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Papua New Guinea's Hidden Secrets

CAIRNS / Samarai Islands / Deboyne Lagoon / Trobriand Islands / Tufi / Morobe Harbour / Tami Islands / Tuam Island / **MADANG**

EXPEDITION DATES

9 October 2025

19 October 2026

PASPALEY PEARL



Your 11-Day Cultural Adventure Experiencing Papua New Guinea's Coastal Diversity.

Welcome to your Papua New Guinea expedition—where ancient traditions thrive across 800 distinct cultures, and every village welcomes you into ways of life unchanged for millennia.

Over the next 11 days, you'll paddle traditional outrigger canoes through Tufi's mysterious fjords, witness elaborate ceremonies in remote tribal villages, and snorkel above WWII wrecks in crystal-clear lagoons. This isn't cultural tourism—you'll participate in traditional sago production, and learn ancient carving techniques from master artisans.

Each morning brings new cultural encounters as we navigate between volcanic islands and pristine coral atolls. You'll step ashore to traditional welcomes featuring colourful

adornments and rhythmic dances, be introduced to the famous Kula exchange ceremonies spanning 18 island communities, and witness tapa cloth creation using techniques passed down through countless generations.

From exploring colonial remnants on Samarai Island—once called the "Pearl of the Pacific"—every encounter becomes part of your shared story.

Our small expedition community of just 30 guests ensures genuine cultural exchanges rather than staged performances.

This is cultural immersion as it should be: authentic, respectful, and utterly transformative. Your Papua New Guinea adventure begins the moment you board *Paspaley Pearl*.

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ITINERARY

The itinerary below is provided as an example only, mother nature will be our guide. Our voyages are true expeditions, where each day's activities will be determined by the Expedition Leader and Captain taking into account the tide, weather, sea conditions and chance encounters.

Day 1: Cairns, Australia

Board *Paspaley Pearl* in tropical Queensland, gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest. Meet fellow adventurers over welcome cocktails while our expedition team prepares you for transformative cultural encounters across Papua New Guinea's extraordinary diversity of 800 distinct languages and traditions.

Days 2-3: At Sea

Connect with your expedition community during our Coral Sea crossing as cultural experts introduce Papua New Guinea's remarkable diversity. Learn basic Tok Pisin greetings, understand traditional customs you'll witness, and study art forms we'll encounter while keeping an eye out spotting marine life from the deck.

Day 4: Samarai Islands

Explore colonial remnants on the former "Pearl of the Pacific" and visit Kwato Island's historic mission. Walk tree-lined roads where traders once operated, then discover the stone church built in 1937 and learn how expert boat-building skills later supported Australian Coastwatchers during WWII.

Day 5: Deboyne Lagoon

Experience traditional subsistence village life in this stunning triangular atoll where crystal-clear waters surround palm-fringed islands. Interact with welcoming communities, and snorkel above a Japanese Zero fighter plane resting since the 1942 Battle of the Coral Sea.

Day 6: Trobriand Islands

Witness traditional dances on the famous "Islands of Love" where elaborate costumes and rhythmic movements retain ancestral power. Participate in Kula exchange ceremonies spanning 18 island communities, handling sacred valuables that establish lifelong relationships and bind communities across vast ocean distances.

Day 7: Tufi

Board traditional outrigger canoes to explore the dramatic volcanic fjords rising 150 meters from the water. Witness authentic sago production using unchanged traditional techniques, participate in tapa cloth creation with natural dyes, and swim in pristine waters surrounded by Papua New Guinea's most spectacular landscapes.

Day 8: Morobe Harbour

Experience authentic coastal village life where traditional fishing, canoe building, and subsistence farming continue unchanged. Join village walks observing daily activities, then cheer traditional canoe races staged in your honour while learning the cultural significance of vessel construction in coastal societies.

Day 9: Tami Islands

Discover the Pacific's most influential art production centre where the famous "Tami style" wooden bowls, religious figures, and ceremonial masks are created. Try basic carving under expert guidance, fish using traditional methods, and swim in crystal-clear lagoons.

Day 10: Tuam Island

Experience exceptional warmth through traditional music and dance performances showcasing exchanges between mainland and archipelago traditions. Despite its modest size, this culturally rich island reflects Papua New Guinea's extraordinary diversity through ceremonies, songs, and stories shared by welcoming families.

Day 11: Madang

Conclude your cultural odyssey in the "Pearl of the South Pacific," where volcanic islands dot the natural harbour. Visit local markets showcasing regional diversity, observe how traditional and modern influences blend, carrying memories of genuine cultural exchanges and transformative community connections.





SUN DECK



OCEAN LOUNGE



SUNDECK - JACUZZI



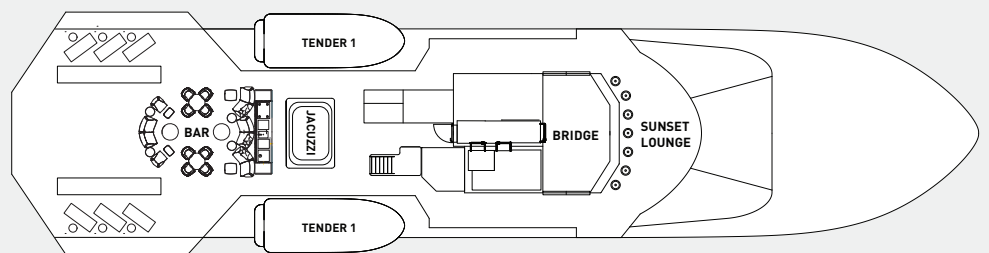
HORIZON GRILL, LOUNGE & BAR



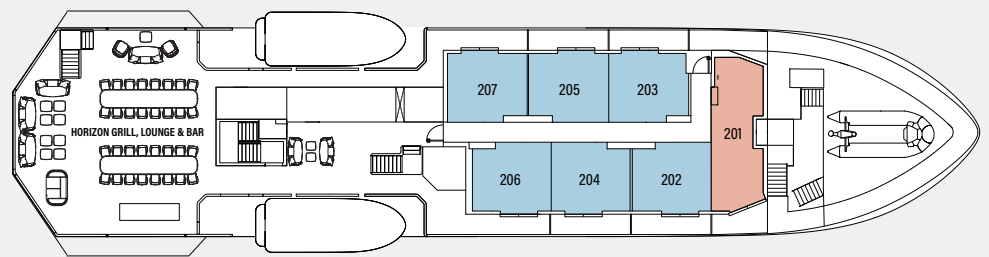
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PASPALY PEARL AT DUSK



SUN DECK



HORIZON DECK



OCEAN DECK

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| | PRICING 2025 | PRICING 2026 |
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| NIGHTS | 10 | 10 |
| Ocean Double Stateroom* | \$17,495 | \$18,495 |
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| Ocean Stateroom | \$19,995 | \$20,995 |
| Horizon Suite | \$23,995 | \$25,995 |
| Pearl Suite | \$28,995 | \$30,995 |

Prices are in AUD\$ per person based on twin share. Single supplement pricing is available on application. *Sole occupancy of stateroom #107 attracts no single surcharge.

- Ocean Double Stateroom*
14sqm / Double Bed
- Ocean Twin Stateroom
16sqm / Twin Bed
- Ocean Stateroom
17.5, 18sqm / Queen Bed
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20sqm inc. balcony / Queen Bed
- Pearl Suite
27sqm inc. balcony / Queen Bed

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