



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Oceans and Islands of the World by Private Jet

25 DAYS FROM \$112,995 WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS

Trip Type	Activity Level	Service Level	Group Size
 Private Jet	 Light-Moderate	Ultimate	Max 75

EXPEDITION OVERVIEW

- Swim in the crystal clear waters of Palau and snorkel at Jellyfish Lake, where millions of non-stinging golden and moon jellyfish reside.
- Marvel at stunning UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Sri Lanka, including the 2,000-year-old Gold Temple of Dambulla and the ancient cliffside city of Sigiriya.
- Explore the dramatic Musandam Peninsula in Oman, home to a vibrant culture, rugged mountains and the world's only desert fjords.
- Learn more about the Balinese people while visiting a traditional astrologer, a local chef or an island craftsman, who fashions silver jewelry using time-honored techniques.

ITINERARY

Discover stunning coral reefs off the coast of island nations around the world—from the Pacific Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. Swim in shimmering lagoons, sail along sparkling bays on catamaran cruises and snorkel in crystalline waters that feature blacktip reef sharks, 500-pound clams and non-stinging jellies. Explore peaceful mountain temples in Bali, capture images of amazing WWII shipwrecks in Palau and

learn about the Aboriginal uses of plants at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. Dive deeper into the histories of ancient indigenous cultures—like the Māori, the Sinhalese and the Omani—on museum excursions, tours of ancient ruins and more.

Please note: This itinerary, including but not limited to activities, accommodations, meals, transportation and experts, is subject to change.

DAY 1: HONOLULU, HAWAI‘I, US

Your unforgettable expedition begins in scenic Honolulu at a seaside hotel, where you'll meet your National Geographic Experts, staff and fellow Travelers. Later in the evening, enjoy a reception and dinner on the beach.

Meals Included: Dinner

Accommodations: Four Seasons O‘ahu at Ko Olina

DAYS 2-4: BORA BORA, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Fly by private jet to Papeete and board a local charter flight to Bora Bora, where you'll check in to your hotel and enjoy a delicious dinner. One of the South Pacific's most iconic isles, this tropical paradise is known for its breathtaking bays and the angular green crags of Mount Otemanu rising against the skyline. Spend the next 2 days amid its lush scenery and vibrant corals during a variety of activities. Dive deeper into local island culture as you explore Bora Bora's lagoons and snorkel off the coast of its pristine beaches. Hike along the island's forested hills and mountains on an excursion through the Valley of the Kings or head out on a driving tour of its most captivating sites. You may also board a ship for a full-day cruise around the island—complete with lunch at sea.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: Conrad Bora Bora Nui

DAYS 5-6: CROSS THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE / AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Depart Bora Bora and continue through the Pacific, crossing the international date line—and losing a day on your journey. Arrive in Auckland, New Zealand the following evening and check in to your hotel before a performance of traditional Māori dances followed by dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: Park Hyatt Auckland

DAYS 7-8: AUCKLAND

From Auckland, travel to Waiheke Island with its stunning vineyards, verdant olive groves and pristine natural landscapes. Visit Connells Bay Sculpture Park, an outdoor gallery in sweeping parklands featuring modern pieces from dozens of New Zealand artists. Or spend the day savoring fresh local cuisine on a food and wine tour of Waiheke's culinary hot spots. You can also learn about the area's connection to WWII on an excursion to the Stoney Batter Tunnels, a once-secret underground fortress of handmade passageways, chambers and stairwells.

The next morning, discover the wonders of vibrant Auckland, known as the "City of Sails" for its harbor teeming with ships and boats. Set off on a walking tour of the area, soaking up the sights and sounds of this dynamic cityscape. Tour the Auckland Museum, which houses a fascinating collection of Māori and Pacific artifacts, as well as a memorial to the city's military history. You can also choose to embark on an America's Cup Sailing experience, where you'll find out more about this iconic race while helping navigate a sailboat on the ocean. Alternatively, delve deeper into New Zealand's sports culture during an All Blacks rugby team experience and learn about their *haka*, a traditional war dance they perform before each match.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: Park Hyatt Auckland

DAYS 9-11: ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Arrive in Adelaide, a city known for its rolling hills, picturesque coastlines and eclectic mix of architecture. In the afternoon, enjoy lunch and a wine tasting before checking in to the hotel and spending the evening at your leisure. Over the next 2 days, take in the beauty and energy of this remarkable city during a host of activities. Explore the South Australian Museum, learning about the region's natural and cultural heritage on a tour led by an Aboriginal guide. Stroll through the lush scenery of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens—126 acres of verdant parkland—and discover Aboriginal uses for the plants housed there. Cap off your stay in this city with a visit to the Cleland Wildlife Park, keeping an eye out for Australia's native wildlife—including kangaroos, koalas, emus and more.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: Mayfair Hotel

DAYS 12-13: PALAU

Fly from Adelaide to Palau, an archipelago that's home to 1,300 species of fish and 700 species of coral. Check in to your seaside hotel and enjoy dinner as well as a night to relax. The next morning, choose from 3 full-day activities to explore these spectacular islands. Spend the day snorkeling in Palau's pristine waters, first at Jellyfish Lake where some 20 million non-stinging golden and moon jellyfish reside. Then embark on an optional hike to the world's largest piece of currency, a 6-foot (1.8 m) crystal calcite disc known as "Yapese Stone Money." After lunch on the beach, set off on a coastal snorkeling excursion—keeping an eye out for the island's renowned 500-pound clams—followed by a trip to the Fish Bowl, a dazzling coral garden.

Alternatively, head out on a boat for a photography tour of Palau's most iconic locations, soaking up the idyllic scenery around you. From the shade of a canopy-covered boat, you'll have the opportunity to view turquoise bays, WWII shipwrecks, partially submerged aircrafts and the Natural Arch, a 50-foot limestone archway in one of Palau's smaller rock isles.

You may also choose to learn more about the history and significance of canoeing cultures during a traditional watercraft experience. Alongside cultural interpreters who will share their insights into this ancient form of travel, examine a historic canoe up close from the dock. You can also photograph one of these impressive vessels in action as it sails along a nearby reef.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: Palau Pacific Resort

DAYS 14-15: BALI, INDONESIA

Arrive in Bali, known as the “Island of the Gods” for its natural beauty and deeply spiritual culture. Check in to your hotel and enjoy an evening at your leisure. The next morning, discover a variety of activities grounded in the isle’s incredible landscapes and historical traditions. Venture out on a scenic drive to central Bali, where you’ll visit the Gunung Kawi and Tirta Empul temples. Take in unparalleled views of Mount Batur and Lake Batur before a trek across the Tegallalang rice terraces.

You may also choose to learn more about Bali’s efforts to preserve its environment. Visit the workshop and showroom of a world-renowned craftsman, who makes silver jewelry using traditional island techniques. Watch other craftsmen at work before heading to the Green Village, where sustainable bamboo is used to create modern buildings. Get to know this charming area, home to bamboo and chocolate factories as well as the Green School, which emphasizes the importance of sustainable living in its curriculum.

Alternatively, delve deeper into the island’s culture through a host of hands-on experiences. Follow a local chef to a market to collect fresh ingredients for authentic Balinese dishes, which you’ll help prepare as part of a cooking class and lunch tasting. Or learn more about the island’s spiritual practices during a traditional blessing ceremony and a meeting with a Balinese astrologer. In the evening, gather with your fellow Travelers for a grand dinner, hosted in a magnificent temple.

Accommodations: Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan

DAYS 16-18: SRI LANKA

Touch down in Sri Lanka, an island nation with 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites as well as an incredible array of wildlife. Settle into your hotel before a welcome dinner, where you'll learn about the Sri Lankan people and their cuisine. Over the next 2 days, immerse yourself in this country's incredible cultural heritage with a host of activities. Rise early and set out with a naturalist on a morning bird-watching excursion—keeping an eye out for kingfishers, Asian open bills, black darters and blue Indian rollers. Or tour a local tea plantation with a renowned planter, noting the nuances of tea flavors during a traditional tasting. Alternatively, visit the Golden Temple of Dambulla, a cave monastery that has drawn Buddhist pilgrims for over 2000 years. Venture into the numerous dwellings of this rock sanctuary to see beautifully preserved murals and statuary.

You may also take a guided tour of a spice plantation with an Ayurvedic doctor, who will share insights into the uses of spices in healing and cuisine. Another option includes an excursion to Sigiriya, a royal city built by King Kassapa I in the 5th century. Climb to the base of Lion Mountain, a massive granite monolith upon which the king built an elaborate fortified palace. Examine magnificent frescos that contain ancient texts of the Sinhala language and see evidence of literature and philosophy from as far back as the 3rd century BC. On your final evening in Sri Lanka, gather with your fellow Travelers for a gala dinner, featuring dancing, traditional rituals and a cultural marketplace displaying goods from across the country.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: Jetwing Vil Uyana and Water Garden Sigiriya

DAYS 19-20: SEYCHELLES

Fly by private jet to Seychelles, an archipelago known for its exceptionally diverse ecosystem and its pioneering advances in wildlife conservation. This evening, arrive at your hotel, which looks out on the azure waters of the Indian Ocean, and gather with your fellow Travelers for a welcome dinner.

The next morning, enjoy a full-day catamaran cruise to Praslin and La Digue, the second and third largest isles of Seychelles. At Praslin, visit its lush National Park and relax on Anse Lazio Beach with its white sands and sapphire bay. At La Digue, tour L'Union Estate, a vanilla and coconut plantation, before heading to Anse Source d'Argent, a beach renowned for the iconic granite boulders that dot its shores. Alternatively, you may choose to explore the vibrant Mahé Island botanical gardens or the colorful stalls of Victoria Market, which feature fresh produce, artwork, souvenirs and more.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: Four Seasons Resort Seychelles

DAYS 21-22: ZIGHY BAY, OMAN

Journey from Seychelles north to Oman in the Arabian Peninsula, where you'll check in to your hotel at Zighy Bay and enjoy a delicious dinner. The next day, choose from an exciting array of activities, with options on both land and sea.

Spend a morning learning about the daily lives of Omani women, joining them in crafting activities—from weaving to coffee blending to pottery decorating—followed by a traditional Omani breakfast. Alternatively, drive to the panoramic Sabatyn plateau and its nearby town, which stretches along the mountainside. Marvel at the area's petroglyphs, stone towers and ancient houses that were once home to desert farmers. You may also head to a historic Omani village, which rests on land that's been populated since the Stone Age; explore Dibba Al-Baya, a border town with a fort-turned-museum, a mosque and a graveyard; or visit a local farm to learn how produce is grown in the desert sands of Dibba.

On the water, enjoy a catamaran cruise beside the fjords of the spectacular Musandam Peninsula, stopping at cobalt coves and fishing villages along the way. Or set off on a handline fishing excursion, where you'll have the opportunity to fish on the reef and enjoy your catch at a lunch or dinner prepared by local chefs. You may also venture out to the coast with a team of experts to snorkel the pristine waters of the bay, keeping an eye out for dolphins and colorful schools of fish.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: Six Senses Zighy Bay

DAYS 23-24: MALTA

From Oman, fly to Malta, an island nation in the Mediterranean Sea influenced by cultures around the world—from the Phoenicians to the Romans to the British. Upon arrival, visit St. John's Co-Cathedral for a private after-hours tour of this stunning 16th-century architectural gem. After checking in at the hotel, enjoy welcome cocktails with a Knight of Malta, a member of a millennium-old order dedicated to helping underprivileged communities.

The next morning, explore an ancient UNESCO World Heritage Site: the Hagar Qim Temple, a megalithic complex of enigmatic stone passageways. Then take in the charming streets of Birgu, one of Malta's oldest cities, on a guided walking tour. After lunch, enjoy time on your own in the area or visit the Malta War Museum, followed by a boat tour of the grand harbor. In the late afternoon, gather with your fellow Travelers in Mdina, where you'll take in the sights of the city and toast to your adventure with a farewell dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily

Accommodations: The Phoenicia

DAY 25: WASHINGTON, DC, US

Begin your return journey, pausing in Azores, Portugal for a technical stop. Then land in Washington, DC and connect with your commercial flights home. Travelers with flights departing the next day may enjoy complimentary accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Dulles for the night.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Complimentary accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Dulles

Please note: There are inherent risks with travel. In addition, there are unique risks associated with the following activities on this itinerary: Animal, Boating, Vehicle, Water. **View a list of risks for these and other activities that may pertain to a modified itinerary or optional excursion.**

WHAT TO EXPECT

This trip has an activity rating of light/moderate; Guests should be in good health; comfortable climbing stairs and walking or standing for extended periods; and prepared for multiple hours of activity on some days. Daily activities may include city walking tours, visits to historic or cultural sites, swimming or easy hikes, with options for more physical activities such as snorkeling, kayaking and biking. A signed medical form from your doctor will be required for participation on this trip. Alternative destinations or excursions can be arranged if necessary. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet or treatment should be reported when booking so accommodations can be made.

Expedition Team

This expedition team prioritizes your experience—from care and comfort to culinary delights. An engaging team of experts will accompany each expedition to share their knowledge and insights with you and bring each destination to life. Alongside renowned National Geographic Experts, a dedicated expedition team manages logistical details, ensuring a seamless journey, while the flight crew maintains a focus on safety and hospitality. A 24/7 on-call physician provides healthcare services, and the jet chef crafts locally inspired dishes paired with premier beverages, enriching your culinary experience to and from each destination.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure
- Transportation by private jet and other conveyance, as noted in the itinerary
- Deluxe or best-available accommodations as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals, from dinner on the first night to breakfast on the final morning
- Daily activities, excursions, options and special events as indicated in the itinerary; enrichment program, including lectures by a team of experts
- All beverages, including liquor, aboard the private jet and during special events and cocktail parties; house wine and beer at lunches and dinners
- \$50,000 medical evacuation insurance for covered reasons and services of an expedition physician
- Gratuities
- Laundry services, excluding dry-cleaning

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Commercial airfare to the departure city and return from the final destination
- Trip cancelation insurance or other travel insurance
- Visas
- Personal expenses such as dry-cleaning, telephone and beverages not listed above

PLEASE NOTE

All private jet departures will be operated by National Geographic Expeditions, on flights operated by Icelandair. See the **Terms and Conditions and Operator-Participant Contract** for more information.