

ORION

Orion, custom-made for expedition cruising, is a most sophisticated and luxurious small ship. 100 guests are accommodated in 5-star comfort and cared for by an attentive crew of 75. Bedrooms offer ocean views, space to relax, internet access and well-appointed marble bathrooms. On board facilities include a spa pool and sun deck, outdoor café for alfresco dining, outdoor bar, lecture theatre, lounge and cocktail bar, library, observation lounge, single-sitting restaurant, boutique, gymnasium, beauty salon and health spa. To provide access to remote locations there is a fleet of zodiacs with kayaks and snorkel equipment available for beach time. In addition *Orion* has a host of advanced design features including technology that sets new standards in sustainable marine environmental practices.

1. Elevator

2. Galaxy Observation Lounge

3. Vega Health Spa

4. Cosmos Lecture Theatre

5. Sun Deck with Jacuzzi

6. Bridge

7. Hairdresser

8. Boutique

9. Reception
10. Library

11. Leda Lounge

12. Outdoor Café

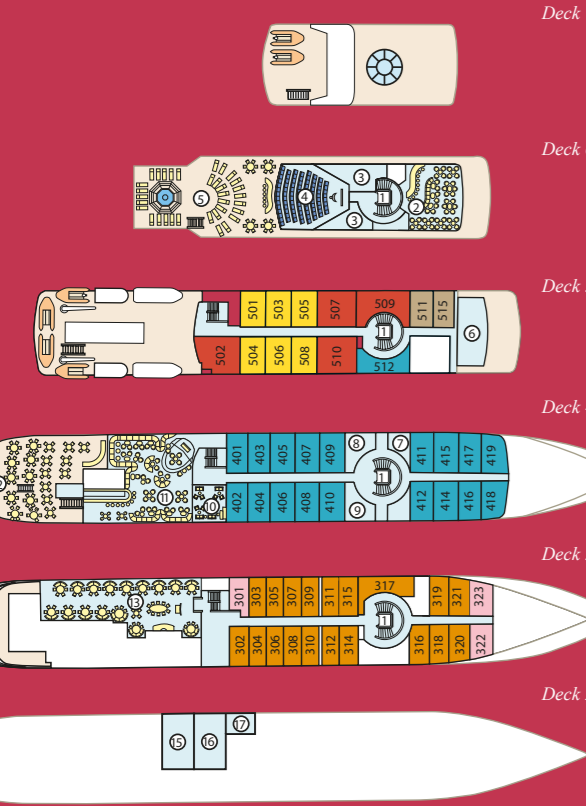
13. Constellation Restaurant

14. Stern Zodiac Embarkation Platform

15. Medical Centre

16. Mud Room

17. Side Zodiac Embarkation Platform



- Owner's Suite

Deluxe Suite

Oceanview Stateroom A
- French Balcony Suite

Junior Suite

Oceanview Stateroom B



Expedition Prices

Oceanview Stateroom B Deck 3:	£6,995 per person
Oceanview Stateroom A Deck 3:	£7,990 per person
Junior Suite Deck 4 and 5:	£9,250 per person
Deluxe Suite Deck 5:	£10,278 per person
French Balcony Suite Deck 5:	£11,990 per person
Owner's Suite Deck 5:	£13,995 per person

Single Occupancy Prices

Oceanview Stateroom B Deck 3:	£8,495 per person
Oceanview Stateroom A Deck 3:	£10,040 per person
Junior Suite Deck 4 and 5:	£11,460 per person

Flight upgrades are available on request.

Our option to charter Orion expires at the beginning of May 2013. Please book before the end of April to enable this wonderful expedition to go ahead!

Expedition cost includes:

Economy class scheduled international flights; accommodation throughout; all meals (except lunch 8 Oct), wine and soft drinks at lunch and dinner on board the ship; gratuities for ship's crew; shore visits with local guides, tips and transport as listed; entrance fees; portage; services of tour escorts and guest speakers; donation to Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust; one year's membership of the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust.

Expedition cost does NOT include:

Air passenger duty, passenger service charge, airline security charges, airport taxes and fuel surcharges where applicable (approximately £389 as at 19/11/12); lunch 8 Oct; travel insurance; visa costs (where applicable); items of a personal nature (e.g. laundry, internet, beauty and massage treatments, bar); government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication on 19/11/12; currency fluctuations (costs based 19/11/12 on £1 = US\$1.58, £1 = AU\$1.52).

Existing members of the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust will receive a reduction of £100 per person.

Please note a certain degree of fitness is required.



Tour Leader: Martin Thompson

Martin has always worked in the leisure industry. He started life as an hotelier which took him to Kenya for nine years, followed in 1982 by 15 years running Abercrombie and Kent before he went on to found The Ultimate Travel Company in 1998. He is well travelled and has a large amount of experience in leading tours to destinations worldwide.



Tour Planner: Amelia Dalton

Having operated her own small expedition vessel in Scotland, Amelia went on to establish a unique programme of cruises for one of the world's leading small luxury ship companies. For over 15 years, drawing on her knowledge of both the natural and cultural worlds, she has also planned and led numerous tours on both land and sea to a wide variety of destinations, including the three previous Durrell expeditions to the Indian Ocean and Central America.



Guest Lecturer: Dr Lee Durrell

Since childhood Lee has had a love and affinity for animals, studying animal behaviour as a postgraduate in Madagascar. Marriage to Gerald Durrell resulted in a unique 16 year wildlife partnership with numerous television series and accompanying books, such as *Ark on the Move*, *The Amateur Naturalist* and *Durrell in Russia* as well as her own book *The State of the Ark*. Lee established and managed the Trust's conservation programme in Madagascar from the mid '80s until 2000. As Honorary Director, she plays an important ambassadorial role for the Trust and maintains a key position on the Board of Trustees.



Guest Lecturer: Mick Fogg

After graduating as a Marine Biologist, Mick spent time on the Great Barrier Reef as the skipper of a dive vessel. Since his first visit to Indonesia in 2002 he has been fascinated by this eclectic country and he established his own expedition company there in 2003. Mick's involvement with saving the wild orang-utans and natural forests in Kalimantan, Borneo, has led to him to be appointed the first ambassador for Orangutan Foundation International (Australia). Mick has worked for Orion Expedition Cruises since 2006 leading expeditions around the South Pacific Ocean and he is also an award winning photographer.

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ORANG-UTANS, MONKEYS & DRAGONS

An exotic wildlife voyage to Borneo, Bali & Beyond
7 - 20 October, 2014



Tour Leader: Martin Thompson **Tour Planner:** Amelia Dalton
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Proboscis monkey



Komodo Dragon



Orion



I am delighted that the next Durrell expedition cruise – this time on the good ship Orion – will take us to a part of the world I have never explored, the gloriously exotic islands of Indonesia. I am already familiar with much of the wildlife through our conservation work on a number of Indonesian species at the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. But it will be thrilling to see these fascinating animals, from orang-utans to Komodo dragons, living free in their natural habitats.

We will take the trusty Orion zodiacs upriver in Borneo, meandering beneath rainforest canopies adorned with colourful birds, to see how the highly endangered Bornean orang-utan can be re-established in its wild home. On the famous island of Komodo, we will walk with dragons (not too close!) and on Bali engage with a conservation programme for a critically endangered species, the striking snow-white Rothschild mynah (Bali starling), by attending a traditional ceremony to bless the birds being released back to the wild.

The marine experience will be unmatched, with sailing through gorgeous archipelagos, snorkelling in the “coral triangle” and rambling along picturesque shores. Culturally, there are some unique activities in store for us: shopping in a “floating market” and cheering your favourite in the buffalo races.

I am so looking forward to the whole adventure, and I hope to be sharing it with you!

Lee Durrell

Lee Durrell, Jersey
1 November 2012

SUMATRA: 3 - 8 Oct

Cost £1,795 per person
Single Supplement £410

By also taking this 5 night pre-ship tour you will see both distinct species of orang-utan: the Sumatran and the Bornean orang-utan.

From the simple river-bank EcoLodge in Sumatra we will walk and picnic in one of the world's most biodiverse jungles - Bukit Lawang National Park. Through Durrell, and with Durrell-trained Dr Ian Singleton as our guide, we have exclusive access to the ‘off-limits’ Orang-utan Quarantine Centre. There will be time to see orang-utans feeding, explore rainforest trails, swim in the river and enjoy traditional ceremonies with bamboo horses, magic and an Indonesian buffet. Based at the stylish Mandarin Oriental in Singapore, we shall visit the revolutionary new Gardens at the Bay. Dominating the 250 acres of waterfront gardens are the extraordinary ‘supertrees’. Clad with exotic plants, they absorb rainwater and operate the cooling system for the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest Conservatories. By contrast, we will also visit the world famous Botanical Gardens founded in 1822 by the keen naturalist, Sir Stamford Raffles.

Please contact us for full details. Numbers are limited so please book this simultaneously with your ship reservation.



Gardens at the Bay, Singapore

7 & 8 Oct: Departing from London with Singapore Airlines, we fly overnight arriving in Singapore early morning. Exact times are unavailable at this stage, but flights will be tailored to ship's afternoon departure, with hotel day rooms, if necessary.

9 Oct: Our exotic voyage starts at a glorious ‘Robinson Crusoe’ powder-sand island, **Pulau Lintang** in the untouched **Anambas Archipelago**. Warm waters, soft sand and swaying palms will wash away any travelling woes at this picture-perfect tropical island. The snorkelling is superb with untouched corals and a myriad of colourful fish.

10 & 11 Oct: Time at sea over the next two days will provide opportunities to relax on deck or be entertained by our on-board experts whilst we journey southeast through the island chains of Indonesia. **Lee Durrell** and Borneo Expert **Mick Fogg** will enlighten us on **Borneo, Bali, Indonesian wildlife** and local issues.

12 Oct: From the small port of **Kumai** in **Southern Kalimantan**, Borneo, we penetrate deep up the **Sungai Sekonyer River**, using a combination of zodiacs and well-equipped local boats, to reach **Tanjung Puting National Park**. Cruising quietly between thick walls of dense tropical vegetation, our guides will point out the exotic wildlife on the river banks, before a short walk takes us into the Park to see ‘**The Man of the Forest**’, **orang-utans at Camp Leakey**. In addition to these extraordinary apes, **Tanjung Puting** is home to **proboscis monkeys**. Unique to Borneo and more threatened than the orang-utan, these bizarre monkeys are regularly visible on the river banks as we glide past. The Park is also home to **sun bears, clouded leopards, Sambar deer, spotted cats, gibbons**, plus more than **200** species of **tropical birds**, all in their natural rainforest habitat.



Banjarmasin

13 Oct: Today provides us with a peaceful day at sea before we travel up river to Banjarmasin, the ‘**Venice of the East**’.

14 Oct: Inaccessible **Banjarmasin**, lying on a curve of the Martapura River, is not on the regular traveller's radar. Berthed up river, we will have a full day to explore this rarely visited town, using local boats to access the net-work of **canals** and **stilt-villages**. **Floating markets**, vibrant with old-world charm where locals do their shopping, are juxtaposed with **Chinese temples** and royal heritage.

15 Oct: Turning south we have a restorative day at sea.

16 Oct: Today, we will be true explorers at the **Satengar Archipelago**, a barely visited group of islands with azure waters, soft sand and empty beaches encompassed within the world-famous ‘**Coral Triangle**’. A day walking the beaches, swimming and with superb snorkelling will provide another memorable day.

17 Oct: Not only fearsome **Komodo Dragons** will be our attraction at the spectacular jagged island of **Pulau Komodo**, with its jade green hillsides, deep valleys and stunning scenery. There are superb beaches of **pink sands** for us to enjoy and abundant bird life to watch. In addition the rich seas surrounding **Komodo** provide a wealth of marine life including **turtles, manta rays**, abundant **reef species** and some of the most sensational snorkelling in the world.

18 Oct: Thanks to our friends at **Durrell** our visit on **Nusa Penida** near **Bali** will be a conservation first. We shall visit the **Sanctuary** and join the village in their **Temple Ceremony** to bless a pair of the exotic captive bred **Rothschild mynah** birds and release them into the wild. The breeding of these beautiful birds, unique to **Bali**, is part of **Durrell's** impressive conservation work.

19 Oct: Our final remote island chain is unsophisticated **Sumbawa Besar** where local traditions and culture stem from the Makassarese people of Sulawesi and form a significant part of local life. We shall join the locals at **Pamulung village** for a traditional **boxing match** and **buffalo racing**. As the buffalo speed through the paddy fields, controlled by magic spells, towards a ritual figurine, the closest wins.

20 Oct: Departing from **Bali**, we shall return to the UK via Singapore, arriving in the late evening.



Rothschild mynah



Coral Triangle

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