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PNG 2008 expeditions

[Exploring in paradise: Orion's Papua New Guinea 2008 expeditions](#)

For those seeking paths less travelled, Papua New Guinea provides one of the world's most fascinating geographic and cultural landscapes. Untouched by mass tourism PNG abounds with a rich colonial past, WWII relics and historic sites, isolated unspoilt villages, world class snorkelling and scuba diving, active volcanoes, hot springs, pure white beaches, extraordinary wildlife and outstanding fishing.

The isolation of this land has helped preserve distinct ancient cultures; exemplified by 800 individual languages and as many tribes. Dense tropical rainforests and rugged terrain conspire to make PNG difficult to explore, however the purpose-built expedition cruise ship Orion is the perfect base for those seeking adventures in this tropical paradise.

Time spent ashore, interacting with locals as fascinated by you as you will be by them, is enhanced by Orion's permanent on-board expedition team and specialist guest lecturers' informative discussions and comprehensive briefings relating to the day's activities.

These experts share their first hand knowledge on subjects as diverse as reef ecology and marine habitats, anthropology, island cultures and traditions, politics, history, indigenous art, exploration, environmental impact, flora and fauna.

Orion's three 11 night PNG Highland Cultures and Coral Sea, Louisiade and Trobriand Islands Voyage of Discovery expeditions provide guests with remarkable opportunities to experience these totally unspoilt parts of the world - and are especially appealing to adventurers seeking a stimulating expedition into a world largely unchanged for hundreds of years.

For further itinerary information visit

http://www.orionexpeditions.com/expeditions/png/voyage_summary

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11 Night Papua New Guinea Highland Cultures voyages: 22 September, 2008 – CAIRNS, Alotau (Milne Bay), Samarai and Kwato Islands, Fergusson Island, Tufi, Tami

Islands, Madang, Sepik River, RABAUL (overnight onboard, optional charter flight to Cairns). Also 3 October, 2008 (reverse itinerary, Rabaul to Cairns). Fares begin from \$8,315 per person, twin occupancy, ocean view stateroom.

11 night Coral Sea, Louisiade and Trobriand Islands Voyage of Discovery expedition: 14 October, 2008 CAIRNS, Alotau (Milne Bay), Kitava the Trobriands, Fergusson Island, Dobu, Egum Atoll, the Louisiades, Doini Island, Samarai and Kwato Islands, CAIRNS
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- Rated #2 expedition cruise ship in the world (Berlitz Guide to Cruising) Orion is Australia's only 5 star purpose-built expedition cruise ship, featuring an unmatched range of onboard facilities. With 75 crew and a maximum of just 106 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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Further information on Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website www.orionexpeditions.com

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