



AQUA EXPEDITIONS

Press Release

## AQUA EXPEDITIONS RESUMES OPERATIONS IN INDONESIA WITH SAILINGS ONBOARD AQUA BLU FOR 2022



Global leader in luxury small-ship expeditions, [Aqua Expeditions](https://www.aquaexpeditions.com), is delighted to announce the resumption of their entire fleet starting with Aqua Blu on 4th June, the launch of Aqua Mare on 3rd June, followed by Aqua Mekong on 23rd September. Following the relaxation of Indonesia's quarantine policy, Aqua Blu takes guests on private chartered sailings through the Komodo National Park, Spice Islands and Raja Ampat with individual cabin charter (FIT) sailings having resumed on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Aqua Blu continues as the greatest luxury expedition cruise in the Coral Triangle, conducting unforgettable 7-night and 12-night itineraries in the pristine East Indonesian Archipelago. Guests will traverse along the global spice trade routes, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Komodo National Park, and Raja Ampat, whilst experiencing natural beauty, monumental history, abundant wildlife, culture and some of the world's best diving and snorkeling sites.

Aqua Blu, Aqua Expeditions' first coastal yacht, is the first-ever long-range expedition-class yacht to be permanently based in the biodiverse East Indonesian Archipelago. Aqua Blu covers considerable distances in a short space of time, and in any sea condition, enabling guests to experience the upmost varied, enjoyable and rewarding coastal cruise itineraries in a wild and stunning region of the world. Accompanied with expert naturalist local guides, storytelling is essential to the immersive and authentic experiences on the voyage. Francesco Galli Zugaro, founder and CEO, notes his fondest memory onboard the vessel:

*"After witnessing the beauty of the legendary Red and Wilson's birds of paradise in Waigeo island during one of our first expeditions in Raja Ampat, we found a blue river I had only ever heard about and none of my crew had ever been to...A truly magical experience."*

Unlocking access to the Earth's most intriguing destinations, Aqua Blu is a compelling maritime statement, with a grand legacy as the former British Naval Explorer HMS Beagle, and later as the private yacht of a European aristocratic family. Not only has this vessel attained the highest international classifications in safety, but it is also equipped with Quantum Zero Speed stabilizers which ensures guests are always at the upmost of comfort when sailing and relaxing onboard.

The vessels 2019 refurbishment, overseen by Dutch yacht design maestro Cor D. Rover, boasts 15 individually designed sea-facing suites in 3 cabin categories, and 5 spacious decks, comprising of beautiful contemporary interiors, tastefully paired with a brass-and-ivory interior theme. Additionally, generous indoor and outdoor spaces include an inviting sun deck, bridge deck, forecastle deck and main deck which showcases multiple amenities such as an indoor lounge and bar, outdoor jacuzzi, a spa, and top-of-the-line non-motorised watersports equipment, including and snorkeling gear, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards.

Guests onboard will enjoy full access to Aqua Blu's superyacht amenities, an immersive five-star culinary experience curated by renowned Australian Chef and restaurateur, Benjamin Cross, and Aqua Blu's 1:1 crew to guest ratio provides a much more personalized experience for guests in comparison to other vessels who operate in the area. Additionally; daily water-based excursions with on-board certified dive guides, two private high-powered tenders for sea excursions, in addition to embracing a distinguished sense of history and seafaring evolution, when they set foot on this one-of-a-kind vessel.

Aqua Blu departs weekly from 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 onwards and is open for booking via [www.aquaexpeditions.com](http://www.aquaexpeditions.com). 7-night sailings in September 2022 start from \$8,505 per adult on an all-inclusive basis. Contact Aqua Expeditions at [www.aquaexpeditions.com/contact-us/](http://www.aquaexpeditions.com/contact-us/) for more information.

*\*All prices are based on currency rates of exchange in effect at the time of copywriting and are subject to fluctuation.*

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### **About Aqua Expeditions**

A recognized global leader in luxury small-ship expeditions, Aqua Expeditions explores the world's most biodiverse and culturally significant destinations aboard best-in-class vessels of stylish contemporary design. Venturing into unspoiled sanctuaries to witness the beauty of nature and wildlife, Aqua Expeditions sails to remote destinations with minimized human interaction, secluded from crowds. Expect tailored five-star itineraries, a highly exclusive 1:1 crew-to-guest ratio with personalized service, acclaimed cuisine by world-renowned chefs, and small group expert-guided adventure activities and excursions for all ages, with a maximum of 16-40 guests per ship. Aqua Expeditions currently operates river explorations in the Peruvian Amazon and the Mekong Delta (Cambodia and Vietnam), and coastal yacht voyages in East Indonesia — Komodo National Park, Ambon and the Spice Islands, Raja Ampat, and Asmat — and the Galapagos Islands.