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## Orion Expedition Cruises honoured in World Savers Awards

Selected by a panel of expert judges from 164 applicants, Orion Expedition Cruises has received an **Honorable Mention, Education** in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conde Nast Traveler *Save the World Awards* for initiatives undertaken with local schools in Papua New Guinea through providing funding and educational materials.

From a short list of 60 finalists just 32 companies worldwide received awards across five categories: education, environmental and/or cultural preservation, health, poverty relief, and wildlife conservation.

The companies were acknowledged as having "been creative in protecting, conserving, and supporting natural environments and local communities".

A list of finalists and winners can be seen at [cntraveler.com/worldsavers](http://cntraveler.com/worldsavers)

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Orion Expedition Cruises takes an active role in environmental, cultural and sustainable relationships. The Orion ships were custom designed to leave a small ecological wake and are recognized by The Green Globe Awards for the highest environmental standards in energy, water consumption, reduced waste production and community commitment.

Many destinations are virtually inaccessible for cultural, environmental or logistical reasons, and our quest is to reveal authentic experiences in unique destinations.

Itineraries range from 6 nights to 21 nights (most are around 10 nights) and include diverse destinations such as:

*Orion*

New Zealand; Great Barrier Reef; Tasmania; the Kimberley region of Australia; Papua New Guinea; Spice Islands; Sub-Antarctic Islands; and Antarctica

*Orion II*

Thailand; Vietnam; Inland Sea of Japan; Far East Russia; Borneo; Ryukyu Islands; and Kuril Islands

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Information on all Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website [www.orionexpeditions.com](http://www.orionexpeditions.com)

To discuss your travel needs or to obtain a brochure please call Orion Expedition Cruises: 61-2 9033 8777 (Sydney callers) 1300 361 012 (regional and interstate) or see your travel agent. Email: [info@orionexpeditions.com](mailto:info@orionexpeditions.com)

***Ranked #2 expedition cruise ship in the world in the current Berlitz Cruise Guide, Orion is the world's latest purpose-built luxury expedition cruise ship, featuring an unmatched range of onboard facilities.***

***With 75 crew and a maximum of just 100 passengers Orion offers the highest staff to guest ratio and guest to public space ratio of any ship based in Australian waters.***

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