

HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO - LUXURY CRUISE

Aboard the _Paul Gauguin_ , a ship with a distinctly relaxed and international atmosphere, set sail to discover fascinating and idyllic lands offering a mix of cultural heritage and natural treasures. Explore the volcanic landscapes, heavenly beaches and traditional villages of the Lesser Sunda Islands. In Badas , discover the rural traditions of Sumbawa and the spectacular buffalo races. Track the famous Komodo dragons in Komodo National Park before enjoying the crystal-clear waters of Pink Beach. On the island of Sumba , immerse yourself in an ancestral culture featuring traditional dances and ikat weaving. In West Timor , meet local communities and discover an extraordinarily rich cultural heritage. This trip offers an opportunity to discover a mosaic of communities and hidden treasures across the Indonesian archipelago.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Benoa, Bali

If it's a taste of exotic authenticity you're after, prepare to be spell-bound by the **island of Bali** , tucked away in the heart of the Indonesian **archipelago**. The beauty and diversity of its landscapes, the depth and richness of its cultural heritage and the plethora of activities on offer here make **Bali** a little slice of heaven on Earth. The island's southern coast enthrals with its white sand beaches, its picturesque little fishing villages such as **Benoa,** and its hills patchworked with terraced rice paddies further inland. Nicknamed 'the Island of Gods' for its sumptuous temples, Bali is the beating heart of Indonesian Hinduism.

Day 2 - Badas, Sumbawa



The port of Badas is part of the greater township of Sumbawa Besar, on the island of Sumbawa. Like most of Sumbawa the people hold their culture strong as a major part of their identity. The island has a strong influence from the Makassarese of Sulawesi, who over the centuries have introduced a lot of their culture into Sumbawa. Join your expedition team and local guides for a tour by bus to Pamulung Village where you will be welcomed by the head of the village and have the opportunity to witness first-hand the local traditions of rice pounding, weaving and also re-enactment of a traditional wedding procession. Your visit will conclude with an exciting Sumbawa buffalo race, an event that will be held in honour of our visit.

Day 3 - Komodo National Park

Between the islands of Sumbawa and Flores, **Komodo National Park** welcomes you to discover its natural wonders. At the very heart of the Indonesian archipelago, the three islands that form it - Komodo, Rinca and Padar - owe their renown to the **famous eponymous dragons** , enormous lizards over two metres long, which live in its grassy savannah. This jagged and hilly volcanic territory belonging to the Sunda Islands is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** because of its incredible terrestrial and marine biodiversity. Admire its palette of colours, intermingling the sparkling whites of the beaches and the deep blues of the coral-filled water.

Day 4 - Waingapu, Sumba

Discover the natural and cultural treasures of **Waingapu** on a scenic drive to the hills of **Bukit Tanarara** and **Hili Wuku** , renowned for their spectacular **savannah landscapes** and breathtaking panoramic views. Continue to the **village of Prailiu** , known for its distinctive **traditional houses** and beautiful **ikat textiles**. After a warm welcome and a **traditional dance performance** , explore the village at your own pace to observe daily life, admire the intricately handwoven fabrics and browse a selection of local souvenirs.

Day 5 - Larantuka, Flores

In **Larantuka** , a small town at the eastern tip of **Flores Island** , meet local communities during **cultural welcome performances** in traditional villages, where you will discover local skills and crafts including **ikat** weaving and the production of **regional alcoholic drinks**. Continue with a visit to **Reinha Rosari Cathedral** , a testament to the Portuguese heritage and **strong Catholic tradition** that have shaped Larantuka's history and identity, then head to a **local school** to enjoy a performance by the children and to be shown around their classrooms.

Day 6 - Kupang

In **Kupang** , in the heart of the island of Timor, immerse yourself in the traditions of **the eastern Lesser Sunda Islands**. Visit the **East Nusa Tenggara Regional Museum** to discover the province's rich cultural heritage through its **traditional ikat textiles** , models of vernacular houses, carved figurines, musical instruments and **archaeological artefacts** reflecting the history and traditions of the region. In **Lasiana** , watch how palm sap is turned into brown sugar and sample this local speciality before enjoying a coffee or tea on the picturesque beach to the sounds of the **sasando** , a traditional stringed instrument from the region.

Day 7 - 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.

Day 8 - 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.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Designed specifically to glide through the shallow seas of the South Pacific, The Gauguin is a small-ship cruiser's dream. She delivers travelers to intimate ports inaccessible to larger cruise ships, all the while providing an onboard experience that is nothing short of luxurious. Guests aboard luxury cruises enjoy spacious suites and staterooms (more than 70% with private balconies), an onboard watersports marina, three dining venues, an extensive spa, and five-star service. Life onboard also reflects the beauty and rich cultural heritage of the islands she calls upon, with a warm, friendly feel, informal setting, and even a beloved troupe of Gauguines and Gauguins--local Tahitians who serve as cruise staff, entertainers, and storytellers. Ship Features All oceanview accommodations, nearly 70% with balconies, measuring from 200 to 500 sq. ft., including balcony Butler service, in-suite bar setup, and iPod® music system in suite/stateroom category B and above A choice of three dining venues Complimentary 24-hour room service, including selections from L'Etoile restaurant during regular dining hours Complimentary beverages, including select wines and spirits, beer, soft drinks, bottled water, and hot beverages Onboard gratuities for room stewards, dining and bar staff Full entertainment program including Polynesian artists, musical entertainment, a pianist, and a professionally operated casino with slot machines Spa and beauty services, including hand and foot treatments, body treatments, facials, and spa programs Optional PADI SCUBA diving program and certification Watersports marina for complimentary kayaking and paddleboarding, and Zodiacs® for optional dive excursions Fully-equipped fitness center Presentations by local naturalists and a variety of special guests Spacious outdoor decks and pool La Boutique duty-free shop Book library (open 24 hours a day) Wi-Fi hot spots throughout the ship to cover most suites/staterooms and common areas, as well as guest-accessible computers, available 24 hours a day for a nominal fee Laundry services available Certified medical services 166 suites/staterooms on Decks 3-8, including one wheelchair-accessible stateroom and select staterooms that can accommodate





three guests



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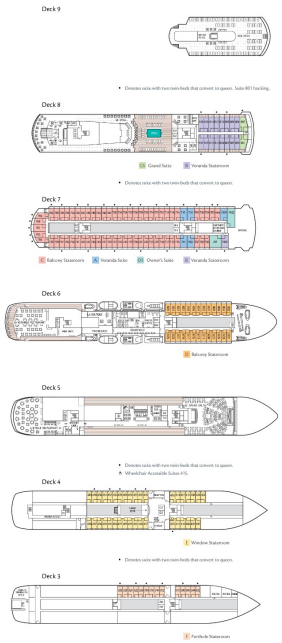

Balcony Stateroom



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Grand Suite



Owner's Suite



Porthole Stateroom





Veranda Stateroom



Veranda Suite



Window Stateroom





PRICING

15-Mar-2029 to 22-Mar-2029

Grand Suite	£6585 GBP pp
Veranda Suite	£5175 GBP pp
Veranda Stateroom	£4295 GBP pp
Balcony Stateroom	£3415 GBP pp
Balcony Stateroom CS	£3595 GBP pp
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Owner's Suite	£9795 GBP pp
Window Stateroom	£2815 GBP pp
Porthole Stateroom	£2555 GBP pp