

Life's different after



10 Nights

The Mystery Of Melanesia

Cairns / Alotau to Bougainville and Return



LIFE'S DIFFERENT AFTER THE LOUISIADE ARCHIPELAGO

Paradise takes on a whole new meaning after discovering the breathtaking Louisiade Archipelago, the Coral Sea, the mysterious Trobriand Islands and spectacular Bougainville.

JOURNEY MAP: THE MYSTERY OF MELANESIA



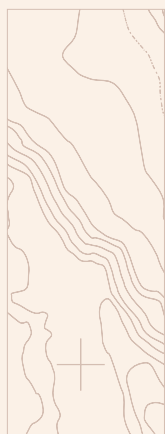
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Return charter flights ex Cairns are included in the tariff. This itinerary is provided as example only. Prevailing conditions, local arrangements and indeed, what we discover on the day, may cause variation. Helicopter flights can be purchased additional to the indicated tariff as a package or individually.

Please refer to the sailing schedule to determine if this itinerary is available on the True North or True North II.

Location
Louisiade Archipelago

Activity
Sailing with the locals



DAY 01 WELCOME ABOARD

Begin your adventure with a short flight in a chartered private jet to the seaside village of Alotau in Papua New Guinea. Here your floating boutique hotel awaits and it's time to settle into your cabin and to enjoy some welcoming refreshment as we set sail for the Louisiade Archipelago.

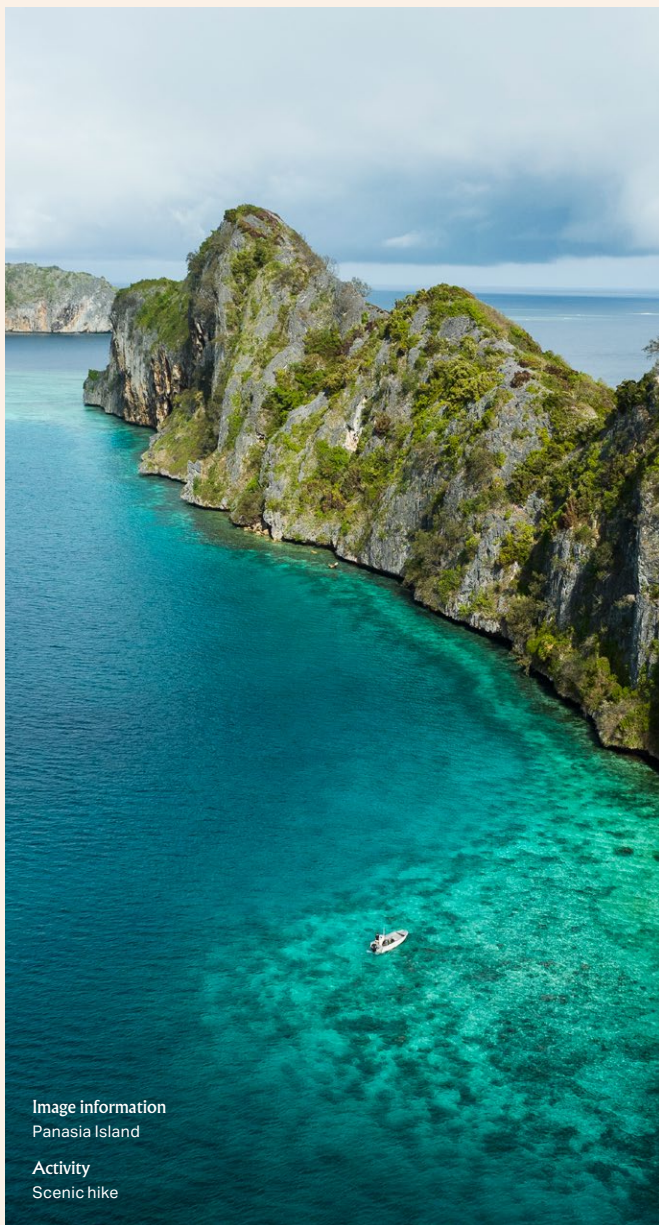


Image information
Panasia Island
Activity
Scenic hike

DAY 02

PANASIA ISLAND

Wake up in the incredibly picturesque karst islands where we'll land ashore at the main island where you can go for a short hike into a cave system, relax on the stunning white beach or dive, snorkel or fish in the channels between these islands. Then head to a tiny island in the afternoon for a swim, sunset cocktails & canapes.



Image information
Deboyne Island
Activity
Beach swim

DAY 03

DEBOYNE ISLAND

Start the morning with a snorkel, discovering WWII wrecks in shallow waters of Deboyne Lagoon. Fishing, diving and sightseeing boats will also explore the lagoon and outer reef before we visit Panepompom Island to meet the locals. After welcoming us at the beach, they'll treat us with some impromptu singing (and laughing) and then introduce us to their community. Our crew will also take the opportunity to deliver appreciated resources to the local school. You'll also have the opportunity to sail on the locals handmade boats back out to True North before an afternoon helicopter ride to see the Jurassic-Park-esque views of the Calvados Chain. Then, spend the afternoon fishing, diving, snorkeling or hiking on the beautiful Panasia.



Image information
Egum Atoll
Activity
Snorkeling

DAY 04

EGUM ATOLL

Today we'll explore the Egum Atoll which lies between the D'Entrecasteaux, Woodlark and Trobriand Island groups. Here we'll visit be welcomed by locals and school children at the main village before enjoying a day of fishing, snorkeling and diving and beach drinks on your 'very own' palm-fringed beach.



Image information
Trobriand Islands
Activity
Welcome sing sing

DAY 05

TROBRIAND ISLANDS

Join us for a fascinating visit to one of the main villages where the locals will welcome us with a cultural sing sing and showcase some of the best handmade wood carvings in Papua New Guinea made from beautiful ebony and mother of pearl inlay. There may also be opportunity to join in a game of cricket Trobriand style.



Image information
Woodlark Island
Activity
Sightseeing



Image information
Woodlark Island
Activity
Snorkeling

DAY 06

WOODLARK ISLAND

Today we'll visit the small populated Woodlark Island and it's friendly locals. Surrounded by coral reef, here you'll fish, snorkel, dive and sightsee in this remote and picturesque location. In the afternoon take a fantastic helicopter ride or visit the northern side of the island where dense jungle meets the crystal clear waters of the ocean.

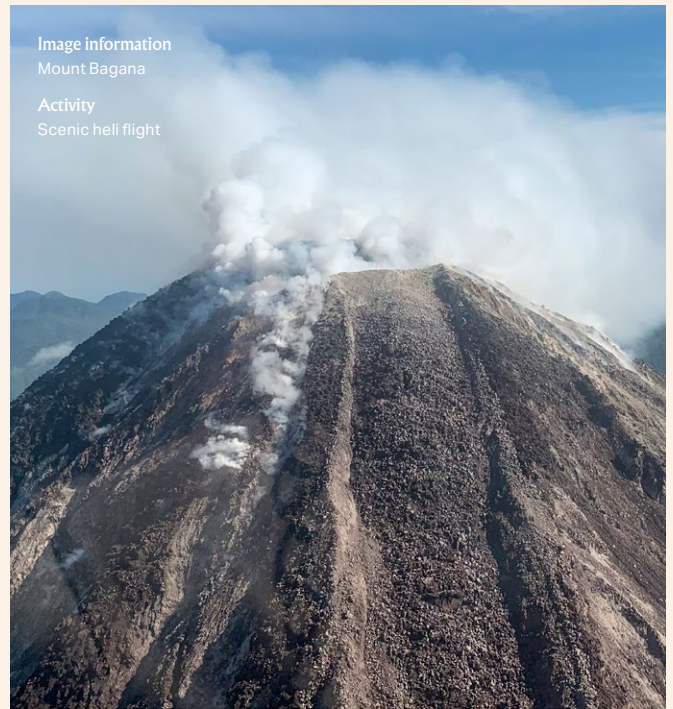


Image information
Mount Bagana
Activity
Scenic heli flight

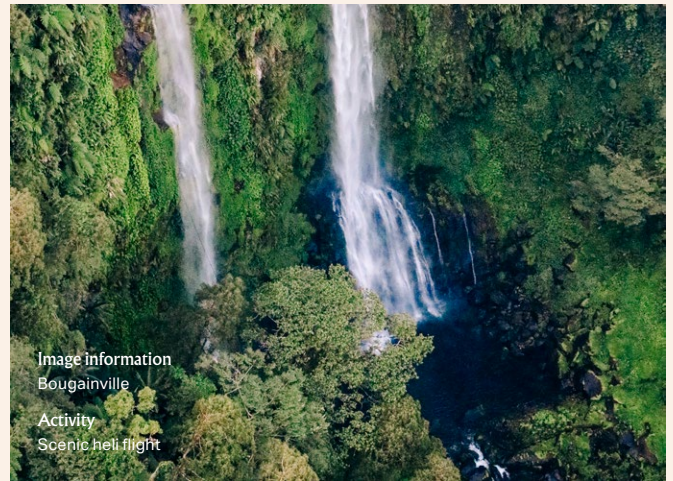


Image information
Bougainville
Activity
Scenic heli flight

DAY 07

BOUGAINVILLE

After an overnight steam from Woodlark, wake this morning ready for the breathtaking scenery of Bougainville. With thick covered jungle take a spectacular helicopter over active volcano Mount Bagana. We'll also fly over Benua Cave, an impressive sinkhole located on the west coast of the island. Back on land the friendly locals will welcome us with a showcase of arts and crafts, while snorkelers and divers will explore Bougainville's treasure trove of tropical fish species, pristine visibility and wrecks. In addition to the stunning scenery, you'll also find the Bougainville locals to be incredibly friendly and keen to showcase their arts and crafts.

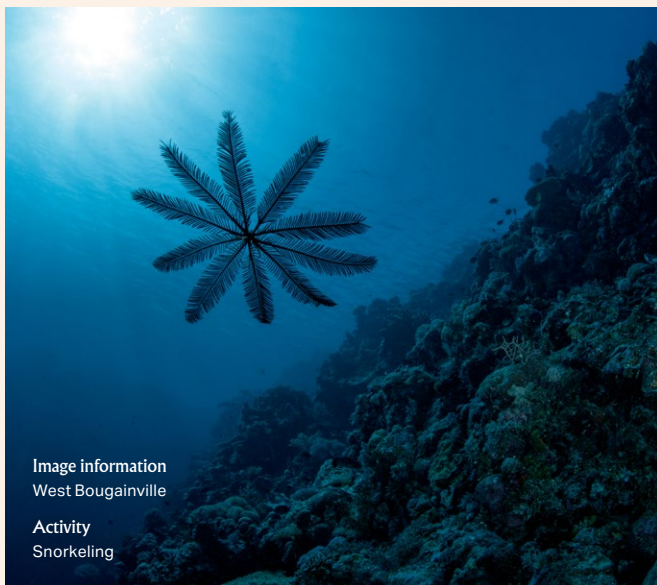


Image information
West Bougainville

Activity
Snorkeling

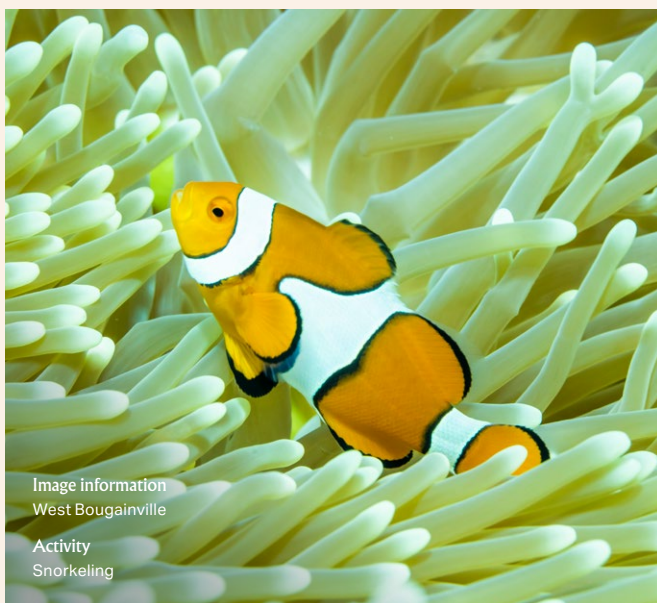


Image information
West Bougainville

Activity
Snorkeling

DAY 08

WEST BOUGAINVILLE

Wake up to another magical day in Bougainville for an early morning snorkel or dive over more wrecks and incredible underwater life. Fishers will also have the opportunity to fish for light game in West Bougainville's blue water.



Image information
Pok Pok Island

Activity
Welcome sing sing

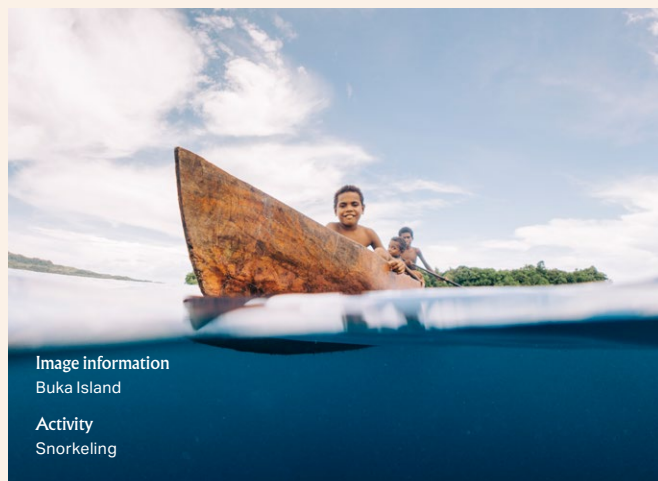


Image information
Buka Island

Activity
Snorkeling

DAY 09

NORTH BOUGAINVILLE

After two days exploring the west coast of Bougainville it's now time to head North. Today we'll visit the bustling town of Buka, located on its own island. Enjoy a morning of sightseeing, snorkeling and diving around the many surrounding atolls. Take to the sky and see this stunning island from the sky, all before visiting the marketplace on Buka in the afternoon.

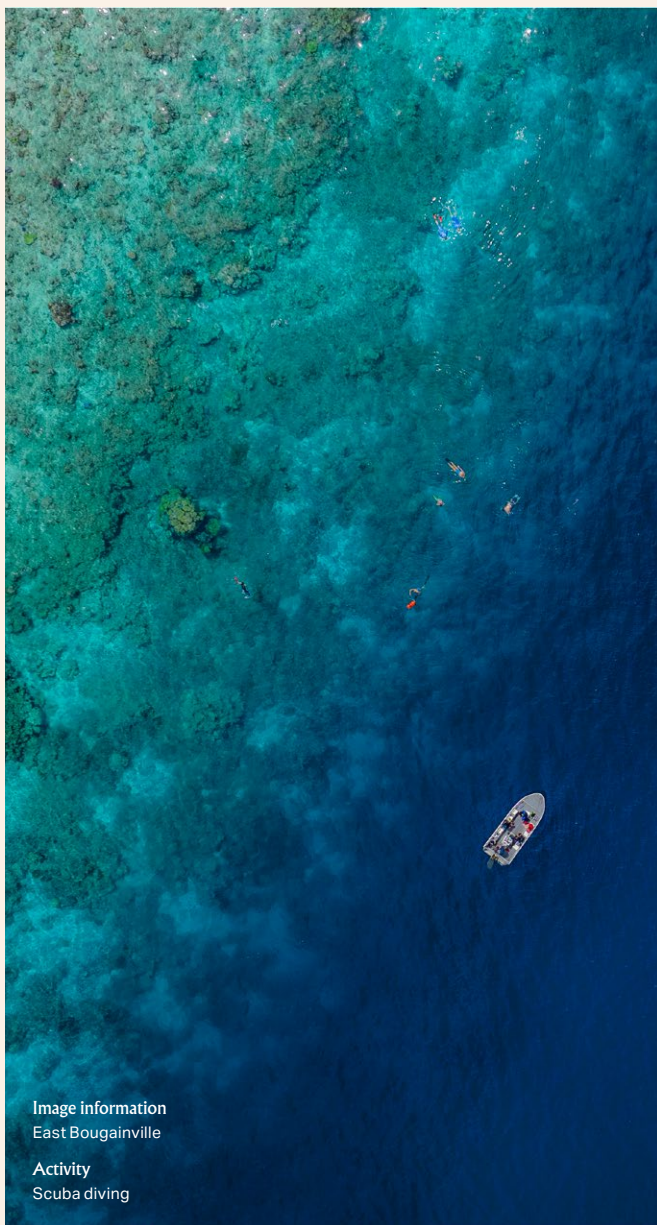


Image information
East Bougainville

Activity
Scuba diving

DAY 10

EAST BOUGAINVILLE

Today we explore the eastern side of Bougainville, hear stories of the island's infamous civil war and squeeze in one last day of snorkelling and diving. We'll also visit the colourful Pok Pok village and see a bamboo windpipe sing sing. Then fly over the nearby volcanic lakes and the infamous Panguna mine site before finishing the day with sunset drinks on a stunning palm-fringed beach.



Image information
Cairns

Activity
Disembark

DAY 11

RETURN TO CAIRNS

After breakfast we will provide transfer to the airport at Buka for your charter flight back to Cairns. And, we will already be looking forward to our next adventure together!