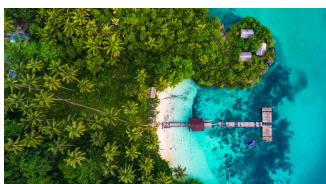


Lebendige Schätze von Raja Ampat & den Gewürzinseln – Indonesien Expedition

Reisetermin
13.10. - 25.10.2026
Reederei
Aurora Expeditions
Schiff
Greg Mortimer
Reisecode
PAP002G



	Aurora Stateroom Twin Share	
	Doppelbelegung	 € 11.205 pro Person
	Gemeinschaftsbelegung	 € 11.205 pro Person
	Einzelbelegung	 € 16.808 pro Person
	Balcony Stateroom Category B	
	Doppelbelegung	 € 12.847 pro Person
	Gemeinschaftsbelegung	 € 12.847 pro Person
	Einzelbelegung	 € 19.271 pro Person
	Balcony Stateroom Category A - Solo	
	Doppelbelegung	 € 13.776 pro Person
	Gemeinschaftsbelegung	 € 13.776 pro Person

	Einzelbelegung	 € 20.664 pro Person
	Balcony Stateroom Superior	
	Doppelbelegung	 € 15.060 pro Person
	Gemeinschaftsbelegung	 € 15.060 pro Person
	Einzelbelegung	 € 22.590 pro Person
	Junior Suite	
	Doppelbelegung	 € 18.916 pro Person
	Einzelbelegung	 € 28.374 pro Person
	Aurora Stateroom Triple Share	
	Dreibettbelegung	 Nicht verfügbar
	Balcony Stateroom Category C - Solo	
	Einzelbelegung	 Nicht verfügbar
	Doppelbelegung	 Nicht verfügbar
	Captain's Suite	
	Einzelbelegung	 Nicht verfügbar
	Doppelbelegung	 Nicht verfügbar
	Balcony Stateroom Category C	
	Einzelbelegung	 Nicht verfügbar
	Doppelbelegung	 Nicht verfügbar



Balcony Stateroom Category A



Balcony Stateroom Category B - Solo



Day 1 Arrive in
Denpasar

Having made your way to Denpasar, you will be met by a representative of Aurora Expeditions and transferred to our group hotel. Upon arrival at your included hotel, please visit the welcome desk where you can collect your luggage cabin tags and speak with our ground operations team, who may have information to share with you about pre-embarkation or to provide you with information about where to dine, withdraw cash or purchase last minute items from a local pharmacy or supermarket. The remainder of your time is at leisure. All meals today are at your own expense. Accommodation: Hyatt Regency Sanur.

Day 2 Fly to
Sorong,
embarkation

This morning, please ensure your cabin luggage is fitted with cabin tags clearly labelled with your name and cabin number. Any valuables or personal items should be kept on you throughout the day. After breakfast at the hotel, we board a morning charter flight to Sorong, where our vessel the Greg Mortimer awaits. The charter flight is scheduled to depart at 10:00 for Sorong and arrive at 14:20. Transfer to the port for embarkation where you will have time to settle into your cabin before our important briefings begin. Enjoy the thrill of departure as we 'throw the lines' and set sail for Raja Ampat. Meet your Expedition Team and crew at the Captain's Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 Raja
Ampat, the
epicentre of the
Coral Triangle

Located in the 'Coral Triangle,' Raja Ampat archipelago has been described as a marine 'species factory,' and a Mission Blue Hope Spot. Believed to contain the most biodiverse marine habitat on the planet, the waters surrounding Raja Ampat are home to 600 species of hard coral and 1,500 types of fish – more than anywhere else in the world – which makes for exceptional diving and snorkelling experience. We plan to spend four days exploring the coral reefs and shoals, limestone formations and rainforests of this hidden gem. Some of the islands we plan to explore include Wayag, Waigeo, Wofoh Island and Misool Marine Reserve, another Mission Blue Hope Spot. In Kabui Bay, guests join the Expedition Team aboard Zodiacs to explore the stunning waterways, cruising among dramatic limestone karst islands, hidden coves, and lush tropical landscapes. Along the way, look out for colourful birdlife and journey through the historic Wallace Passage between Waigeo and Gam Islands. The excursion may also include visits to secluded lagoons, mangrove-lined channels, and the remote fishing village of Tanjung Besi for a glimpse into local life in Raja Ampat.

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During lunch, Greg Mortimer will reposition southeast toward Dapunlol in the heart of the Misool archipelago. Arriving in the early afternoon, the ship will drop anchor off this spectacular island region, allowing guests to take in the breathtaking scenery of Misool's pristine waters, lush islands, and dramatic limestone landscapes as the next stage of exploration begins.

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Afternoon Experience: Expressions of Interest - Sumalelen Ancient Rock Art. Explore the fascinating ancient rock art of Sumalelen, where prehistoric handprints, sailing vessels, and ceremonial motifs adorn the limestone cliffs. These remarkable markings provide a unique glimpse into the region's early seafaring cultures. Duration: 3.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Important information: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking. Terrain may vary from flat sandy beaches to dense tropical jungle trails and muddy, root-filled forest floors. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and sun protection are recommended.

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Day 7 The
Moluccas – the
Spice Islands

The Moluccas, or Spice Islands, are an archipelago of breathtaking beauty and rich history. Nestled in eastern Indonesia, these islands have captivated explorers and traders for centuries. Renowned for their production of precious spices like nutmeg and cloves, they once ignited a fierce competition among European powers. Beyond their historical significance, the Moluccas offer a diverse landscape of volcanic peaks, pristine beaches, and lush rainforests. From the bustling city of Banda Neira to the secluded islands of Banda Sea, this archipelago promises an unforgettable adventure for those seeking natural wonders, cultural immersion, and a taste of the exotic. We plan to visit Seram, the largest island in the Maluku province. Revered by locals as 'Nusa Ina', or Mother Island, it is believed to be the ancestral home of Central Maluku's people. Nestled at the foot of towering limestone cliffs on Seram's northern coast is the ancient village of Sawai. Said to predate the arrival of European explorers, Sawai is one of the region's oldest settlements. Perched on stilts above the clear tropical waters of the Ceram Sea, the village offers a unique glimpse into a bygone era. Morning Experience: Expressions of Interest - Snorkelling Pulau Besar. Enjoy a relaxed expedition-style visit to Pulau Besar, a tranquil island nestled within the calm waters of Sawai Bay. Surrounded by vibrant fringing reefs, this is an ideal opportunity to snorkel among colourful coral gardens teeming with tropical fish and marine life. With typically clear waters and gentle conditions, the sheltered bay offers a peaceful and enjoyable experience for both novice and experienced snorkellers alike. Duration: 2.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Important information: This activity is recommended for guests in good physical condition who are confident swimming in water too deep to stand. Snorkelling time and location are weather dependent and confirmed on the morning of the tour. For safety reasons, snorkelling numbers may be limited at any one time, but we will endeavour to rotate groups so all guests have the opportunity to snorkel. Morning Experience: Expressions of Interest - Zodiac Cruise. Guests may choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the island's picturesque coastline, taking in the striking limestone formations, lush coastal vegetation, and traditional fishing activity that characterises life in Sawai Bay. This relaxed exploration offers a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the natural beauty and local culture of this tranquil corner of the Maluku Islands. Duration: 2.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Easy. Important information: This excursion will be primarily in a Zodiac that is exposed to the elements. As the sun can be strong in these areas, please wear full sun protection. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed. Further along the coast, discover the spectacular beauty of Ora Beach, where crystal-clear waters, lush rainforest, and dramatic limestone mountains create one of Indonesia's most picturesque coastal settings. Together with nearby Pulau Besar, the area showcases the pristine natural beauty and rich biodiversity of Seram's remarkable coastline. Afternoon Experience: Expressions of Interest - Snorkelling at Ora Beach. Discover the vibrant underwater world of Ora Beach, where crystal-clear waters reveal colourful coral reefs and an abundance of tropical marine life. Suitable for both beginners and experienced snorkellers, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore one of Seram's most spectacular marine environments. Duration: 3.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Important information: This activity is recommended for guests in good physical condition who are confident swimming in water too deep to stand. Snorkelling time and location are weather dependent and confirmed on the morning of the tour. For safety reasons, snorkelling numbers may be limited at any one time, but we will endeavour to rotate groups so all guests have the opportunity to snorkel. Afternoon experience: Expressions of Interest – Beach and Coastal Exploration. Guests seeking a more relaxed experience may enjoy time on the island's white-sand beaches, swim in the clear turquoise waters, or explore the shoreline at their own pace while appreciating the island's tranquil natural setting. Guests will also have the option of using inflatable stand up paddleboards to glide along the water. Duration: 3.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Easy. Important information: Walking is at guest discretion. Terrain is uneven. Guests are recommended to bring towel, hat, sunscreen, and wear swimmers under their clothes.

Day 7 Excursion
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The Moluccas, or Spice Islands, are an archipelago of breathtaking beauty and rich history. Nestled in eastern Indonesia, these islands have captivated explorers and traders for centuries. Renowned for their production of precious spices like nutmeg and cloves, they once ignited a fierce competition among European powers. Beyond their historical significance, the Moluccas offer a diverse landscape of volcanic peaks, pristine beaches, and lush rainforests. From the bustling city of Banda Neira to the secluded islands of Banda Sea, this archipelago promises an unforgettable adventure for those seeking natural wonders, cultural immersion, and a taste of the exotic. We plan to visit Seram, the largest island in the Maluku province. Revered by locals as 'Nusa Ina', or Mother Island, it is believed to be the ancestral home of Central Maluku's people. Nestled at the foot of towering limestone cliffs on Seram's northern coast is the ancient village of Sawai. Said to predate the arrival of European explorers, Sawai is one of the region's oldest settlements. Perched on stilts above the clear tropical waters of the Ceram Sea, the village offers a unique glimpse into a bygone era. Morning Experience: Expressions of Interest - Snorkelling Pulau Besar. Enjoy a relaxed expedition-style visit to Pulau Besar, a tranquil island nestled within the calm waters of Sawai Bay. Surrounded by vibrant fringing reefs, this is an ideal opportunity to snorkel among colourful coral gardens teeming with tropical fish and marine life. With typically clear waters and gentle conditions, the sheltered bay offers a peaceful and enjoyable experience for both novice and experienced snorkellers alike. Duration: 2.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Important information: This activity is recommended for guests in good physical condition who are confident swimming in water too deep to stand. Snorkelling time and location are weather dependent and confirmed on the morning of the tour. For safety reasons, snorkelling numbers may be limited at any one time, but we will endeavour to rotate groups so all guests have the opportunity to snorkel. Morning Experience: Expressions of Interest - Zodiac Cruise. Guests may choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the island's picturesque coastline, taking in the striking limestone formations, lush coastal vegetation, and traditional fishing activity that characterises life in Sawai Bay. This relaxed exploration offers a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the natural beauty and local culture of this tranquil corner of the Maluku Islands. Duration: 2.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Easy. Important information: This excursion will be primarily in a Zodiac that is exposed to the elements. As the sun can be strong in these areas, please wear full sun protection. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed. Further along the coast, discover the spectacular beauty of Ora Beach, where crystal-clear waters, lush rainforest, and dramatic limestone mountains create one of Indonesia's most picturesque coastal settings. Together with nearby Pulau Besar, the area showcases the pristine natural beauty and rich biodiversity of Seram's remarkable coastline. Afternoon Experience: Expressions of Interest - Snorkelling at Ora Beach. Discover the vibrant underwater world of Ora Beach, where crystal-clear waters reveal colourful coral reefs and an abundance of tropical marine life. Suitable for both beginners and experienced snorkellers, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore one of Seram's most spectacular marine environments. Duration: 3.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Important information: This activity is recommended for guests in good physical condition who are confident swimming in water too deep to stand. Snorkelling time and location are weather dependent and confirmed on the morning of the tour. For safety reasons, snorkelling numbers may be limited at any one time, but we will endeavour to rotate groups so all guests have the opportunity to snorkel. Afternoon experience: Expressions of Interest – Beach and Coastal Exploration. Guests seeking a more relaxed experience may enjoy time on the island's white-sand beaches, swim in the clear turquoise waters, or explore the shoreline at their own pace while appreciating the island's tranquil natural setting. Guests will also have the option of using inflatable stand up paddleboards to glide along the water. Duration: 3.5 hours. Level of Difficulty: Easy. Important information: Walking is at guest discretion. Terrain is uneven. Guests are recommended to bring towel, hat, sunscreen, and wear swimmers under their clothes.

Day 8 At Sea |
Manawoka
Exploration
(Conditions
Permitting)

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Day 13
 Disembark in
 Sorong

During the early morning, we cruise back into Sorong. Farewell your Expedition Team upon disembarkation. Join a guided tour of Sorong, beginning with a visit to a hilltop Buddhist temple offering panoramic views of the town and coastline. Continue to the bustling local fish market to experience daily life as fishing boats unload their catch, before exploring a Papuan batik shop and, time permitting, the vibrant Pasar Remu market, where local produce, crafts, and everyday goods provide a glimpse into the region's culture and traditions. Transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Denpasar, Bali. The flight is scheduled to depart at 15:20, arriving in Denpasar at 17:40, marking the conclusion of your journey.

Im Preis inbegriffen

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- One night's hotel accommodation including breakfast, in Denpasar, Bali on Day 1.
- Return charter flights between Bali and Sorong.
- Onboard accommodation during voyage, including daily cabin service.
- All meals, snacks, tea, coffee, soft drinks and juices during voyage.
- Beer and house wine with dinner.
- Captain's Farewell reception including four-course dinner, house cocktails, house beer and wine, non-alcoholic beverages.
- All shore excursions and Zodiac cruises.
- Snorkelling, standup paddle boarding and paddling.
- Educational lectures and guiding services provided by Expedition Team.
- Complimentary access to onboard expedition doctor and medical clinic (initial consultation).
- Comprehensive pre-departure information.
- Port surcharges, permits and landing fees.
- Gratuities during excursions and enrichment program for local guides, drivers, venues and local sites.
- Wi-Fi. **Please note we travel to remote regions and therefore the connection can be unreliable.*

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- Optional excursions and optional activity surcharges.
- All items of a personal nature, including but not limited to, alcoholic beverages (outside of dinner service), on board gratuities*, laundry services, personal clothing, medical expenses, email or phone charges.

**A \$15 USD per person per day gratuity for the crew is automatically added to your onboard account. It is at your discretion if you would like to remove the tip (or adjust the amount) when you settle your bill. It is not necessary to tip the expedition team members. This gratuity amount is included for suites as part of their 'Suite Benefits'.*

Ihr Schiff

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