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## SINGAPORE TO BALI: JUNGLES, ATOLLS & WILDLIFE

Indonesia is made up of over 17,000 islands-discover some of the more remote and less-traveled jewels of the Java Sea. Cruise through the remnants of Krakatoa and view the volcano's "children" that have appeared since 1883 after of one the world's largest volcanic explosions. Snorkel and dive amongst vibrant coral gardens; kayak in secluded bays with hundreds of fish teeming below; engage with local villagers and learn about their daily lives, music, and crafts- all unique and inspired by the amazing colors and beauty that surrounds them.



### **ITINERARY**

### DAY 1: Singapore

Arrive in Singapore and check in to the Fullerton Hotel. Meet your fellow travelers this evening at a welcome reception. (D)

#### DAY 2: Singapore / Embark

This morning we check out of our hotel and set off to explore this landmark city-state. Cosmopolitan Singapore, a former British colony, has transformed itself into one of the world's leading and most innovative commercial centers. As we tour the old sections of the city, we'll see how Chinese, Malay, and Indian cultures thrive side by side. We'll also see the ultra-modern along the skyline of high rises and in the whimsical creations of

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the Gardens by the Bay. Singapore is truly a melting pot of culture, style, and cuisine. This afternoon we will embark the National Geographic Orion. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: Anambas Archipelago

Our first stop is the remote Anambas Archipelago, where we'll snorkel the unspoiled reefs surrounding Pulau Lintang. Search for colorful giant clams and cardinalfish that make these waters their home. The island is private, so we have exclusive access to walk the beach, dive, snorkel, or choose to explore by glass-bottom Zodiac. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: Badas Islands

The remote Badas Islands offer excellent beaches and corals. These rarely visited islands offer an abundant array of marine life. Watch clownfish darting between anemones and if luck is on your side, a beautiful royal blue tang might make this idyllic story complete! Explore above and beneath the sea via stand-up paddleboard, snorkeling, and beachcombing. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: Pulau Belitung

Located off the coast of Sumatra, Belitung is part of the relatively unknown Bangka-Belitung sister islands. Spend the morning cruising the pristine waters, weaving our way through the smaller islands and clusters of granite formations that dot the coastline, looking for the perfect quiet cove to kayak and snorkel. Ashore have the opportunity to meet the locals and witness the blending of the Sumatran, Malay, Bugis cultures—Malay homes on stilts; Bugis fishing villages; Sumatran coffee houses, popular gathering spots for all. The Dutch tin mines and the promise of work brought many families to Belitung—the mines may be gone, but the joining together of traditions remain. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6-7: Krakatoa / At Sea

One of the world's most beautiful and powerful volcanoes, Krakatoa or Krakatau, was known worldwide after the explosive eruption in 1883. Ash from the massive event circled the earth for years. Along the Pacific Ring of Fire, new volcanoes have formed beneath Krakatoa's caldera – Anak Krakatau, or "Child of Krakatau" is the most active. Go ashore to explore the black sand beach and lush jungle that rises up to the volcano. Cruise to Legon Cabe, Big Krakatau, and snorkel in the dazzling reefs that surround the island. The following day spend time on deck with our team of naturalists, listen to compelling presentations in the lounge, or enjoy one of the many onboard amenities as we travel down the coast of Java.

#### DAY 8: Semarang / Borobudur Temple

Today we dock on the island of Java in the bustling port of Semarang. Our destination is inland, at the largest Buddhist temple in the world: magnificent Borobudur Temple. A UNESCO World Heritage site, this massive complex sits perched on a hill, with bell-shaped stupas housing statues of Buddha seeming to rise from the jungle around it. Stone reliefs carved in exquisite detail line the base of the temple, depicting everyday life and the path to enlightenment. We'll spend the full day exploring this spectacular site. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: Kerimun Jawa

A breathtaking chain of coral fringed islands, Kerimun Jawa Archipelago sits off the coast of central Java. Designated a Natural Reserve, the marine park protects the biodiversity of the lush mangrove forests teeming with birdlife, 11 species of sea grass, and extensive coral reefs, home to over 400 species of fish. Observe life in the mangroves as we trek deep into the forest on raised footpaths, ever watchful for black-tailed

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monkeys and red breasted parakeets. Kayak along the sea grass in water so clear you can see the fish and coral below. A true island paradise. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: Pulau Bawean

Pulau Bawean is a small jewel in the Java sea. Travel past the beautifully terraced rice paddies as we head to the center of the island and Lake Kastoba. According to ancient lore, a swim in these pristine waters will keep you forever young. Curious monkeys and a variety of birds make their home in the surrounding jungle. Local villagers eagerly share their traditional music and dance. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11: Menjangan Island / West Bali Barat National Park

Javanese for "deer," Menjangan Island is named after the rare rusa deer who swim to the island during the spring. This secluded paradise is part of the West Bali Barat National Park, located in the northwest tip of Bali. Teeming with untouched beauty both above and below the water, explore the island on foot, keeping an eye out for deer while wandering through the ancient white stone temple - Pura Segara Gili Kencana; snorkel amongst the brightly colored coral fans; or glide through the clear water on a stand-up paddle board. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: Denpasar, Bali / Home

This morning we arrive in Denpasar on the lush island of Bali, one of the world's greatest cultural treasures. Following disembarkation get a taste of this paradise, where life and art are interwoven. Following lunch transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B,L)

#### Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

YOUR SHIP:	National Geographic Orion
VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	103 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	102 (in 53 cabins)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2003 / Refurbished 2014

Engineered for maximum comfort and safety, \_Orion\_ is equipped with the latest technology including large retractable stabilizers, sonar, radar, and an ice-strengthened hull. A shallow draft plus bow and stern thrusters provide the convenience of being able to maneuver close to shore. 14 Zodiacs ensure quick disembarkation and offer the ideal transport for up-close \_National Geographic Orion\_ exploration. meets strict specifications for environmental protection and the on board waste management systems meet the stringent Antarctic operational standards enabling us to travel to the most pristine environments. A host of advanced design features and technology ensures sustainable marine environmental practices. \_National Geographic Orion\_ accommodates 102 guests in 53 cabins, including several with balconies. She is spacious and modern, with a variety of public rooms that offer panoramic views of the passing landscape. Friendly and informal, \_Orion\_ fosters a welcoming atmosphere where like-minded guests share in exceptional experiences and enrichment. Her public rooms include a dramatic window-lined main lounge, as well as an observation lounge and library perched at the very top of the ship, with plentiful observation decks. The spacious lounge is

the heart of our expedition community, and is suited for spirited cocktail hours, informative presentations and our nightly tradition of Recap. In addition, a dedicated theater provides a unique setting for specialist presentations or films and slideshows. Both the main dining room and outside buffet easily accommodate all guests at once for open seating dining. On selected nights, weather permitting, our dining room menu is also available on the outside deck. While \_Orion\_ interiors are elegant, life aboard is always casual, with no need for formal clothing. And you'll find shipboard services like laundry, in-room cabled internet, and public-area wifi make packing and traveling more



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