

NATURE'S RICHEST REALM & THE ROUTES OF EMPIRES - INDONESIA CRUISE

Welcome to your Raja Ampat expedition--where pristine limestone islands harbour 75% of all known coral species, and every day reveals marine biodiversity unmatched anywhere on our planet. Over the next 13 days, you'll snorkel above coral gardens protecting 1,800 reef fish species while exploring over 1,500 islands rising dramatically from crystal-blue waters. This isn't marine observation--you'll swim beneath freshwater waterfalls cascading directly into the sea, walk through living museums of spice trade history where nutmeg was once more valuable than gold, and search for remarkable birds of paradise in pristine rainforests crowning limestone karst formations. Each morning brings new discoveries across four million hectares encompassing the heart of the Coral Triangle--Earth's most biodiverse marine region. You'll navigate inside spectacular volcanic calderas, explore colonial forts where global powers once fought for spice trade control, and snorkel pristine reefs where the Indonesian Throughflow creates the strongest ocean currents on Earth, nourishing spectacular marine life through constant circulation of eggs and larvae. From swimming among coral species representing three-quarters of Earth's known varieties to connecting with communities maintaining traditional lifestyles across the remotest frontiers, every encounter reveals why Raja Ampat represents our planet's ultimate marine sanctuary. Our small expedition community of just 30 guests ensures intimate access to environments where larger vessels cannot venture, whether you're exploring hidden lagoons or learning traditional fishing techniques from local communities. This is expedition travel to Earth's final marine frontier: pristine, educational, and utterly extraordinary. Your Raja Ampat adventure begins and ends in



Timor-Leste.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Dili, Timor Leste - Colonial heritage and marine environments

Board Paspaley Pearl in South-east Asia's youngest nation, where Portuguese colonial heritage creates distinctive character. Visit the iconic Cristo Rei statue while our expedition team prepares you for encounters with Earth's richest marine environments across the legendary Spice Islands and Raja Ampat archipelago.

Day 2 At Sea - Historic Island Adventure

Connect with expedition community during our crossing toward historic Maluku islands as marine biologists prepare you for extraordinary underwater encounters. Learn about coral reproduction, fish behaviour, and Indonesian Throughflow



creating strongest ocean currents nourishing Raja Ampat's spectacular marine life through constant circulation.

Day 3 Kei Islands, Maluku - White sand beaches and remote islands

Discover pristine white sand beaches on remote islands where local oral histories trace ancestral roots to Bali during Majapahit empire expansion. Join traditional welcome performances while exploring idyllic beaches where your expedition group represents the only human visitors, sharing paradise with communities welcoming us warmly.

Day 4 Kitikiti Waterfall, Mommon - Freshwater and coral reefs

Experience the extraordinary phenomenon of freshwater cascading directly from cliff faces into the ocean on West Papua's remote peninsula. Swim under falls where chilled freshwater meets warm ocean currents while surrounded by pristine rainforests and vibrant coral reefs creating remarkable ecological contrasts.

Days 5 - 9 Raja Ampat - 5 Days in marine excellence

Spend five extraordinary days exploring Earth's richest marine environment, where 1,500 islands harbour 75% of all known coral species alongside 1,800 fish species. Navigate limestone karst formations, snorkel pristine reefs, search for birds of paradise, and connect with traditional communities across these untouched frontiers.

Day 10 Banda Neira, Maluku - Spice trade history up close

Walk through living spice trade history on an island where the demand for nutmeg drove European powers to undertake dangerous voyages around the world. Explore Fort Belgica and colonial remnants while learning how modern Bandanese maintain cultural continuity through traditional rituals against volcanic landscape backdrops.

Day 11 Ambon, Maluku - Cultural and historical journey

Discover an island shaped by centuries of colonial conflicts, from Portuguese arrival to the infamous Amboyna massacre. Tour Dutch East India Company forts and ANZAC War Cemetery while experiencing how this resilient community transformed historical challenges into cultural celebrations, earning UNESCO Creative City recognition.

Day 12 At Sea - Marine encounters and underwater diversity

Reflect on extraordinary marine encounters during our return crossing toward Timor-Leste. Join enrichment sessions processing remarkable underwater diversity witnessed across Earth's richest coral reef ecosystems while understanding conservation efforts protecting these fragile marine environments for future generations to experience.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

PASPALEY PEARL marks a milestone in the development of boutique expedition travel, offering a benchmark-setting standard of excellence in the Asia Pacific region. As a modern boutique expedition vessel in the Kimberley featuring private balconies, we have the ability of reaching exotic destinations previously inaccessible by larger vessels. You're invited to ignite your sense of discovery, all whilst travelling in comfort and safety that has been designed to create the smallest possible footprint, with a philosophy of empowering local people and creating ambassadors for the destinations visited. Designed to feel like your home away from home Marrying PASPALEY's heritage of over 80 years in the Kimberley and Northern Australia with PONANT's 35-year history of luxury expedition travel, PASPALEY PEARL emerges as the embodiment of comfort and adventure. Featuring 15 staterooms and suites and hosting a maximum of 30 guests per voyage, PASPALEY PEARL emerges as the newest and only boutique expedition motor yacht in the Kimberley with private balconies. The perfect place to relax while exploring _Main Dining, Lounge and Bar_ Nestled on the Ocean Deck is our main dining area, lounge, and bar. As our skilled chefs craft your locally-inspired dinner, take a moment for a pre-dinner drink before being spoiled with the finest produce Australia has to offer. If you're interested in exploring some of PASPALEY's exquisite offerings, you'll be delighted by their showcase of the world's most beautiful pearls, available for purchase as a cherished memento of your time on board. _Outdoor Dining, Lounge and Bar_ When journeying through the tropics, immersing yourself in the outdoors becomes essential. Indulge in breakfast and lunch daily within a relaxed yet refined setting. With two expansive dining tables and abundant lounges, relish the idea of dining amidst the natural surroundings you explore. Craving a refreshing drink after a day of exploration? Our friendly staff at the Outdoor Bar have you covered. The Outdoor Lounge doubles as the perfect space for afternoon briefings with your expedition team, ensuring you receive all the information needed for the following day's adventure. _Sun Deck Lounge and Jacuzzi_ Bask in the sunshine on the Sun Deck, furnished with sun beds, lounges, and an 8-person jacuzzi. Whether you prefer reading a book under the shelter of the protective shade cloth or engaging in conversations with newfound friends, the Sun Deck promises a haven of pure relaxation. _Sunset Lounge_ Located ahead of the bridge, you can savour panoramic views rivaling those of the captain at the Sunset Lounge. Order a drink from one of the bars downstairs and relax as you witness some of the most breathtaking sunsets you've





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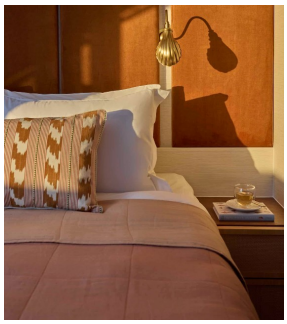
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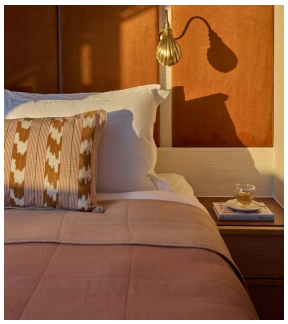


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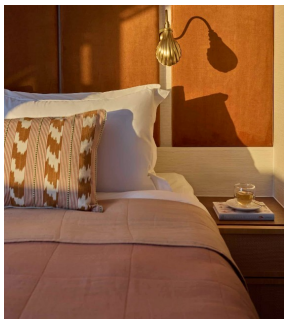
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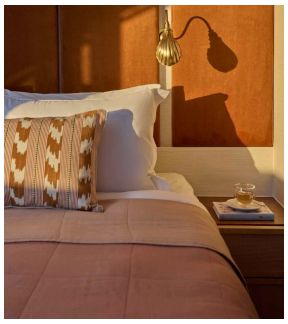
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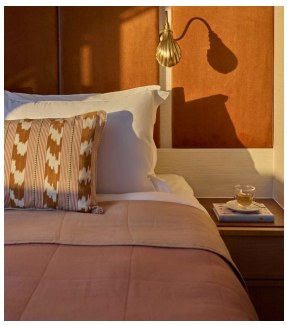
Ocean Stateroom



Ocean Twin Stateroom



Pearl Suite





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