

Intriguing Indonesia

From **31/3/2023**
to **9/4/2023**

Ship: **LE LAPÉROUSE**

From **Singapore**
to **Benoa, Bali**



From **Singapore to Bali**, set sail on a **10-day expedition cruise** aboard *Le Lapérouse*, into the heart of fascinating Indonesia. An itinerary developed by PONANT, discovering the largest archipelago in the world.

Following your departure from Singapore, *Le Lapérouse* will sail the turquoise waters of the **Belitung Islands**, east of Sumatra. This archipelago made up of many islands, the two largest being Bangka and Belitung, will delight you with its **long beaches** with their giant **granite rock** formations, similar to those found in the Seychelles, coming out of the water.

Your stay will continue in southern Borneo, in the **Tanjung Puting National Park**. Here, an unforgettable moment in the midst of a sublime **tropical forest** that is home to many orangutans awaits.

After a stopover in Probolinggo as close as possible to Mount Bromo, your ship will set sail for **Badas** on the island of Sumbawa. You will be welcomed by the inhabitants of Pamulung village, where you will be able to witness a traditional ceremony.

You will explore the marvellous **Komodo National Park**, where the famous dragons, a prehistoric species, reign supreme over the island's herbaceous landscapes.

Finally you will set sail to the south of the paradisiacal and enchanting island of **Bali**, your journey's end.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

SINGAPORE

Embarkation 31/3/2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 31/3/2023 at 6:00 pm

Nicknamed the Garden City, Singapore stretches across Malaysia's southern-most region. Experience the vibrant hustle and bustle of this city-state for yourself at the **Marina Bay**. No too far away is the historic centre, offering up a unique smorgasbord of neoclassical buildings and contemporary towers. Decked out in topiary, the pavements of Orchard Road are also home to countless shopping centres. The colourful markets in **Chinatown** and **Little India** are the perfect opportunity to quell hunger pangs in a hawker centre, one of the city's traditional snack bars. Between the two districts, get a slice of history with a trip to the **Raffles dock**. It was here that Englishman **Sir Raffles**, the founder of the city, is said to have arrived one fateful day in January 1819.

AT SEA

Arrival 1/4/2023

Departure 1/4/2023

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

SAILING ALONG BELITUNG ISLANDS

Arrival 2/4/2023

Departure 2/4/2023

Like confetti sprinkled on the Indian Ocean, the Belitung Islands invite discovery, admiration and authenticity. Nestling to the east of Sumatra in the South China and Java seas, the archipelago is composed of myriad small, idyllic islands, the largest of which are Belitung and Bangka. It is on the latter that, in 1920, the Dutch explorer C.J. Batenburg discovered the Kedukan Bukiat inscription, a stone dating from the year 623 CE on which was recorded the State's naval and military power at that time. But besides its history, the Belitung archipelago stands out for its beautiful scenery. With its mythical lighthouse and its granite rocks skimming the water, the archipelago is sometimes reminiscent of the Seychelles. A popular playground for divers, the archipelago and its shallow waters are home to numerous species of coral and colourful fish.

TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK

Arrival 3/4/2023

Departure 3/4/2023

Not far from Kumai in the south of Borneo, discover the magnificent **Tanjung Puting National Park**, one of Indonesia's must-see sites. Listed as a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**, you will explore it from a Zodiac[®], surrounded by tropical rainforest. People tend to come here particularly for the **orang-utans**. These fascinating primates have been part of a rehabilitation programme here for several years. For what is sure to be a moving experience, you may see them in their natural habitat.

AT SEA

Arrival 4/4/2023

Departure 4/4/2023

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PROBOLINGGO, JAVA

Arrival 5/4/2023

Departure 5/4/2023

Nestled inside the massive Tengger caldera surrounded by a sea of sand, Mount Bromo is the epitome of desolate beauty. The volcanic complex dates back to about 820,000 years ago and consists of five overlapping stratovolcanoes, each truncated by a caldera. Lava domes, pyroclastic cones, and a maar occupy the flanks of the massif. The surreal lunar landscape has spawned countless legends and myths. Mt Bromo has particular significance for the Hindu Tengger people who believe that this was the site where a brave prince sacrificed his life for his family. After an early departure from the ship guest will travel by bus to Mount Bromo to enjoy this surreal site.

BADAS, SUMBAWA

Arrival 6/4/2023

Departure 6/4/2023

The port of Badas is part of the greater township of Sumbawa Besar, on the island of Sumbawa. Like most of Sumbawa the people hold their culture strong as a major part of their identity. The island has a strong influence from the Makassarese of Sulawesi, who over the centuries have introduced a lot of their culture into Sumbawa. Join your expedition team and local guides for a tour by bus to Pamulung Village where you will be welcomed by the head of the village and have the opportunity to witness first-hand the local traditions of rice pounding, weaving and also witness a wedding procession. Your visit will conclude with an exciting Sumbawa buffalo race, an event that will be

held in honour of our visit.

KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

Arrival 7/4/2023

Departure 8/4/2023

Between the islands of Sumbawa and Florès, Komodo National Park welcomes you to discover its natural wonders. At the very heart of the Indonesian archipelago, the three islands that form it – Komodo, Rinca and Padar - owe their renown to the famous eponymous dragons, enormous lizards over two metres long, which live in its grassy savannah. This jagged and hilly volcanic territory belonging to the Sunda Islands is a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its incredible terrestrial and marine biodiversity. Admire its palette of colours, intermingling the sparkling whites of the beaches, the deep blues of the coral-filled water and the soft greens of its pastures.

BENOA, BALI

Arrival 9/4/2023 mid morning

Disembarkation 9/4/2023 at 10:00 am

If it's a taste of exotic authenticity you're after, prepare to be spell-bound by the **island of Bali**, tucked away in the heart of the Indonesian **archipelago**. The beauty and diversity of its landscapes, the depth and richness of its cultural heritage and the plethora of activities on offer here make **Bali** a little slice of heaven on Earth. The island's southern coast enthralls with its white sand beaches, its picturesque little fishing villages such as **Benoa**, and its hills patchworked with terraced rice paddies further inland. Nicknamed 'the Island of Gods' for its sumptuous temples, Bali is the beating heart of Indonesian Hinduism.