

DISCOVER THE ANCIENT WONDERS OF PAPUA AND SPICE

12/05/2019 | 12 Days - 11 Nights | from Cairns to Darwin | LE LAPEROUSE



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- 1 Cairns (Australia)
Embarkation 12/05/2019 from 15h30 to 16h30
Departure 12/05/2019 at 17h00
- 2 At sea
13/05/2019
- 3 Cape York (Australia)
14/05/2019
- 4 At sea
15/05/2019
- 5 Agats, Papua (Indonesia)
16/05/2019
- 6 At sea
17/05/2019
- 7 Triton Bay, West Papua (Indonesia)
18/05/2019
- 8 Sebakor Bay (Indonesia)
19/05/2019
- 9 Kei Islands, Maluku Islands (Indonesia)
20/05/2019
- 10 Banda Neira, Maluku Islands (Indonesia)
21/05/2019
- 11 At sea
22/05/2019
- 12 Darwin (Australia)
Disembarkation 23/05/2019 at 07h00

YOUR CRUISE

PONANT invites you to experience a voyage to the Spice Islands, in the heart of Indonesia.

From Cairns to Darwin, you will set sail aboard *Le Lapérouse* for a 12-day expedition cruise in a tropical environment of great beauty.

First you will sail along the Great Barrier Reef before passing the legendary Cape York, at Australia's northernmost point.

Further north, you will visit small villages of thatched houses in the Asmat region, one of the most isolated and mysterious regions in the world. With deeply-rooted traditions and ancestor worship that is still very much alive, some of the tribes living here have still had no contact with the outside world.

You will then sail into the heart of Triton Bay. This ancient coral reef raised by tectonic forces shelters a multitude of species of fish.

The highpoint of your cruise: sailing in the Maluku Islands, dubbed the "Spice Islands". In the 16th century, it was here that European settlers would come to get cloves and nutmeg, spices that were much sought-after at the time. In addition to the Kei Islands and their stunning beaches, you will discover Banda Neira, shaped by Dutch and Portuguese influences.