

NATURAL WONDERS AND CULTURES OF THE CORAL TRIANGLE

28/08/2018 | 17 Days - 16 Nights | from Darwin to Honiara, Guadalcanal Island | L'AUSTRAL



STOPOVER ITINERARY

- 1 Darwin (Australia)
Embarkation 28/08/2018 from 16h00 to 17h00
Departure 28/08/2018 at 18h00
- 2 At sea
29/08/2018
- 3 Banda Neira, Maluku Islands (Indonesia)
30/08/2018
- 4 Triton Bay, West Papua (Indonesia)
31/08/2018
- 5 At sea
01/09/2018
- 6 At sea
02/09/2018
- 7 Pulau Lamsutu (Indonesia)
03/09/2018
- 8 Jayapura, Papua (Indonesia)
04/09/2018
- 9 Kopar (Papua New Guinea)
05/09/2018
- 10 Madang (Papua New Guinea)
06/09/2018
- 11 Tami Island (Papua New Guinea)
07/09/2018
- 12 Kitava Island (Papua New Guinea)
08/09/2018
- 13 Samarai Island (Papua New Guinea)
09/09/2018
- 14 At sea
10/09/2018
- 15 Gizo (Solomon Islands)
11/09/2018
- 16 Njari Island (Solomon Islands)
11/09/2018
- 17 Roderick Bay, Florida Islands (Solomon Islands)
12/09/2018
- 18 Honiara, Guadalcanal Island (Solomon Islands)
Disembarkation 13/09/2018 at 07h00

YOUR CRUISE

Discover Natural Wonders and Cultures of the Coral Triangle with a 17-day expedition voyage on board *L'Austral*.

Named by Jules Dumont d'Urville in 1832 Melanesia, is a region of mystery and intrigue. Volcanic islands rise from azure blue oceans creating a picture postcard landscape of white sand beaches and rainforest clad mountains.

Entwined within the landscape are a myriad of ancient cultures continuing the traditions and rituals of their ancestors.

The islands in the heart of the Coral Triangle comprise the richest coral reef ecosystems in the world and are home to an astonishing diversity of cultures, landscapes, and flora and fauna.

Join Professor Jared Diamond and your expert expedition team as we explore these unique destinations by foot, zodiac and local transport.

Professor Diamond says of this expedition: *I've been visiting New Guinea and the Solomon Islands for 52 years. I keep going back—29 times so far—because, in my unbiased opinion, they are the most fascinating area of the world! Nothing can match them for human diversity, beauty, and biological richness and interest on land and in the water. The only disadvantage of visiting New Guinea and the Solomons is that, once you have been there, all the rest of the world will seem to you boring by comparison. I'm looking forward to sharing with you my pleasure in New Guinea and Solomon Island people, languages, birds, coral reefs, fish, and World War Two history. I've been telling my wife Marie about that part of the world ever since we met almost 40 years ago, but she has never been there. Now, at last, I will be able to show Marie, and you, why I keep returning.*