



16-NIGHT LUXURY ASIA EXPEDITION CRUISE FROM TAIPEI TO BALI




Philippines, Borneo & Indonesian Quest



TAIPEI (KEELUNG) TO BALI (BENOA) NOV 21 - DEC 7, 2023, 16 NIGHTS








*From Taiwan's dramatic Taroko Gorge to the sapphire waters of the
Philippine's Hundred Islands National Park, embark on a journey to
search for the Bornean sun bear in Sandakan and to explore Indonesia's
UNESCO-listed Taka Bonerate biosphere reserve.*







Day	Date	Ports	Arrive	Depart
1	Nov. 21, Tue	TAIPEI (KEELUNG), TAIWAN	Embark PM	6:00 PM
		A TERRACED BAY GEM Just 20 miles from Keelung, Taipei - literally "terraced bay" - is located on the northern tip of Taiwan where the Tamsui and Keelung rivers meet. One of Asia's fastest-growing cities, it is the gateway to an island of contrasts, from bustling urban areas to serene countryside. Key sites of interest include the 19th-century city gates and walls, the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, the Sun Yat-sen Memorial and the famous Grand Hotel.		
2	Nov. 22, Wed	HUALIEN, TAIWAN	-	5:00 PM
		LANDMARK ON THE LIWU RIVER Bustling and modern Hualien sits on the rugged east coast of Taiwan, an island laden with mountainous nature reserves bursting with enchanting scenery. Just to the city's north is Taroko National Park, an absolute jewel of the region and home to Taroko Gorge, a sheer-walled, 12-mile-long river canyon accessed by a scenic winding highway. Eternal Spring Shrine, a picturesque temple complex built over a cascading waterfall, clings to the verdant cliffs of this must-see park's interior.		
3	Nov. 23, Thu	BASCO, BATANES, PHILIPPINES	-	-
		REMOTE ISLAND WILDERNESS Situated in the translucent Philippine Sea midway between Taiwan and Luzon is the Philippine island of Batan, part of the sparsely populated Batanes archipelago. Its laid-back capital, Basco, sits amid a bucolic landscape of lush, rolling hills and gorgeous coastline where farming and fishing are the main industries. The observation deck of the Basco Lighthouse offers magnificent views of the surrounding ocean and Mount Iraya, an active volcano in the northern part of the island.		



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4	Nov. 24, Fri	HUNDRED ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, PHILIPPINES	-	-
		<p>NATIONAL GEOLOGICAL MONUMENT Nestled within the sapphire-blue waters of Luzon, the largest island of the Philippines, is the Hundred Islands National Park. This collection of emerald-green islets, numbering 123 or 124, depending on the tide, is a wonderland of hidden anemonefish for snorkelers, while roseate and black-naped terns are a delight for fortunate bird-watchers.</p>		
5	Nov. 25, Sat	CORREGIDOR ISLAND, PHILIPPINES	-	-
		<p>THE ROCK OF THE PHILIPPINES At the entrance to beautiful Manila Bay sits Corregidor. This lush, green and rugged speck of an island, often simply called “The Rock,” is steeped in military significance due to its strategic location. Over the centuries, the island has been a witness to the occupation of the Philippines by Spain, the U.S. and Japan, often playing a pivotal role in the unfolding of history. Among its notable sites, perhaps the most moving is the Pacific War Memorial complex, which includes a museum.</p>		
5	Nov. 25, Sat	MANILA, PHILIPPINES	-	-

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6	Nov. 26, Sun	 <p>PEARL OF THE ORIENT</p> <p>Set amid the forest-green splendor of Luzon Island is bustling Manila, the second largest city in Southeast Asia, with its towering skyscrapers and remarkable joie de vivre. Yet amid the big-city excitement are oases of calm: lush tropical parks, magnificent cathedrals and dramatic Spanish forts. North of the city, mountains beckon with their spectacular rice terraces, while across Manila Bay stands Mount Mariveles, a dormant volcano studded with scenic hiking trails.</p>	-	-
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8	Nov. 28, Tue	 <p>NATURE'S NEST</p> <p>With its palm-fringed, white-sand beaches, colorful coral reefs and blue lagoons, El Nido is heaven on earth. Located on the Philippine island of Palawan, the town is known for its limestone cliffs where flocks of swiftlets make their home, resulting in the name El Nido or "nest" in Spanish. As a gateway to stunning Bacuit Bay, with its crystal-clear waters, islets and rugged peaks, it's the perfect setting for beach strolls, snorkeling, kayaking and appreciating nature's wonders.</p>	-	-
8	Nov. 28, Tue	CRUISING CELEBES SEA,	-	-

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DAY AT SEA				
9	Nov. 29, Wed	SANDAKAN, BORNEO, MALAYSIA	-	-
		<p>HOME TO THE BORNEAN SUN BEAR</p> <p>The sights and sounds of wildlife that can be found virtually nowhere else in the world permeate the air and every adventure in this lush forested region. Orphaned orangutans thrive in the treetops of the rehabilitation center, long-nosed proboscis monkeys perch in the jungles, and elephants meander along the Kinabatangan River, Malaysia's second-longest waterway. Also look for the Bornean sun bear and birds that comprise the entire rainbow as you explore these wild wetlands.</p>		
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11	Dec. 01, Fri	MALUNDUNG,	-	-
DAY AT SEA				
11	Dec. 01, Fri	DERAWAN ISLANDS, BORNEO, INDONESIA	-	-

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		UNIQUE & UNUSUAL		
		A hidden paradise off the coast of Borneo, the Derawan archipelago is comprised of 31 islands and represents Indonesia's largest nesting site for endangered giant green turtles and hawksbill turtles. Known for soft white sandy beaches and crystalline waters, the underwater wildlife is extraordinary, home to tiny pygmy seahorses, giant manta rays, dugongs, stingless jellyfish and an astounding 460 different species of corals – second only to the Raja Ampat islands in West Papua.		
12	Dec. 02, Sat	CRUISING MAKASSAR STRAIT, DAY AT SEA	-	-
13	Dec. 03, Sun	PARE PARE, SULAWESI, INDONESIA	-	-
		ROLLING HILLS & GREENERY		
		As one of the largest islands in Indonesia (the eleventh largest in the world), Sulawesi overflows with bold pursuits. Pare Pare is a lovely port city of rolling hills, the ideal starting point for your cultural adventures, from intensive investigation of the elaborate burial ceremonies and costumes of the Toraja people, to the masterful artistic skills and treasures that have permeated village life forever.		
14	Dec. 04, Mon	PALOPO, SOUTH SULAWESI, INDONESIA	-	-

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15	Dec. 05, Tue		<p>MYSTERIOUS & MAGICAL</p> <p>With more than 125 documented mammal species – more than half found nowhere else in the world – Sulawesi is a tapestry of biodiversity and wildlife wonders. Greet the dwarf buffalo, tiny tarsiers, and menagerie of birds and other animals as you explore the fascinating ecosystems of the island, and spend a day in Torajaland, where the culture is as captivating and globally mysterious as the natural surroundings.</p>	
16	Dec. 06, Wed		<p>TAKA BONERATE NATIONAL PARK, TINABO ISLAND , INDONESIA</p> <p>A FLORES SEA STUNNER</p> <p>In the heart of the Coral Triangle, Taka Bonerate is the world's third-largest atoll (after Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands and Suvadiva in the Maldives), home to 21 islands, 242 species of corals and 526 different kinds of colorful (and sometimes strange-looking!) reef fish. At Tinabo Island, you might enjoy beach swimming or snorkeling adventures to see turtles and giant clams. The park is a UNESCO-listed biosphere reserve, noted for its mangrove forests and bird watching.</p>	
16	Dec. 06, Wed	<p>KOMODO NATIONAL PARK, INDONESIA</p>		

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		DRAGONS, DIVING & DISCOVERING Ringed by steep hillsides that fluctuate from jade green to rust red as the seasons shift, Komodo Island is a land of curious colors... and dragons. The largest island within the Komodo National Park, Komodo sports sandy beaches painted pink by the red coral that thrives on the reefs and locals who relish welcoming visitors. Besides the world's largest lizards, other wild residents include wild boars, deer, water buffalo, cockatoos and macaques.		
	17	BALI (BENOA), INDONESIA	10:00 AM	Disembark AM
		THE LAST PARADISE Bali is so beautiful that the natives believe heaven will be just like home, and touring this island paradise, it's easy to see why. Here are mysterious volcanic lakes and jungle-shrouded volcanoes, wondrous ancient temples, fabulously creative painters and wood-carvers, and the legendary dancers who re-enact the stories of their Hindu deities.		

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