


Ancient & Wild South Pacific

Aboard National Geographic Orion

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A group of people are gathered on the deck of a ship at night. In the background, the ship's structure is visible with a blue sign that reads "Lindblad Expeditions" and the "NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC" logo. Several people are standing and looking towards the camera, while one person in the foreground is crouching and taking a photo. The scene is illuminated by warm, artificial light.

Bali, Fiji, Tahiti—these treasures you know. The more remote regions in and around the Pacific shelter a host of hidden gems, from untouched reefs and primeval rainforests to tiny islands brimming with birdlife. Reach these wilder destinations aboard *National Geographic Orion*, a nimble ship whose gracious atmosphere makes you feel at home in the Pacific's most remarkable places.

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This page: Fire dancer performance in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. © Andrew Peacock



Experience the World from a New Perspective

Over the course of a nearly 20-year alliance, Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have created meaningful travel experiences that foster a passion for the planet and its people. From the moment you join one of our South Pacific expeditions, you access all the resources that stem from this shared legacy of discovery.

A Ship Purpose-Built for the Pacific Region

On expeditions in the South Pacific, we explore secluded atolls, remote bays, and the shallow waters of small tropical isles that larger ships cannot reach. *National Geographic Orion* is intimately scaled and luxuriously appointed for maximum comfort, but purpose-built to safely navigate vast expanses of the world's largest



ocean. With a fleet of versatile Zodiacs, kayaks, and paddle boards, as well as a full complement of snorkeling and diving gear, you have all the tools for exploration above and below the water.

Take Great Photos With the Pros



A National Geographic Photography Expert and a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor (CPI) join each voyage to assist travelers with everything from camera settings to composition. Every guest—from smartphone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can stand side by side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and return home with the photos of a lifetime. With our complimentary OM System Photo Gear Locker, you can field test new lenses, camera bodies, and more.

Aerial view of tropical islet with lagoon and channel, Avatoru pass, atoll of Rangiroa, Tuamotu archipelago, French Polynesia

with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

Active Exploration Every Day

Our itineraries feature a range of activities designed to immerse you in these spectacular environments. Whether you choose to walk

among the world's rarest penguin species on remote Subantarctic islands, swim into an other-worldly grotto on Makatea in French Polynesia, or snorkel and dive the vibrant underwater world of Raja Ampat, you will be able to explore your way, every day.



Exclusive Undersea Program

As part of our exclusive undersea program, an undersea specialist uses a high-definition video camera and deploys a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that allows us to peer even deeper into the South Pacific's sapphire waters—up to 1,000 feet beneath the surface. Footage is shared during daily recaps, inviting all guests to witness the sharks,

sunken coral gardens, and other sea life that thrives in the watery world below us.

Commitment to Conservation

Sustainability is at the heart of our mission, and you can travel with peace of mind, knowing every voyage we sail gives back to the places we explore. Together with our guests, we have contributed nearly \$20 million to the conservation of marine and coastal habitats through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund. These donations support projects like National Geographic's Pristine Seas program, which aims to protect the wildest places in the ocean through a combination of research, storytelling, and strategic partnership initiatives.



ALL IN: Activities and excursions are always included in the voyage price, unless otherwise noted.





In Good Company Travel With Inspiring Experts

Our expedition team welcomes you to the National Geographic Orion like a member of the shipboard family. As attuned to the needs of each traveler as they are to the sailing conditions, they are nimble and flexible—able to make the most of nature's serendipitous moments. We curate this world-class crew of captains, naturalists, photographers, and researchers for each voyage to ensure you get in-depth perspectives from veteran and locally based guides.

You also gain access to fascinating guest speakers who offer new layers of insight on the places we explore. From accomplished explorers to renowned authors and scientists, these inspiring individuals travel alongside us on select departures, giving compelling lectures and engaging in lively conversations with our guests.



GLOBAL VOICES: To see the full roster of experts joining upcoming voyages in the South Pacific, use the QR code or visit expeditions.com/guestspeakers

Upcoming Special Guests

Wade Davis

National Geographic Explorer Wade Davis holds degrees in anthropology and biology and a Ph.D. in ethnobotany, all from Harvard University. He has authored 19 books and hundreds of scientific articles, and is a Royal Canadian Geographical Society Gold Medal winner for his contributions to anthropology and conservation. See page 17.



Jennifer Kingsley

Jennifer Kingsley is a journalist and storyteller who specializes in personal stories from around the world. She is the Field Correspondent for Lindblad Expeditions, a National Geographic Explorer, and an award-winning author who also contributes to *The New York Times* and *National Geographic Magazine*. See page 16.



Louis Henry Mitchell

Louis Henry Mitchell is the Creative Director of Character Development for Sesame Workshop, the not-for-profit organization behind Sesame Street. On our expedition, he will give talks and sketch lessons designed to encourage guests to create artistic works inspired by their experience. See page 25.



Tua Pittman

Traditional Master Navigator Tua Pittman has guided canoes across the Pacific Ocean for more than 30 years without the use of modern instruments. Pittman is an ardent promoter of ancient sailing arts, and he mentors young islanders throughout the South Pacific in ancestral languages and cultures. See pages 16, 18 & 24.



Andrew Revkin

Andrew Revkin is an environmental journalist and Founding Director of the Initiative on Communication and Sustainability at The Earth Institute of Columbia University. Throughout his 40 years on the sustainability beat, he made a name for himself as one of the world's most innovative climate reporters. See page 17.



Ian Toll

Scholar Ian Toll is the author of several highly regarded works on military history, including the award-winning *Six Frigates: The Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy*. He has written extensively about World War II campaigns in the Pacific, including in the Solomon Islands, Palau, and beyond. See page 17.



At Home on the High Seas

National Geographic Orion is a destination in her own right, featuring exceptional amenities and cultural experiences to ensure that your time on board is equally rewarding as your time on shore. Every aspect of your experience aboard our fleet is an opportunity to connect with and celebrate the places you explore.

Onboard Exploration

Every element of life aboard inspires exploration. Open-air dining and spacious decks offer front-row seats to watch for rare birds, schooling fish, and other marine life. Soak in the panoramic view with a dip in the sundeck's plunge pool. Or visit the open bridge to meet our captain and learn about navigation. Continue your quest indoors at the observation lounge and the library stocked with regionally relevant literature.





Savor the Flavors of Your Destination

Sampling local cuisine is a highlight of any voyage, and we take great care to bring the flavors of your destinations to the meals you enjoy on board. Our executive chefs design unique and innovative menus that prominently feature sustainably sourced dishes from the regions you visit, as well as wine pairings and guided tastings to enhance your culinary experience. Special onshore culinary experiences, like a Tahitian barbecue on a private motu, or a sip of strong Fijian kava, invite guests to forge even deeper connections with local culinary traditions.

Our Health and Wellness Program



Greet the day with a sunrise stretch session or unwind in the spa with a massage while taking in a beautiful marine backdrop. Our

dedicated wellness spaces—including treatment rooms, saunas, fitness centers, and more—encourage travelers to tap into the natural rhythms of their surroundings. Treatments are tailored

to your individual needs, and each of our fully accredited wellness specialists is also a licensed massage therapist. A full-time medical professional travels on board and is on call 24 hours a day.



Suite Exclusives

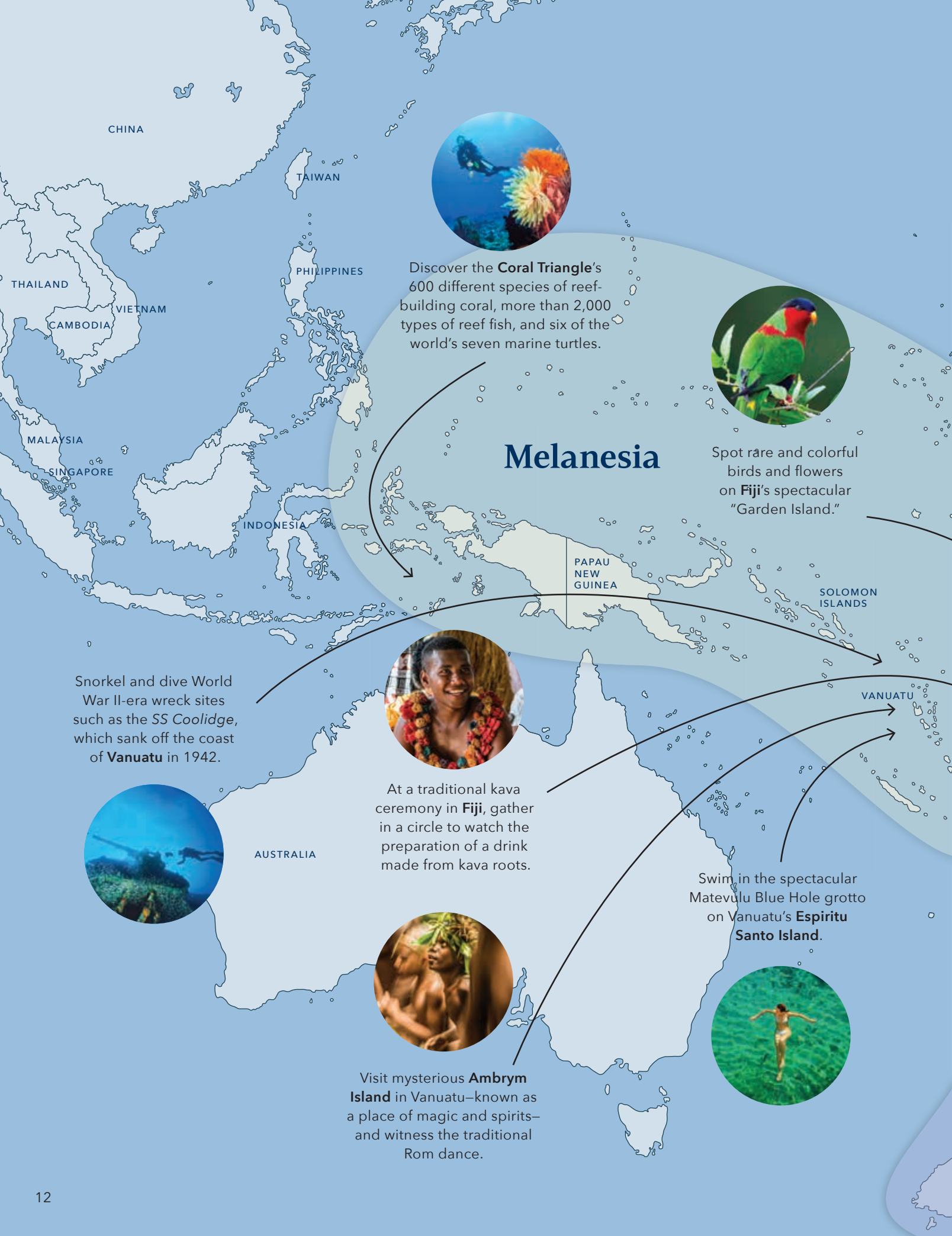
The suites aboard *National Geographic Orion* are your elegant retreat at sea, featuring spacious living areas and incredible ocean views. Now, booking one of these beautifully appointed accommodations comes with even more benefits. Our new Suite Exclusives package gives guests staying in eligible cabins access to an array of amenities designed to enhance your on-board experience, including priority booking for spa treatments, an in-room espresso maker, complimentary laundry, and other exclusive perks.





French Polynesia & the Pacific Islands

Lush rainforests, magical grottos, and emerald cliffs that drop straight into dazzling turquoise waters: French Polynesia and the Pacific Islands are a natural wonderland. Our voyages in this region unlock the secrets of each island we visit, offering unique views of their rich cultural histories and kaleidoscopic land and sea life. Join us on a journey into the heart of a wild paradise.



CHINA

TAIWAN

PHILIPPINES

VIETNAM

CAMBODIA

MALAYSIA

SINGAPORE

INDONESIA

Melanesia

PAPUA
NEW
GUINEA

SOLOMON
ISLANDS

VANUATU

AUSTRALIA

Discover the **Coral Triangle's** 600 different species of reef-building coral, more than 2,000 types of reef fish, and six of the world's seven marine turtles.

Spot rare and colorful birds and flowers on **Fiji's** spectacular "Garden Island."

Snorkel and dive World War II-era wreck sites such as the *SS Coolidge*, which sank off the coast of **Vanuatu** in 1942.

At a traditional kava ceremony in **Fiji**, gather in a circle to watch the preparation of a drink made from kava roots.

Swim in the spectacular Matevulu Blue Hole grotto on Vanuatu's **Espiritu Santo Island**.

Visit mysterious **Ambrym Island** in Vanuatu—known as a place of magic and spirits—and witness the traditional Rom dance.

Secrets from the South Pacific

Deciphering Polynesia & Melanesia

The diverse islands that make up Polynesia and Melanesia each have their own secrets to discover. We invite you to pore over some of our favorite expedition highlights from this magical corner of the world.



Discover massive manta rays in the **Marquesas** while scuba diving or snorkeling.



In the **Tuamotus**, be on the lookout for endemic birds like the blue lorikeet, chattering kingfisher, and the Makatea fruit dove.



See one of the planet's most unique snorkeling spots: "The Aquarium" in **Rangiroa**, where swimmers are surrounded by hundreds of pelagic fish.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS

RANGIROA

RAIATEA

FRENCH POLYNESIA

Polynesia

Witness the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**, a place of immeasurable cultural, spiritual, and historical significance.



Visit the marae complex of **Marae Taputapuātea**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most important cultural sites in Polynesia.

Swim in an otherworldly grotto on **Makatea** and float in a hidden cave surrounded by stalagmites and stalactites.



NEW ZEALAND



Swim into an otherworldly grotto on Makatea.

Polynesian Discovery: Exploring Tahiti, Bora Bora & the Tuamotus

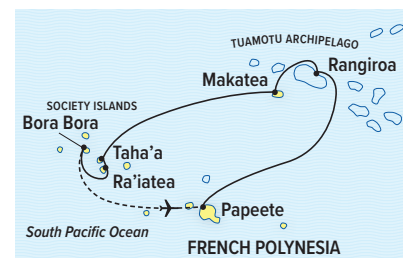


7 DAYS / FROM \$6,373pp
2024 Mar., Apr. / 2025 Jan., Feb.
National Geographic Orion

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive and snorkel in crystalline waters with green sea turtles, black-tipped reef sharks, and enormous schools of fish.
- See Bora Bora's iconic and verdant Mount Otemanu, jutting 2,400 feet above turquoise waters.
- Learn about Polynesian history and culture at Marae Taputapuātea, a UNESCO World Heritage site on Ra'iātea.
- Swim into an otherworldly grotto on Makatea and float in a hidden cave surrounded by stalagmites and stalactites.
- Visit a family-run vanilla plantation on Taha'a and a pearl farm on Rangiroa.
- Explore the same exhilarating regions of the Society & Tuamotu Islands as our classic expeditions, but in half the time.
- Extend your expedition on one of Bora Bora's tranquil and outer motus surrounded by turquoise waters and lush tropical gardens.



SPECIAL OFFERS

Book by Oct. 31, 2023:

- Waive the solo premium.
- 20% off back-to-back voyages and bonus shipboard amenities.

Book by Dec. 1, 2023 to lock in 2025 rates and more. Select departures only. See page 34 for terms.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Join National Geographic Photography Experts **David Doubilet** and **Jennifer Hayes** on Mar. 29, 2024 and **Jeff Mauritzen** on Apr. 3, 2024.

Pearls of the Pacific: Exploring the Society & Tuamotu Islands

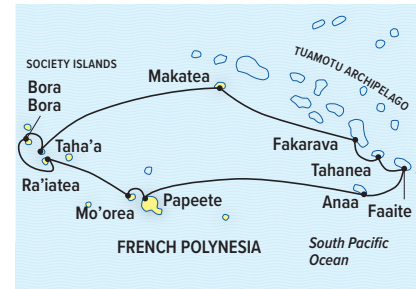


12 DAYS / FROM \$12,727pp
2024 Mar. / 2025 Feb.
National Geographic Orion

Visit expeditions.com/pearls for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit one of the most important cultural sites in the Polynesian world, **Marae Taputapuātea, a UNESCO World Heritage site.**
- Snorkel or dive some of the healthiest reefs of the Pacific in the **Tuamotu Archipelago.**
- **Swim into an otherworldly grotto on Makatea** and float in a hidden cave surrounded by stalagmites and stalactites.
- Experience the island of Anaa and its biodiverse lagoon. **Meet local artisans** who craft jewelry from stones and shells, and weave cloth with island motifs.
- Enjoy special dining experiences, including a barbecue with live music on a **private motu** in Bora Bora.
- **Visit a vanilla farm** on Taha'a "the vanilla island" where more than 70% of all vanilla in French Polynesia is produced.



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Kayaking at Tahanea Atoll, Tuamotus.



Fiji & Tahiti Adventure: Vibrant Reefs & Cultural History



17 DAYS / FROM \$16,404pp

2024 Feb., Apr. / 2025 Jan.

National Geographic Orion

Visit expeditions.com/paradise for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Snorkel, swim, scuba dive, or stand-up paddleboard in **the clear, aqua lagoons of French Polynesia and Fiji.**
- **Spot rare and colorful birds and flowers** on Fiji's spectacular "Garden Island," Taveuni, and in the rainforests of Samoa.
- Visit the marae complex of Marae Taputapuātea, a UNESCO World Heritage site and **one of the most important cultural sites in Polynesia.**
- Experience **untouched beauty, remarkable cultures,** and rare flora and fauna.

SPECIAL OFFERS

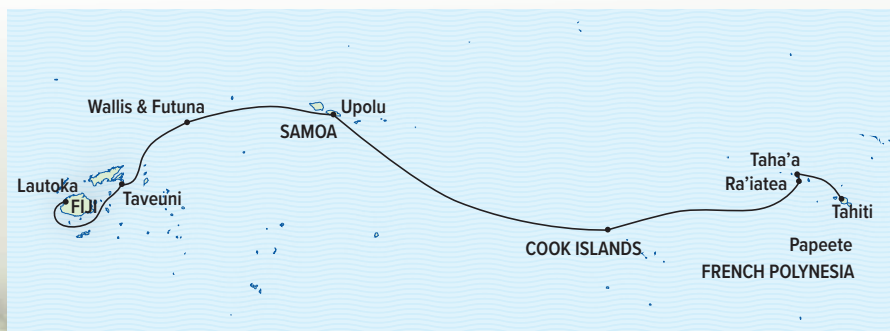
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SPECIAL GUESTS

Join National Geographic Explorer **Jennifer Kingsley** on Feb. 23, 2024 and Master Polynesian Navigator **Tua Pittman** on Apr. 12, 2024.



A guest on Taveuni Island, Fiji.



Local musician, Owaraha, Solomon Islands.

Roots of the Pacific: Exploring New Zealand & Melanesia

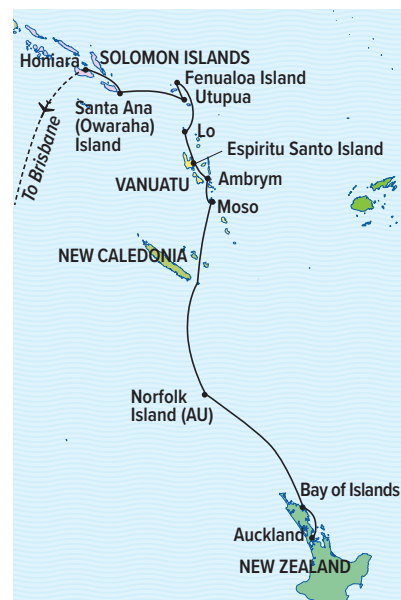


18 DAYS / FROM \$15,610pp
2023 Oct. / 2024 Jan., Oct., Dec.
National Geographic Orion

Visit expeditions.com/southerncross for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Encounter a diversity of cultures and their spiritual traditions from the **Māori of the Bay of Islands** to the **spear dancers of the Solomons**.
- Venture to the former penal colony of **Norfolk Island**, a **UNESCO World Heritage** site boasting unusual trees called Norfolk Island pines.
- Experience **New Caledonia's immaculate beaches and steep coral cliffs**, and hike into the tropical forest to a vanilla plantation or enjoy world-class snorkeling among diverse coral species.
- **Visit World War II sites** from the Battle of Guadalcanal, including an optional dive on the wreck of the *S.S. President Coolidge*.



SPECIAL OFFERS

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- Air included up to \$6,000pp.
- Waive the solo premium.
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SPECIAL GUESTS

Join National Geographic Expert **Wade Davis** on Oct. 24, 2023, Environmental Journalist **Andrew Revkin** on Jan. 29, 2024, and Author and Military Historian **Ian W. Toll** on Oct. 9, 2024.



Lava beach, Tanna, Vanuatu.

Fiji and Beyond: Exploring the Rites and Relics of the Pacific



15 DAYS / FROM \$13,790pp

2024 Feb., Apr. / 2025 Jan.

National Geographic Orion

Visit expeditions.com/rites for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spot rare and colorful birds and flowers on Fiji's spectacular "Garden Island," Taveuni, and the lovely and less-visited Kadavu.
- Arrive to Owaraha in the **Solomon Islands** for a series of traditional dances and music, then walk to see the island's traditional spirit houses.
- Swim in the spectacular **Matevulu Blue Hole grotto** on Vanuatu's Espiritu Santo Island.
- Visit **mysterious Ambrym Island in Vanuatu**—known as a place of magic and spirits—and witness the traditional Rom dance.

SPECIAL OFFERS

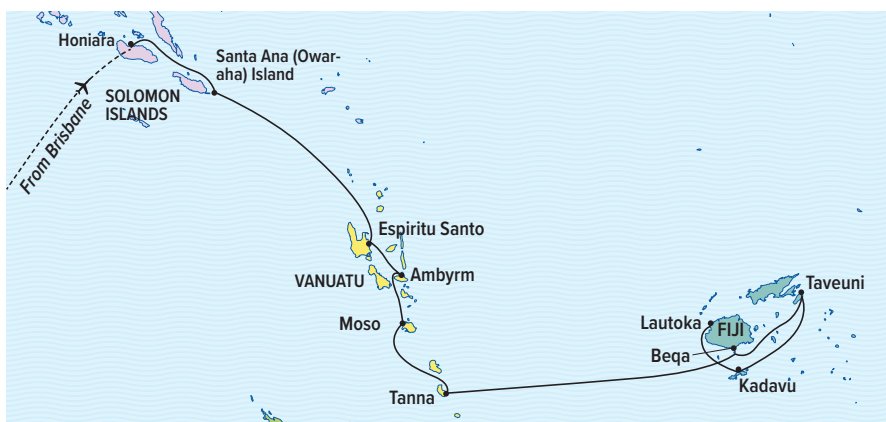
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SPECIAL GUESTS

Join National Geographic Photography Expert **Jonathan Kingston** on Feb. 11, 2024 and Master Polynesian Navigator **Tua Pittman** on Apr. 28, 2024.



Ancient Polynesia: Tuamotu and Marquesas Islands



10 DAYS / FROM \$12,363pp

2025 Feb.

National Geographic Orion

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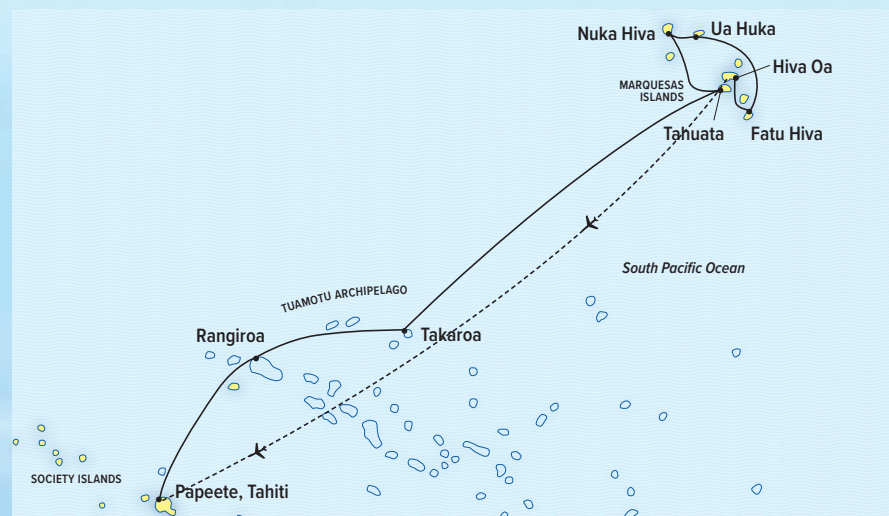
HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience warm, heartfelt welcomes from island residents and **visit ancient maraes (sacred sites)**.
- Taste local foods and **connect with Marquesans** during a cultural dance performance.
- On jungle hikes, be on the lookout for birds including endangered **ultramarine lorikeet, zebra doves, manikins, and fairy terns**.
- Explore one of the **world's largest groups of coral atolls and their incredible blue lagoons** via kayak, Zodiac, or stand-up paddleboard.
- Dive and snorkel in an extraordinary undersea world of **manta rays, green sea turtles, and vast schools of pelagic fish** from the clear, turquoise waters of the Tuamotus to the deep, nutrient rich seas of the Marquesas.



SPECIAL OFFER

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The Marquesas Islands.





New Zealand & the Subantarctic Islands

New Zealand's natural beauty beckons with soaring snow-capped peaks, crystalline lakes, and beaches of powdery white sand. On a voyage down under, take in this superlative scenery or venture to the rarely visited Subantarctic islands, home to a vast array of endemic flora and fauna found nowhere else on Earth.

The Extraordinary Wildlife of the Subantarctic Islands

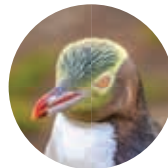
Remote and rarely visited, the Subantarctic islands serve as critical breeding grounds for staggering numbers of endemic and endangered wildlife. Situated midway between Australasia and Antarctica, the islands belonging to New Zealand make up a UNESCO World Heritage site, while Australia's Macquarie Island issues just 1,000 landing permits per year—all part of robust conservation efforts for hundreds of avian species, including four types of penguins found nowhere else on the planet.

Royal penguins on Macquarie Island, Australia.



Yellow-eyed penguin

The rarest—and thought to be the most ancient—of the penguin species, the yellow-eyed variety nests in the coastal forests of the Subantarctic islands. The roughly 2,000 individuals in existence are distinguished by the bands of yellow feathers around their yellow eyes and necks.



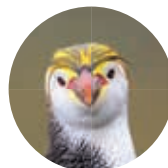
Erect-crested penguin

Coming ashore only to breed and molt, erect-crested penguins are found on the tiny Bounty and Antipodes Islands. The female lays two eggs, and the second chick—typically the larger and stronger of the two—is often the sole surviving offspring.



Royal penguin

One of the world's greatest wildlife spectacles, 850,000 pairs of royal penguins greet visitors to Australia's remote Macquarie Island. Four other species of penguin breed here, but this is the only place in the world to find the charismatic breeding royals.



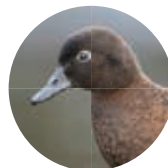
Fiordland crested penguin

Recognized by the white stripes on their cheeks, the endemic Fiordland crested penguin (*tawaki*) has a relatively diverse habitat distribution. Find them under rocks and fallen trees, in sea caves, and sheltered amidst coastal shrubs.



Campbell teal

Endemic to New Zealand's Campbell Island group, this small, flightless bird is the rarest duck in the world, with counts numbering around 500 individuals. The species was recently brought back from the brink of extinction—in 1990, population estimates were as low as 60.



Buller's albatross

Marine and pelagic, Buller's albatross breeds on four New Zealand island groups and otherwise lives at sea. A handsome species, it has a seven-foot wingspan, black feathers edging its underwings, and a black-and-yellow bill lined with orange.



Subantarctic snipe

Listen for its strident 'chup chup' and look in dense grasses for the nests of this small, brown wader with a long, thin beak. Only discovered in 1997, there are thought to be fewer than 50 of these rare birds living on the planet.



Coastal New Zealand: Scenic Fjords, Māori History & Abundant Wildlife



16 DAYS / FROM \$17,497pp
2023 Nov. / 2024 Jan., Oct., Nov.
National Geographic Orion

Visit expeditions.com/coastalnz for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore New Zealand's diverse North and South Islands—from bustling city centers to small towns, historical sites to botanical gardens and rolling vineyards.
- Visit the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**, an important historical site where The Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's founding document, was signed.
- Visit **Orokonui Ecosanctuary**, a 758-acre park, home to many threatened species and habitats.
- Immerse yourself in **unparalleled beauty in Fiordland National Park** as we explore its many coves and waterfalls.
- Enjoy New Zealand's celebrated **wines and culinary specialties**.



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- Waive the solo premium.
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SPECIAL GUESTS

Join National Geographic Photography Experts **Andrew Coleman** on Nov. 6, 2023 and **Kennedy Warne** on Nov. 18, 2023, plus Master Polynesian Navigator **Tua Pittman** on Nov. 18, 2023 and on Jan. 17, 2024.

Milford Sound.



Yellow-eyed penguins.

Southern Odyssey: New Zealand & the Subantarctic Islands



22 DAYS / FROM \$26,092pp
2023-2024 Nov., Dec.
National Geographic Orion

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HIGHLIGHTS

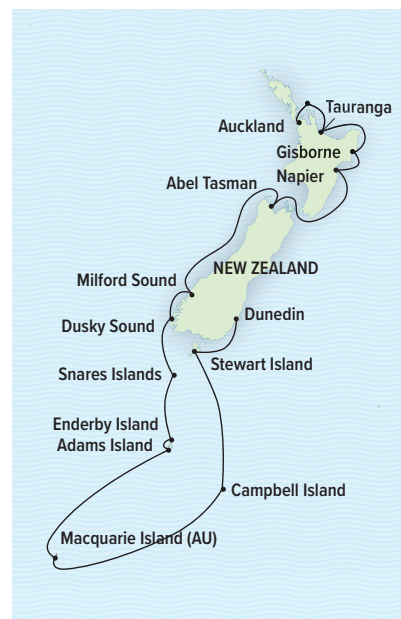
- Immerse yourself in unparalleled beauty: **scenic beaches and lush native forests in the North Island and deep fjords in the South Island.**
- Discover the history and dynamic culture of **New Zealand's Māori people.**
- Explore the **exclusive Subantarctic islands**, which are protected from human activity and home to a diverse collection of endemic flora and fauna.
- See **Macquarie Island**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to thousands of seals and **millions of penguins.**
- Visit the **golden sands of Abel Tasman National Park** or the **nooks and crannies of Marlborough Sounds.**
- Witness cultural riches, such as **Napier's Art Deco architecture.**

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SPECIAL GUEST

Join **Louis Henry Mitchell**, Artist-in-Residence and Director of Character Design at Sesame Workshop, on Dec. 18, 2023.



A vibrant underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is filled with various types of coral, including large, rounded, light-colored corals in the foreground and more delicate, branching corals in shades of red, orange, and yellow towards the left. Small fish are visible swimming among the coral. Sunlight rays penetrate the clear blue water from the top left, creating a bright and lively atmosphere.

Australia, Indonesia & Papua New Guinea

Venture to remote shores lost to time and enveloped in lore, exploring lush isles where Komodo dragons roam and Australia's Kimberley region, home to majestic waterfalls and ancient Aboriginal art. The underwater realms here are equally alluring: dive into translucent waters and encounter colorful corals and sea life in a snorkeling and scuba mecca.

Kimberley Expedition: Northwest Australia & Indonesia



16 DAYS / FROM \$16,577pp

2024 May, Jun., Jul.

National Geographic Orion

Visit expeditions.com/kimb-into for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover dramatic landscapes etched with **ancient human history in the Kimberley**.
- Sail to **remote island villages of Indonesia** where history comes alive in traditional ceremonies and learn the history of the Moluccas, fought over among English, Portuguese, and Dutch colonizers.
- Search for spectacular wildlife, from the giant saltwater crocs of the Kimberley to prehistoric **Komodo dragons in Komodo National Park**.
- Snorkel and dive remote reefs with **galaxies of colorful fish** in Indonesia.
- Experience both **Gwion Gwion and Wandjina rock art** dating from 4,000 to 12,000 years in age.



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Kimberley, Australia.

Journey Through Southeast Asia: Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia & Malaysia



11 DAYS / FROM \$13,940pp

2024 Aug.

National Geographic Orion

Visit expeditions.com/southeast-asia for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience **the innovative melting pot that is Singapore**—a spectacular blend of cultures, innovation, and beauty.
- Explore **Malaysia's fascinating and colorful UNESCO Historical Cities**—Malacca and Penang's Georgetown.
- Be on the lookout for the **gentle giants of Sumatra—orangutans**—in the lush rainforest of Gunung Leuser National Park, part of the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Immerse yourself in the earthy aromas and fresh ingredients used in **some of the best local food in Asia**. Cast your own vote on who has the tastiest chicken rice in Penang.
- **Snorkel, dive, and kayak** along reefs teeming with brightly colored fish, reef sharks, and corals; **explore pristine white sand beaches** and mangroves on the picturesque islands of the Andaman Sea.



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SPECIAL GUEST

Join National Geographic Photography Expert **Rubén Salgado** on Aug. 11 and 20, 2024.

Malacca, Malaysia.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the innovative **melting pot that is Singapore**—a spectacular blend of cultures, innovation, and beauty.
- Swim and snorkel the coral reefs off the pristine, **uninhabited isles of the Natuna and Anambas archipelagos**.
- Be awestruck at the grandeur and sheer size of **Borobudur Temple**, the largest Buddhist temple in the world and a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.
- Explore the jungles of **West Bali Barat National Park and Menjangan Island**—lookout for the Javan banded pitta, the Bali myna, and the native barking deer.



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Belitung Island.



Asmat tribe escort us to shore.

Exploring Indonesia: Bali, Raja Ampat & Papua New Guinea



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Encounter Indonesia's **vibrant cultures during traditional welcome ceremonies** and visits to remote island villages and markets.
- **Swim, snorkel, and dive** at spectacular reefs, isolated atolls, and ivory beaches of Kri Island and Misool in Raja Ampat and West Papua.
- Search for **Komodo dragons**, prehistoric creatures that can reach nine feet, in Komodo National Park.
- Discover the **timeless traditions and exquisite art of the Asmat region** while exploring its stilt villages by Zodiac.
- Go on a birding walk to try to spot the ethereal **red bird-of-paradise**.

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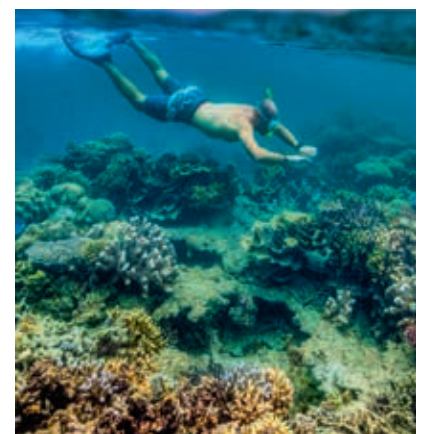
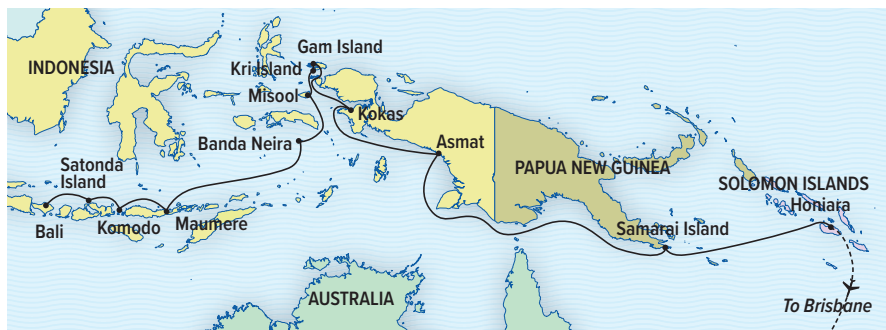
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SPECIAL GUEST

Join **Valerie Taylor**, Conservationist, Photographer, Filmmaker, and member of the diving hall-of-fame, on May 8, 2024.





National Geographic Orion

Capacity: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins and suites.

Registry: Bahamas. **Overall length:** 338 feet.

The gracious and intimate *National Geographic Orion* takes travelers to little-known waters and isles in the South Pacific, Australia, and Indonesia to experience each location's natural and cultural wonders up close.

Public areas: Outdoor café, lounge with bar and state-of-the-art facilities, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, and marina platform. The whirlpool hot tub doubles as a plunge pool in warm climates. Our "open Bridge" allows guests to meet our captain and officers and learn about navigation.

Meals: All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

Cabins: All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and a flat-screen TV. Equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and

USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have French balconies. Solo cabins in Category 1 and Category 3 include #301, 322, 323, and 512.

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Special features: Laundry, a full-time medical professional, National Geographic Photography Expert and Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, naturalists, and an undersea specialist. On all South Pacific voyages, there are a minimum of two dive masters.

Wellness: A wellness specialist, fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board.



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Clockwise from left: National Geographic Orion sets sail; a guest enjoys a tropical drink in the ship lounge; a suite aboard National Geographic Orion; travelers dine al fresco; the ship chef with his fresh creations.

Special Offers

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- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Exploration tools curated to your destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, and a full complement of snorkeling equipment
- ✓ Lectures and presentations
- ✓ The guidance and expertise of our expedition staff
- ✓ Accommodations on land as indicated in itinerary
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- ✓ The services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic (where available)
- ✓ Transfers to and from designated flights
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- ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment (where available)
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker with the latest gear to try out on loan

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