

ANCIENT KINGDOMS OF THE EAST INDIES (CORAL ADVENTURER)

Join our small ship expedition "Ancient Kingdoms of the East Indies Islands" on a 10-night voyage aboard Coral Adventurer from Benoa (Bali) to Singapore. On this unique journey of discovery, you will experience ancient seafaring and island cultures, intriguing architecture, UNESCO World-heritage historic sites and maritime traditions steeped in centuries-old beliefs. Witness the confluence of history and culture in a region which was once at the heart of global maritime trade. Meet the fishermen at the helm of elaborate fishing vessels of Perencak, see the mesmerising warrior-like Gandrung dance, wander through royal cemeteries and visit ancient UNESCO-listed temples. At the famed ninth century Bororbudur and Prambanan Temples, enjoy a rare opportunity to see the Ramayana Ballet in a setting once ruled by early Sailendra and Sanjaya dynasties. Continue the cultural immersion amidst the charming laneways of old Batavia with a Javanese traditional Wayang Kulit shadow puppetry performance, selected by UNESCO for its significant cultural heritage. Along the way relax on white-sand beaches and snorkel over vibrant coral gardens of this rarely explored archipelagos.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: DEPART BENOA

Board Coral Adventurer at Benoa (Bali) at 5:00pm where there is time to settle into your cabin before our departure.

PERENCAK & BANYUWANGI

The elaborately adorned timber fishing vessels of Perencak are built in the Bugis tradition with intricately painted designs. We meet the fishermen as they return to shore with their catch and learn about the customs and beliefs passed down through the





generations that underpin their lives. Later, arrive at Banyuwangi, a lovely city in Eastern Java. Here, go ashore to enjoy the spectacle of the sacred Gandrung Dance – a well-known part of the culture of Banyuwangi. Gandrung, which means 'desperately in love' in Javanese, is danced to honour the goddess of the rice paddy, Dewi Sri. Traditionally a harvest dance, Gandrung is now danced for many other events, accompanied by the vibrant and earthy sounds of a gamelan orchestra. You may have the opportunity to learn several of the moves from this complex dance.

PROBOLINGO & MT BROMO

Indonesia is carved from volcanic origins, with 2,329m high Mt Bromo on the island of Java one of the most visited. Situated in the middle of a plain known as the 'sea of sand', the spectacular vista of the five volcanoes is best observed from the lookout of Mt Penanjakan. The volcanic region is considered safe, and we will explore up the slopes to enjoy the view over the magnificent Tengger Caldera by jeep and donkey.

SUMENEP, MADURA ISLAND

Sumenep is Madura Island's most interesting town with intriguing history, culture and architecture showcased in the Sumenep Palace and Kraton Museum, complete with a 500kg hand-written Quran alongside relics of the Hindu kingdoms. We visit the Royal cemetery of the historic Madurese Kingdom and admire Dutch-influenced architecture of the grand palace complex, enjoy a cultural performance and taste local cuisine at the Kraton (palace). There is an opportunity to explore Kalianget Old Town, with its relics of a salt factory, and Dutch colonial architecture, Sumenep Square, a well-presented park and Taman Adipura, a horticulturalist's delight.

BAWEAN ISLAND

Pulau Bawean is a small island located in the Java Sea. The island has a circular coast-hugging road and is dominated by an extinct volcano at its centre that rises to 655m. As a result of many men leaving the island for work, females constitute about 77% of the actual population of the island, which is often referred to as the 'island of women'. The island is renowned for its natural attractions and many endemic species, such as the Bawean Deer which is only found on Bawean Island. Here we will explore up the hills to spot deer and meet the local people.

BOROBUDUR & PRAMBANAN TEMPLES

Journey from the port of Semarang to the UNESCO World Heritage site Borobudur Temple. Wandering the many galleries amidst the world's largest Buddhist temple, we learn of the culture of the Sailendra Dynasty. Enjoy sunset with a backdrop of the ninth century Mahayana Buddhist temple and stay overnight in a nearby hotel. We may watch a performance of the epic Ramayana Ballet which is significant to both Sailendra and Sanjaya dynasties. The following morning visit another UNESCO World Heritage site, Prambanan Temple complex. Wander the vast Hindu Temple compound and hear stories that reach as far back as the ninth century when the temple was constructed during the Sanjaya Dynasty. Indonesia's ancient art form of batik is steeped in symbolism with patterns influenced by cultures and regional traditions – observe batik being made and have the opportunity to stamp your own batik!

BATAVIA

Amongst the colonial-era streetscapes of old Batavia, once the headquarters of the Dutch East Indies Company, we learn about Batavia's role in exploration history at the National Museum and the Maritime Museum which is housed in an historic Dutch spice





warehouse. Enjoy a performance of Javanese traditional shadow puppetry, known as Wayang Kulit. Wayang Kulit was designated by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity in 2003.

AT SEA

Enjoy a relaxing sea day at leisure and the continuation of our expedition program of activities and informative presentations.

TANJUNG KELIAN

Enjoy a welcoming ceremony full of life and traditional dancing before taking a guided tour of Tanjung Kelian, with the stunning backdrop of a 156-year-old lighthouse. There is the option to walk up the 177 stairs to the top of the lighthouse to enjoy panoramic views while market stalls set up around the lighthouse base offer opportunities to taste local cuisine.

DAY 11: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Coral Adventurer arrives into Singapore at 3:00pm. Farewell your Master, crew and fellow guests with disembarkation at 5:00pm.

Please Note:

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 and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel.





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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Launched in 2018 withher maiden voyage in 2019, Coaral Adventurer has been designed and built to take you closer to unspoilt vistas in comfort, style and safety. A culmination of two years of design and three decades of passion for expedition cruising. BIGGER IS NOT BETTER At a time when cruise ships get larger and glitzier, we remain stubbornly compact and intimate. Our ships are designed to take you to unspoilt destinations not accessible to large ships. We want you to have the luxury of space, dine with whom you please, or find your quiet corner on deck. So Coral Adventurer has just 60 spacious cabins. This preserves the intimate atmosphere we are known for without sacrificing the stability and comfort of a true ocean going vessel. BUILT FOR DISCOVERY The Coral Adventurer features the trademark dual 'Xplorer' tenders cradled on a hydraulic platform slung off the back of the ship, enabling our guests to go ashore in comfort and ease. The shallow draft of the ship enables us to go closer to shore than larger ships. Together with a renowned expedition team, this new ship will offer the most advanced expedition capabilities of any small ship afloat. BUILT FOR COMFORT With active stabilisers dampening sea motion, mostly balcony cabins, and interiors designed with the colours and

textures of tropical Queensland, the Coral Adventurer is a comfortable ship. She features promenade decks, generous communal areas that accommodate all guests, a passenger elevator, and an open kitchen where you can observe our chefs whip up small batch cuisine from locally sourced ingredients. BUILT FOR PERSONAL SERVICE The Coral Adventurer will continue a proud tradition of Australian flagged vessels with friendly and professional Australian crew. The onboard atmosphere remains refreshingly informal and intimate. Take your seat at our bridge lounge, chat with the captain at your leisure or accompany our chefs on a market tour. Food and wine features Single seating dining area with communal 'wine table' finished with Australian stone; serving buffet breakfast and lunch, and multi-course table d'hote dinners Showcase galley visible to guests for fresh small-batch cuisine featuring Australian produce Multiple indoor and outdoor bars, including the Explorer bar on the sundeck for sunset drinks with 180 degree views Curated wine cellar featuring modestly priced boutique wines for daily drinking and exceptional vintage Australian reds. Guest comfort All outside guest cabins with en-suite bathrooms; majority have private balcony Active stabilisers to dampen sea motion Gym equipped with elliptical trainers and treadmills Passenger elevator Wi-Fi available in all

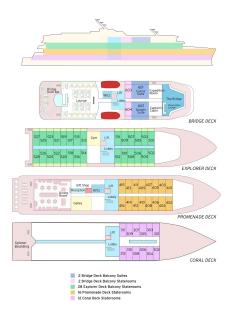




guest areas



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