

KEI – AGATS – TIMIKA

**Cruise WC 2**  
**12 Days / 11 Nights**



During this journey of a lifetime you will be perplexed by the astonishing ingenuity and seemingly unlimited creativity in how humans survive, socialize and rejoice. A world where time is of no essence and attention for daily worries and pleasure is paramount.

Nature will reveal itself in its most breathtaking form in the **Triton bay** crowded with extraterrestrial formations and the **Kiti Kiti** waterfall thundering from steep cliffs straight down into the sea.

Cultural highlight will be the display of Papua culture by the **Asmat**, where hundreds of warriors brandishing spears and shrieking in ecstasy will surround the Katharina to dispel the demons we carried from overseas.

Experience how wonder and relaxation can change your life in a world without CNN, traffic jams and computer-screens.

Itinerary

	Prior to the cruise flight Denpasar-Ambon (via Makassar). Transfer to hotel Ambon Manise where we will spend one night. After check in visit of Siwa Lima Museum in the hills outside Ambon City where we can study the history and culture of the Molucas.
<b>Day 1</b>	After spent the night in Ambon, flight <b>Ambon-Kei</b> , dep.07:00 arr.09:05*. Transfer from <b>Langgur</b> airport to the harbour of Tual, embarkation on board of the Katharina. We settle in and in the evening we will explore Tual, the capital of Kei.
<b>Day 2</b>	Early morning we'll depart from <b>Tual</b> harbour and make a first stop at <b>Kei Besar</b> where we will explore coastal villages, snorkel or make a trekking into the local forest. Afternoon onward sailing to the mainland of Irian Jaya.

<b>Day 3</b>	Arrival at the <b>Nautilus</b> Strait, between Pulau <b>Adi</b> and the mainland of Irian Jaya. We will stop at the <b>Giti Giti</b> waterfall running from the mountains into the sea. From here we will cross to the island of <b>Namatote</b> where we will search for some cliff painting – glyphs and pictorial-signs - left by ancient inhabitants high on the cliff galleries. Watch for whales as the area is a known breeding ground.
<b>Day 4</b>	Today we will sail into the narrow bay of <b>Triton</b> , one of the natural wonders of Irian Jaya. We will be surrounded by small eroded rocks mushrooming from the sea. Like flying saucers landed from outer space. We will explore the vicinity at closer range from our tender.
<b>Day 5/ Day 6</b>	During these two days we will explore the virginal coastal areas and bays east of <b>Triton</b> . Here Westerners rarely ever set foot ashore and this day will be surely full of interesting surprises. Late afternoon we will depart for our crossing to <b>Agats</b> , the main village of the Asmat area.
<b>Day 7</b>	This entire day we will sail along the swampy coast of Irian Jaya. When winds are favourable, we will hoist the sails and share the experience of Sir Alfred Wallace who described Phinisi vessels as “more comfortable than the modern day steamers” during his Odysseys through the “Malay Archipelago” (1854-1862).
<b>Day 8/ Day 9</b>	Early morning arrival at the coastal area in front of <b>Agats</b> . The distance from the shore will vary in conjunction with the tide from 1 mile to 7. Today and the next day will be filled with ceremonial welcome rituals meticulously and over many days prepared by the <b>Asmat</b> population in anticipation of our arrival. The Katharina will be surrounded by an armada of war-canoes; the air will be filled with shrieking and shouting of the tribal people expressing their joy with our coming. This and other rituals will be carried out in line with the local adat so as to not disturb the balance between the living and the deceased, between gods and men. Late afternoon of day 9 we will set sail for our final journey to <b>Timika</b> .
<b>Day 10</b>	Spare day to be taken up along the route in response to spontaneously emerging conditions.
<b>Day 11</b>	Arrival in <b>Timika</b> , disembarkation and transfer to Hotel Sheraton where we will spend our last night before turning back to civilization.
<b>Day 12</b>	Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Bali or Jakarta.

\*Due to the early departure of this flight, one night overstay in Ambon must be taken into account. Domestic flights and accommodation may be booked through our office.

#### NOTICE

Participants are informed that itinerary and program of our sea voyages occasionally may be modified due to factors beyond our control: unfavourable weather conditions, delay in processing harbor clearances, modified schedules of domestic flights.  
The cruise director and captain of the Katharina will adjust the program accordingly to the best interest of all.