Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Heart of the Pacific
Reference:	EMERALD2T08171128-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Xara
Regions:	Pacific
Departs On:	17 Nov 28
Departs From:	Port Moresby
Arrives On:	10 Dec 28
Arrives At:	Darwin, Northern Territory
Cruise Nights:	23
Total Vacation Days:	24

Itinerary

Day 1: Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

Welcome to Port Moresby, where you'll be transferred to a hotel for your overnight stay. Set along the shores of the Coral Sea, this fascinating city offers a unique blend of traditional cultures, colonial history and modern development.

Arrives On: 17 Nov 28

Day 2: Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

Your luxury yacht cruise adventure begins with a transfer to the airport for your included flight from Port Moresby to Lae.

Upon arrival in Lae, you'll board your Emerald luxury yacht. Set along the Huon Gulf, Lae is a key economic hub connecting the country's coastal regions with the inland highlands. After embarkation, set sail into the remote northern waters of Papua New Guinea, where few vessels travel.

Arrives On: 18 Nov 28

Day 2: Lae (Papua New Guinea)

Arrives On: 18 Nov 28

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The Sepik River is one of the great river systems of the world, stretching deep into Papua New Guinea’s rainforest interior. Life here is shaped by the river itself – villages are built along its banks, and traditions remain closely tied to water, land and ancestral culture. Explore a landscape of carved storyboards, stilted homes and dense jungle where ancient customs continue to thrive.

Arrives On: 20 Nov 28

Day 5: Wewak (Papua New Guinea)

Wewak is a relaxed coastal town in northern PNG framed by palm-lined beaches and green hills overlooking the Bismarck Sea. It is known for its blend of local markets, wartime history and everyday coastal life. This is a place to experience Papua New Guinea at a human scale – unhurried, welcoming, and deeply connected to its surroundings.

Arrives On: 21 Nov 28

Day 6: Jayapura, Irian Jaya (Indonesia)

Jayapura is the capital of Indonesia’s Papua Province, set around a sheltered harbour and framed by lush, hilly terrain. The city offers a fascinating blend of indigenous Papuan culture and modern Indonesian life, with traditional villages, vibrant markets, and striking handicrafts such as bark cloth and intricate wood carvings. You can explore Lake Sentani, enjoy panoramic views of the bay, and experience the warm hospitality of local communities.

Arrives On: 22 Nov 28

Day 8: Cenderawasih Bay (Indonesia)

Cenderawasih Bay is one of Indonesia’s most extraordinary marine environments and a designated national park of global importance. Its calm, protected waters are home to thriving coral reefs and an abundance of marine life. With favourable conditions, guests may witness seasonal whale shark encounters – an unforgettable highlight of the region. Note that sightings are not guaranteed as they occur naturally in the wild.

Arrives On: 24 Nov 28

Day 9: Cenderawasih Bay (Indonesia)

Enjoy a second day discovering Cenderawasih Bay.

Arrives On: 25 Nov 28

Day 10: Manokwari, Irian Jaya (Indonesia)

Manokwari sits between forested mountains and a quiet coastline on the edge of West Papua. As a regional capital, it offers a glimpse into daily life in Indonesia's far east, where administrative centres meet lush natural surroundings. The area is also a gateway to nearby forests and coastal landscapes rich in biodiversity.

Arrives On: 26 Nov 28

Day 11: Amsterdam Island (French Southern Territories)

Amsterdam Island lies in one of Indonesia's most remote eastern regions and is characterised by untouched tropical scenery, quiet beaches, and surrounding coral ecosystems. With minimal development and limited visitation, it offers a rare sense of discovery and isolation in the heart of the Coral Triangle.

Arrives On: 27 Nov 28

Day 12: Ayu Atoll (Indonesia)

Ayu Atoll is a secluded coral atoll in northern Raja Ampat, where white sand beaches meet crystal-clear lagoons and thriving reefs. With very few inhabitants, it remains one of the most untouched marine environments in Indonesia, offering exceptional snorkelling and a profound sense of natural tranquillity.

Arrives On: 28 Nov 28

Day 13: Sorong (Indonesia)

Welcome to Sorong, the bustling gateway to West Papua and the famed Raja Ampat archipelago, where vibrant port activity meets lush tropical landscapes and rich marine biodiversity. Blending its role as a dynamic regional hub with access to some of the world's most pristine islands and coral reefs, Sorong offers a captivating introduction to your journey. In the afternoon, you'll be welcomed on board your luxury Emerald yacht, ready to embark on your adventure through one of the world's richest marine environments, Raja Ampat.

Arrives On: 29 Nov 28

Day 14: Gam Island (Indonesia)

Visit Gam Island, a dense tropical jungle surrounded by flourishing coral reefs, where lush rainforest meets vibrant underwater ecosystems in a truly remote setting. The island is home to

unique wildlife and offers an immersive natural environment shaped by untouched landscapes and rich biodiversity.

In the afternoon, discover Kri, located at the heart of Raja Ampat Islands' renowned marine reserve, celebrated for its exceptionally rich coral reefs and extraordinary marine life. Its surrounding waters are among the most biodiverse on Earth, with vibrant reef systems and an abundance of tropical fish creating an unforgettable underwater panorama.

Arrives On: 30 Nov 28

Day 14: Kri Island (Indonesia)

Arrives On: 30 Nov 28

Day 15: Raja Ampat Islands (Indonesia)

Wofoh Island offers a serene and intimate setting within Raja Ampat, surrounded by shallow turquoise lagoons and vibrant coral reefs. Its calm, clear waters and quiet beaches create a peaceful atmosphere, ideal for experiencing the natural harmony of this remote island environment.

Arrives On: 01 Dec 28

Day 16: Raja Ampat Islands (Indonesia)

Wayag stands as the visual icon of Raja Ampat, where dramatic limestone formations scatter across crystal-clear waters in a breathtaking natural display. Its panoramic viewpoints offer sweeping vistas of verdant islets and winding lagoons, often regarded as among the most spectacular in Indonesia. The sense of scale and untouched beauty here defines the essence of the region.

Arrives On: 02 Dec 28

Day 17: Raja Ampat Islands (Indonesia)

Pulau Penamu is famed for its elevated viewpoints that reveal sweeping panoramas of Raja Ampat's iconic karst seascape. From above, clusters of jungle-covered islets rise dramatically from luminous blue waters, creating one of the region's most unforgettable vistas. The island's rugged terrain and grand outlooks make it a highlight for appreciating the scale and beauty of this remote archipelago.

Arrives On: 03 Dec 28

Day 18: Misool, Raja Ampat (Indonesia)

Misool is one of the crown jewels of Raja Ampat, renowned for its labyrinth of limestone karsts, hidden lagoons and dazzling turquoise waters. Beneath the surface lies one of the richest marine ecosystems on Earth, with pristine coral reefs teeming with life. The archipelago’s remote location and protected status contribute to its reputation as a world-class destination for both natural beauty and biodiversity.

Arrives On: 04 Dec 28

Day 19: Fak Fak, Irian Jaya (Indonesia)

Fak Fak is a regional coastal town in West Papua that serves as an important gateway to the surrounding islands and coastal areas. Primarily a centre for local administration and trade, it offers insight into everyday life in Indonesia’s eastern provinces. As a stop along your immersive journey, Fak Fak provides a sense of regional context and continuity as your journey continues through the remote natural wonders of West Papua.

Arrives On: 05 Dec 28

Day 20: Pulau Koon (Indonesia)

Pulau Koon is a secluded island sanctuary surrounded by some of the healthiest coral reefs in the region. Crystal-clear waters reveal a kaleidoscope of marine life, from colorful reef fish to larger pelagic species. With its untouched beaches and tranquil atmosphere, the island embodies a sense of pure remoteness, where nature remains largely undisturbed.

Arrives On: 06 Dec 28

Day 21: Triton Bay (Indonesia)

Part of the Coral Triangle, Triton Bay is a remote and largely untouched paradise celebrated for its extraordinary marine biodiversity and dramatic coastal scenery. Towering limestone karsts rise from calm, protected waters, while beneath the surface lies a thriving ecosystem of vibrant coral gardens and abundant marine species. Its isolation enhances the sense of discovery, offering a rare glimpse into one of Indonesia’s most pristine underwater worlds.

Arrives On: 07 Dec 28

Day 22: Kai Islands (Indonesia)

Welcome to Kai Islands. Known for their powdery white sand – considered to be some of the softest in the world, and crystal-clear turquoise waters, the Kai Islands offer an idyllic tropical setting with a sense of remoteness and untouched beauty.

Arrives On: 08 Dec 28

Day 24: Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia)

Welcome to Darwin, where your extraordinary journey through the remote islands of eastern Indonesia comes to an end. Please book your flight to depart out of Darwin after 12:00 PM. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such, Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will be operated unaltered from the itinerary stated above.

Arrives On: 10 Dec 28

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