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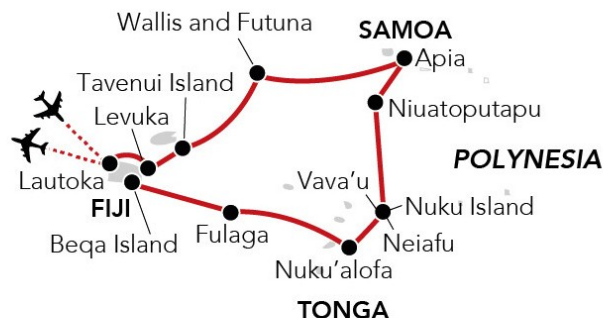
## LOST ISLANDS OF POLYNESIA - AN ISLAND HOPPING EXPEDITION

This voyage tells the story of Polynesia and uncovers its history and legends as we sail through the South Seas and visit some truly captivating islands. By wind, wave and star the ancient people of Polynesia ventured to the farthest reaches of the South Pacific. Isolated by miles of ocean over thousands of years, these, the world's first island cultures, developed a pantheon of gods, myths and legends. The real age of European exploration did not take place until the 18th century and some of the islands we will visit have changed little since that time. Their sheer isolation has been their saving grace and apart from an influx of missionaries in the late 19th century, western culture has made few inroads into most of the islands.

From aboard the MS Island Sky we will discover the diversity and warmth of the islands and experience their description-defying beauty along with the fascinating culture and ambience which have long attracted adventurers, explorers and travellers to their magical shores. The natural beauty of the islands is mesmerising and one of the many advantages of our small ship is the opportunity to venture off the beaten track where others seldom have the opportunity to explore. With this in mind we have planned our itinerary with visits to many remote and idyllic isles including the little-known French Territory of Wallis and Futuna, the island of Niuatoputapu in Tonga and the Fijian island of Fulaga.

Our days will be spent on nature walks, searching for the endemic birdlife, beachcombing, snorkelling or swimming from the pristine beaches, interacting with the locals and learning

about their way of life and traditional handicrafts or, simply experiencing some of the most pristine tropical scenery to be found anywhere in the world. An expedition such as this requires a vessel akin to the MS Island Sky with the ability to adapt to her surroundings and land on remote atolls using the fleet of Zodiac landing craft whilst providing a comfortable base. We will explore inlets, lagoons and land in otherwise inaccessible places and although we set sail with a set itinerary, it is often the unscheduled events that become the highlight. We will be joined on board by an expert expedition team, consisting of naturalists and marine biologists who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm during forays ashore and whilst on board.



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### ITINERARY

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## Days 1 & 2 London to Fiji.

Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

## Day 3 Fiji.

Arrive this morning and transfer directly to the MS Island Sky which will be moored in Lautoka. The remainder of the day will be at leisure to settle in on board and relax before we sail this evening.

## Day 4 Levuka Island.

The island of Levuka and the town of Ovalau has a special place in Fijian history as it was here in 1874 that the Fiji islands were ceded to the British and also where in 1970 Fiji was declared independent again. The town is unlike any other Fijian town having retained the colonial buildings which made it the first Fijian site to be granted UNESCO World Heritage status. Join a walking tour around Nasova village on the shores of the bay and visit the museum and Cession Monument, the site where Chief Cakobau signed the deed ceding Fiji to Great Britain. This afternoon we will relocate to one of the nearby islands where we can relax on the beach, snorkel or swim.

## Day 5 Tavenui Island.

Today we visit the island of Tavenui which due to its abundant flora is known as the 'Garden Island of Fiji'. There will be a choice of guided excursions and you can choose to take a four-wheel drive to Dos Voeux Peak where at the summit we will be treated to fantastic views of Tavenui and across to Lake Tagimoucia. Here we will see the tropical plants, palms and rainforest and we hope to spot some of the spectacular birdlife such as orange-breasted doves, silktails, fermtails and parrots. Alternatively, join a walking trip to the Bouma Heritage Park to see some of the waterfalls and enjoy a swim. The view from the highest waterfall is spectacular. Finally, during the cultural tour there will be the opportunity to witness lifestyles in a traditional Fijian village including some cooking demonstrations.

## Days 6 & 7 Wallis and Futuna Islands.

Well off the beaten track, Wallis and Futuna are part of the smallest of France's three South Pacific territories and sit on the threshold of Polynesia and Melanesia. Wallis is isolated from its neighbours geographically, culturally and politically with strong historical connections to Tonga. Here we will explore the interior of the island visiting Mata Utu Cathedral, the crater lakes of Mount Lulu Fakahega and the recently excavated fort at Talietumu. Nearby Futuna has closer links to Samoa and here we will discover the famous Church of Pierre Chanel, a peculiar church with a stepped tower erected to honour Polynesia's first and only Catholic Saint. Later we will enjoy nature walks on the beaches to take in the amazing scenery and wildlife.

## Day 8 At Sea.

Spend a relaxing day on board as we sail to Samoa. Spend time on deck, relax with a book in the library and attend some of the onboard lectures which will take place today.

## Day 9 Apia, Samoa.

Arrive this morning in Apia, the capital of Samoa which is regarded as the heart of Polynesia and where we will be guaranteed a warm welcome. Leaving the city behind we will make our way to the Robert Louis Stevenson Museum located in the house where the author spent his final years. After touring the house we can explore the 12 hectares of Botanical Gardens and possibly take a swim in the freshwater swimming hole. Those feeling active may also wish to walk to the grave of Robert Louis Stevenson which is situated on Mount Vaea offering wonderful views over the island. Returning to Apia we can spend some time shopping in the Maketi Fou, visit the museum of Samoa or learn about local traditions at the Cultural Village.

## Day 10 Niuatoputapu, Tonga.

After a morning at sea we arrive at Niuatoputapu in the Kingdom of Tonga, a lovely untouched island where tourists are still a rarity. With just 1000 residents and a land area of only 6.4 square kilometres the island is known for its natural beauty. There are wonderful beaches, sheltered lagoons, lush vegetation and crystal clear waters. We will spend the afternoon swimming or snorkelling from the beach or maybe join one of our expedition team for a

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## Day 11 Neiafu & Nuku Island, Vava'u.

We arrive during breakfast in the Vava'u islands, part of the kingdom of Tonga, and the pretty port of Neiafu. Spend the morning exploring the town independently, maybe visit the local market or enjoy a drink in a harbourside cafe. Alternatively join a tour to the Ene'io Botanical Gardens, founded in 1972 they are the only botanical gardens in Tonga. Here the local guides will identify some of the 550 different plant varieties found in the gardens. Over lunch we hope to reposition to the nearby Nuku Island and use our Zodiacs to find a suitable location to land and set up snorkelling activities. There are many different species of colourful tropical fish here and we hope to see the graceful black-and-yellow angelfish and curious clown fish on the surrounding reefs.

## Day 12 Nuku'alofa.

Spend the day in Nuku'alofa, the capital of Tonga, a laidback town on the island of Tongatapu. Having never been colonised by Europeans we will experience traditional Polynesian culture alongside beautiful beaches and spectacular natural wonders. We will see the historical Captain Cook landing site from his 1777 voyage, explore the Royal Palace (Tonga retains the last monarchy in the Polynesia), and the famous Tongan blowholes, considered the most spectacular in the South Pacific.

## Day 13 Fulaga, Fiji.

After a morning cruising we return to Fiji in the Southern Lau group and the island of Fulaga, famous for its woodcarving and the making of large outrigger canoes. Over 100 tiny islands in the Fulaga Lagoon have been undercut into extraordinary mushroom shapes and the surrounding waters are tinged with striking colours by the dissolved limestone. On arrival we hope to meet with the village elder to welcome us to the island before spending the afternoon chatting with the villagers, taking nature walks or using our Zodiacs to find a suitable beach to land for swimming, snorkelling or beachcombing.

## Day 14 Beqa Island.

Enjoy a final leisurely morning at sea before we arrive at lunchtime off Beqa Island. Situated just 10 kilometres off the coast of Viti Levu, this small island is encircled by one of the world's largest barrier reefs and dotted with villages renowned for their traditional fire walking. We will spend our final afternoon relaxing on one of the beaches, swim or snorkel in the clear waters surrounded by tropical fish or join members of the expedition team on a nature walk in the nearby rainforest.

## Day 15 Lautoka to London.

Disembark and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

## Day 16 London.

Arrive today.

## Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: ISLAND SKY

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Island Sky</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury Small Ship</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>90 metres</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>1992 / 2010 / 2017</b>

The MS Island Sky offers an intimate and luxurious cruising experience, designed for travelers who appreciate peace, high-quality service, and a relaxed atmosphere. The ship features elegant public spaces, including a main lounge for daily briefings and talks, The Club with a pianist and a 24-hour tea and coffee station, and a well-stocked library with internet access. Guests can enjoy al fresco dining on the Lido Deck, a walk-around promenade for scenic views, and a top-deck observation area ideal for relaxation and wildlife spotting. The ship also includes a small hair salon, a doctor on board, and a lift serving all decks for added convenience. Complimentary satellite Wi-Fi is available, though signal strength may vary.

Accommodations include 59 spacious and well-appointed suites, all with outside views, seating areas, and en-suite bathrooms. Some suites offer private balconies or sliding glass doors for enhanced ocean views. Amenities include a mini-fridge, flat-screen TV, Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning, and a safe. The Island Suite boasts an extended balcony, complimentary minibar, and laundry service. Dining is a refined yet relaxed affair, with an emphasis on fresh, locally sourced ingredients and a single open seating. Guests

can enjoy buffet-style breakfasts, a la carte lunches and dinners, daily afternoon tea, and included wines. The ship's culinary team creates exceptional meals, often incorporating local specialties, while the friendly staff ensures a welcoming and social dining experience.

Life onboard is serene, focusing on enriching experiences rather than organized entertainment. Guests can enjoy informative talks, port briefings, and casual evening music rather than large-scale shows or games. The ship is equipped with modern safety and navigation technology, including roll stabilizers for a smooth journey. The atmosphere is akin to a private yacht or boutique hotel, where like-minded travelers can immerse themselves in nature, history, and culture.



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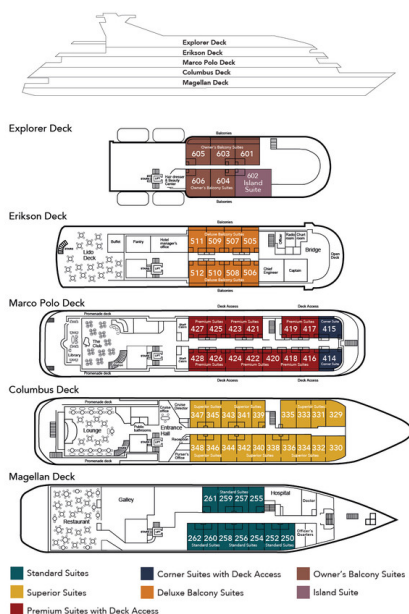




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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Columbus Deck Superior Single



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Erikson Deck Deluxe Balcony Suite



Explorer Deck Island Suite



Explorer Deck Owner's Balcony Suite



Magellan Deck Standard Single



Magellan Deck Standard Suite



Marco Polo Deck Corner Suite



Marco Polo Deck Premium Suite





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## PRICING

**20-Sep-2026 to 05-Oct-2026**

<b>Magellan Deck Standard Suite</b>	<b>10295 GBP pp</b>
<b>Columbus Deck Superior Suite</b>	<b>10595 GBP pp</b>
<b>Marco Polo Deck Premium Suite</b>	<b>10995 GBP pp</b>
<b>Marco Polo Deck Corner Suite</b>	<b>11495 GBP pp</b>
<b>Erikson Deck Deluxe Balcony Suite</b>	<b>12795 GBP pp</b>
<b>Explorer Deck Owner's Balcony Suite</b>	<b>13195 GBP pp</b>
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