

EXPLORE FRONTIER LANDS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

EARLYBIRD OFFER: COMPLIMENTARY CHARTER FLIGHT

Enjoy a complimentary charter flight valued at \$1,000pp from Cairns to Madang or vice versa when you book before 31 March 2024.

Departing from either Cairns or Madang, this voyage is an opportunity to immerse into the wild and rugged scenery of Papua New Guinea that is rarely seen and mostly inaccessible by land. Papua New Guinea is home to the largest area of intact rainforest outside of the Amazon. This voyage uncovers little-visited islands, volcanic mountains and pristine rainforest wilderness areas forged by mighty rivers. Sail past spectacular Kadovar Islands, known for its volcanic activity. Venture up the mighty Sepik River to see riverfront village life little changed in hundreds of years. Buy traditional crafts such as masks and carvings at the village market of Bien. Snorkel, swim or dive on vibrant reefs at the Fly Islands and visit the unique Bubbling Springs Reef at Dobu.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Enjoy spectacular views while passing Kadovar whose volcano is known to erupt stunning pyroclastic clouds for our guests while we admire from the vista deck with sunset drinks in hand
- Ride on hand-carved outrigger canoes paddled by locals guides adorned in ceremonial costumes to Maclaren Harbour
- Enjoy activities such as kayaking through the rainforest-clad fjords, and snorkelling or diving on vibrant reefs and the unique Bubbling Springs Reef at Dobu
- Enjoy high-spirited cultural welcomes, dances and sing sings as we are invited into rarely visited villages to share stories with the locals
- Visit WWII battle sites at Buna and Sanananda
- Learn of the mythical and spiritual tales of Dei Dei Hot Springs, and witness the boiling geyser erupt
- Cruise the mighty Sepik River to Bien village, home to some of Papua New Guinea's most skilled woodcarvers and renowned artefact markets
- Discover how the Trobriand Islands became known as the 'Islands of Love'





DAY 1: DEPART CAIRNS Board Coral Adventurer at 7:30 am for a 9:00 am departure. This evening, meet your crew and fellow guests at the Captain's welcome drinks.

DAYS 2-12: Throughout this expedition, your Expedition Team may make changes to the itinerary in order to maximise your expeditionary experience. Visiting these remote communities is subject to approval of the local landowners. Below are the key destinations we visit.

SAMARAI ISLAND Explore the colonial settlement of Samarai, with a chance to purchase pearls from a local pearl farmer, or go for a snorkel at nearby Ebuma Island.

DOBU ISLAND & DEI DEI SPRINGS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA We are greeted by a flotilla of canoes at Dobu anchorage. Join our Expedition Staff on a walk to Dei Dei Hot Springs, where the people share their mythical and spiritual tales of these hot water and mud springs. Learn the history of the Kula Ring at Dobu Island and meet the local primary school children. There will also be an opportunity to snorkel the incredible Bubbling Springs Reef.

TROBRIAND ISLANDS Historically known as the 'Islands of Love', the Trobriand Islands offer a glimpse of traditional cultures largely unspoiled by outside influence. Be greeted at the small island of Kuiawa with an enthusiastic Trobriand's welcome.

TUFI FJORDS Today enjoy a true highlight as we discover the scenic beauty of the Tufi Fjords. Featuring 25 individual canyons with sheer basalt cliffs, these are the only fjords in Papua New Guinea. Travel to the entrance of one of Tufi's most scenic fjords where you will be met by local villagers in traditional dress aboard outrigger canoes. Have the opportunity to board one of the outriggers as the locals paddle up the creek under the rainforest canopy. Here, spirits and sorcery remain integral to village life, and we will learn about bush medicines, fire making, mat weaving and traditional tattooing. Deep in the rainforest, have the chance to witness the tribesmen perform a traditional sing song in their ceremonial dress. Later, discover white sand beaches, or snorkel or dive over spectacular fringing reefs.

BUNA & SANANANDA We land at Buna beach, home to some of the toughest fighting in the WWII Pacific campaign. Enjoy a welcome from the local residents, and then be guided through the jungle to visit the areas where Allied forces clashed with Japanese forces. In Sanananda, see the local monuments and pay tribute to fallen Australian soldiers at the war museum, located at the far end of the Kokoda Track.

MOROBE HARBOUR We arrive at Morobe Harbour early in the morning and cruise in the Xplorer to view the stunning forest from the Mou River. We receive a warm Oro Province welcome and enjoy exploring the village with local guides. At high tide, we may be able to cruise further into a picturesque hidden bay.

KAMIALI (LABABIA VILLAGE) & FLY ISLANDS In the morning, during a relaxing visit to the village, we are entertained with singing and dancing performances and join a local guide around the village. Board an outrigger canoe to explore further up the river with a guide and experience snorkelling and diving at the Biangatu Island reef in the Fly Islands.

DREGERHAFEN At the beautiful anchorage of Dregerhafen, you will enjoy a highspirited traditional welcome in Gingala village, and explore the market which is famous for Tami bowls and timber paddles before the chance to mingle with the locals and stroll through the village. After lunch enjoy snorkelling, diving and kayaking in the blue waters of the lagoon.

KARKAR ISLAND Visit Busen or Maringis Villages at Karkar Island and enjoy welcome sing sings before touring the copra and cocoa processing areas. In the afternoon there is opportunity to snorkel off the fringing reef and bommies close to shore.

SEPIK MOUTH, BIEN VILLAGE & KADOVAR VOLCANO As we arrive at the mouth of the famed Sepik River we are greeted with stunning views of the landscape and this mammoth river. Our first stop on the Sepik River is at the village of Bien, where local villagers greet us on their canoes and follow with dance performances. There is an opportunity to purchase highly sought-after hand-crafted artefacts, masks and carvings at the Sepik market.

DAY 13: ARRIVE MADANG Arrive in Madang to disembark Coral Adventurer at 8:00am. Enjoy an included tour of Madang with a member of our expedition team before boarding your charter flight to Cairns.

REVERSE DIRECTION: This itinerary is also available in the opposite direction, departing Madang and arriving Cairns. For our Madang to Cairns itinerary, your charter flight will board in Cairns.

DATES, COSTS & INCLUSIONS:

<p>18 December 2025 Cairns to Madang 30 December 2025 Madang to Cairns</p> <p>12 Nights onboard <i>Coral Adventurer</i> from \$11,880pp, twin share Singles from \$17,820pp</p> <p>INCLUDES: > All excursions and sightseeing (excluding optional extras) > Snorkelling & equipment (Scuba diving at additional cost) > Use of Xplorers, Zodiacs and kayaks > Daily lectures and briefings > All meals, chef-prepared on board > Selected wines, beers, spirits, juices and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner service > Coffee and selection of teas > All entrance fees to National Parks and Ports > Tips and gratuities and more!</p>	<div style="background-color: #002060; color: white; border-radius: 50%; width: 100px; height: 100px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="text-align: left; padding: 5px;"> <p>FREE Charter Flight Book before 31 March 24</p> </div> </div>
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