

## The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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### NORTH RAJA AMPAT 8 DAY EXPEDITION

Embark on a 7-night journey aboard Aqua Blu to explore the beauty of North Raja Ampat. Dive and snorkel in the vibrant waters of Mioskon and Wayag, kayak through hidden lagoons, and encounter rare birds of paradise in Waigeo. Immerse yourself in Papuan culture at Arborek and discover the shimmering blue river of Kali Biru.



#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1 Sorong

Arrive at Sorong to a warm welcome. There will be a private transfer to Aston Sorong Hotel to rest and relax, before embarkation at noon. Board Aqua Blu and cruise to Mioskon Island, while enjoying the world-class cuisine of chef Benjamin Cross for dinner.

##### Day 2 Mioskon Island

Wake up to the beauty of Mioskon Island and head out for a relaxing snorkeling and diving excursion. In the afternoon, head back into the crystal-clear waters of Dampier Strait to explore its vibrant reefs and rich biodiversity. Return to Aqua Blu for sundowners and dinner.

##### Day 3 Kabui Bay, Cape Kri & Yangeffo Island

Rise in the morning to birdsong for an early tender tour of Kabui Bay's magnificent karsts. Afterwards, enjoy breakfast while cruising to Cape Kri. Snorkel or dive at a site which holds the world record for most species spotted in a single 90-minute

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dive. Over at Yangeffo Island, go on an exhilarating afternoon dive excursion at Mayhem reef or enjoy a sunset cocktail tender tour of the mangroves. Dine underneath the stars once you're back onboard.

#### Day 4 Aljui Bay & Wofoh Island

We'll have an early departure to Aljui Bay, followed by an eye-opening visit to a pearl farm. Next, it's off to Wofoh Island for diving, snorkeling, and water sports in the afternoon. Lay back and enjoy Aqua Blu's Beach Club on a private beach, sipping on bespoke cocktails and frolicking family fun as the sun sets.

#### Day 5 Wayag Island

Witness the magnificence of Wayag Island's limestone islets and lagoons as the sun rises. Jump in for a refreshing early morning swim and listen to the sounds of the surrounding nature. Attempt to spot the rare birds of paradise before a hearty breakfast onboard. Next, we'll be diving at Figure Eight Rock or snorkeling at the Ranger station to spot black tip reef sharks. Spend the afternoon exploring hidden lagoons aboard kayaks at "Castaway" beach.

#### Day 6 Penemu Island & Arborek Island

Wake up to the breathtaking beauty of Penemu Island, home to the renowned Melissa's Garden. This iconic dive and snorkel site is surrounded by a hard coral garden, teeming with a vibrant array of marine life. In the afternoon, set out in search of manta rays near the charming island village of Arborek. In the evening, take a leisurely stroll through the village, immersing yourself in the daily rhythms of island life.

#### Day 7 Mayalibit Bay

Rise before the sun to embark on a spectacular nature excursion to spot the rare birds of paradise on the island of Waigeo. After breakfast enjoy a relaxed snorkel excursion at Friwinbonda Island. In the afternoon test your sense of adventure heading inland on a local canoe before a refreshing swim down the shimmering blue Kali Biru river. Depart for Sorong for your last night.

#### Day 8 Sorong

Enjoy a healthy breakfast onboard in Sorong before your outbound flight.

#### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: AQUA BLU

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Aqua Blu</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Yacht</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>198 feet / 60 meters</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>1968/2006/2019</b>

Presenting a brand-new cruise experience in the pristine East Indonesian Archipelago, Aqua Blu is a long-range explorer yacht sailing the region's most prized destinations, including Komodo National Park, Spice Islands and Raja Ampat on unforgettable 7- and 12-night itineraries. Where modern luxury meets naval heritage With a grand legacy as the former British Naval Explorer HMS Beagle and later as the private yacht of a European aristocratic family, Aqua Blu is a compelling maritime statement. A 2019 refurbishment overseen by Dutch yacht design maestro Cor D. Rover brings the vessel to world-class cruising specifications. Guests can expect to embrace an distinguished sense of history and seafaring evolution when they set foot on this one-of-a-kind cruise ship. Inside the four-deck, 15-suite Aqua Blu, Cor has tastefully paired with a brass-and-ivory interior theme with generous and inviting indoor and outdoor social spaces, including a sun deck. Unlocking access to the Earth's most intriguing destinations Faster, further, greater safety and comfort -- Aqua Blu's naval pedigree makes it the perfect vessel to navigate East Indonesia's vast seas. Having attained the highest international classifications (RINA, SOLAS, ISM) in safety, the vessel is additionally equipped with Quantum

Zero Speed stabilizers for optimal comfort at rest or while sailing. Aqua Blu's range stands heads and shoulders above that of its peers in East Indonesia. Able to cover vast distances in a short span of time -- and in any sea condition -- the vessel enables explorers on board to experience the most varied, enjoyable and rewarding coastal cruise itineraries in this wild and stunningly beautiful region of the world. On Board Living and Social Areas Sun Deck with Outdoor Seating, Lounge Sofa and Barbecue Bridge Deck with Jacuzzi, Outdoor Lounge Area, Spa and Exercise Zone Forecastle Deck with Outdoor Dining and Seating Area, Indoor Lounge Bar, Library and TV Room Main Deck with Outdoor Seating, Salon and



Dining Room

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