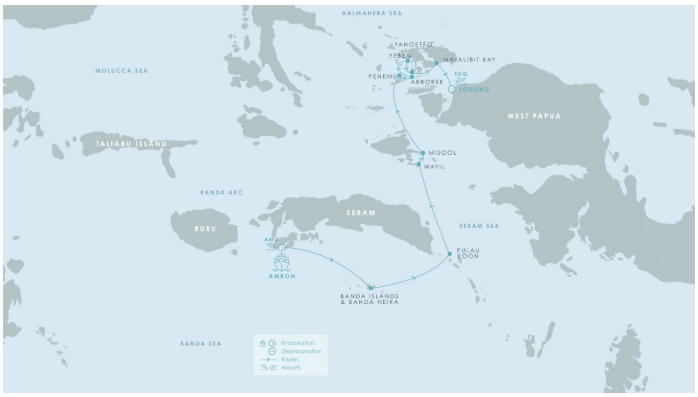


SPICE ISLANDS & RAJA AMPAT 8 DAY EXPEDITION

This itinerary brings together the best of Spice Islands and Raja Ampat in an adventure-filled seven-night excursion. Experience the cultural tapestry of the Banda Islands - which used to be the heart of the spice trade - and the otherworldly landscapes of Raja Ampat, a tropical bucket list destination known to be one of the world's best diving sites.



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Day 1 Ambon

Arrive to a warm welcome in Ambon. Board Aqua Blu and enjoy a delicious dinner onboard, curated by renowned chef Benjamin Cross. Settle into your cabins and bid farewell to the harbor as you set sail along the scenic northern coast of Ambon.

Day 2 Banda Islands & Banda Neira

Approach the Banda Islands at sunrise, greeted by Kora-Kora war canoes at the harbor. Stroll through history at the Dutch Fort Nassau on Banda Neira - which used to be the most hotly contested island in the world back in the 16th and 17th century. Walk through ancient passageways now bustling with modern life, yet still showcasing a treasure trove of history. After lunch, head out for a snorkeling or diving excursion, and end the evening with a sundowner at Fort Belgica.

Day 3 Pulau Koon



Spend the day exploring some of the finest reefs on the planet. Off the remote island of Koon, divers and snorkelers can look forward to visiting 'Too Many Fish', an aptly named site with plenty of reef fish sightings as well as occasional pop-ins by leopard sharks and hammerhead sharks.

Day 4 Wayil & Misool

The Wayil region of Raja Ampat features a number of uncharted islands, each harboring pristine beaches and secret lagoons. Enjoy kayaking among the reefs or head out swimming and snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters. Next, we make a stop at Misool, one of the four major islands in Raja Ampat. While here, embark on an easy trek on small, sandy coves and land-locked lakes. There will also be options to swim, snorkel, or kayak in the numerous blue pools hosting sparkling coral reefs.

Day 5 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 6 Yeben & Yangeffo Bay

Yeben Island is a hidden treasure of Raja Ampat known for its clear water and beautiful beaches. Spend the morning exploring the island and observing marine life in the surrounding waters. Head back on board Aqua Blu to refuel your appetite while sailing to Yangeffo Bay. While at Yangeffo Bay, experience an exhilarating dive excursion at the renowned Mayhem reef, or snorkel the mangroves at Citrus Ridge. Watch the sunset from a tender ride out at sea.

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 hearty breakfast on board in Sorong before your outbound flight.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: AQUA BLU

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VESSEL TYPE:	**Yacht**
LENGTH:	**198 feet / 60 meters**
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**30**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**1968/2006/2019**

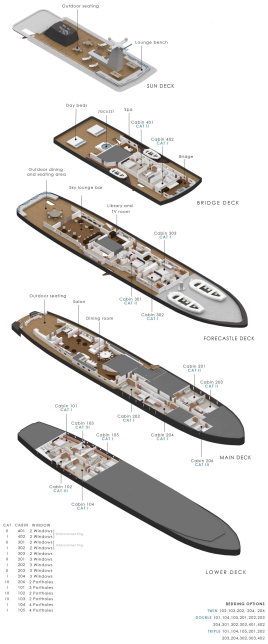
Presenting a brand-new cruise experience in the pristine East Indonesian Archipelago, Aqua Blu is a long-range explorer yacht sailing the region's most prized destinations, including Komodo National Park, Spice Islands and Raja Ampat on unforgettable 7- and 12-night itineraries. Where modern luxury meets 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



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