



Best of Indonesia

ASMAT PAPUA RAJA AMPAT MALUKU
SULAWESI TORAJA KOMODO BALI



FEBRUARY / MARCH 2010 ♦ ABOARD THE *CLIPPER ODYSSEY*

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Dear Adventurer

The Republic of Indonesia—the world’s largest archipelago—sprawls across 3,200 miles between Australia and mainland Asia. Its 17,700 islands are bathed by the waters of more than seven seas which shelter the greatest biodiversity on the planet. We are very excited to offer two new voyages, each of which visits remote destinations that are “firsts” for Zegrahm. When taken in combination, this grand adventure reveals an astonishing spectrum of the natural and cultural diversity of this enigmatic and wondrous country.

Meticulous studies in the areas we visit led the 19th-century naturalist and anthropologist Alfred Wallace to first notice that the plant, bird, mammal, and marine species of this region were completely different from those just to the west. The division, by geography and ocean currents, is known as the Wallace Line, and our lecture team lends a deeper understanding of the naturalist’s own theories of evolution.

Voyage I travels from Brisbane, Australia to the rainbow-hued reefs of Bunaken in North Sulawesi. From the pearling center of Thursday Island, we follow Papua New Guinea’s coast northward to the secluded mangrove world of the Asmat, where painted and whooping warriors row out to greet us in what is surely one of the most authentic and dazzling cultural encounters in the Pacific. Cruising through emerald waters that bathe a myriad islands and islets, we explore the spectacular shores of MacCluer Gulf with its seafaring tribal populations and the villages on tiny Ternate, once battled over by empires for its unique and precious spice, cloves. In a journey well-stocked with superlative destinations, its true centerpiece is our time in Raja Ampat, where underwater forays give us a look at the most biodiverse—and most recently discovered—coral wonderlands on the planet.

Voyage II sails southbound, taking us from the islands and highlands of Sulawesi to exquisite Bali. In-between we spend two idyllic days in the lush equatorial Togean Islands whose coral reefs are nothing short of spectacular. Our underwater explorations, both here and in the Banggai Islands, reveal hundreds of marine species including colorful nudibranchs, blue-ring octopus, and pygmy seahorses. Our excursion to Toraja offers a photogenic view of South Sulawesi’s fascinating highland culture with its intricately carved, ship-shaped dwellings and high cliff-side crypts guarded by life-sized effigies. Komodo dragons roam the national park of their namesake island and we have the chance to witness and photograph the world’s largest lizards at close range. Islanders of the Flores Sea welcome us with traditional ceremonies and stunning handicraft displays.

For birders who thrill to the sighting of brilliantly-colored rare and endemic species... For snorkelers and divers who dream of exploring pristine coral wonderlands few have ever seen... And for those who seek meaningful encounters with the people of isolated cultures, our Best of Indonesia voyages offer a multitude of such opportunities in some of the world’s least visited places.

Please join our outstanding leader and lecture team aboard the 110-passenger expedition vessel, *Clipper Odyssey*, as we set out to explore the extravagant wonders of Indonesia.

Warmest regards,



Mike Messick
Expedition Leader & Zegrahm Cofounder



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TORAJA



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BALI



WESTERN CROWNED PIGEON

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ABOARD THE *CLIPPER ODYSSEY*

VOYAGE I

VOYAGE II



Port Moresby to Manado

VOYAGE I: FEBRUARY 15 – MARCH 6, 2010

Monday & Tuesday, February 15 & 16, 2010 DEPART USA

Board your independent flight to Australia and cross the International Date Line en route, losing a day.

Wednesday, February 17 BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

Arrive in Brisbane in the morning, check in at our hotel, and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. This evening join us for a welcome dinner; overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, February 18 BRISBANE / PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA / EMBARK CLIPPER ODYSSEY

This morning we fly to Port Moresby; time permitting we visit the National Museum and Arts Center, exhibiting one of the finest collections of primitive art in the world, including Sepik River carvings. This afternoon board the *Clipper Odyssey* and set sail westward into the Coral Sea.

Friday, February 19 TORRES STRAIT / EXPEDITION STOP, ASHMORE REEF

Ashmore Reef, a fully submerged reef, extends across the northernmost end of the Great Barrier Reef like a string of living pearls.

The vast atoll-like ring encloses a deep and open lagoon where a diversity of marine life flourishes. We make an expedition stop here today, our first snorkel and dive foray, to explore this rich marine environment.

Saturday, February 20 THURSDAY ISLAND, AUSTRALIA

Australia's northernmost point, Thursday Island lies in the strategic Torres Strait which separates New Guinea from Australia. Settled in the late 19th century, its early fame rested on pearling by Japanese fishermen. During WWII, Australian and American troops were stationed at the base here. We explore the small sleepy town and take in the sweeping view from Green Hill Fort, built in 1893.

Sunday, February 21 SAILING THE ARAFURA SEA

Enjoy a relaxing day as we sail into the Arafura Sea toward the western coast of New Guinea. Our lecture series introduces us to the natural and cultural attributes of Indonesia.

Monday, February 22 AGATS, PAPUA, INDONESIA

Ten thousand square miles of mangrove forest, bamboo, and sago palms have long sheltered the Asmat region from outsiders.

ASMAT VILLAGERS



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ASMAT MAN



© Jack S. Grove



ASMAT CARVED SHIELDS



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We wait for high tide and enter the shallow channel of the Flamingo River to anchor for the night near the village of Agats, the regional capital of the Asmat.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 23 & 24 ASMAT VILLAGES

A remote riverine world is revealed as Zodiacs carry us along narrow waterways lined with the entwined branches of thick mangrove forests, home to Torres Strait imperial pigeons, sulphur-crested cockatoos, and bright red lorikeets.

As we make our way upstream, villagers—whooping and chanting in elaborate warrior gear and war paint—paddle vigorously toward us in intricately carved canoes. We are escorted to Agats, one of our village stops, where enthusiastic welcomes await. A walk along elevated wooden boardwalks leads to the cathedral with its superb carvings, and the museum with its elaborate displays of ancestor poles, drums, body masks, shields, daggers, and skulls, reminding us that cannibalism was practiced by the ancestors of some villagers.

Asmat culture is noted for its remarkable ritual objects. The people believe that human-ity began with Fumeripits the Creator who

carved humanlike figures and brought them to life by beating on a drum. The villagers honor this belief by carving many of their own everyday items—bowls, spears, paddles, and shields. The artistic themes are based on an intriguing interpretation of life and death, and many of the carvings resemble recently-deceased relatives. Asmat woodcarvings are known for their powerful lines and coarse, expressive motifs, and are widely considered by collectors and scholars to be among the world's finest. With our anthropologist helping us to communicate we have the opportunity to purchase carvings directly from village artisans.

Thursday, February 25 AIDUMA ISLAND

This afternoon we drop anchor off Aiduma Island for snorkeling and diving in the aqua-marine waters. Dazzling soft coral “forests” teem with colorful reef fish, including dinner plate-sized blue-ring angelfish, six-bar angel-fish, large-striped sweetlips, butterfly cod, and lionfish.

Friday, February 26 MOMMON PENINSULA / KARAS ISLAND

Spectacular Mommom Peninsula is covered in forest often veiled in wisps of cloud. A strong river empties into the sea as a beautiful



GREEN SPONGES



LIONFISH

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waterfall and, if tides permit, we may land on a small nearby beach. Snorkeling and diving this morning reveal huge and colorful soft corals fed by channel passes teeming with unique fish, including archerfish and batfish. In the afternoon we visit Karas Island, enjoying a walk through its small villages.

Saturday, February 27

KOKAS, MACCLUER GULF (TELUK BERAU)

A breathtaking coastline of natural bays, tiny islets, pristine rain forest, and soaring mountains surrounds MacCluer Gulf. Dozens of local seafaring tribes populate the shores. In the morning Zodiacs weave among clusters of mushroom-shaped limestone islets where rock ledges protect outstanding displays of ancient Papuan rock art.

After lunch we go ashore to visit Kokas, strongly fortified by the Japanese during WWII, and today a prosperous fishing town of 3,000 residents. A unique cultural heritage presentation includes the traditional *gabagaba*, or stick dance. We return to the ship for dinner and continue sailing northward.

Sunday & Monday, February 28 & March 1 RAJA AMPAT

Our ship sails the narrow channels between the islands off New Guinea's northwestern

tip known as the Bird's Head Peninsula. More than 1,500 karst limestone islands off this coast make up the majestic archipelago of Raja Ampat, or "Four Kings," named after its four main islands. Few outsiders have explored this remote region and UNESCO is considering it for World Heritage Site status. The marine environment here, known as the Bird's Head Seascape, is heralded as the most biodiverse on earth and includes 75 percent of all known coral species and more than 1,220 types of reef fish. Recently, more than 50 species previously unknown to science have been discovered in the area.

During our time here several expedition stops offer the chance to explore part of this unsurpassed coral wonderland and the abundant marine life that calls it home. Birders go ashore to look for species such as the sulphur-crested cockatoo, beach kingfisher, varied honeyeater, spice imperial pigeon, and singing starling in the dense forests that line the passageway. Just off the Jerieff Islands snorkelers and divers have the chance to view two sunken Japanese bombers.

We also snorkel the great reef at East Apibok and explore the West Bay of Gam Island in the Dampier Strait by Zodiac. We visit the local village and school during an island walk.



ROCK ART

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WESTERN BLACK-CAPPED LORIES

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ECLECTUS PARROT



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Tuesday, March 2 MISOOL

One of the major Raja Ampat islands, Misool sits in the Ceram Sea surrounded by countless beautiful islets trimmed in ribbons of white sand. We spend the day here and enjoy the underwater scene—coral walls and pinnacles covered with sea life and we may encounter ghost pipefish, pygmy seahorses, and nudibranchs. The area is also known for its populations of giant clams. As we sail northward this evening we cross the Equator.

Wednesday, March 3 TERNATE

Tiny volcanic Ternate is situated just west of Halmahera. This North Maluku provincial capital was once, along with its neighbor Tidore, the only source of cloves in the world. Caught between the tug of the Dutch and Portuguese for its spicy riches, Ternate offers fascinating cultural and historical sights and we visit two impressive forts. After a stop at the local market, we enjoy a traditional cultural performance before returning to the ship.

Thursday, March 4 BUNAKEN NATIONAL MARINE PARK / MANADO, SULAWESI ISLAND

The phenomenal biodiversity of Bunaken has been protected as a national park since 1991

and its crystal clear waters, with a visibility of 100 feet, offer some of the best snorkeling and diving in Indonesia. We spend the day here, exploring the stupendous reefs and drop-off walls adorned with a myriad of soft red and yellow corals. Dense schools of colorful blue-striped and yellow-tailed fusiliers are just one of the possible 100 species of fish we may spot here.

Please note: Due to flight times the following day divers may only dive in the morning; snorkeling will be the only water activity in the afternoon.

Friday, March 5 MANADO / DISEMBARK / SINGAPORE

We disembark the *Clipper Odyssey* after breakfast and enjoy a brief tour of Manado, the capital city of North Sulawesi, visiting the open air produce market and the North Sulawesi Provincial Museum. Following lunch at a local restaurant, we transfer to the airport for an early afternoon flight to Singapore. Dinner and final overnight at our airport hotel. Those continuing on the next voyage return to the ship after lunch.

Saturday, March 6 SINGAPORE / USA

Depart on your independent flight to the USA arriving the same day.



MACCLUER GULF



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Manado to Bali

VOYAGE II: MARCH 2 – 18, 2010

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 2 & 3, 2010 DEPART USA

Board your independent flight to Singapore and cross the International Date Line en route, losing a day.

Thursday, March 4 SINGAPORE

Arrive Singapore mid-day and transfer to our hotel for a chance to relax before dinner and overnight.

Friday, March 5 SINGAPORE / MANADO, INDONESIA / EMBARK CLIPPER ODYSSEY

This morning return to the airport for your flight to Manado. On arrival a tour acquaints us with the capital city of North Sulawesi, and we visit the open air produce market and the North Sulawesi Provincial Museum where a local guide presents the history of the region. This afternoon we board the *Clipper Odyssey*.

Saturday, March 6 BUNAKEN NATIONAL MARINE PARK

Bunaken lies off the coast of Manado and encompasses more than 185,000 acres of crystal clear waters. The biodiversity here is phenomenal and its coral reefs are considered

as some of the best in Indonesia. Established as a national marine park in 1991, Bunaken surrounds a cluster of small islands whose beaches offer easy access to some of the park's shallow reefs. During our day here, we explore both above and below the waters, snorkeling or diving among kaleidoscopic reefs, investigating walls covered in colorful soft corals, and viewing the amazing invertebrate community that includes an abundance of sea lilies (or crinoids), sea stars, anemones, sponges, and sea urchins.

Sunday, March 7 BITUNG / TANGKOKO NATURE RESERVE

An important seaport on Sulawesi's northern coast, Bitung is a bustling center of shops, markets, and maritime business. This morning early risers visit Tangkoko Nature Reserve, one of Indonesia's most important conservation areas. Its 21,000 acres are among the last habitats for crested black macaques and cuscus, a lemur-like, slow-moving possum. Or, tour Bitung and visit the private wildlife center, the highlight of which is tarsiers, the world's smallest primate. The Reserve is also a haven for an incredible variety of birds, including the endemic Sulawesi hornbill, varied lorikeet, blue-breasted pitas, and finch-billed myna.

SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO



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CRESTED BLACK MACAQUE



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Monday & Tuesday, March 8 & 9 TOGEAN ISLANDS

We spend two days exploring the remote and picturesque Togeans, a 56-island archipelago surrounded by an ancient coral reef and the clear warm waters of Tomini Bay. Volcanic and covered in lush foliage, the islands protect a rich eco-system that harbors a variety of endangered wildlife, including Togeian macaques, babirusa, and hanging parrots. Their coasts are the breeding grounds of hawksbill turtles and the rare dugong, and diving and snorkeling forays reveal a wonderland of spectacular corals teeming with colorful fish. Several ethnic groups reside in 37 villages throughout the Togeans and during our visit we meet the delightful locals and enjoy guided trail walks to search for the amazing variety of birds and wildlife.

Wednesday, March 10 BANGGAI ISLANDS

Just below the arm of Central Sulawesi, at the convergence of the Banda and Maluku Seas, sit the 120 Banggai Islands whose waters harbor “the mother of all living coral reefs” according to Alfred Wallace. An astounding variety of marine life inhabits the walls, caves, overhangs, and shallow reefs of this archipelago and our full day

exploration gives snorkelers and divers several opportunities to witness such Sulawesi species as ribbon eels, blue-ring octopus, anglerfish, and the endemic Banggai cardinal fish. Deeper waters and vertical drop-offs shelter black corals and gorgonian fans, batfish, groupers, schools of napoleon wrasses, along with the colorful reef fish: damselfish, dottyblacks, pygmy sea horses anthias, and butterflyfish.

Thursday, March 11 PADEO BASAR

Colorful reefs and island atolls offer further underwater wonderlands to explore today. If the opportunity presents itself, we go ashore to visit a local village.

Friday, March 12 BUTON ISLAND

Dangling off the southeast coast of Sulawesi, Buton is part of the Wakatobi Island group. Our snorkel and dive excursions today reveal an incredible array of marine reef inhabitants and underwater photographers discover a bizarre macro world among corals as shallow as 20 feet. Highlights include colorful frogfish, octopus, marbled snake eels, cockatoo waspfish, flying gurnards, multitudes of crab species, and dazzling anemones.

ANEMONE



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BANDA



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Saturday, March 13

PALOPO / TORAJA

A full-day overland excursion takes us 4,000 feet into the cool highlands of South Sulawesi to fascinating Toraja. The terrain becomes a veritable Shangri-la of rugged mountains and granite outcroppings towering over valleys lush with terraced rice paddies, bamboo groves, grazing water buffalos, flowering trees, and tiny villages.

The Toraja are Christians, yet have retained an intact system of ritual beliefs passed down from their ancestors. Legends say that the early Toraja people came from the north, possibly Indochina, and were blown off-course by a storm. Their stilt-raised, boat-shaped houses perhaps reflect this seafaring legacy, with a soaring “prow” that slopes skyward, and gables adorned by stylized carvings.

The Toraja bury their dead in graves chiseled into vertical cliffsides, in keeping with the belief that ancestors repose halfway between heaven and earth. Beside these honeycombed graves, gazing out over the valleys are life-like wooden effigies, providing a receptacle for their souls to guard the gravesites. We explore local villages and admire the gravesites, markets,

and ornate rice barns of the region. We return to the ship late this evening and sail southward into the Flores Sea.

Sunday, March 14

TIGER ISLANDS

Beautiful warm waters encircle the Tiger Islands and we make a stop this afternoon to snorkel or dive in this kaleidoscopic wonderland. The colorful coral reefs are home to angelfish, fairy basslets, and butterflyfish among hundreds of other species.

Monday, March 15

KOMODO ISLAND

Komodo Island National Park is a sanctuary for the fabled prehistoric giant monitor lizard, the Komodo dragon (known as *oras* by the locals), which exists only here and on nearby Rinca. A guided walk along a forested pathway leads us to a viewing area for a close inspection of these enormous reptiles which grow up to 10 feet in length and weigh up to 300 pounds. The surrounding forest is home to Javan rusa deer, the favorite prey of the Komodo dragons, as well as elegant yellow-crested cockatoos, friarbirds, and megapodes.

In the afternoon enjoy snorkeling or diving over the undersea spectacle off the lovely

TORAJA CLIFF-SIDE GRAVE



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KOMODO DRAGON





© Rodica Woodbury

© Holly Faithful

“pink beach.” Or, from our glass bottom boat we spot shimmering tropical fish such as the striped clownfish nestled among the protective tentacles of its sea anemone host, or a spotted grouper lazily swimming past a flamboyant coral sea fan. As we leave this magical place we may spot whales cruising the straits.

Tuesday, March 16

SUMBAWA ISLAND / SATONDA ISLAND

After breakfast Zodiacs bring us to the shores of Sumbawa Island, home to the massive Tambora Volcano whose 1815 eruption was the largest in recorded history, turning the following year into one without a summer around the globe. Local villagers greet us with traditional drumming, dances, and a mock wedding ceremony. We also cheer on a pole-climbing competition where agile young boys shimmy up a tall coconut palm pole in a race to see who can reach bags of goodies dangling from the top.

As we enjoy lunch on board, the ship travels just a few miles to deserted Satonda, a small circular island that is an ancient volcanic cone itself. It is here where we enjoy our final snorkeling and diving excursions over enchanting reefs. Or, ascend the path over the ridge to view the island’s interior sacred

lake, whose surrounding trees are adorned with “wish stones” hung from the branches by local visitors who believe their wish will come true when the wind blows the stones down.

Wednesday, March 17

BENOA, BALI / DISEMBARK CLIPPER ODYSSEY / SANUR

In the morning we disembark in Benoa, Bali. For centuries Bali has captivated the imagination of artists, writers, and travelers with its landscapes of emerald terraced rice fields, lush forests dwarfed by the sacred volcano, Mt. Batur, and exquisite Hindu temples. We drive to Ubud where artisans display their expertise in painting, sculpture, silver-working, and batik. Enjoy time to visit some of the countless galleries and artisan workshops. We continue to Sanur, an expansive beachfront area, where we enjoy dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, March 18

SANUR / DENPASAR / USA

We have breakfast at our hotel with the rest of the morning at leisure. After lunch transfer to the airport for your independent flight to the USA, arriving the same day due to crossing the International Date Line.



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BALINESE WOMAN

Terms & Conditions

1. RESERVATIONS: 25% of the expedition fare, along with a completed and signed Reservation Form, will reserve a place for you on this Zegrahm Holdings LLC, d/b/a Zegrahm Expeditions (ZE), program. The balance of the expedition fare is due 120 days prior to departure. Air fare is also due at this time. All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Credit cards accepted for deposit only.

2. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by ZE. At the time we receive your written cancellation, the following penalties will apply:

- 120 days or more prior to departure:
\$500 per person
- 60 through 119 days prior to departure:
50% of expedition fare
- 1 through 59 days prior to departure:
100% of expedition fare

Some air fare may be nonrefundable. Once an expedition has departed, there will be no refunds from ZE for any unused portions of the trip. The above policy also applies to all extensions and independent travel arrangements made in conjunction with this program.

3. TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION INSURANCE: We strongly advise that all travelers purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance as protection against an emergency that may force you to cancel or leave an expedition while it is in progress. A brochure describing coverage will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation.

4. SHARE POLICY: Accommodations on all ZE programs are based on double occupancy. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, a roommate will be assigned to you whenever possible. When pairing roommates, we will always pair participants of the same sex. All shared accommodations are nonsmoking. If it is not possible to pair you with a roommate, you may be asked to pay a single supplement for the land portion of the program.

5. MEDICAL INFORMATION: Participation in a ZE program requires that you be in generally good health. It is essential that persons with any medical problems and related dietary restrictions make them known to us well before departure. We can counsel you on whether the expedition you have selected is appropriate for you.

The tour leader has the right to disqualify any participant at any time during the tour if he or she feels the participant is physically incapable and/or if a participant's continued participation will jeopardize either the individual involved or the group. There will be no refund given under these circumstances.

6. SCUBA DIVING: Limited to the first 16 Advanced Open Water certified scuba divers who complete provided forms; due dates strictly enforced. Must have completed two open water dives within the 12 months prior to trip departure.

7. LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS: Luggage size and weight limitations for both checked and carry-on luggage, imposed by the airlines or as an operational requirement due to type of aircraft, will apply for flights to/from/within this program. Specifications will be provided with pre-departure materials.

8. FUEL COST INCREASES AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATION: In order to keep rates as low as possible, we do not build into the trip fare an allowance to cover possible increases from

fuel costs or currency fluctuations. Therefore, as fuel-cost increases may occur and currencies do fluctuate around the world, it may be necessary for us to initiate a rate surcharge at any time before departure if there are exceptional cost increases beyond our control.

9. ITINERARY CHANGES & TRIP DELAY: Itineraries are based on information available at the time of printing and are subject to change. ZE reserves the right to change a program's dates, staff, itineraries, or accommodations as conditions warrant. If a trip must be delayed or the itinerary changed due to bad weather, road conditions, transportation delays, government intervention, airline schedules, sickness, or other contingency for which ZE or its agents cannot make provision, the cost of delays or changes is not included.

10. ITINERARY CANCELLATION: ZE reserves the right to cancel an itinerary before departure for any reason whatsoever, including too few participants or logistical problems such as strikes, wars, acts of God, or any other circumstances that may make operation of the trip inadvisable. All trip payments received will be promptly refunded, and this refund will be the limit of ZE's liability. ZE is not responsible for any expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the trip, including nonrefundable or penalty-carrying airline tickets, special clothing, visa or passport fees, or other trip-related expenses.

11. PARTICIPATION: ZE reserves the right to decline to accept any individual as a trip member for any reason whatsoever.

12. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY: This section defines ZE's responsibility with respect to all of our trips, including extensions and independent arrangements. Please read it carefully.

ZE, its Owners, Agents, and Employees give notice that they act only as the agent for the owners, contractors, and suppliers providing means of transportation and/or all other related travel services and assume no responsibility howsoever caused for injury, loss, or damage to person or property in connection with any service resulting directly from: acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays, expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, terrorism, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or changes in transit or hotel services over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in the itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well-being of the passengers.

As described in item 8 above, all prices are subject to change.

As described in item 10 above, in the event that an expedition must be cancelled, ZE is not responsible for any personal expenses incurred by trip members in preparing for the program.

Certain ship owners require use of preprinted ticket forms that limit the ship owner's and operator's liability. When such tickets are used, you are generally bound by the terms of these tickets with respect to your legal relationship to the owner and operators of the ship, their agent (ZE), and the ship's crew.

On advancement of deposit to ZE, the depositor acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the above recited terms and conditions, and agrees to be bound by them.

California Seller of Travel Program Registration #2031043-40

What to Expect

For most activities, a moderate level of exertion is required. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs and tenders for diving and snorkeling activities and nature walks (staff and crew members will be on hand to assist). Snorkeling and diving activities may begin from the Zodiacs or from beaches. Opportunities for drift snorkeling and diving offer an exhilarating but challenging way to experience the underwater realm. You must be able to walk moderate distances, unaided, over beaches and sometimes rough terrain. Temperatures will range from the low 70s to the high 80s°F, with the possibility of some days reaching the low 90s°F.

As on all Zegrahm voyages, you will travel with experienced leaders and a renowned lecture team of naturalists and historians who will add insight to both the cultural and natural riches you will encounter. We will mail you a complete list of recommended clothing and a suggested reading list approximately five months prior to departure. Participants will most enjoy the remarkable opportunities these expeditions offer if they travel with a spirit of adventure.



Expedition leaders

Our team of expert leaders and lecturers serves to bring a comprehensive educational component to your adventure through lectures, guided excursions, and daily recaps.

MIKE MESSICK (EXPEDITION LEADER) – One of the best expedition leaders in the business, Mike embarked on a full-time career in adventure travel shortly after graduation and has since visited more than 170 countries around the world. He is a member of The Explorers Club, holds a U.S. Coast Guard captain's license, and has his scuba instructor certificate from NAUI. In 1990 Mike and six others founded Zegrahm Expeditions.

KEVIN CLEMENT – Although his specialty is subarctic ecology, Kevin's work as a naturalist and adventure travel guide has taken him from his home in Alaska to all seven continents. He has worked in several national parks and has guided groups in whitewater rafts, sea kayaks, and on foot. Kevin is a director of Zegrahm Expeditions and he holds certifications in scuba diving, swiftwater rescue, and wilderness medicine, as well as a Coast Guard Master's license. He is also an artist. His artwork has appeared in galleries and gift shops across Alaska and elsewhere.

JONATHAN ROSSOUW – Jonathan is a medical doctor by profession; however, his lifelong interest in wildlife has resulted in extensive travels throughout the world. He is the author of the acclaimed *Where to Watch Birds in Uganda* and birding site guides to Southern Africa and Madagascar. He is equally enthusiastic about mammals and coral reef fishes as he is with his specialties, birds and reptiles. Jonathan is a director of Zegrahm Expeditions; he leads travelers on expeditions to all seven continents and scouts new destinations for Eco-Expeditions.

THOMAS AND NATALIA BAECHTOLD – Thomas and Natalia's ceaseless passion for the outdoors, natural history, and photography has taken them on many expeditions around the globe. Certified as scuba diving professionals by PADI, they focus mainly on the underwater world. Thomas has worked on expedition ships and dive live-aboards, giving him the opportunity to explore all seven continents over the last twelve years. Natalia's training in business management has allowed her to hold various managerial positions in a variety of fields, ranging from retail pharmacy to hospitality. For four years Thomas and Natalia lived in the Republic of Palau, acting as operations managers and underwater videographers at a well-established dive and kayaking facility. Their work as freelance photographers has been featured in many publications and videos.

CONRAD FIELD – A resident of Homer, Alaska, Conrad is a professional naturalist and biologist. He and his wife, Carmen, own Northcountry Nature, a small natural history publisher, and together have written and published guides and children's books on marine life. Since 1989 Conrad has been a naturalist-lecturer aboard a variety of expedition vessels, where he has lectured on natural history, seabird biology, marine mammals, marine invertebrate life, and local flora and fauna.

KIM JANE SAUNDERS – A teacher and writer, Kim is a graduate of international politics and history. She has lived in Hong Kong and Indonesia, and has traveled extensively throughout East and Southeast Asia. She is the author of *Contemporary Tie and Dye Textiles in Indonesia* and is engaged in research on tourism and handicraft production in Southeast Asia. Currently living in Singapore, Kim is a lecturer and consultant and also works with the travel and tourism industry, promoting awareness and appreciation for locally produced Southeast Asian handicrafts.

PEPPER TRAIL (VOYAGE II ONLY) – Dr. Pepper Trail is an ornithologist, conservationist, photographer, and writer. Since 1994, he has lived in Ashland, Oregon, where he is a senior analyst at the U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory. As the nation's only forensic ornithologist, he is responsible for identifying all bird remains submitted in investigations of wildlife crimes. He has led expeditions to all seven continents.

CRAIG WARD – A dive instructor, marine biologist, and ship captain, Craig has also spent the past 12 years involved in marine research and education throughout the Indo-Pacific, particularly the Northern Great Barrier Reef, the Kimberley, Southeast Asia, Papua New Guinea, and New Zealand. Along with running a marine expedition services company, he established a crocodile monitoring program in the Daintree World Heritage area. He currently lives in northern Australia where he is actively involved in conservation research.

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☐ VOYAGE I: **FEBRUARY 15 – MARCH 6, 2010**

☐ VOYAGE II: **MARCH 2 – 18, 2010**

☐ COMBO VOYAGE: **FEBRUARY 15 – MARCH 18, 2010**

Name #1 *(As it appears on passport)*

(Preferred name)

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(Office)

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CABIN CATEGORY: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ Suite

ACCOMMODATIONS: ☐ Twin ☐ Share *(roommate to be assigned)* ☐ Single

I AM/WE ARE: ☐ Nonsmokers ☐ Smokers

SCUBA DIVING: Limited to 16 Advanced Open Water (AOW) certified scuba divers.

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(Name) I am/will be an AOW certified scuba diver and I intend to dive on this program.

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DEPOSIT INFORMATION:

☐ Enclosed is a deposit check for \$ _____ *(25% per person of the program fare)*

☐ Charge 25% deposit per person to: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

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I/We have read and understand the enclosed Terms & Conditions for this program and agree to abide by them.

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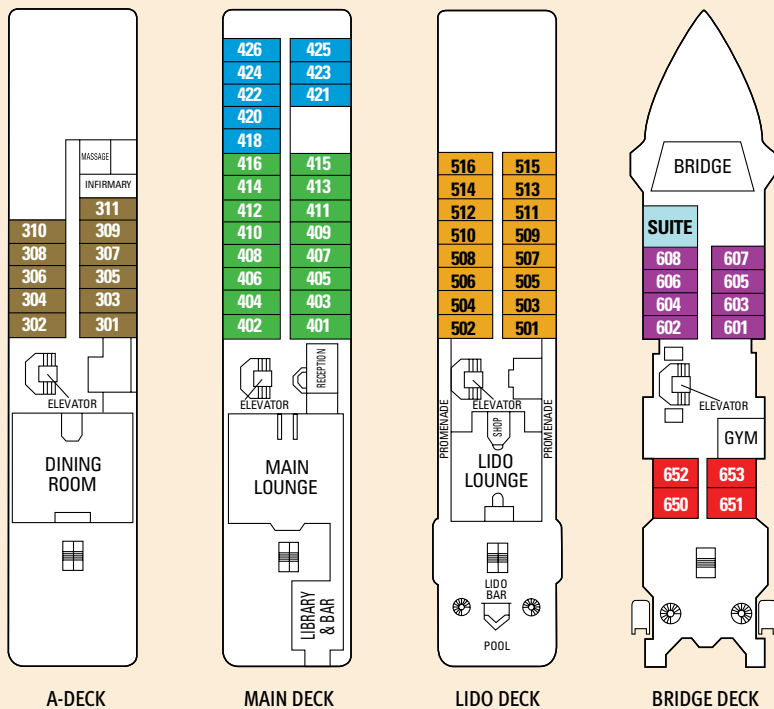
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CLIPPER ODYSSEY



CATEGORY	VOYAGE I	VOYAGE II	COMBO	SAVINGS
CATEGORY 1	\$10,280	\$9,380	\$18,960	\$700
CATEGORY 2	\$10,980	\$9,980	\$20,160	\$800
CATEGORY 3	\$11,780	\$10,680	\$21,560	\$900
CATEGORY 4	\$12,580	\$11,380	\$22,960	\$1,000
CATEGORY 5	\$13,480	\$12,180	\$24,560	\$1,100
CATEGORY 6	\$14,380	\$12,980	\$26,160	\$1,200
SUITE	\$17,380	\$15,980	\$31,960	\$1,400
SINGLE/CAT 2	\$17,580	\$15,980	\$32,360	\$1,200
SINGLE/CAT 3	\$18,880	\$16,980	\$34,510	\$1,350

Limited singles available at the quoted single rate above. Additional singles may be available at 1.7 times the share rate (suite not applicable).

INCLUDED: Accommodations in our hotels and on board *Clipper Odyssey* as outlined in the itinerary; all onboard meals; all group meals on land; group transfers; services of the expedition staff, including lectures, briefings, slide/film shows; all group activities and excursions; landing and port fees; all gratuities.

NOT INCLUDED: All air transportation; excess baggage charges; airport arrival and departure taxes; transfers for independent arrivals and departures; passport and/or visa fees; travel insurance; items of a personal nature such as laundry, bar charges, alcoholic beverages, e-mail/fax/Internet/telephone charges; scuba diving fees and equipment where required.

AIR FARE: A tentative flight schedule is available upon request. Zegrahm Expeditions will contact you approximately 180 days prior to the departure of this program to finalize your flight plans. As of February 2009, the approximate economy air fare as listed in the itinerary for Voyage I is \$2,220 for Los Angeles/Brisbane/Port Moresby – Manado/Singapore/Los Angeles; for Voyage II it is \$1,850 for Los Angeles/Singapore/Manado – Denpasar/Los Angeles; and for the Combo Voyage it is \$2,185 for Los Angeles/Brisbane/Port Moresby – Denpasar/Los Angeles. Additional fares from other cities will be quoted as needed.

COMBINATION VOYAGE: You will receive a \$500 savings, per person, if you decide to combine your expedition with our New Zealand to New Guinea voyage prior to Voyage I. Please contact our office for more information or to receive a brochure.

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The *Clipper Odyssey* is a 110-passenger luxury vessel, ideally suited for expedition cruising. She carries a fleet of Zodiacs, which allows us to land anywhere nature or curiosity dictates, and a glass-bottom boat, giving us a topside-look at the undersea world. All cabins have an ocean view, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air conditioner, in-room music system, and sitting area with sofa. Passengers can track the progress of their voyage on the Global Positioning System broadcast in each cabin. Beds can be configured for twin or queen-size sleeping arrangements. All cabins have an en suite bathroom with shower. The *Clipper Odyssey* maintains a gourmet kitchen, providing American and international specialties. Facilities on board the *Clipper Odyssey* include a dining room, lounge, small library and gym, outdoor pool, massage room, and gift shop. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Clipper Odyssey* has an infirmary staffed by a registered physician and a sophisticated telecommunications system permitting Internet access and telephone and fax communication with any location around the world. Ship registry: Bahamas.

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