



# Minerva West Papua Expedition

INDONESIA ● PAPUA NEW GUINEA

## The Offer

Set sail on a luxury Indonesian islands adventure from Jayapura, Indonesia, to Sorong, Indonesia. Begin with a night in Bali, Indonesia, before a charter flight to embark on a 10-night voyage aboard Swan Hellenic's 5-star ship SH Minerva. Cruise West Papua and Raja Ampat's pristine coral atolls, swim in turquoise lagoons, explore lush tropical shores and more.

Fly to Denpasar in Bali to enjoy the vibrant nightlife with an overnight stay, before flying to Jayapura, Indonesia. Embark on Swan Hellenic's Minerva to immerse yourself in a 5-star voyage of elegant fine-dining, spacious Scandinavian-inspired staterooms, informative guest-lecture programs and more. Soak up the sun by the pool when you're not heading off on a Zodiac to get up close to all the action.

Discover the cultures of remote island communities and find the perfect souvenir among the markets of Manokwari. Swim in Pulau Padaidori's sapphire waters and come face to face with shimmering tropical fish in coral gardens. Look for leatherback turtles in Pulau Ayu and dive into Kwatisore's Cenderawasih Bay in search of the gentle whale shark for a

once-in-a-lifetime experience. See the ghostly shipwrecks of Doreri Bay and search for saltwater crocodiles among Aljui Bay's mangroves. Keep your camera ready to snap the brilliant colours of the Bird of Paradise on a trek through orchid-draped rainforests.

Disembark in the bustling port of Sorong, West Papua, for a charter flight to Denpasar, Indonesia, before returning home.

This luxury cruising expedition enjoys return international full-service flights & charter flights, a 10-night luxury expedition cruise with Swan Hellenic, overnight 4-star Bali accommodation, 29 meals and more.

**Want more? Book a Balcony Stateroom before 23 September 2025 to receive \$250 USD per person in onboard credit and a Wi-Fi gold package upgrade.**

**Take your luxury cruise experience to the next level with a cabin upgrade. Stay a few days in Bali, Indonesia with Arrive Early and Stay Behind options.**

Offer available for a limited time or until sold out. TRIP A DEAL PTY LTD: 50149240433

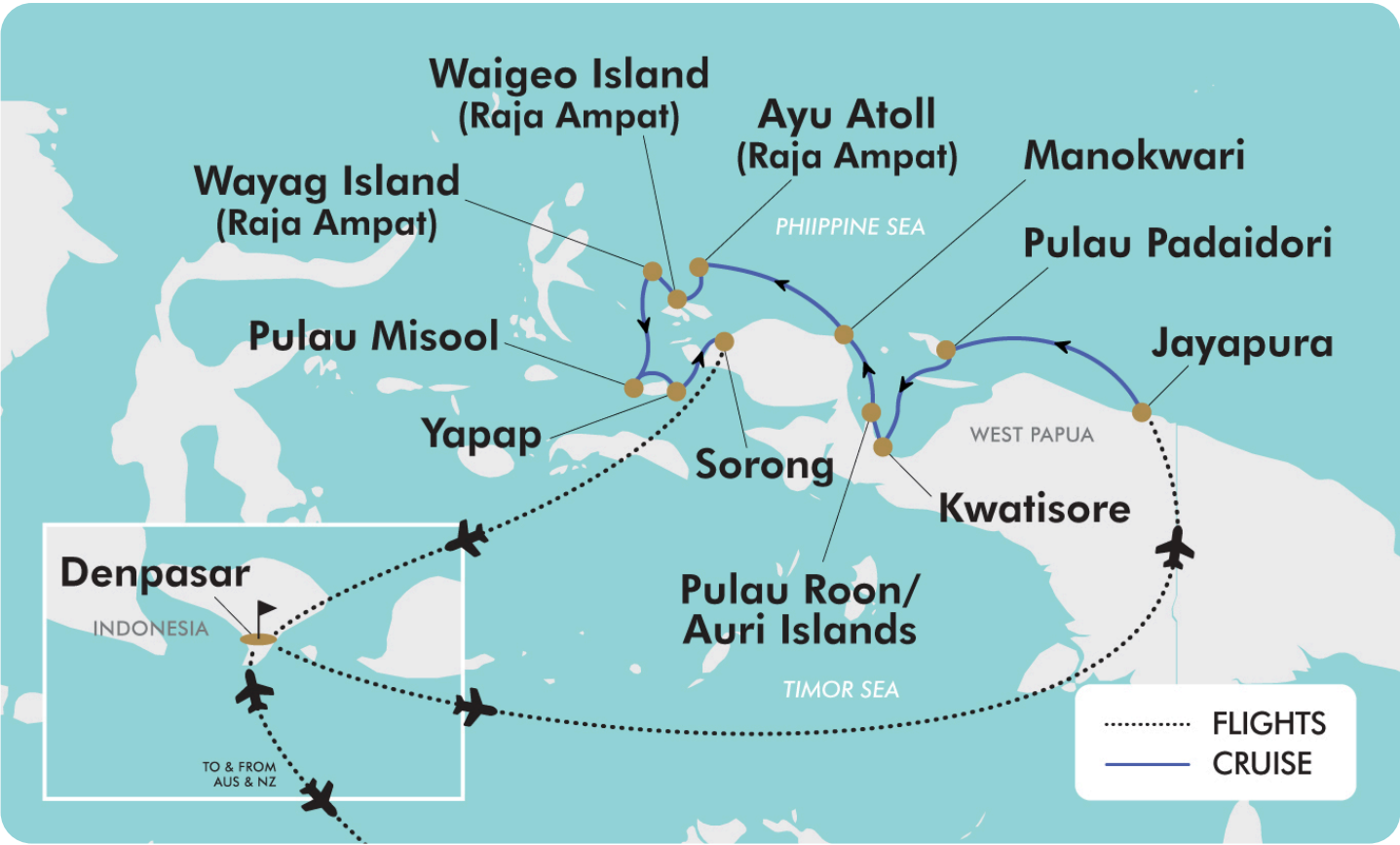
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**The Map**



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## 13-DAY CRUISE PACKAGE | MINERVA WEST PAPUA EXPEDITION

### The Itinerary

#### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Today, make your own way to the airport for the flight to Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Upon arrival, an arranged Swan Hellenic transfer is provided to your hotel. Once checked in, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight:** Swan Hellenic Hotel or similar, Bali, Indonesia

**Meals included:** In-Flight

#### Day 2 Denpasar, Bali - Jayapura, Papua, Indonesia

**Departs:** 19:00

After check out this morning an arranged Swan Hellenic transfer will take you to the airport for your flight to Jayapura, Indonesia.

Upon arrival, an arranged Swan Hellenic transfer will take you from the airport to the cruise terminal to board the SH Minerva. The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore this luxurious expedition ship.

**Overnight:** Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

**Meals included:** Dinner

#### Day 3 Cruising

Spend the day cruising aboard Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva. Enjoy a 5-star onboard experience as you soak up the tropical sun poolside, chat with experts about the destinations to come and more. Meet new friends in the Club Lounge before dinner, then indulge in the world-class menus on offer at the Swan Restaurant or dine al fresco as the sun sets at the Pool Bar and Grill. As the stars come out to play, enjoy the onboard entertainment, live music or take a moonlit stroll on deck before relaxing in your spacious stateroom.

*Please note: Passengers will not disembark in Vanimo & Jayapura today. Today will be wholly aboard the ship.*

**Overnight:** Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 4 Pulau Padaidori, Papua, Indonesia

**Arrives:** 13:00 - **Departs:** 17:00

Pulau Padaidori is one of a cluster of tiny, mostly uninhabited islands and atolls off the northern Papuan coast. This remote stop combines secluded Pacific Rim beaches with a rich, protected marine ecosystem in its calm sapphire waters, where schools of shimmering tropical fish weave amid colourful coral gardens. Mangrove forests shelter snakes and crabs in their twisted root systems, and swaying coconut palms decorate white-sand beaches.

**Overnight:** Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva

**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner



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#### Day 5 Kwatisore, Cenderawasih Bay, Papua

**Arrives: 08:00 - Departs: 18:00**

Kwatisore, located along the mainland shore of Cenderawasih Bay, is the bay's most renowned spot for whale shark encounters. Here, the gentle giants gather beneath local fishing platforms (bagans), drawn by the catch. This unique interaction site offers rare, up-close experiences with resident whale sharks in calm, clear waters, making it a world-class destination for marine wildlife enthusiasts.

**Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 6 Pulau Roon - Auri Islands, Papua

**Pulau Roon**

**Arrives: 08:00 - Departs: 12:00**

Pulau Roon in Indonesia's Papua province is an island paradise known for its rich biodiversity. The island's hilly terrain offers pristine beaches and vibrant coral reefs with diverse marine life like dugong, reef sharks, and schools of reef fish. Pulau Roon also boasts a rich cultural heritage, showcasing intricate craftsmanship and traditional music.

**Auri Islands**

**Arrives: 15:00 - Departs: 18:00**

The Auri islands, a gateway to Cenderawasih Bay and its marine park, host diverse coral reefs teeming with fish species, butterfly fish, damselfish, clownfish and resident whale sharks. Named after birds of paradise, Cenderawasih is a haven for these brightly

plumed birds, alongside cassowaries, hornbills and crested pigeons. Dense rainforest and tiny fishing villages define the remote charm of these islands in Cenderawasih Bay.

**Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 7 Manokwari, Papua

**Arrives: 07:00 - Departs: 13:00**

Overlooking tranquil Doreri Bay, where palm trees line sheltered coves and ghostly shipwrecks rest on the seabed, Manokwari is West Papua's coastal capital. In town, artists craft carvings and shell handicrafts, while the market and harbour provide immersion in local commerce and culture. Hiking Mount Arfak, the region's highest point, offers stunning mountain vistas and possible sightings of birds of paradise, cuscuses, and rare tree kangaroos.

**Overnight: Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner**

#### Day 8 Ayu Atoll, Raja Ampat, Papua

**Arrives: 07:00 - Departs: 18:00**

Pulau Ayu, the main island in the Ayu Atoll, is a remote jewel of Raja Ampat. Fringed by ivory beaches and lush rainforest, and surrounded by vibrant coral reefs, it's a sanctuary for nesting leatherback turtles. Beneath its clear waters, tropical marine life flourishes, while the villages of Ayu and Imbik Kuan welcome visitors with warm Papuan hospitality. Once a WWII outpost, its isolation made it a key strategic base for Japanese forces.



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**Overnight:** Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 9 Waigeo Island, Aljui Bay, Raja Ampat**  
**Arrives:** 07:00 - **Departs:** 18:00

Aljui Bay on Waigeo Island in Indonesia's Raja Ampat archipelago is an extensive mangrove-lined inlet filled with pocket coves. Home to a pearl farm, the bay also offers opportunities to sights like saltwater crocodiles, hornbills, cockatoos, and diverse marine life. Inland, the island features orchid-draped cloud forests and waterfalls, rare birds like the Wilson's bird of paradise, and opportunities to experience Papuan culture.

**Overnight:** Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 10 Wayag Island, Raja Ampat**  
**Arrives:** 07:00 - **Departs:** 18:00

One of Raja Ampat's most remote islands, Wayag offers spectacular limestone karst formations surrounded by sapphire sea. Steps lead up to the panoramic Wayag Viewpoint overlooking the bullet-shaped stacks erupting from the ocean. Wayag's unusual landscape exists both above and below the surface with deserted white-sand beaches and underwater gardens packed with soft corals, darting tropical fish and black-tipped reef sharks.

**Overnight:** Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

**Day 11 Balbulal Lagoon, Pulau Misool - Yapap, Pulau Misool**  
**Balbulal Lagoon**

**Arrives:** 07:00 - **Departs:** 12:00

**Yapap**

**Arrives:** 14:30 - **Departs:** 18:00

With roughly 1,000 coral and over 1,200 reef fish species, the crystalline waters around jungle-woven Raja Ampat, Indonesia's easternmost islands, comprise the most biodiverse marine habitat unparalleled on the planet. Meaning 'four kings,' Raja Ampat refers to Waigeo, Salawati, Batanta and Misool, yet spreads across 1,000 atolls and islets. Originally part of Australia, Raja Ampat is home to tree-dwelling marsupials and 500 bird species.

Pulau Misool, a remote island in Raja Ampat, showcases wild beauty with white-sand beaches and lush hills.

A highlight is Yapap, a secluded lagoon surrounded by towering limestone karsts. Known for its glassy turquoise waters and white-sand seabed, it's ideal for snorkelling, swimming, and photography. Its serene atmosphere makes it a peaceful escape from more crowded spots.

**Overnight:** Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva  
**Meals included:** Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner





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### The Itinerary

#### Day 12 Sorong, West Papua - Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia - Australia (or New Zealand)

**Arrives: 08:00 - Disembark**

The bustling port city of Sorong in West Papua is known as the gateway to the crystalline waters of Raja Ampat, the world's most biodiverse marine habitat, home to over 1,500 species of fish and 75 per cent of the world's known coral species. In town, the Buddhist pagoda of Sapta Ratna stands tall on a hilltop overlooking the harbour. Local fishing boats come in with their catch at the bustling Pasar Jembatan Puri fish market.

After disembarkation, an arranged Swan Hellenic transfer will take you to Sorong Airport for your flight to Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Once arrived in Denpasar, at the appropriate time, board your connecting international flight to Australia (or New Zealand).

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 13 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime expedition cruise through the untouched wonders of West Papua and Raja Ampat
- Experience the natural, raw beauty and deeply rooted island cultures of Papua, Indonesia
- Sail through the heart of Indonesia's hidden paradise to secluded lagoons, coral atolls, and jungle-covered coastlines
- Snorkel among vibrant coral reefs, relax on golden sand beaches that are only accessible by sea
- Enjoy the rhythm of calm seas and warm days - the perfect backdrop for exploration and connection with nature
- Engage with remote island communities, or trek through lush rainforests with expert guides
- Witness an unparalleled blend of adventure, cultural immersion and pristine beauty
- Seek out gentle whale sharks, present year-round in Kwatisore, Cenderawasih Bay
- Participate in the onboard lecture programs by Swan Hellenic's expedition team and guest speakers
- Immerse yourself in signature Swan Hellenic's refined, intimate and deeply enriching style

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply
- Charter flights: Denpasar, Indonesia - Jayapura, Indonesia & Sorong, Indonesia - Denpasar, Indonesia

CRUISE

- 10-night luxury expedition cruise aboard Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva from Jayapura, Indonesia to Sorong, Indonesia
- Gratuities included for the ship's crew
- One selected shore excursion/expedition activity per port of call (kayak not included, bookable for a fee on board)
- Lecture programs by an experienced expedition team and guest speakers
- Standard Wi-Fi
- Self-service laundry
- Experience Swan Hellenic's 12-person hard-hulled Zodiacs, which take guests off the ship, so you can get up close and personal with your majestic surroundings (all Zodiac landings included)
- Waterproof backpack and refillable water bottle, yours to keep

BALCONY BONUS

- Book a Balcony Stateroom before the 23rd September 2025 and receive \$250 USD per person on board credit and a Wi-Fi gold package upgrade

ACCOMMODATION

- Overnight 4-star accommodation in Bali, Indonesia

DINING

- Enjoy 29 meals, all while cruising

ESSENTIALS

- Port charges and taxes
- Airline taxes and surcharges



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### Tour Inclusions

#### TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

#### TRANSFERS

Return airport and cruise port transfers









# Important Information

*required should they be needed. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.*

*Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*

*Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

## Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate upon arrival.

You must check with your doctor well before leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

## Sightseeing:

*Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#)

regarding shopping for further information.

## Visas

### Indonesia

#### All Indonesia Arrival Card

As of 1 September 2025 passengers must complete the All Indonesia Arrival Card. This is free of charge and can be completed online within 72 hours of your departure date. This is in addition to the e-VOA and the Bali Tourism Levy.

#### e-VOA

A tourist visa will be issued upon arrival if staying less than 30 days if travelling on an Australian passport. A visa fee of IDR 500,000 (approximately AUD \$50, subject to change) and it is best to have this amount in cash upon arrival to ensure smooth entry. To avoid the queues at the airport, you can apply in advance (no later than 48 hours prior to travelling to Indonesia). You can apply for an e-Visa on Arrival (e-VOA). Check the e-VOA requirements from Indonesian Immigration before applying.

#### Bali Tourism Levy

The Bali Provincial Government has introduced a new tourist levy of IDR 150,000 per person to foreign tourists entering Bali. The tourist levy is separate from the e-Visa on Arrival or the Visa on Arrival. Cashless payments can be made online prior to travel or on arrival at designated payment counters at Bali's airport and seaport. Exemption from payment of the levy applies to transit passengers and certain visa holders. See the Bali Provincial Government's official website.

#### Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*

- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

## Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

## Schedule Of Fees

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

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- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

## Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.