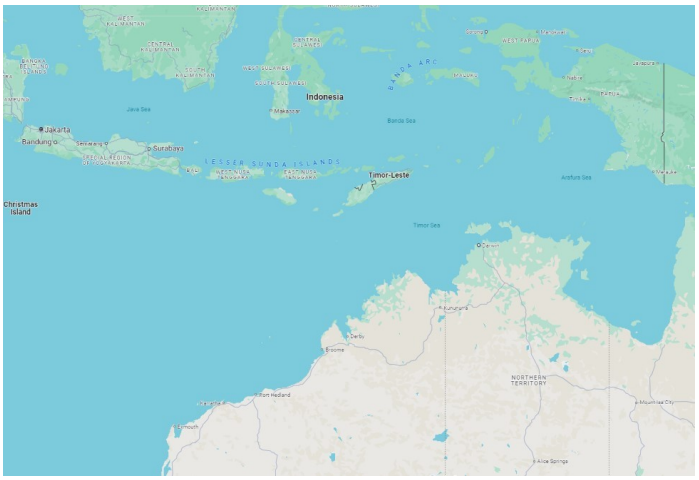


RAJA AMPAT CRUISE - THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

After the breathtakingly beautiful archipelago, it will be hard to see a holiday the same again. Consisting of more than 1500 islands, cays and shoals, this spectacular destination is home to the bird of paradise, manta rays, beautiful jungle walks and snorkel spots all guaranteed to give you the adventure of a lifetime.



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Day 01 Welcome Aboard

Your adventure begins in Darwin where we'll collect you from your hotel and onto a chartered aircraft to Ambon in West Papua. Here we'll welcome you aboard the magnificent True North with an arrival cocktail as we begin our journey to the Banda Islands.

Day 02 Banda Islands

As we enter the Banda Islands, traditional war canoes will lead us into Banda harbour followed by a guided tour of Banda Neira Island. Then we'll head off in the adventure boats for a scenic tour or for a snorkel and dive on sunken lava flow. Finish the day by watching the sunset with a cocktail in hand in Fort Belgica overlooking the active volcano Gunung Api.



Day 03 Fak Fak Coast

Today you'll explore the Fak Fak Coast, starting with either a fishing trip to the Bomberai Peninsula or a scenic tour through the hidden lagoons where you'll have the opportunity to snorkel or dive in the area's aquarium-like waters. Then, enjoy a refreshing swim under the beautiful Mommon Waterfall where chilling freshwater thunders down lush jungle slopes into the warm waters of the sea. In the afternoon we'll explore Sebakor Bay and its spectacular system of water-filled caves. Finishing the day with another snorkel or dive before a night of fine cheese and wine back on board.

Day 04 The "Four Kings"

Wake up in the heart of Raja Ampat, Four Kings is a global epicentre of ocean life. Here you'll snorkel and dive on breathtaking reef with rainbows of soft corals and huge shoals of fish protected by the SE Misool Marine Park. You'll be captivated by the huge number of sea fans in the Wayilbatan Channel, the massive schools of fish off Nudi Rock and the spectacular underwater scenery at Boo Windows. In the afternoon you'll have a chance to visit the Misool Eco Resort before heading over to Kalig Beach for a stand up paddleboard or kayak followed by a spectacular sunset cocktail.

Day 05 Misool Island

The waters surrounding Misool Island teem with fish life, oversized sea fans and feature the underwater caverns of Farondi Island. Get your heart racing on a hike up to Harfat Peak, 290 steps that lead to heavenly panoramic views over the rugged Karst islands and its shallow turquoise lagoons. Over lunch we'll steam to the Mesempta Karst Channels, one of the prettiest anchorages in Raja Ampat. Then we'll head off to float through the sacred Tomolol cave system before travelling through the picturesque Karst Islands.

Day 06 Cape KRI

This morning the shore parties will head into Sawingkrai Village and trek through the jungle to see the magnificent red bird of paradise. Then we'll adventure to Cape Kri, a long and narrow island that offers astounding diving and snorkelling. In the afternoon you'll glide in our adventure boats through the winding channel named after British natural scientist Alfred Russel Wallace. This narrow salt-waterway is a vibrant home for marine life and is lined by a magnificent jungle filled with birds, butterflies, tree ferns and orchids.

Day 07 Wofoh Island

Wake to the stunning sights of Wofoh Island before enjoying a breathtaking dive on the black coral forest, snorkel over the lush coral gardens or simply laze on the gorgeous white sand beach. Later in the morning we'll set off to the rocky islets of Bougainville Strait and if we're lucky we'll take part in a manta ray convention. Plankton rich currents often attract large numbers of manta rays to Eagle Rock. Then in the afternoon we'll arrive at the Equator Islands for a unique opportunity to swim or snorkel across the equator. Our nearby anchorage will provide us with an afternoon of fishing, snorkeling and diving or take a sightseeing expedition to view spectacular rock formations, caves and blowholes.

Day 08 Fam Island



Anchored at the spectacular Fam Group of Islands, today we'll visit the charming village of 'Fam' where we'll be welcomed by the local school children and you'll have the opportunity to buy some locally sourced coconut oil. The adventure boats will then offer scenic tours around beautiful Penemu Island which boasts even more opportunity for beachcombing, snorkelling and diving where moray eels, sea snakes and nudibranchs have all been spotted. Then if you're up for it, take on the 300 uphill steps to the highest peak of Pianemo Island to enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the Karst Islands.

Day 09 The Wayags

You'll hardly believe your eyes as you rise this morning to see the spectacular 'Karst beehive' islands of the Wayag Archipelago. Here you'll begin your day with a snorkel on a breathtaking reef before we wander through the maze of lagoons in the adventure boats. In the afternoon we'll visit the Wayag Research Station where you will have the opportunity to swim with some blacktip reef sharks. We'll end the day with our True North Equator Party.

Day 10 The Wayag Beach Party

We'll spend another breathtaking day in Wayag, snorkelling, diving and sightseeing before a world class picnic at our Wayag Beach Party surrounded by spectacular island formations, an azure sea, sparkling beaches fringed with palm trees and magnificent Papuan jungle.

Day 11 The Wayag Drift Snorkel

Glide effortlessly through the pristine waters of the Wayag Islands as you embark on a breathtaking drift snorkel over vibrant coral reefs. Carried by the incoming tide, you'll be immersed in a kaleidoscope of marine life, from schools of tropical fish to the intricate patterns of hard and soft corals below. This gentle drift takes you through one of the most stunning underwater landscapes in the region, allowing you to simply float and marvel at the beauty of the Wayag's hidden treasures. It's a serene yet exhilarating way to explore this aquatic wonderland.

Day 12 Mapia Atoll

Today we visit Mapia Atoll, an exquisite coral atoll rarely visited by tourists. Located in a remote location north of the equator, this destination is a tropical ocean splendour. Vertical walls rise several thousand feet from the ocean floor and come alive with brilliant soft corals, gorgonians, sponges, myriads of tropical fish and prolific green and hawksbill turtles. Here you'll be able to fish, snorkel or dive to your heart's content.

Day 13 Ayu Atoll

Next we visit Ayu, one of the largest atolls in eastern Indonesia. This remote and very beautiful atoll is surrounded by crystal clear water that's frequently visited by large pods of dolphins. With a sharp outer reef drop and clouds of beautiful fish carpeting the reef walls, here you'll be able to snorkel and dive at multiple sites, including some deep-water trolling for wahoo, sailfish and tuna. Today you'll also have the opportunity to visit to the quaint village of Reni.



Day 14 Return to Darwin

Enjoy breakfast on board before a private car transfer to Biak Airport and your chartered flight back to Darwin.

Please Note:

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YOUR SHIP: TRUE NORTH

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The TRUE NORTH allows discerning adventurers to experience wilderness in surroundings more akin to one of the world's most exclusive hotels. Guests are able to take advantage of a number of lavish vantage points including a sundeck, a forward observation lounge, a ship's lounge and an alfresco bar. The ship's naturalist presents interpretative information on plasma screens and, an internet cafe enables convenient communication with the outside world. A popular venue on any North Star cruise, the lower deck dining room offers the ultimate in comfort and uninterrupted vista - large panoramic windows ensure that guests never miss any of the action, even when they are enjoying the 'finest in fine dining'. All cabins feature stylish decor, en-suite facilities, in-house entertainment and satellite telephones. The Explorer Class staterooms and the River Class cabins offer king size beds that can be converted to singles and the Ocean Class twins feature roomy single beds. Multiple expedition boats provide guests with greater opportunity to do "what they want, when they want" and, to add yet another dimension to adventure, most cruise options feature an onboard helicopter!The purpose built TRUE NORTH is able to explore the upper reaches of shallow river systems - guests need only step out of their cabins to experience wilderness and, the latest in computer controlled motion stabilizers ensures a



comfortable ride.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Upper Deck

Explorer Class

1. Bradshaw
2. Dampier
3. Durack
4. Parker King

Main Deck

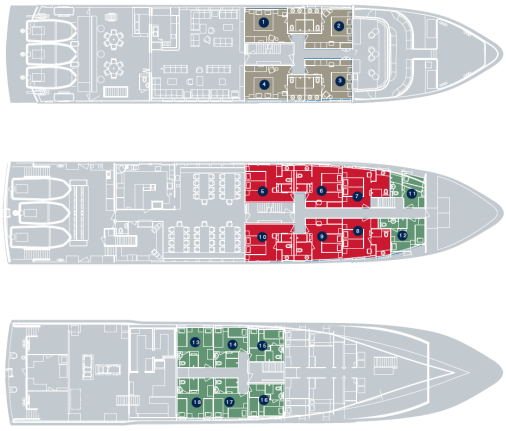
River Class & Ocean Class

5. Prince Regent River
6. Mitchell River
7. Berkeley River
8. Drysdale River
9. Hunter River
10. King George River
11. Camden Harbour
12. Lacepede Islands

Lower Deck

Ocean Class

13. Koolama Bay
14. Montgomery Reef
15. Jackson Falls
16. Kings Cascade
17. Imperieuse Reef
18. Atlantis Bay



Explorer Class - Stateroom



Ocean Class - Twin



Ocean/River Premium Cabin



River Class - Double





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River Class - Double	£25499 GBP pp
Explorer Class - Stateroom	£28499 GBP pp
Ocean/River Premium Cabin	£23999 GBP pp
Ocean Class - Twin	£20999 GBP pp