



Indonesia & Papua New Guinea, New and Noteworthy & Asia
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Bali and Beyond: Exploring Indonesia’s Corals, Komodos, and Culture

Embark on a mesmerizing expedition through Indonesia, a paradise brimming with cultural marvels and natural splendors. Immerse yourself in the beautiful beaches, ancient temples, and lush fields of Bali and Ubud. Journey through enchanting national parks to experience Komodo dragons in the wild and abundant marine life with a chance to snorkel or dive vibrant coral reefs. Venture into the mountainous region of Toraja, a stunning blend of rice fields and architectural wonders.

From
\$ 10,910 / per person
Does not include flights

 DATES Jun	 DURATION 14 Days
 SHIPS <i>National Geographic Orion</i>	
 STARTS AT Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia	 ENDS AT Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Highlights

- ★ Explore the rich marine biodiversity and stunning coral formations at Taka Bonerate and Wakatobi National Parks through snorkeling, diving, and other water sports
- ★ Visit the remarkable Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to go in search of the legendary Komodo dragon
- ★ Encounter the unique culture, beautiful architecture, and intriguing traditions of Toraja in Indonesia's mountainous region
- ★ Experience vibrant cultural displays in Baubau and Flores Island and witness exquisite ikat weaving on Lembata Island and in the village of Watublapi





Day by day

■ DAY 1

Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Arrive in Bali and transfer to our hotel. Meet your fellow travelers this evening at our welcome reception.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 3:00 p.m. local time.

Arrival City: Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Meals included: dinner

◇ DAY 2

Bali / Embark Ship

This morning, check out of the hotel and head off into the countryside and the artists' town of Ubud—famous for silverwork, wood carving, and batik. As we wind our way up into the hills, we pass exquisite Hindu temples, lush forests, small villages, and the terraced rice fields cut into the cliffs. From water buffalo, to ducks, to harvest, learn how all the pieces of rice production flow together and nothing is wasted. Following lunch, and free time to wander through the galleries in Ubud, head back to Benoa to embark the *National Geographic Orion*.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 3

At Sea

As we traverse the Indian Ocean towards Komodo Island, enjoy life on board. Unwind with a massage in the spa or a session in the fitness center, get lost in a book in the library, or simply soak up the views from the rooftop observation deck and the ship's expansive open deck. Learn about the area from our onboard naturalists and photographers, and savor delectable dining options.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 4

Komodo Island

Explore Komodo National Park, home to the world's largest living lizard—the Komodo dragon. Learn about the conservation of these prehistoric giants from park rangers, who will join us on a hike to spot the lizards in their natural habitat. Later, enjoy an afternoon of swimming, snorkeling, or beachcombing at Pink Beach, named for the soft pink hue that arises from the blending of red coral fragments and white sand.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Taka Bonerate National Park

Loosely translated, Taka Bonerate means "coral piled on sand" in the Bugis language. This beautiful and richly diverse group of atolls and reefs was granted national park status in the early 1990s. You'll be awed by the 242 species of coral and over 500 species of brightly colored reef fish. Spend time exploring the white sand dunes of the various islands, keeping an eye out for the many birds who inhabit the park.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 6-7

Palopo / Torajaland

Today we head into the mountains to Tana Toraja (Torajaland). Known as "Men of the Mountains," this region is a stunning blend of mountains, rice fields, and unique architecture. Learn about the unique beliefs of the Torajan people who have a strong reverence for death and the afterlife—elaborately carved effigies and personal items decorate the tombs found on the mountain side. Their homes resemble boats—tied to the belief the Torajan

ancestors sailed to these mountains. The intricate designs and water buffalo horns decorating the buildings reflect the status of the residents. A truly fascinating example of the diversity and beauty of all that is Indonesia. Overnight at the Toraja Heritage Hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 8

Bau Bau

Bau Bau sits on the southern tip of the island of Sulawesi, surrounded by beautiful beaches and overlooked by the Buton Palace Fortress. This vast, palatial compound was built in the late 16th century for the Buton Sultanate and still keeps watch over the city. Once back in the old city, brightly decorated tuk tuks zip by on the busy streets. We'll enjoy a beautiful display of costumes and traditional dances, while getting the chance to sample some of the delicacies of the region.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 9

Wakatobi National Park

The reefs surrounding Wakatobi National Park are known for amazing diving and snorkeling opportunities. Healthy, brightly colored coral surrounds the atolls that make up the marine park—home to an array of fish species, both large and small. Spend the day exploring both above and below the sea.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 10

Lembata Island

Referred to as the “Jewel of the Solor Archipelago,” Lembata Island is a true find. Sleepy fishing villages, colorful boats and beautiful ikats can be found on this gem of an island. The rich community life of

the locals is steeped in the traditional weaving of the ikats, using natural dyes and fibers. You can hear the “clacking” of the looms as you wander through the villages. The undersea here will beckon snorkelers and divers. Clear, calm waters are perfect for kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 11

Flores Island

Flores was once an important Portuguese trading center for sandalwood. Known for producing some of the finest ikat weaving in the world, we meet the people of this arid island at the weaving village of Watublapi. Although many other local weaving communities switched to industrially spun yarn and chemical dyes for the sake of saving time and money, the weavers of Watublapi still use the traditional, handspun yarn made from local cotton, as well as local natural dyes. We'll also enjoy a cultural dance presentation.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 12

Sangeang Island

Soaring peaks rising up from the sea, Sangeang Api is a stunning volcanic island. Lush jungle covers two overlapping cones, the older “born” in the 1700s and the younger in 1949. Visit the small settlement nestled at the base of the mountains where farmers and herders live a simple life. Spend time exploring the trails and beaches of this special island.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 13

Satonda / Sumbawa, Lesser Sunda Islands

Our stop this morning is the uninhabited Indonesian island of Satonda—a small circular island that is

an ancient volcanic cone. Spend the morning snorkeling or diving the vibrant reefs or hike inland to the island's sacred lake. This afternoon, visit the island of Sumbawa, where villagers welcome us with a lively cultural display.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 14

Denpasar, Bali / Disembark Ship

This morning, 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. After lunch, transfer to the airport.

Departure Time: Depart after 4:00 p.m. local time.

Departure City: Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

Expedition

Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia → Denpasar, Bali,
Indonesia

2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Orion*

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National Geographic Orion

Guests

102

Cabins

53

Joining the Lindblad fleet in 2013, the state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* serves as a luxurious base camp for voyages to the far-flung corners of the planet.

Built in Germany by the Cassens shipyard, the 102-guest *National Geographic Orion* was created with a high-ice class to be able to venture safely into polar regions. A ship of her size is seldom built with such ice-cutting ability, which makes her a rarity. She is yacht-scale, yet rugged enough to venture far afield, making her a perfect addition to the Lindblad fleet, which she joined in 2013. Her size and nimbleness offer the perfect combination of safety and liberty to voyage untrammelled locations. In fact, *National Geographic Orion* currently holds the distinction of having sailed further south than any other Lindblad vessel.

Her menu, created by famed Australian chef, Serge Dansereau, owner of Sydney's acclaimed Bather's Pavilion restaurant, enormously popular with *National Geographic Orion's* guests, so impressed Sven Lindblad, that Serge, a chef-owner who shared the Lindblad commitment to serving local and sustainable food, was enlisted to design the dining program for the entire Lindblad-National Geographic fleet.

National Geographic Orion is gracious and intimate, with a rewarding, almost clubby feeling. Of her many amenities and features, the most appealing is her outside deck space which beckons in the balmy reaches of the Pacific, and on those days in Antarctica when the midnight sun and the spectacle of the ice makes going indoors, let alone going to bed, impossible.



Cabin Categories

Category 1

Main Deck: #316, 318-321

Cabins feature a luminous oval window and configurable beds: two single beds that can be converted to a queen. An armchair, reading lamps, a flat screen TV, two bedside tables, coffee table, desk, and climate controls complete the amenities. Marble bathrooms are generously sized and include a spacious shower stall with a glass door.



Category 2

Main Deck: #302-312, 314, 315, 317

Cabins feature a luminous oval window and configurable beds: two single beds that can be converted to a queen. An armchair, reading lamps, a flat screen TV, bedside table, coffee table, desk, and climate controls complete the amenities. Marble bathrooms are generously sized and include a spacious shower stall with a glass door.



Category 3

Upper Deck: #401-412, 414-419

These suites feature a sitting area with a large window, a sofa—except slightly smaller #401 & #402—an armchair or two, writing/laptop desk, reading lamps, coffee table, flat screen TV, bedside table, & climate controls. Beds are configurable (call for details). Marble bathrooms include a spacious shower stall with a glass door.



Category 4

Bridge Deck: #511, 515

These two suites feature separate sleeping and sitting areas, with a chair and armchair, coffee table, and a two-cushion sofa facing an expansive window. Beds are configurable (call for details). Ample storage, reading lamps, a flat screen TV, and climate controls complete the amenities. Marble bathrooms are generously sized and include a spacious shower stall with a glass door.



Category 5

Bridge Deck: #501, 503-506, 508

These spacious suites feature open living areas and sliding glass doors opening to a shared French balcony. Beds are configurable (call for details). A separate sitting area with armchairs and a sofa, a writing/laptop desk, coffee table, well-placed reading lamps, a flat screen TV, and climate controls complete the decor. Marble bathrooms are generously sized and include a spacious shower stall with a glass door.



Category 6

Bridge Deck: #502, 507, 509*, 510

These large, elegant suites feature a French balcony, except for #509 which has double windows. Each provides a separate living area with a sofa and two armchairs, coffee table, except for #502, which uniquely offers a 'soaking tub with a view' in addition to a shower stall and expansive vanity. All cabins have reading lamps, a flat screen TV, and climate controls. Marble bathrooms are generously sized and include a spacious shower stall with a glass door.



Category 1 Solo

Main Deck: #301, 322, 323

These solo cabins feature a window or two portholes, a queen-size bed, except for #301 which has a double bed, writing desk and chair, climate controls, reading lamps, coffee table, two bedside tables, and a TV. Marble bathrooms are generously sized and include a roomy shower stall with a glass door.



Category 3 Solo

Upper Deck: #512

This solo suite features two single beds and two large windows, plus two armchairs and a small table, reading lamps, coffee table a flat screen TV, and climate controls. The marble bathroom is generously sized and includes a spacious shower stall with a glass door.



Deck Plans

Observation Deck



Bridge Deck

- Category 4
- Category 5
- Category 6
- Category 3 Solo



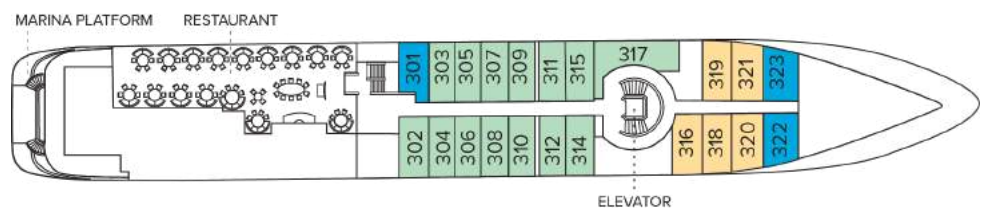
Upper Deck

- Category 3



Main Deck

- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 1 Solo



Expedition Deck



Ship amenities

Public Areas

Reception; two dining areas; lounge with bar and state-of-the-art presentation facilities; B&H Photo locker; sundeck with a whirlpool hot tub that doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates; observation lounge and library; global gallery; a marina platform; plus open access to the Bridge, the Captain, officers and on-duty wildlife spotters.

Meals

Meals are served in the dining room, or weather permitting, the outdoor café, at a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menus feature sustainable choices, local where possible.

Cabins

All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins feature a coffee table, lounge chair, desk, phone, TV with on demand entertainment, multiple outlets and USB, mini refrigerator, and safe. Luxury linens and pillows. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essential Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles and a National Geographic Atlas is available in each cabin.

Expedition Equipment

Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of double kayaks, a crow's nest camera, a hydrophone, underwater video cameras, video microscope, and an ROV. Plus, for South Pacific voyages: snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for a number of pre-qualified guests, stand-up paddleboards, glass-bottom Zodiac, and splash-cam.

Special Features

A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler. On all South Pacific voyages, there are a minimum of two dive masters. A central staircase, and elevator reaches all decks. Enjoy teatime, daily. And the smoothies served after the sunrise stretch sessions on the sundeck in Polynesia. Don't miss either opportunity.

Wellness

A fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna, staffed by wellness specialists.

Self-Disinfecting Ships

ACT Clean Coat™ is a light-activated, self-disinfecting cleaning process that continuously breaks down viruses, bacteria, mold, and airborne allergens across all ship surfaces. This non-toxic, chemical-free system also helps us save over one million gallons of water each year in our cleaning procedures.

Special Offers

SUITE EXCLUSIVES

Spacious living areas and incredible views immerse you in the beauty of your marine surroundings.

Our new Suite Exclusives package helps make your voyage all the more memorable. [Learn more](#)

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more people. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

BRINGING THE KIDS

We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable on extensions or airfare. Call for details.

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time

of booking. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise.

For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits aboard the ship (except certain super premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; crew gratuities; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, snorkeling equipment (including wetsuits, masks, and fins); guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the National Geographic Photography Expert and Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not included in price

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, scuba diving for pre-qualified divers on select voyages*, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

Travel protection plan

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our

Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: <https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/>

Cancellation policy

Review our cancellation policy: <https://www.expeditions.com/cancellation-policy/>