

AN ESCAPADE IN THE HEART OF MELANESIA LUXURY CRUISE

Fall under the spell of Melanesia , a vast South Pacific island world where nature and ancestral cultures find powerful expression. In Papua New Guinea , the deep forest and jagged landscapes are home to various communities, the heirs to age-old traditions. Further east, the Solomon Islands unveil their luxuriant scenery around Honiara , with verdant hills and shores brimming with history. Vanuatu extends this immersion with its volcanic islands and deep bays. On the island of Espiritu Santo, Luganville offers an authentic island atmosphere, a gateway to preserved landscapes, before Champagne Beach reveals itself between expanses of white sand and turquoise water. Not far away, the enchanting Mystery Island, with its captivating lagoons and immaculate beaches, promises a tropical haven where nature and serenity come together.



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Day 1 - Darwin

Darwin is located in Australia's Northern Territory which is also known as the "Top End". It is the **capital city** and the most populated town of the Northern Territory. Darwin is a beautiful tropical city, a **melting pot of people and cultures** , over 50 different cultures live and work side by side that prides itself in its unique and friendly laid-back lifestyle. Come discover the town's still recent history through its emblematic buildings such as the new **Parliamant House** opened in 1994, a magnificent example of tropical architecture or **Admiralty House** declared heritage place, a tropical-style home elevated on stilts that has survived two cyclones and numerous air raids.



Day 2 - At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

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Day 4 - Thursday Island

Located at Australia s northernmost tip, Thursday Island is one of more than a hundred in the Torres Strait ,between Cape York Peninsula and Papua New Guinea. The historic military fort of **Green Hill** offers magnificent views and you can discover more about the region and its pearling history at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre.

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Day 6 - Samarai Island

The Samarai islands are located in the China Strait off the south-eastern tip of New Guinea. In its colonial heyday it was said to be one of the most beautiful places in the PacificDeclared a "National Historical Heritage Island" by the government of Papua New Guinea in 2006, the islet was - at the time of English administration - a compulsory stop for all merchant ships sailing between Australia and South-East Asia, making the island the country's second commercial port. Founded in the 1800s, the town quickly attracted gold miners and other traders, who helped shape its history.

Day 7 - Alotau



Alotau became the provincial capital of Milne Bay in 1969 and today has a population of approximately 16,000. It serves as our port of entry into Papua New Guinea. Missionaries, miners, pearlers, Japanese and American warships have all contributed to the History of Milne Bay. Perhaps the most significant history surrounds the **Battle of Milne Bay**. It was here that the invading Japanese army suffered their first land defeat in the Pacific War in 1942. A memorial park at the battle site commemorates the event. The local people are warm and welcoming resulting in one of the most relaxed, secure and easy-going towns in Papua New Guinea. Join your expedition team for a tour taking in the town markets and **WWII memorials**.

Day 8 - Conflict Group

Lost in the heart of the Pacific, the Conflict Islands were discovered in 1886 by the British warship HMS Conflict. They form an **archipelago of 21 islands** encircling a vast lagoon, the remnant of a submerged volcano. Surrounded by unspoilt reefs, they are home to **unique natural environments and rich marine life**.

Day 9 - At sea

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Day 10 - Honiara, Guadalcanal Island

Honiara is the capital city of The Solomon Islands, administered as a provincial town on the north-western coast of Guadalcanal Island. **Honiara** comes from the local Ghari Language "naho-ni-ara" meaning 'facing the ara', the place where the southeast winds meet the land. Discover this city, its beautiful landscape, and the significant role it played in **World War II**. Particularly The Battle of Henderson Field, the last of the three major land offensives conducted by the Japanese in 1942.

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Day 12 - Champagne Beach, Espiritu Santo Island

On the northern coast of Espiritu Santo lies **Champagne Beach** , a place of striking natural purity. Its remarkably fine



pale sand borders striking turquoise waters, with the light of the Pacific revealing the full softness of the landscape. This setting, ideal for relaxation, swimming or discovering the marine life, offers a moment marked by simplicity and enchantment.

Day 13 - Luganville, Espiritu Santo Island

Luganville , Vanuatu's second-largest town, located on the southern coast of the island of Espiritu Santo, owes its name to the Breton sailor Armand Lugan, who found it in 1870. Turned into an American military base during the **Second World War** , the town has retained traces of its history, such as the wide **Higinson Boulevard** , designed to allow four tanks to pass side by side. Today, Luganville invites visitors to experience a **welcoming local community** living in harmony with nature, and is a gateway to unspoilt landscapes where **traditions and tropical beauty** blend with authenticity.

Day 14 - Port Vila, Efate

Port Vila is the cradle of an insular harmony where time seems to stand still, a tropical pearl in Vanuatu emerging from the turquoise waters of the Pacific Ocean, a place that inspires contemplation and daydreaming. Beneath an azure sky, the colourful markets reveal the very essence of Vanuatuan culture. The stalls here are overflowing with tropical fruit bursting with sunshine, while the artisans showcase their talents, weaving vegetable-fibre baskets and sculpting traditional masks with enigmatic faces. On the lush heights in the inland region of Vanuatu's capital, the waterfalls whisper secret songs, creating an aquatic symphony that resonates in the heart of travellers in search of magic.

Day 15 - Mystery Island

Originally known as Inyeug, **Mystery Island** is an uninhabited island with a discreet charm, located in the southern part of the Vanuatu archipelago. During the Second World War, the island was used as an airstrip, and its isolated location made the arrival of Allied aircraft mysterious to the enemy, hence its name. Today, the island is a truly idyllic haven, where **white-sand beaches, wind-swayed palm trees and turquoise waters** form a pristine refuge in which the beauty of untouched nature is revealed.

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Day 17 - Lautoka, Viti Levu Island

Lautoka is the second largest city of Fiji. Located on the western side of the island of Viti Levu, 24 kilometres north of Nadi. Lying in the heart of Fiji's sugar cane growing region, it is known as the **Sugar City**. Lautoka is the gateway to Fiji's "Sun coast" a land of abundant sunshine, azure skies and dramatic grass-covered peaks chequered with sugar-cane fields, rural villages and quaint market towns.



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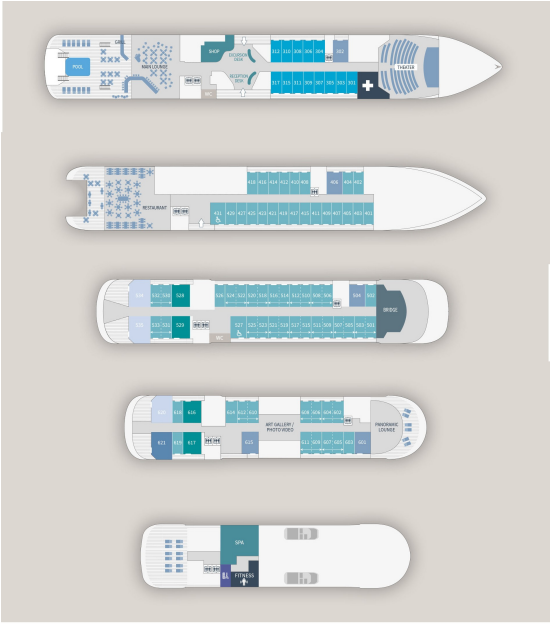
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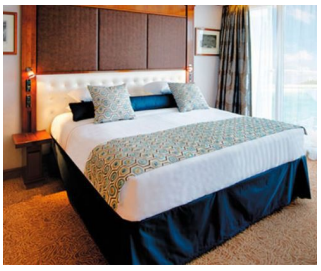
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