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SOUTH PACIFIC CRUISE: PAPUA NEW GUINEA & SOLOMON ISLANDS (2024)

Discover a vast South Pacific paradise of
stunning coral reefs, remote tropical islands,
pristine white-sand beaches and towering
volcanic mountains.

Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



New Zealand & South Pacific,
Papua New Guinea



14 days from AU\$25,220 pp



148 Guests

Journey Overview

Discover a vast South Pacific paradise of stunning coral reefs, remote tropical islands, pristine white-sand beaches and towering volcanic mountains with diving, snorkelling and Zodiac shore excursions led by your A&K Expedition Team. Your voyage also reveals the islands' diverse Indigenous cultures, as well as their fascinating World War II historic sites.

Journey Highlights

- Cruise for 12 nights on an exclusively chartered A&K expedition revealing the hidden gems of the South Pacific
- Embark on thrilling Zodiac excursions with your Expedition Team
- Encounter spectacular marine life as you dive or snorkel some of the world's most vibrant reefs
- Uncover the natural and cultural riches of Papua New Guinea, the island of a thousand languages
- Go ashore in remote island villages to explore the traditions of diverse Indigenous peoples
- Visit historic sites that shaped the outcome of World War II
- Soak in the sun with opportunities for beach breaks and relaxation

Special Offers

- Save Up to \$4,610 per person on all stateroom categories and suites
- 75% off single supplement
- Second Guest Sails for 50% off: Book two people in a double occupancy stateroom or suite and the second guest will receive 50% off the price of their cruise.

Contact us or your Travel Advisor for more information.

Take 10 with an A&K Expert to Hear More About This Journey



Itinerary

Oct 17: Arrive Cairns, Australia

Arrive in Cairns and meet your fellow guests. Later, board your luxurious small ship and embark. Enjoy a welcome reception on board this evening.

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Oct 18: At Sea | Cruising to Papua New Guinea

Cruise north toward Papua New Guinea as your enrichment program begins with engaging presentations by the A&K Expedition Team.

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Oct 19: Milne Bay | Gateway to Adventure

Today, cruise into Milne Bay and come ashore in the Papua New Guinea port of Alotau. Once ashore, you might explore traditional village life, learn about the legacy of the war canoe or visit the Milne Bay War Memorial.

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Oct 20: Fergusson & Dobu Islands | Hot Spring Paradise

Your Captain charts a course for Fergusson Island, a stunning enclave of mountains, rainforests and geysers. Here, you might venture into the rainforest in search of exotic bird species and remote hot springs. Alternatively, swim before heading back to the ship. Then, cruise to Dobu, a remote island renowned for its vibrant Indigenous culture. You may choose to come ashore and visit a local village, or snorkel or dive.

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Oct 21: Cape Nelson | Tropical Fjord Lands

Cruise to Cape Nelson and come ashore amid the fjord lands surrounding the port of Tufi. Here, you might explore local Indigenous traditions, enjoy some birdwatching, relax on the beach, or dive or snorkel the reefs.

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Oct 22: Tami Islands | Hidden Lagoon

Today, explore the Tami Islands, a small group of coral atolls surrounded by reefs and cays. The largest island is renowned for a crystal-clear lagoon abundant with marine life and stunning coral formations. Here, you may choose to dive or snorkel amid Spanish dancer jellyfish, blue sea star and pelagic fish. Alternatively, explore the flora, fauna and colourful birds that call this island paradise home.

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Oct 23: Trobriand Islands | Indigenous Cultures

Cruise to the Trobriand Islands, a remote bastion of traditional Indigenous culture. You might choose to come ashore on Kuiawa Island, where you visit a local primary school and learn about traditional dancing, woodcarving and gardening. Or, you might opt to snorkel or dive amid surgeonfish, rabbitfish, clownfish, damselfish and snapper, as well as table, bran and leather corals.

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Oct 24: At Sea | Cruising to the Solomon Islands

Sail east toward the Solomon Islands today, taking the opportunity to enjoy the amenities, enrichment lectures and conversations with your Expedition Team.

'Le Laperouse' / Meals: BLD

Oct 25: Ghizo & Njari Islands | Soul of the Solomons

Your exploration of the Solomon Islands begins in Gizo, the historic port town of Ghizo Island. Once ashore, you may choose to visit Gizo's markets and learn about its renowned woodcarving tradition. You may also take advantage of the island's world-class snorkelling and diving. Cruise onward to Njari, an uninhabited island renowned the world over for its spectacular diving and snorkelling. Here, you can opt to dive into an underwater realm of coral gardens, blacktip reef shark, damselfish and octopus.

'Le Laperouse' / Meals: BLD

Oct 26: Russell Islands | Historic Allied Outpost

Sail southeastward to the Russell Islands of Pavuvu and Mbanika, two islands that served as Allied bases during World War II. When these bases were abandoned in 1945, much of the military machinery was dumped into the sea. Snorkel and explore with your Expedition Team, or opt for a local village visit revealing the island's cultural traditions, natural wonders and rich World War II history.

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Oct 27: Roderick Bay | Wreck of the 'World Discoverer'

Sail into Roderick Bay, a tropical postcard framed by sandy island beaches. Go ashore to learn about the local Indigenous culture; take in the wreck of the 'World Discoverer,' a ship that beached here in 2001; or snorkel or dive the bay's stunning reefs.

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Oct 28: Rennell Island | Exotic Wildlife Haven

Today, explore Rennell Island, one of the world's largest raised coral atolls and home to Lake Tegano, a former lagoon that now harbors a wealth of endemic species. Go ashore in search of the island's exotic birds, snakes, snails and crabs; hike the cliffs surrounding the UNESCO listed Lake Tegano; or snorkel the vibrant reefs of Kangava Bay.

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Oct 29: Guadalcanal | Decisive Pacific Battlefield

Disembark in Honiara, the main port of Guadalcanal, an island that witnessed one of the most decisive battles of World War II. Once ashore, tour historic military sites such as Henderson Field. Then, catch a charter flight back to Cairns, where you transfer to the Crystalbrook Riley.

Crystalbrook Riley / Meals: BLD

Oct 30: Depart Cairns, Australia

This morning, transfer to the airport and return home.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain.

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Honiara/Cairns Economy Class flights included.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4-8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing on Oct 17.

Last group event: disembarkation on Oct 29.

Included with this Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Map



Accommodation

Le Laperouse



Cruise in intimate luxury aboard brand-new, exclusively chartered mega-yacht 'Le Laperouse', featuring a guest capacity limited to just 148 on A&K voyages and the leadership of our unrivalled Expedition Team. With the signature luxuries of an A&K expedition cruise, each stylish stateroom and suite has a private balcony. Meanwhile, sleek public spaces include a state-of-the-art, interactive underwater lounge, a panoramic lounge with abundant ocean vistas, a main lounge for live music, and a theatre for enriching lectures and special events. Added amenities include an outdoor heated pool, multiple observation areas, a marina for Zodiac adventures, and a salon and spa with a hammam and well-equipped fitness centre. When it comes time to dine, experience lavish French fare, coupled with unlimited house drinks.

Ensuring no detail is overlooked, enjoy complimentary connectivity throughout your cruise and our exclusive Traveller's Valet laundry service.

Le Laperouse Details

- Overall length: 131 metres
- Beam: 18 metres
- Average speed: 15 knots
- Passenger decks: 6

- Passenger capacity: 184, but limited to 148 exclusively on A&K charters
- Crew and A&K staff: 122 (personnel-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.2)
- Gross tonnage: 9,900 GRT
- Standards: USPHS – U.S. Coast Guard’s Rules Comfort Class 1 – “Clean” Ship Certification (meets or exceeds all IMO, EPA, IAATO and AECO operating standards)
- Technology: Advanced dynamic positioning system and highly efficient stabilisers
- Flag: French
- Language: English on all A&K charters

Le Laperouse amenities

- Private balcony with every guest stateroom and suite
- Complimentary butler service with every category of suite (an exclusive on A&K charters only including welcome Champagne, nightly canapes, packing/unpacking on request and more)
- Stateroom and suite amenities include a hair dryer, large wardrobe and ample storage, safe, alarm clock, and luxury bath products
- Stateroom and suite electricity: 220v outlets — Europe 2-prong style (plus two 110/220 U.S. outlets)
- Sun Deck and multiple outer deck observation areas
- Outside heated pool
- Library with selection of books and games
- Two restaurants: Main and outdoor Grill
- Open bar with beer, wine, liquor, cocktails, soft drinks, coffee, tea and mineral water (excludes premium wines and spirits) Two lounges with bars: Main with live music and Panoramic with Terrace
- Complimentary 24-hour room service
- Complimentary in-cabin breakfast (on request)
- Three passenger elevators
- Fitness Centre with Kinesis® wall
- Full-service salon with spa, sauna and steam room
- Theatre with comfortable seating for all guests
- Boutique shop
- 24-hour medical facilities with certified doctor
- A&K’s complimentary Traveller’s Valet laundry service up to eight items (additional laundry available)
- Complimentary wireless Internet on A&K charters only (due to remote destinations, access and speed vary)

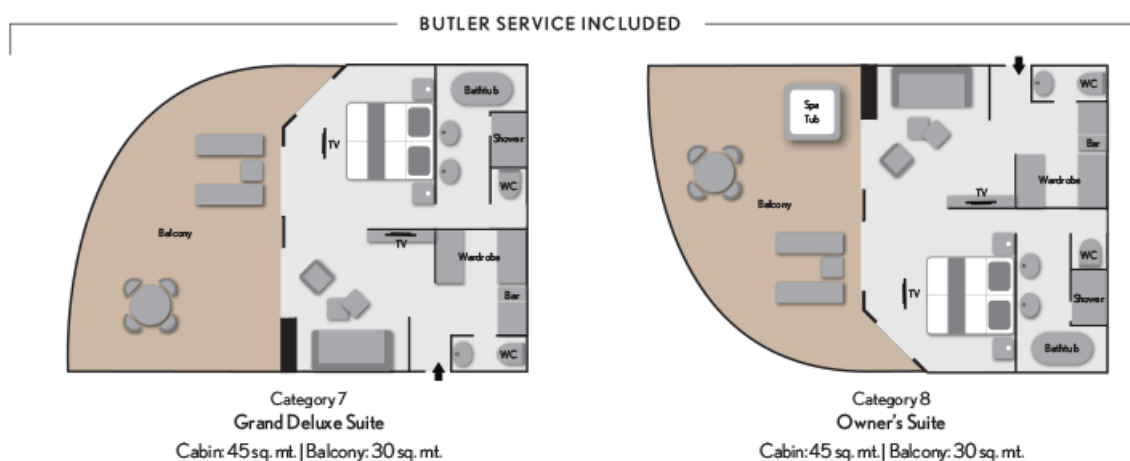
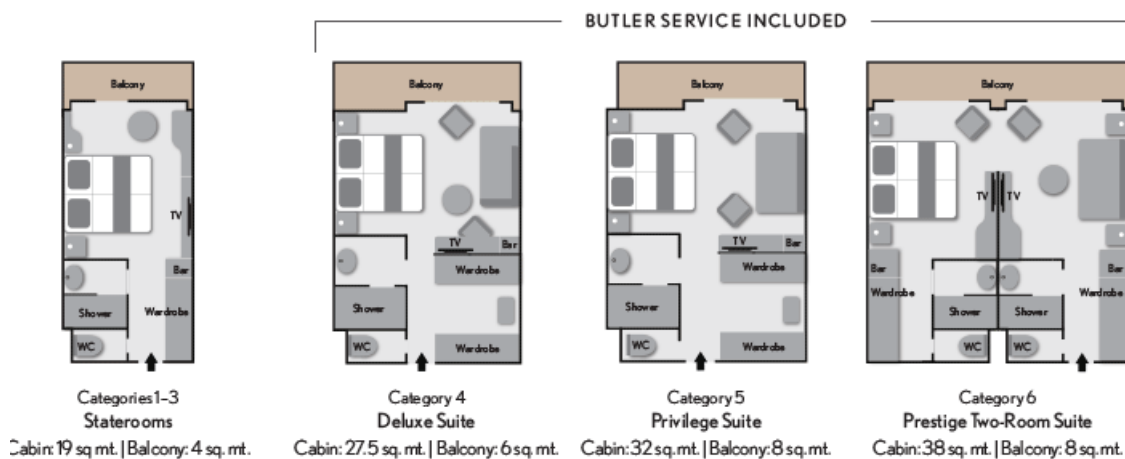
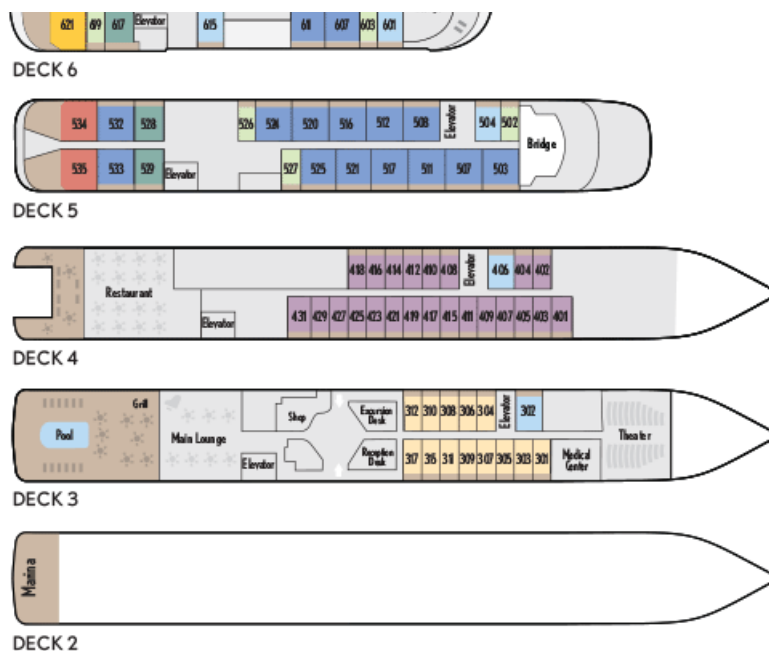
‘Le Laperouse’

- Category 1
Classic Stateroom
- Category 2
Deluxe Stateroom
- Category 3
Prestige Stateroom



- Category 4*
Deluxe Suite
- Category 5*
Privilege Suite
- Category 6*
Prestige Two-Room Suite
- Category 7*
Grand Deluxe Suite
- Category 8*
Owner's Suite

*Butler Service Included



Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Oct 17, 2024 - Oct 30, 2024

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Classic Stateroom - Category 1	AU\$29,830 NOW ONLY AU\$25,220 pp	AU\$20,300	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	AU\$33,675 NOW ONLY AU\$29,065 pp	AU\$23,070	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Prestige Stateroom - Category 3	AU\$36,755 NOW ONLY AU\$32,145 pp	AU\$25,375	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Deluxe Suite - Category 4	AU\$46,755 NOW ONLY AU\$42,145 pp	AU\$37,375	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Privilege Suite - Category 5	AU\$50,600 NOW ONLY AU\$45,990 pp	AU\$40,915	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Prestige Two-Room Suite - Category 6	AU\$61,370 NOW ONLY AU\$56,760 pp	AU\$50,610	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7	AU\$70,600 NOW ONLY AU\$65,990 pp	AU\$58,915	Included	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Owner's Suite - Category 8	AU\$75,215 NOW ONLY AU\$70,605 pp	AU\$63,070	Included	Call for Availability

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