



Minerva West Papua Expedition

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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 31st January, 2026 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.

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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
- Complimentary hot and cold beverages, beer, wine and spirits anytime throughout your cruise
- 24-hour room service

BALCONY BONUS

- Book a balcony stateroom before the 31st January, 2026 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



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Tour Inclusions

ESSENTIALS

- Port charges and taxes
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Return airport and cruise port transfers

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Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation and Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent;** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- **each booking is unique;** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.

- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible;** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.

- **Travel Offers are a package;** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.

- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable;** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please [click here](#).

General Terms and Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our [Terms & Conditions](#), [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cancellation Policy](#).

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on the 17th April 2026.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single

supplement applies:

Oceanview Cabin: \$11,000

Balcony Cabin: \$12,000

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, Perth, *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane: \$250 per person

Adelaide: \$100 per person

Auckland: \$100 per person

International Flight(s)

Full-Service Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Please note: From Australia or New Zealand, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 18 hours, with up to 1 stop. This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to you via email once available.

Charter Flight(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route: Denpasar, Indonesia - Jayapura, Indonesia

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- Route: Sorong, Indonesia - Denpasar, Indonesia

Charter Flight Information

Baggage allowance per person
1 x 20kg of checked baggage
1 x 7kg of carry on baggage

Preferred Airline Surcharge

Not available.

Arrive Early and Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

Denpasar, Indonesia - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Denpasar, Indonesia - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

Exclusions:

This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

+ 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and

arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

- 16th June 2025 - 20th July 2025
- 15th September 2025 - 12th October 2025
- 1st December 2025 - 31st January 2026
- 3rd April 2026 - 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 - 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 - 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 - 26th January 2027

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Cruise

Swan Hellenic's SH Minerva:

The SH Minerva, launched in 2021, is the first of Swan Hellenic's new-generation expedition ships. This 10,600 GT vessel is designed for cultural expedition cruising, offering an intimate and luxurious experience for up to 152 guests across 76 staterooms. With a PC5 ice-strengthened hull and advanced stabilisation systems, SH Minerva is purpose-built for exploring remote polar regions and off-the-beaten-path destinations.

Onboard, guests can indulge in a variety of dining options. The main venue, The Swan Restaurant, offers international and regional cuisine focused on quality, creativity, and flavours, with an open seating policy allowing guests to dine at their leisure. Additionally, the Club Lounge provides a relaxed atmosphere for lighter fare and beverages, while the Pool Bar & Grill offers al fresco dining with stunning views.

Accommodations on SH Minerva are thoughtfully designed, featuring Scandinavian-inspired interiors that blend elegance with comfort. All 76 staterooms are double-occupancy, with most offering private balconies. Guests can expect modern amenities, including en-suite bathrooms, ample storage, and seating areas, ensuring a restful retreat after a day of exploration.

The ship's facilities are tailored to enhance the expedition experience. Guests can unwind in the panoramic sauna, stay active in the well-equipped gym, or relax in the spa (charges apply for spa treatments). The heated outdoor pool and adjacent bar provide a perfect spot for leisure while taking in the surrounding landscapes. For enrichment, SH Minerva offers a well-stocked library and lecture theatre, hosting expert-led talks and briefings that delve into the regions visited.

Entertainment on SH Minerva is designed to complement the expeditionary nature of the voyages. Evenings may include informative lectures, documentary screenings, or live music in the lounge, fostering a sense of community among guests. The ship's small size allows for a more personalised experience, with a high

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crew-to-guest ratio ensuring attentive service throughout the journey. In summary, SH Minerva combines modern luxury with expedition cruising, offering guests an immersive and comfortable way to explore some of the world's most remote and captivating destinations. Onboard currency: \$ USD

Cabins/Staterooms:

Oceanview Staterooms: 19m² - 20m²

Light, bright and crafted from natural materials, Oceanview staterooms feature 2 single beds in a bedroom, living room and a luxurious ensuite bathroom. All feature panoramic sea views, plush couches, premium pocket-sprung mattresses, ensuite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes, and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest. At the same time, a large flat-screen TV, an espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea-making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is, of course, available at all hours.

Balcony Staterooms: 25m², including the balcony

Staterooms feature 2 single beds in a bedroom, living room, luxurious bathroom and your own 5m² balcony. All feature panoramic sea views, plush couches, premium pocket-sprung mattresses, ensuite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes, and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest. At the same time, a large flat-screen TV, an espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea-making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is, of course, available at all hours. All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Cruise Arrival and Departure Times:

Please keep in mind that the provided

cruise arrival and departure times are an approximate and will be finalised upon receipt of your cruise tickets.

Accommodation

Accommodation Used:

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

Denpasar, Indonesia: Hotel arranged by Swan Hellenic

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

Please note:

- *The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*
- *Some shore excursions require minimum numbers to operate.*

- *Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line before travel (subject to availability)*
- *Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).*
- *Shore excursion programmes and itineraries may vary depending on local conditions and/or any unforeseen events concerning the timing on the day of the tour. Some excursions are very popular, and therefore availability cannot always be guaranteed, it is advisable to book in advance to avoid disappointment.*

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Gratuities / Tipping

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Cruise

Gratuities (tips) are included for the cruise staff's services throughout this tour's cruise component.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert

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who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

April is a month of transition for many of these locations in Papua, marking the shift from the wet season to the dry season. In the Raja Ampat area, including Ayu Atoll, Waigeo Island (Aljui Bay), Wayag Island, and Misool Island (Balbulal Lagoon), April signifies the beginning of a more favorable time to visit, with reduced rainfall and improved underwater visibility. However, in other locations like Padaidori Island, Kwatisore in Cenderawasih Bay, the weather remains hot and humid, with a possibility of frequent tropical showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures across all these locations are consistently warm, with daily averages ranging from 27°C to 35°C.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online

source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

CRUISE

Embarkation / Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Please note: Strict Covid-19 terms may also apply regarding proof of insurance covering

Covid-19 and/or vaccination. Please refer to the cruise lines' terms and conditions for further information before boarding.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

Please note: Travellers must contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their travel documents in order to request any membership benefits they may be entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include city tours, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without

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assistance.

Please note: Some areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, with personal walking sticks and other aids 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.