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Micronesia Revealed: a voyage in the true spirit of expedition cruising

In the true spirit of expedition cruising explore some of the world's greatest environmental and maritime treasures, pristine in isolation, far from the tourist mainstream. This *Orion II Micronesia Revealed* twelve night voyage between Rabaul and Palau combines some of the world's best snorkelling and diving spots, World War II battle sites, shipwrecks, chains of coral atolls and remote island cultures.

Snorkel with manta rays on untouched coral reefs the size of suburbs or dive the shipwrecks of Truk Lagoon. Join friendly villagers to absorb their rhythmic, throbbing, traditional dances. Visit outlying islands where visitors are a rarity, even today.

Exploring the vastness of the world's largest ocean, the Captain will be checking the charts for remote atolls among this scattering of 600 plus islands – a perfect workout for the Zodiacs and the chance to visit places where man rarely steps ashore.

From virgin forests and the unique birdlife in Tingwon to the cultural traditions of Manus and Yap, the Japanese ship graveyard of Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon, and a great eco system of coral reefs, you will be enthralled as we explore the oceanic wonder of Micronesia.

Palau, with its famed Rock Islands, regarded by many as the most beautiful island group on the planet - 200 limestone islands, topped with jungle, sitting in transparent waters - is a fitting conclusion.

Special offer: Save 40%

Fares from \$5,320 (usually \$8,870) per person, twin share for an ocean view Category B suite – representing a saving of 40% if booked before 30 November 2011

Itinerary:

Disembark the optional direct charter flight from Cairns and board *Orion II* in Rabaul for the twelve night *Micronesia Revealed Voyage of Discovery*.

Cairns / Rabaul, Papua New Guinea / Tingwon Island / Nauna, Manus Province / Lorengau, Manus Province / Truk Lagoon (Chuuk) / Satawal Atoll, Yap State / Ifalik Atoll, Yap State / Woleai Islands, Yap State / Sorol Atoll, Yap State / Yap, Yap State / Ngulu Atoll, Yap State / Koror, Palau (overnight onboard) / Koror, **Palau**

Details of *Micronesia Revealed* voyage itinerary available at http://www.orionexpeditions.com/expeditions/micronesia/voyage_summary

For reservations, or to obtain an Orion brochure featuring *Micronesia* and itineraries for 69 voyages to 17 countries and 174 destinations stretching from Antarctica to the Russian Far East, call Orion Expedition Cruises: 61-2 9033 8777 (Sydney callers) 1300 361 012 (regional and interstate) / 0800 444 462 (New Zealand) or see your travel agent. Email: info@orionexpeditions.com

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