of the islands and walk back through the quaint Zamami Village to experience true island life.

KUMEJIMA, JAPAN

Part of the Okinawa Shoto Island group, Kumejima is known for its numerous unique rock formations and quiet unspoilt natural coastline. The island was once used to produce large amounts of rice due to its abundance of freshwater. Here, we will enjoy water activities in the warm waters and cruise the rocky coastline.

MIYAKOJIMA, JAPAN

The remote Miyako island chain is comprised of eight islands full of white sand beaches and beautiful crystal waters. We will take full advantage of our location with a visit to the Imgyaa Marine Garden which offers excellent snorkeling and swimming as well as scenic coastal walks to the nearby peninsular.

IRIOMOTE AND HATERUMA, JAPAN

On Iriomote Island, the second largest island in Okinawa, cruise through the mangroves and soak in views of the largely undeveloped island covered in dense jungle. Alternatively visit a secluded beach only accessible via boat for a chance to spot turtles or just marvel at the coral species and fish life.

ISHIGAKI, JAPAN

Ishigaki is our base for two days. Soak in the pristine beaches after a day of exploring Mt Banna and a local Awamori Distillery. Divers will have the opportunity to dive the Manta Scramble. There will be an additional excursion to nearby Taketomi Island on a unique village tour by traditional ox-cart. To celebrate the conclusion of our voyage, there will be a signature Okinawan cooking demonstration and the Captain's Farewell Drinks.

DAY 17: ARRIVE KEELUNG, TAIWAN

Disembark *Coral Geographer* at 9:30am and bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew.

ISLAND TRAILS OF THE PHILIPPINES

KEELUNG > MANILA
16 NIGHTS | 3 DECEMBER 2025



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Expedition Highlights

- > Dive, snorkel and swim in pristine marine environments such as Cuatro Islas
- > Visit the township of Maripipi to taste local delicacies, watch wild vine weaving and experience traditional pottery making
- > Explore the historic Cabo Engaño lighthouse and learn of its significance
- > Cruise the Loboc River on a leisurely river cruise with traditional song and dance entertainment
- > Visit the Tarsiers Conservatory to see the world's smallest primate which are little bigger than a mango and are considered a near-threatened species
- > Be immersed in island village life on strolls through traditional markets, tasting local delicacies and witnessing cultural practices



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ITINERARY: 16 NIGHTS > KEELUNG TO MANILA

DAY 1: KEELUNG, TAIWAN

Board *Coral Geographer* at 4:00pm at Keelung, Taiwan. Settle into your stateroom and relax as we set sail across the Pacific Ocean. Join the Captain's welcome drinks and meet your crew and fellow guests as the sun sets.

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SU'AO, TAIWAN

We arrive at Su'ao on Taiwan's east coast. Option to join a difficult 5km return forest walk on the Qixing Mountain Trail (2.5 hours). Partake in tea-picking and tasting at Yilan Xing Yuan Tea Farm, a family business named after its first- and third-generation owners. Enjoy a buffet lunch at the National Centre for Traditional Arts and engage with artisans, learning about Taiwan's influences through art. End the day in Su'ao at Kavalan whisky distillery for a firsthand look at its single malt whisky craft, followed by a tasting and purchase opportunity.

SEA DAY

Relax onboard as we spend the day sailing across the South China Sea before reaching the Philippines.

CLAVERIA, PHILIPPINES

Located on the north coast of Luzon and directly south of Taiwan, Claveria is known as the 'Paradise of the North'. During our visit, learn about the processes of rice growing and production in a local village and sample traditional local food. See one of the heritage houses, the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, and a 1948 church bell at the Santa Maria Eco Park.

PALAU ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

Explore the historic Cabo Engaño Lighthouse and its significance. This decommissioned 19th-century lighthouse on Palau Island, built during Spanish colonial rule, is a National Cultural Treasure. Ascend for spectacular views of the Dos Hermanos Islands. The trek requires reasonable fitness. Lighthouse Walk: Walk 140m across sand to reach the 300-stair path. The trek includes concrete pathways with handrails and no shade, plus dirt trails under tree cover.

SEA DAY & MACULABO ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

The island is part of the Calaguas group of islands. Here we will enjoy sunset beach drinks and some free time to relax and mingle. The following day we will explore the picturesque beach and small local fishing community. Spend the afternoon snorkelling, swimming and beachcombing in this pristine location.

PALUMBANES, PHILIPPINES

Spend the morning snorkelling or diving in the pristine waters around Bitoag and Tignob Islands. Tides permitting, there is an opportunity to explore the headland trails of these remote islands.

BIRI & LA LAGUNA ECO PARK, PHILIPPINES

Engage with Danggit villagers and learn how dried fish sustains the island. Travel by local transport to the village and walk the experiential circuit to see the process. The 300-hectare La Laguna Eco Park features lush mangroves, clear waters, and diverse wildlife, including fish, crabs, sea urchins, birds, eagles, fruit bats, and monkeys. Part of the Biri Larosa protected area, it supports local conservation efforts. Meet women's group representatives to learn about their role in securing management rights. Stroll the boardwalks to explore the mangrove program and its community impact.

HIGATANGAN ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

Experience the unique welcome of this remote island and spend the day exploring traditional medicine techniques, village fishing net-making, shipbuilding, and painting. Take local transport to the island's highest point for spectacular views across the Visayan Sea before enjoying a local seafood boodle lunch under the shade of aged beechwood trees. This afternoon, snorkel from the Xplorer at a nearby reef.

MAMBAJAO & MANTIQUE ISLANDS, PHILIPPINES

Camiguin is known as the "Island Born of Fire," boasting seven volcanoes that shape its unique landscape. Experience the history of the island with a visit to the well-preserved Chen Heritage House, sampling local food. Cool down at the spectacular Katibawasan Falls, a 70-metre cascade offering swimming and scenic views. After lunch, swim, snorkel, and dive in the bluest of seas at our exclusively reserved Mantique Island.

BOHOL, PHILIPPINES

Board a riverboat for a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Loboc River while enjoying a buffet-style lunch of local delicacies accompanied by local musicians. Moor up against a floating platform where local villagers in traditional costumes perform a lively song and dance performance where you are welcome to join in. Visit the Tarsiers Conservatory to see the world's smallest primate which are little bigger than a mango and are considered a near-threatened species. From the viewpoint lookout admire the cacao-coloured Chocolate Hills with their symmetrical mounds.

CUATRO ISLAS, PHILIPPINES

Meaning 'four islands' in Spanish, Cuatro Islas is a group of elusive islands, three of which being inhabited and rarely visited by locals and tourists alike. They are an idyllic location for a full day of relaxing and water activities including snorkelling, diving, kayaking and cruising around the tropical paradise by Xplorer.

MARIPIPI, PHILIPPINES

Visit the townships Agutay and Casibang to experience an authentic cultural immersion. Taste local delicacies and participate in the weaving of wild vines and century old pottery making techniques. Known as the 'Isle of Gems' for its clear waters and white sand beaches, spend the afternoon on picturesque Sambawan Island which offers opportunities for snorkelling, and a light walk to the islands 360° viewpoint.

TICAO, PHILIPPINES

Admire the old-style buildings of San Jacinto and learn about the processes of cacao production, then taste the rich hot chocolate made with coconut milk. Wander the lively streets of this fishing village and visit the local fish market to view the diversity of the catch. Later, enjoy some free time to swim, snorkel, and kayak, or simply relax under the de-nutted coconut palms of a local resort. For divers and keen snorkellers, spend the morning at Halea Nature Resort amidst bountiful fish and coral gardens.

MARINDUQUE, PHILIPPINES

Here in Marinduque, locals participate in a unique version of the crucifixion of Christ, called the Mariones Festival, wearing heavy wooden masks and thick handmade armour. We will visit the master craftsman who make these unique cultural artefacts and learn about the 'suffering' of Christ as perceived by the Marinduquians. This afternoon we will visit the local cathedral and town square with 1930's architecture, followed by our last swim at Natangco Island before departing to Manila.

DAY 17: MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Disembark *Coral Geographer* at 9:00am and bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew. Post-cruise transfers to Manila CBD hotels or the Manila airport is included.

AN EQUATORIAL ADVENTURE ACROSS NORTH BORNEO

MANILA > SINGAPORE

16 NIGHTS | 19 DECEMBER 2025



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 the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre at Sepilok raising awareness and conservation research of this endangered species
- > Enjoy an exotic cultural feast event interacting with diverse ethnic groups at Mari Mari Cultural Village
- > Explore one of the world's most unique cave systems and archaeologies - Niah Caves
- > Meet resident Orangutans and hear about the continuing plight of dislocation from natural environments at the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre



ITINERARY: 16 NIGHTS > MANILA TO SINGAPORE

DAY 1: DEPART MANILA, PHILIPPINES

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HARKA PILOTO & SILONAY ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

Nestled in the Philippine archipelago that forms part of the Coral Triangle, we arrive to Harka Piloto Island, known as the 'Centre of Marine Biodiversity of the World' and 'the Amazon of the Oceans.' With the highest concentration of marine species in the world, here we will swim, snorkel and dive, exploring this underwater wonderland.

Enjoy lunch onboard before our afternoon expedition to Silonay Conservation Ecopark. We take a short boardwalk stroll into mangrove forest as we learn more about the importance of these mangroves and the direct impacts they have on the livelihoods of the local villagers.

BOAC, MARINDUQUE ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

Be greeted with a local 'Putungan Welcome', a tradition in Marinduque where guests are serenaded with songs, pictures, flowers and coins. In Marinduque, locals participate in a unique version of the crucifixion of Christ known as the Marioness Festival, where participants don heavy wooden masks and thick handmade armour. We will visit the master craftsmen who create these unique cultural artifacts and learn about the 'suffering' of Christ as perceived by the Marinduquians. Following this, we will explore the cultural town, visiting the century-old Boac Cathedral, the Marinduque National Museum, and the Boac Central Market.

After lunch, snorkel and dive the spectacular waters of Baltazar Island of the Tres Reyes chain.

CULION ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

Explore the heritage of Culion with a guided tour of the island, where architecture from the 1900s and earlier remains intact. We'll visit the Culion Museum, Archives, and Church, as well as the preserved structures built by the leper colony. Discover the rich history, ongoing research, and the enduring legacy of the people who live here.

PUERTO PRINCESA, PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES

We 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. Alternatively, enjoy a self-guided exploration of one of the Philippines most visited towns.

BALABAC, PHILIPPINES

This is our last opportunity to enjoy the remote reefs and sand cays of the Philippines. Spend the morning swimming or snorkelling in turquoise waters.

SANDAKAN, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Travel to the famed Sepilok area where you will spend the morning at Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre feeding platform before engaging with the dedicated team at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre. There is the option for you to take a leisurely 2 km walk to explore the unique flora and fauna of the Rainforest Discovery centre.

On return to the ship, we'll stop at the Sandakan War Memorial, the site of a former 1945 Japanese POW camp and the start of the Ranau Death Marches.

KUDAT, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

This morning travel by air-conditioned bus to a Rungus longhouse, sample local delicacies and learn more about their unique way of life.

KOTA KINABALU, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Arrive to Kota Kinabalu and take advantage of Port to town transfers for your self-exploration of this engaging city flanked by rainforest and beaches.

This evening, take a local transfer to the Mari Mari Cultural Village for a cultural feast event. Set amidst the exotic jungle, we will dine in a traditional longhouse and experience the cultural traditions of five ethnic groups in Sabah: Rungus, Bajau, Murut, Dusun, and Lundayeh. Witness cultural performances, market-style interactions, and traditional dress, and engage with locals from each ethnic group as they showcase their traditions, including bamboo fire starting, rice wine making, tree bark clothing, blowpipe demonstrations, henna tribal tattoos, and tinkling.

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI

With the same family line ruling Brunei for over six centuries, the peak of the Sultanate of Brunei occurred between the 15th and 17th centuries when its control extended over coastal areas of northwest Borneo and the southern Philippines.

Explore the city on a guided tour visiting Kampung Ayer, a floating coastal water village. Enjoy photo stops and visits at the Royal Ceremonial Hall, Parliament House, tomb of the fifth Sultan of Brunei - Sultan Bolkiah (1485 -1524), the Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque, Brunei Museum, Royal Regalia Museum, the Water Village, and the Sultan's Palace (Istana Nurul Iman). The city tour can be offered as a walking tour with slight adjustment to the sites visited.

MIRI, SARAWAK, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

Visit Niah Caves once home to the Penan tribe, the original inhabitants of the area and acknowledged to have ancestry going back to more than 60,000 years. The Niah Caves is also regarded as a sacred natural site by the surrounding Indigenous communities.

KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIAN BORNEO (2 DAYS)

Kuching is a culturally and architecturally rich city that is easily walkable and very atmospheric. On a morning orientation walking tour, discover the waterfront shopping, where English is widely spoken and there are handicrafts readily available. Savour the unique produce and flavours of the Orang Ulu people before exploring Kuching the newly completed Borneo Cultures Museum and the Islamic Heritage Museum.

The following day, join a morning expedition to Semenggoh Nature Reserve. All the orangutans at Semenggoh Wildlife Centre have either been saved from the illegal pet industry, are orphaned here because their mothers were killed, or injured in the wild and they unable to survive on their own. We will enjoy an easy walk along forest paths to meet rangers at feeding platforms and watch as the orangutans enjoy a variety of food including fruit, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, coconut, and hardboiled eggs. Subject to weather and convenient tides there is the option of a guided exploration of open trails surrounding Bako National Park Headquarters for active and mobile guests.

DAYS AT SEA

Today we spend two relaxing days at sea as we travel to Singapore.

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.

2025 DEPARTURES & FARES

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14 Nights - 4 & 18 October, 2 November - Departs Tokyo & Fukuoka

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ISLAND TRAILS OF THE PHILIPPINES

16 Nights - 3 December - Departs Keelung

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Twin Share	31,680	23,490	17,620	14,690
Sole Use	n/a	35,235*	26,430*	22,035*

EQUATORIAL ADVENTURE ACROSS NORTH BORNEO

16 Nights - 19 December - Departs Manila

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	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
① Twin Share	31,680	23,490	17,620	14,690
Sole Use	n/a	35,235*	26,430*	22,035*

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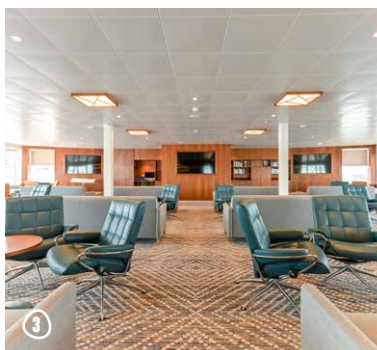
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IMAGES 1 Hashi (chopsticks) making workshop, Koshiki | 2 Yakushima walking trails | 3 Bird Sanctuary Miyakejima-Akakokko | 4 Dance performer, Shimzu

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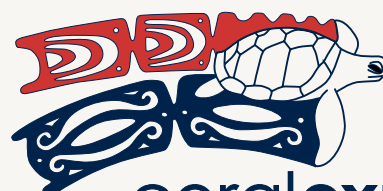
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