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RAJA AMPAT & THE SPICE ISLANDS 2025: AN INSPIRING EXPEDITION BY GEOFFREY KENT

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Small Group Journeys, Inspiring Expeditions by Geoffrey Kent



Asia, Indonesia



14 days from AU\$129,500 pp



24 Guests

Journey Overview

This Inspiring Expedition combines the utmost in aquatic adventure with peerless insider access to create the ocean voyage of a lifetime. Your expansive itinerary lands at 12 unforgettable sites encompassing untouched islands, secluded bays and pristine beaches, fully revealing this “Amazon of the seas” both in the water and on land. Explore alongside the region’s foremost experts and toast each extraordinary day from the sun deck of your exclusively chartered expedition yacht, immersing yourself in sights, sounds and experiences you can have nowhere else.

Journey Highlights

- Travel with special guest Dr. Lawrence Blair, the famed explorer and filmmaker whose pioneering work helped introduce Indonesia to Western travellers
- Explore with a handpicked team of expedition pros, including onboard photographer Andy Coleman, cruise director Glenn Wappett and guest-favourite expedition leader John Niva
- Take advantage of virtual photo training before departure, as well as one-on-one coaching throughout the journey
- Begin and end your adventure via privately chartered jet, avoiding the inconvenient commercial flights to Sorong and Jakarta other travellers rely on
- Enjoy a full range of luxury amenities on your chartered yacht, including massages from an onboard masseuse and premium wines and Champagne
- Dive and snorkel in the world’s most treasured dive sites with expert dive guides and see spectacular corals, schools of colourful fish, gliding manta rays and sleek reef sharks
- Go ashore with your naturalist guides to walk forest paths that reveal colourful tropical birds and end in postcard-perfect views

Featured Experts

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Dr. Lawrence Blair

Guest Lecturer

Your featured expert is Dr. Lawrence Blair, an explorer, author and Emmy-winning filmmaker. His series Ring of Fire introduced Indonesia to the west, and he is the premier expert on Indonesia’s natural and cultural wonders.

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Andy Coleman

Photo Enrichment Coach

National Geographic contributing photographer Andy Coleman shares his expertise in a one-on-one virtual coaching session before departure, and

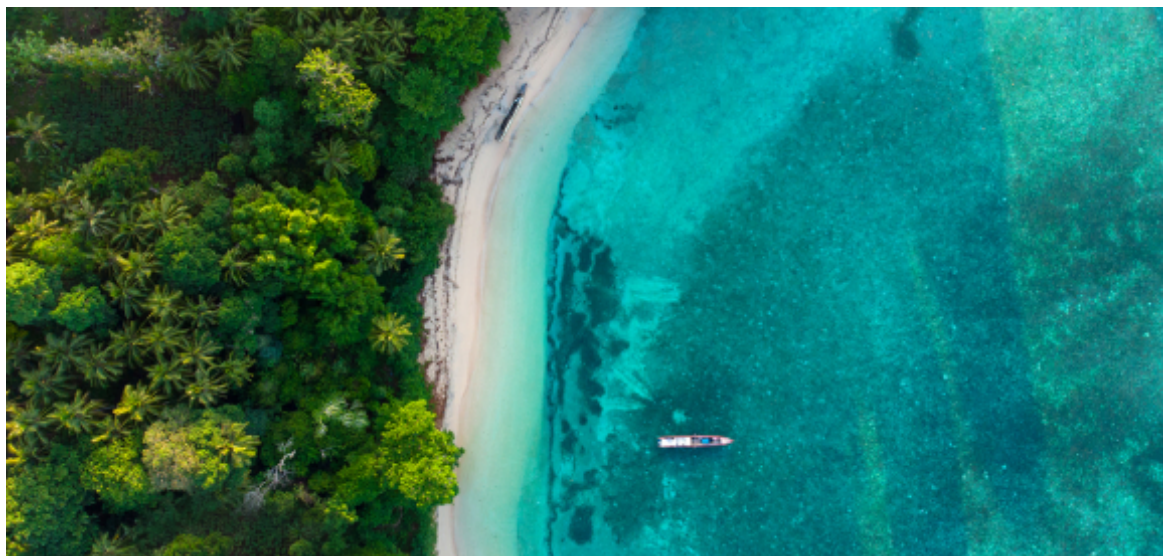
also travels with you to offer tips while capturing each extraordinary moment.

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Glenn Wappett

Cruise Director

Glenn Wappett is your cruise director, and no one knows Raja Ampat better. A former Royal Marine, he brings his passion for the region and his love of nature to every day of exploration.



Itinerary

Mar 7: Arrive Jakarta, Indonesia

Arrive in Jakarta, Indonesia, where you transfer to your accommodations at Raffles Jakarta and meet Geoffrey, Otavia and your fellow guests. Gather for cocktails and a gala welcome dinner hosted by internationally acclaimed Michelin-star chef Nicola Russo.

Raffles Jakarta / Meals: D

Mar 8: Sorong

Fly by private chartered jet to Sorong, where your crew welcomes you aboard your exclusively chartered yacht. Cruise into the Dampier Straits as the sun sets.

Aqua Blu / Meals: BLD

Mar 9: Mayalibit Bay

Awaken to the beauty of Misokon island, your first dive locale. Travel by canoe to Kali Biru, the Blue River, to swim downstream in crystal-clear water under the jungle canopy.

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Mar 10: Cape Kri & Yangeffo Island

Snorkel and dive along mangrove-lined shores in waters that hold the world record for most species sighted in a 90-minute dive. Enjoy a sunset cocktail tender tour of the mangroves of Yangeffo Island.

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Mar 11: Pulau Wayag

Watch the sunrise over Wayag Island's limestone islets and lagoons. Later, spot reef sharks in the waters off Figure Eight Rock and explore hidden lagoons by kayak.

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Mar 12: Dayang Island

Arrive early at Dayang Island, known for its plethora of marine life, especially reef manta rays and occasionally oceanic manta rays. Snorkel and dive amid these majestic fish as gather to have their scales cleaned by schools of wrasses.

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Mar 13: One Thousand Temples

Arrive at the One Thousand Temples group and enter Tomolol Cave, a spectacular water-carved cave system, and see carnivorous pitcher plants, ancient rock art and amazing underground rivers.

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Mar 14: Misool

Swim, snorkel and dive in this spot known for its dazzling reefs, and enjoy easy treks along the sandy coves and landlocked lakes.

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Mar 15: Wayil Batan

Explore a wild labyrinth of lagoons, venturing out by tender to find your own tranquil place to swim and relax amid untouched beaches.

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Mar 16: Pulau Koon & Pulau Manawoka

Join the incredible sealife traversing the Marine Superhighway, a renowned aquatic migratory route, and kayak the shallow reefs of Manawoka.

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Mar 17: Pulau Banda & Banda Neira

Arrive to a greeting party of war canoes, stroll through history on a visit to the Dutch Fort Belgica and learn the history of the spice trade that shaped the region.

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Mar 18: Pulau AI & Run

After a morning swim or snorkel, head ashore for a guided tour of Fort Revenge, and later, watch the sunset over cocktails on the beach.

Aqua Blu / Meals: BLD

Mar 19: Nusa Laut

Discover the scenic fishing villages of Ameth and Akon. This is also home of the dugong, the Southeast Asian cousin of the American manatee. Enjoy a cooking lesson before lunch, and this afternoon, cruise to your disembarkation point at Ambon.

Aqua Blu / Meals: BLD

Mar 20: Depart Ambon

Bid farewell to your yacht and crew, and then transfer by private charter flight to Jakarta for your return home.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

Aqua Blu

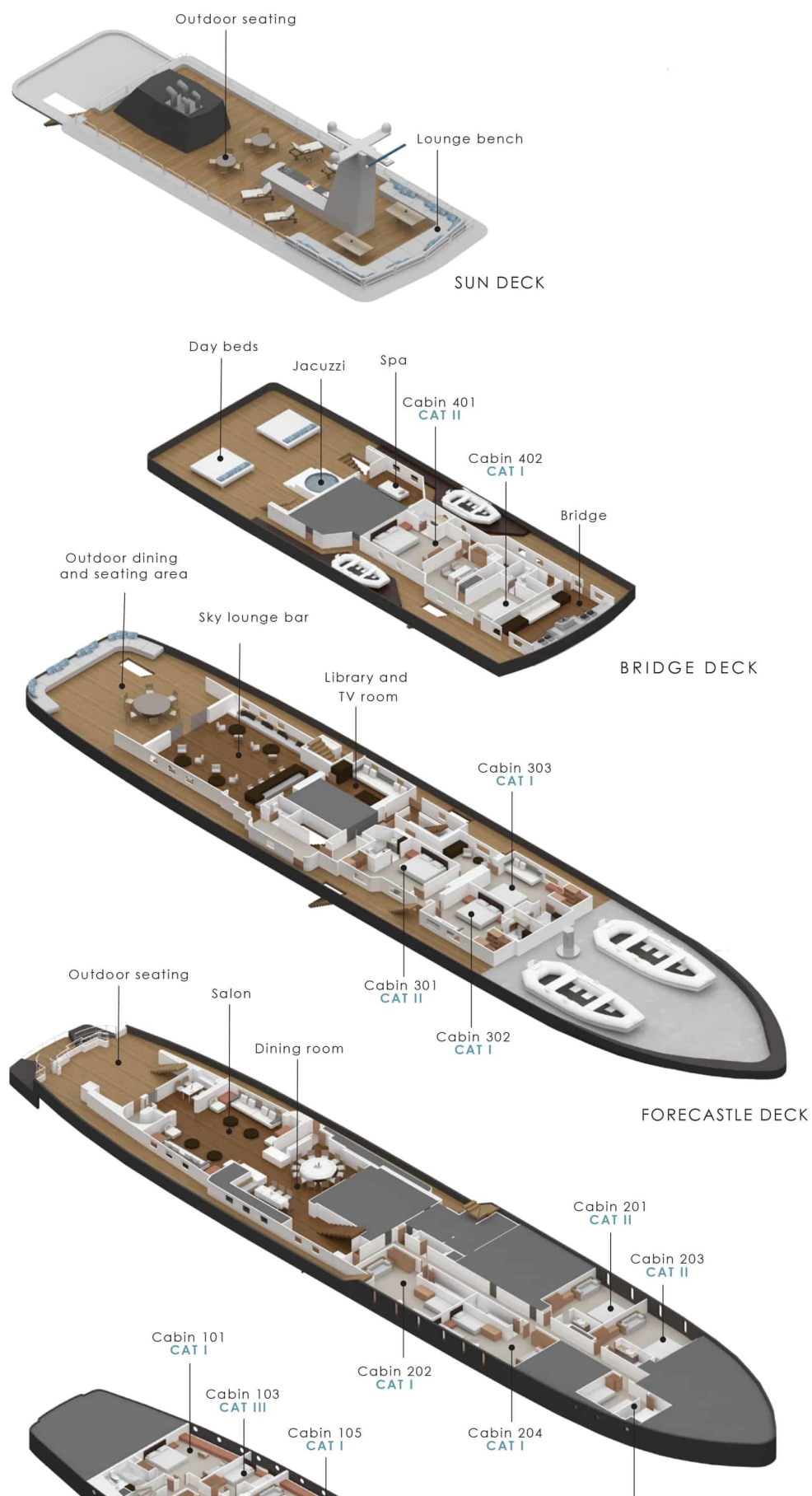


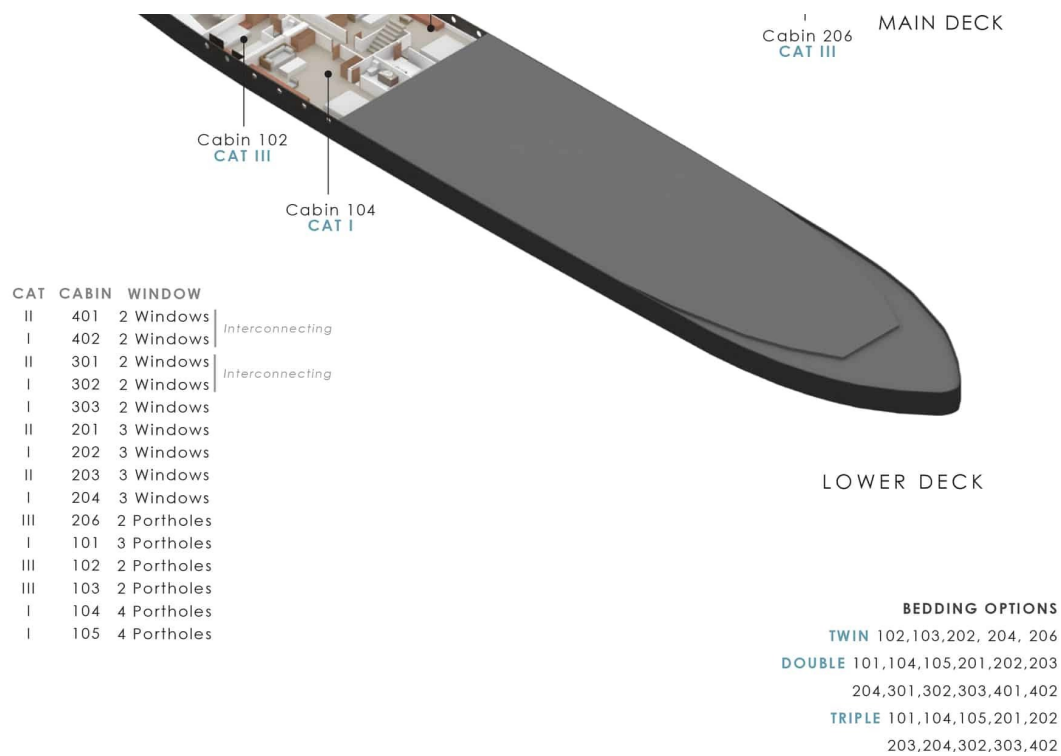
Aqua Blu is Aqua Expeditions' first coastal ship, and the first-ever long-range explorer yacht with year-round departures to be permanently based in East Indonesia — the heart of the Coral Triangle and the fabled Old World spice trade route.

The Aqua Blu coastal ship features 15 Design Suites across four decks in different suite categories. The vessels tastefully paired brass-and-ivory interior theme combines well with the generous and inviting indoor and outdoor social spaces, including a sun deck with outdoor seating, lounge and barbecue. The bridge deck offers a Jacuzzi, outdoor lounge, spa and gym. Dine outside on the Forecastle deck that also includes an indoor bar, library and TV room. The main dining room, salon and more outdoor seating exist on the Main Deck. This ship comes prepared with kayaks, paddleboards, snorkeling and diving gear. Enjoy complimentary internet and laundry service while aboard. Guests will be looked after by 25 crew members, which include a cruise director, dive instructor and English-speaking guide. Expeditioners can expect to embrace an distinguished sense of history and seafaring evolution when they set foot on this one-of-a-kind cruise ship.

The 15-suite Aqua Blu will cruise for 7 nights from Bali - Komodo National Park from April to September with 23 departures per year.

Aqua Blu is also available for charter on an exclusive use basis.





Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Mar 7, 2025 - Mar 20, 2025

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Aqua Blu: Suite Category 1	AU\$134,000 pp	AU\$32,910	AU\$0	Available

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Aqua Blu: Suite Category 2	AU\$129,500 pp	AU\$32,910	AU\$0	Available

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