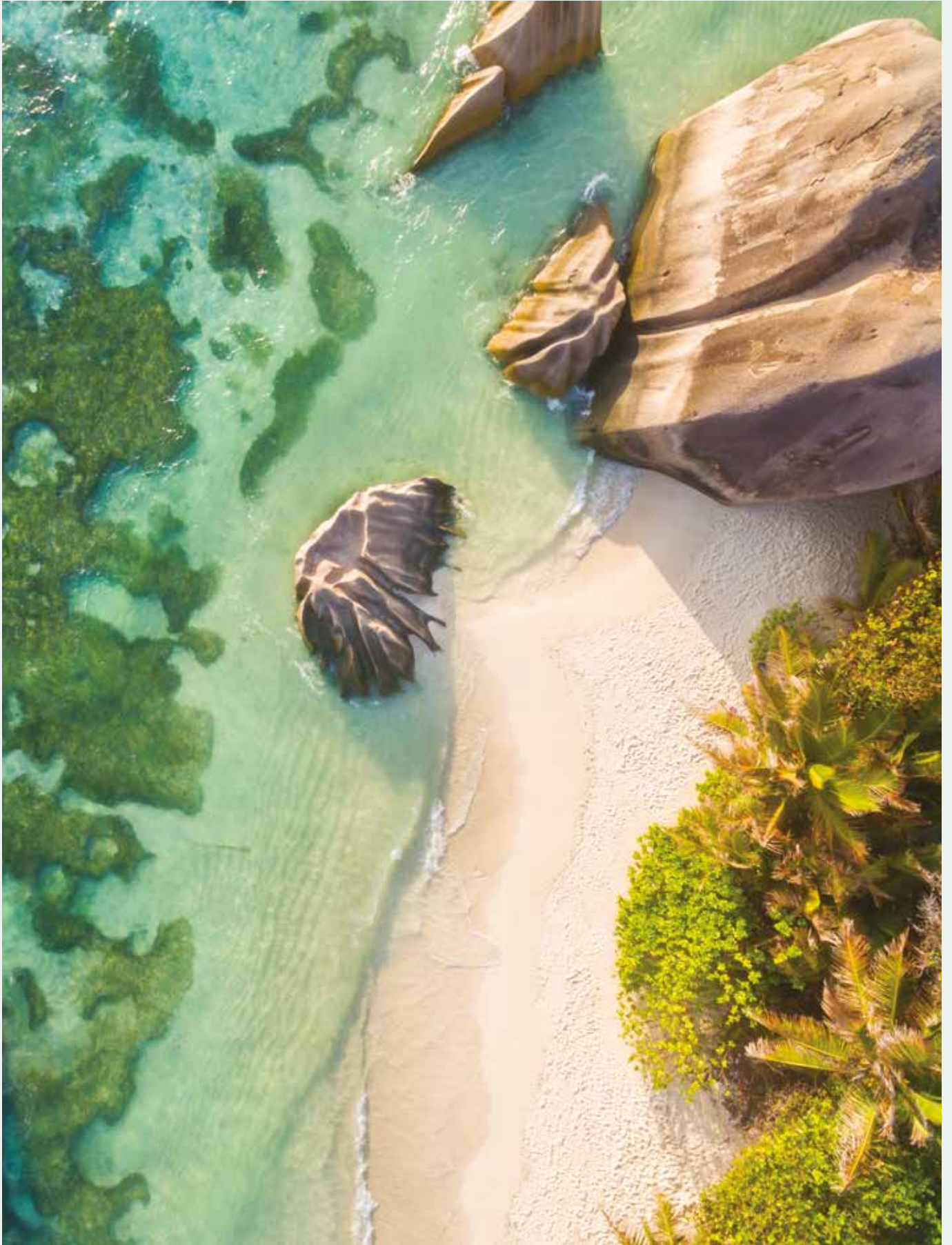




Above The shorelines of Seychelles

Seychelles, Madagascar & Mauritius

Marooned in the Indian Ocean, the islands of Seychelles, Madagascar and Mauritius are the very definition of paradise on Earth. Drag yourself away from the dazzling beaches to go searching the jungles for chameleons, boa constrictors and the elusive lemur. Float in lagoons of astounding clarity and share walking paths with giant tortoises. Climb dormant volcanoes, snorkel around the world's largest atoll and watch the sun set between the gnarled limbs of baobab trees.

Tides of the Indian Ocean

Mahé to Port Louis

Get ready for a new and utterly unforgettable take on island hopping. While there will be plenty of time to relax on the beach, it's really all about the wildlife here. Scoot around isolated islands swathed in jungle looking for parrots, frogs and giant tortoises. And dive into warm waters teeming with life. Plus, you'll hardly spot another soul on your travels.

Trip Snapshot

Duration 13 days, 12 nights / **Travel Style** Small Ship Expedition Cruising / **Ship** MS Caledonian Sky / **Visit** 10 places, four countries
Go For Giant tortoises, snorkelling and white sand beaches

Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Mahé – Seychelles
02	Praslin, Grande Soeur – Seychelles
03	Amirante Islands – Seychelles
04	Alphonse Atoll – Seychelles
05	At Sea
06	Aldabra Atoll – Seychelles
07	Cosmoledo – Seychelles
08	Diego Suarez – Madagascar
09	Nosy Mangabe – Madagascar
10	Masoala National Park – Madagascar
11	At Sea
12	Le Port – Réunion Island
13	Port Louis – Mauritius

Signature Experiences

- ☆ Take a nature walk in the Amirante Islands with the island's conservation team in search for rare wildlife.
- ☆ Discover the crystal clear waters of the Aldabra Atoll while keeping an eye out for giant tortoises.
- ☆ Aboard a Zodiac, head out to the perfect snorkelling spot in Cosmoledo.
- ☆ At Nosy Mangabe, keep your eyes trained to the treetops for a glimpse of black and white ruffed lemurs.

Key

- ☆ Signature Experience
- Ⓜ Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Day 01: Arrive Mahé, Embark Ship

Mahé, the tropical capital of the Seychelles, welcomes you today. There's hardly a more beautiful place to begin the adventure. We'll meet you at the airport and take you to the ship, moored in the island's spectacularly blue waters. Toast to your amazing setting, before tonight's dinner on board. **D**

12 Nights: MS Caledonian Sky.

Day 02: Praslin, Grande Soeur

Wake this morning at the island of Praslin, the second-largest island of the Seychelles. Explore World Heritage-listed Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve via its winding paths through high canopied palm forests, home to the extremely rare coco de mer palm. Meet back at the ship and enjoy lunch as it sails to Grande Soeur. This idyllic uninhabited island boasts white, sandy beaches and flourishing tropical forests. You may like to spend your time meandering along some of the many walking paths, keeping on the look out for giant tortoises, or making the most of the warm turquoise waters with a swim or snorkel. **BLD**

Day 03: Amirante Islands

☆ The 28 islands in the Amirante group were discovered by Vasco de Gama in 1501 and are considered to be some of the most pristine in the world. Spend time on Desroches Island enjoying nature walks with your onboard naturalist and the island's conservation team in search of giant tortoises and nesting turtles. Snorkellers have the chance to swim over vibrant coral gardens. **BLD**

Day 04: Alphonse Atoll

Directly south from our last stop are the three islands in the Alphonse group, where dazzling white beaches are lined with vibrant green forest. Here you might see tortoises, scurrying crabs and an array of bird species. Go snorkelling in the circular lagoon and walk across the island's meandering tracks. **BLD**

Day 05: At Sea

Head to the sun deck to relax and enjoy the tropical scenery as your ship makes its way to the stunning Aldabra Atoll. **BLD**

Day 06: Aldabra Atoll

☆ Awake just off Aldabra Atoll today. Drifting around the atoll by Zodiac, you'll be amazed by the clear seas bursting with life. You'll most likely be able to see right to the ocean floor. Once your feet are on the sand, stroll along the shoreline looking out for frigate birds, coconut crabs and giant tortoises which are a common sight here. If you're lucky, you might be able to see the extremely rare white-throated rail, the last surviving flightless bird in the western Indian Ocean. **BLD**

Day 07: Cosmoledo

☆ Open your curtains to Cosmoledo, where a ring of twelve jungle-covered islands circle a spectacular lagoon. Today you will have the chance to explore a number of the islands via Zodiac. As an important bird and biodiversity area, you might be able to spot the three species of booby found in the Seychelles. Also look for sooty terns and great frigate birds. A real highlight is the opportunity to plunge into the warm water from the edge of your Zodiacs for an exciting snorkelling adventure in the open water. After lunch, your ship heads towards Madagascar. **BLD**

Day 08: Diego Suarez

Ⓜ It's the wildlife that brings travellers to Madagascar. And with good reason. The island is home to some truly strange species, many of which can only be found here, a result of the island breaking away from Africa more than 80 million years ago. At Diego Suarez, walk through Mount Amber National Park, weaving through the humid rainforest looking for lemurs, chameleons and endemic birds including parrots. Or, you may prefer to discover the city with a guide. **BLD**

Day 09: Nosy Mangabe

☼ Arriving at the tiny island of Nosy Mangabe, you have 520 hectares of virgin rainforest to explore. The area has been an important research centre since the mid-1960s when several aye-ayes and lemurs were released into the forest. Thanks to the Zodiacs, we are able to land on the beach from where we will set off into the forest. Scan the foliage carefully for chameleons and lizards, and look towards the treetops for black and white ruffed lemurs. There are some interesting bird species to spot, including the Madagascar buzzard, kingfisher and paradise flycatchers. **BLD**

Day 10: Masoala National Park

Step ashore at Antongil Bay to reach Madagascar's largest protected area, Masoala National Park. Push through a tangle of vines, ferns, orchids and towering palisander trees on the trail of chameleons, the red-ruffed lemur, the red-fronted brown lemur and the ring-tailed mongoose. Frogs are abundant and will be easy to spot, especially the brightly coloured mantella frogs. Afterwards, cool off with a dip back at the beach before meeting your ship. **BLD**

Day 11: At Sea

As your ship sails away from Madagascar, you have time to rest and enjoy time on board your ship. **BLD**

Day 12: Le Port

☼ Arrive at Réunion Island, officially a part of France. Interestingly, if you were to make the 11-hour plane trip here from Paris, you would enter the country as a domestic passenger. Choose to descend into the central highlands. Enjoy views from the Nez des Boeufs mountain and see the Piton de la Fournaise crater. Sample creole fare at lunch before visiting La Cité du Volcan museum. Or, explore a vanilla plantation in St Andre and enjoy some free time in St Denis. **BLD**

Day 13: Disembark Ship, Depart Port Louis

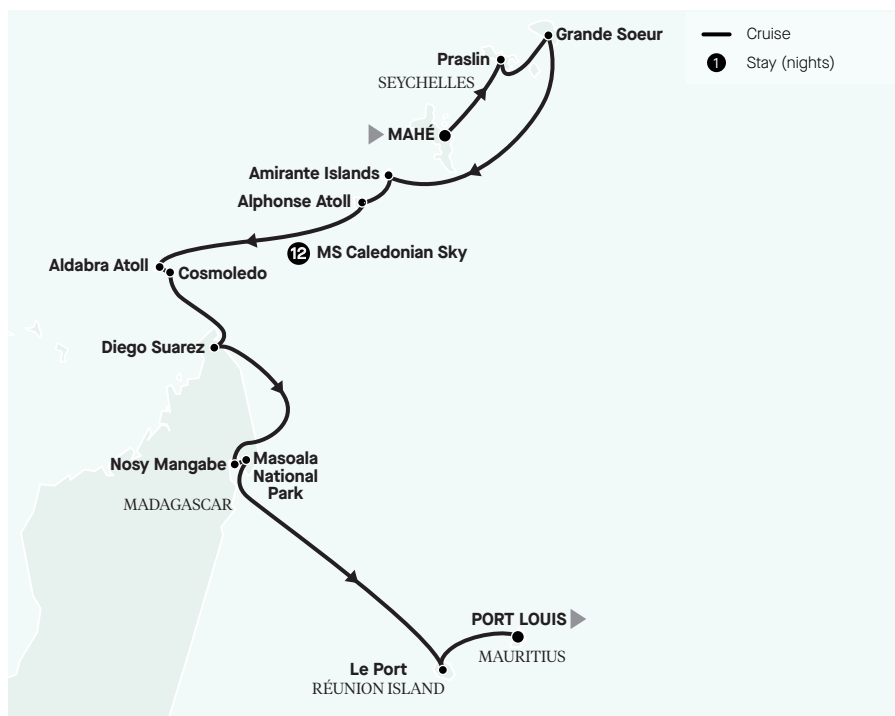
Your adventure comes to an end in the capital of Mauritius. We'll transfer you to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

Extend Your Journey

Spend two extra nights after your cruise in Mauritius. Enquire for details (NOBCMP15).

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Above Glimpse a giant tortoise

Trip from **\$14,995** per person twin share

2020 Date and Prices (A\$)	Suite	Twin From	Solo From
13 Days Mahé to Port Louis (NOBCMP13)			
November 29	Porthole Suite	\$14,995	\$21,795
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	Owner's Suite	\$20,995	\$33,795

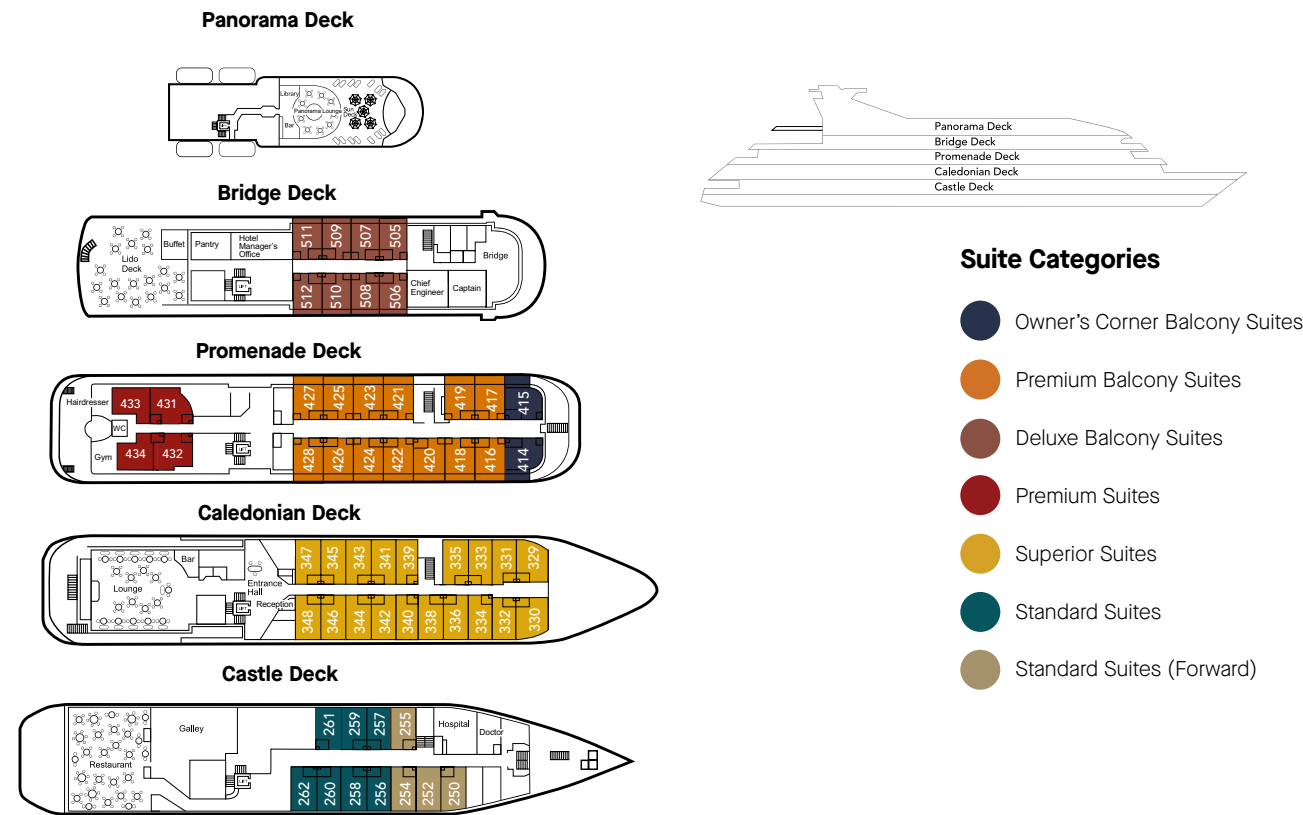
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Ⓐ Ⓐ Ⓐ High Zodiac Activity – This expedition cruise uses Zodiacs for most excursions.

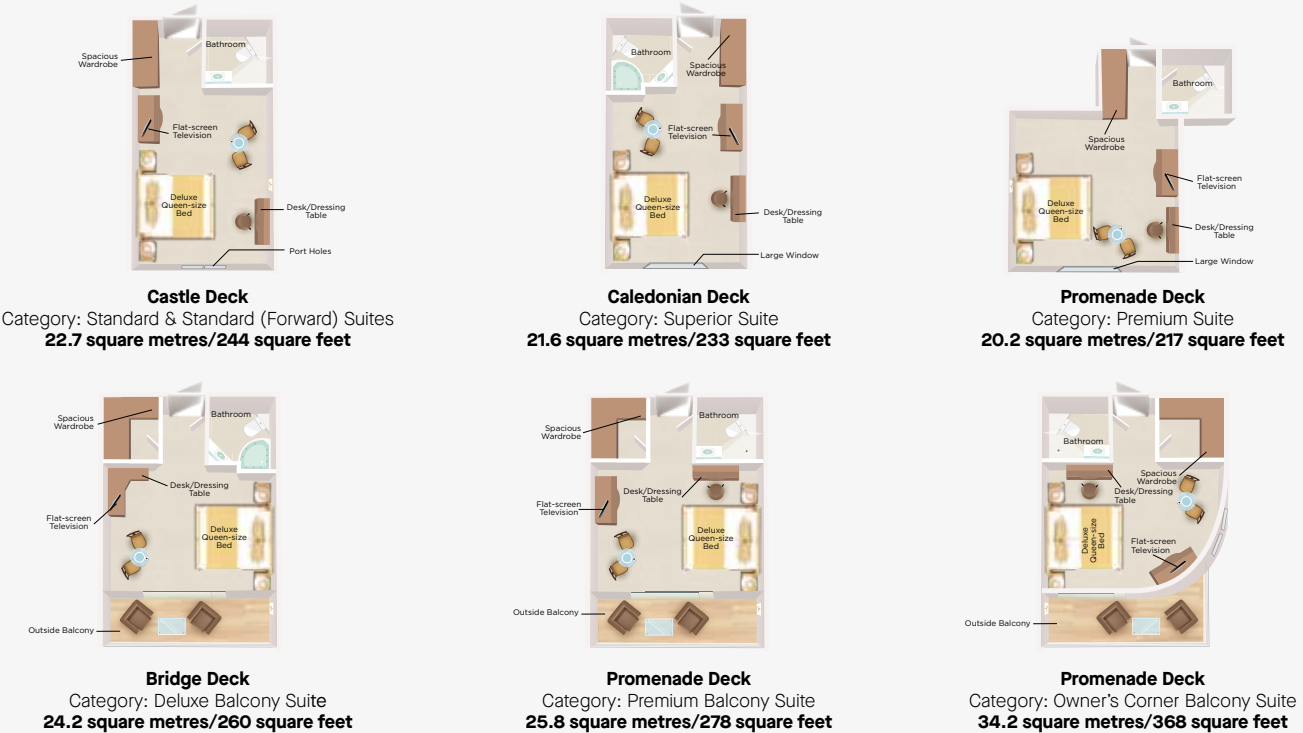
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Deck & Suite Plans

MS Caledonian Sky



Technical Data
MS Caledonian Sky – Refurbished 2018
• Length: 90.6m • Width: 15.3m • Tonnage: 4,200 • Maximum Cruising Speed: 12 Knots • Crew: 75 • Guest Capacity: 114





Your Small Ship



Open Bridge / 01

As is the joy of small ship cruising, we offer the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the progress of the vessel. This is our Open Bridge Policy.



Lounges & Bar / 02

In addition to the main lounge there are bars and lounges where you can wind down including The Club which features the main bar where the resident pianist may play a tune.



Lido Deck / 03

Breathe in the fresh air as you dine al fresco on the Lido Deck. Located at the rear of the ship, in warm weather there is no better place to dine or enjoy a relaxing drink.



Elegant Restaurant / 04

From your ship's elegant restaurant to casual al fresco dining, an enticing range of flavours are sure to be an ongoing highlight throughout your small ship journey.



Porthole Suites / 05

These comfortable suites feature multiple portholes which look out onto sea views, an ensuite bathroom with a shower, as well as a spacious wardrobe.



Large Window Suites / 06

In addition to the porthole suite amenities, large picture windows fill your suite with natural sunlight while providing access to ever-changing scenery.



Balcony Suites / 07

In these suites, step out onto your very own private balcony and enjoy the natural scenery as it unfolds before you. These suites vary in size, so select the option that best suits you.



Zodiac / 08

Land ashore or venture out on a Zodiac to explore the landmarks and hidden gems on your expedition cruise. What's more, our smaller group sizes allow a more tailored discovery.



Expedition Team

Get the most out of your adventure with a knowledgeable team made up of historians, naturalists, marine biologists and photographers, who offer daily briefings and an invaluable understanding of each place.

All-Inclusive Experience

Best-in-Class Fleet

Our MS Caledonian Sky ship was recently awarded a 'Star Performer – Top Ten' rating in 2018 Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Guide, with special mentions to our two other 'Sky' ships

Locally Inspired Dining

Selected meals are inspired by local influences as well as a choice of wines and beers

Personalised Service

One of the best parts of a small ship cruise is the personal service you receive. With a high crew-to-guest ratio, staff on board are dedicated to catering to your every need

Signature Experiences

Signature Experiences have been carefully designed by APT to help you experience certain destinations in greater depth than the average traveller

Freedom of Choice

Our Freedom of Choice concept allows you to personalise your journey with a choice of experiences in select destinations

APT Concierge

Our Concierge app features a GPS system with interactive maps highlighting points of interest

Luxury Redefined

Our small ship expeditions are all about the freedom to dock right in the heart of a bustling town or hop into a Zodiac and zip off to isolated destinations

Award-Winning Travel

APT was voted Best River Cruise Operator from 2015 to 2018 and Best Adventure Cruise Line in 2018 by the Australian Federation of Travel Agents

Live Fully

With every detail taken care of behind the scenes, you're 100% free to be whoever you want to be