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## NEW GUINEA ODYSSEY - PAPUA NEW GUINEA & INDONESIA IN LUXURY

In collaboration with The Explorers Club, this unique voyage will feature Dr. Alison Ormsby, an interdisciplinary environmental scientist who specializes in forest conservation, park management, environmental education, biocultural conservation through sacred natural sites, and global sustainability. In New Guinea, the traces of the modern world end at the edge of impenetrable rainforests, mysterious volcanic fjords and pristine coral reefs. These last wild frontiers are home to countless communities with ancestral and secret traditions. In Papua New Guinea, on the shores of Alotau, Tufi, Madang and Kopar, at the mouth of the Sepik River, meet them amidst traditional ceremonies and fascinating landscapes. In Indonesian territory, unspoilt nature reveals its treasures: whale sharks in Cenderawasih Bay, the karst islands of Triton Bay and the immaculate beaches of the Kai Islands are all invitations to explore. \_The wildlife encounters are possible experiences and cannot be guaranteed.\_



### ITINERARY

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 **\*\*Parliament 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



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### Day 3 - Kei Islands, Maluku Islands

The Kei Islands are blessed with kilometres of stunning, yet almost entirely empty, **white-sand beaches** and a deeply hospitable population. Beneath the mostly Christian facade, Kei culture is fascinatingly distinctive. Local history holds that ancestors of contemporary Kei islanders came from Bali, part of the expanding Hindu Majapahit kingdom from the western archipelago. Enjoy a day of **swimming and snorkelling** on an idyllic uninhabited picture **postcard tropical island**.

### Day 4 - Triton Bay, West Papua

**Triton Bay** is one of three regions in Indonesia's West Papua province that comprise the Bird's Head Seascape (the other two are Raja Ampat and Cenderawasih Bay), which is now considered by marine biologists to be the **epicentre of the Coral Triangle**. It contains more fish and coral species than

anywhere else on the planet. Its unparalleled marine biodiversity and endemism, habitat richness, and relatively intact nature of its ecosystems are unique. Join your expedition team for a zodiac voyage through the spectacular rainforest capped karst islands. Later in the day enjoy the opportunity to explore the richness of the underwater realm.

### Day 5 - Kitikiti Waterfall, Mommon

North of **Triton Bay**, in the Indonesian province of West Papua, lie the **Bomberai Peninsula** and **Sebakor Bay**. A real paradise for divers, this protected, authentic and very wild area boasts an exceptional biodiversity. Here, you will be able to admire the superb **Kitikiti Waterfall** where you could enjoy a swim or snorkel surrounded by lush nature, both on land and under water.

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### Day 7 - Cenderawasih Bay



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#### Day 10 - Jayapura, Papua

**Jayapura City** is the **provincial capital** of Papua province, Indonesia. It is a modern industrial city contrasting markedly with the surrounding hinterland where **Papuan tribes** live a subsistence lifestyle. After a welcoming cultural performance, you will be able to observe daily life in the traditional Papuan village of **Asai** on the shores of Lake Sentani, which is renowned for its production of **tapa**, a plant-based cloth made from the beaten bark of the mulberry tree and skillfully decorated.

#### Day 11 - Kopar

The people of the **Sepik** region speak more than **250 languages** and are knitted together in **systems of trade and cultural interaction**. Kopar village's location at the mouth of the Sepik river makes it an important trading point for surrounding villages. Here **the crocodile** is worshipped as the water spirit. As is custom in all Sepik societies, the men's



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house is the place where important decisions regarding the village are made, where boys are initiated and become men and ceremonies to please the spirits are performed. Guests will be welcomed ashore with a ceremony and cultural performance, including the famous "dragon dance." There will be an opportunity to walk around the village of Kopar to experience traditional life in the lower Sepik.

### Day 12 - Madang

The province of Madang is renowned for the great diversity of its landscapes and cultures, reflected in the many languages spoken throughout the region. Your expedition team will guide you to the village where you will discover several performances showcasing the traditions, dances, and costumes of local communities. These presentations will offer you an authentic insight into the cultural richness of the region.

### Day 13 - Tami Islands

The Tami Islands (Kalal, Wanam & Idjan) are a small group of uplifted coral atolls, with two main villages on the two larger islands and many smaller reefs and cays. In the centre is a beautiful, crystal clear blue lagoon with abundant marine life and stunning coral formations. The islands, located in Morobe Province not far from the town of Finschhafen are seldom-visited. Tami Islanders are renowned artisans and are most famous for their intricately decorated bowls.

### Day 14 - Tufi

Often described as the "Scandinavia of the tropics". The spectacular Tufi "fiords" plunge over 90 metres deep and rise over 150 metres vertically above the water making for a spectacular backdrop. The traditional way of life plays an

important role amongst the villagers with many living in isolated areas along the coast of Cape Nelson and on the slopes of Mount Trafalgar. The area is known for its production of tapa cloth, made from the bark of the paper mulberry tree and skilfully decorated. Guests will travel into the ancient mangrove forests of the Fjords to witness one of the most colourful traditional performances in all of Papua New Guinea. There is also the opportunity to swim and snorkel in the clear waters of Kamo Beach.

### Day 15 - 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.

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### Day 17 - Cairns

Washed by the Coral Sea, the harbour town of **Cairns** is located on Australia's north-east coast. The seafront esplanade is a popular place for locals and visitors to walk, swim and picnic under the shade of swaying **palm trees**. The hills surrounding Cairns form the gateway to the **Queensland Rainforests**, proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage site for their fauna and flora from the Gondwana era.

### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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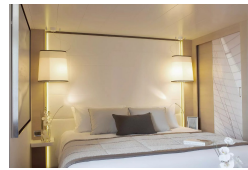
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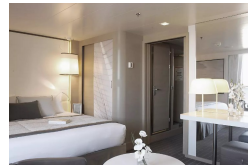
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