

Orion

ORION EXPEDITION CRUISES

Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica,
Papua New Guinea, Melanesia,
Tasmania, Southeast Asia

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Passenger Capacity: 106 (100 max for
Antarctica)
Built: 2003
Length: 337 ft.
Elevator
Officers: European
Staff and Crew: 75. International



- **Itinerary:** The ship offers adventures in remote destinations such as Kimberley (Northwestern Australia), Great Barrier Reef, New Zealand & Sub-Antarctic Islands, Antarctica, Papua New Guinea, Melanesia, Tasmania, Southeast Asia.
- **Cabins:** 53. All staterooms and suites are exterior and include a sitting area or living room, direct internet access, TV/DVD and CD player, mini-refrigerator, private bathroom, and choice of twin beds or queen-size bed. All have large or sliding floor-to-ceiling windows.
- **Dining:** The restaurant accommodates all guests at single unassigned seating. An open deck off the main lounge is also available for dining alfresco.
- **Facilities and Activities:** The ship has an ice-strengthened hull (Ice Class: E3), remote-viewing cameras atop its mast, stabilizers, and bow and stern thrusters for easy maneuverability. An observation lounge on the top deck opens onto a wrap-around deck for viewing. A lecture theatre is for presentations by expedition leaders and specialist guest lecturers. A mudroom on the lower deck stores parkas, boots, and other equipment for exploration. There is a spa, sauna, masseuse, hairdresser, several lounges and a computer center with internet access. A glass atrium wraps around the elevator, which serves all seven decks. In addition to two jet-propelled tenders there are 10 inflatable motorized boats for shore landings and 10 two-person kayaks.
- **Recent Rates Reported To Us:** Rates vary according to voyage and season. 10-night cruise from \$8,790 (Australian) for an outside cabin to \$18,410 for the Owner's Suite.

ORION II (with Travel Dynamics until 2011)

Passenger Capacity: 100
Built: 1990; refurbished 2009
Former name: Renaissance IV, Clelia II
Length: 297 ft.
Beam: 50 ft.
Draft: 12 ft.
Elevator: 1
Officers & Crew: 70, International

- **Itinerary:** Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Borneo
- **Cabins:** 50. All staterooms and suites are exterior and include a sitting area or living room, private bathroom, and choice of twin beds or queen-size bed. All have large or sliding floor-to-ceiling windows.
- **Dining:** The restaurant accommodates all guests at single unassigned seating. An open deck off the main lounge is also available for dining alfresco.
- **Facilities and Activities:** The ship has an ice-strengthened hull. An observation lounge on the top deck opens onto a wrap-around deck for viewing. A lecture theatre is for presentations by expedition leaders and specialist guest lecturers. A mudroom on the lower deck stores parkas, boots, and other equipment for exploration. There is a spa, sauna, masseuse, hairdresser, several lounges and a computer center with internet access. A glass atrium wraps around the elevator, which serves all seven decks. There are zodiacs for shore landings.
- **Recent Rates Reported To Us:** Rates to be announced in 2011.

Orion is a purpose built vessel designed to access the inaccessible, all in 5-star luxury. The ship combines the best and the latest in design with maritime and environmental technology, comfort and casual elegance. From the ice-strengthened hull to the chilled champagne and superb cuisine, this is expedition cruising at its finest.

Described as the latest in the quest to build the perfect expedition vessel *, all *Orion's* staterooms feature ocean views and offer internet access, flat-screen TV, DVD/CD, a choice of twin and queen sized beds, a sitting area and marble bathrooms. Other on board amenities include a health spa with gymnasium, sauna, sun deck Jacuzzi and a stern marina platform.

Orion offers a range of included and optional Shoreside Expeditions designed to enhance the destination exploration for our guests. From Camel Safaris in Broome to snorkelling over pristine coral formations, there are many unique opportunities for guests to visit areas of Australia that even most Australians don't get to see. As part of our commitment to offering guests an enriching experience, on board speakers have been selected for their knowledge and expertise on the regions they visit. Guests are invited to attend presentations in the 90 seat Lecture Theatre.

Our innovative expeditions are year-round and vary with the seasons:

- Summer (December to February) Antarctica and New Zealand and sub-Antarctic Islands.
- Autumn (March, April) in remote and unspoilt parts of Papua New Guinea and Melanesia.
- Winter (April to September) in the Kimberley and Arnhem Land.
- Spring (October, November) we return to PNG and explore Australia's East & South Coast.

Following the company credo "a path less travelled", the addition of the 100 guest *Orion II* to the fleet in 2011 doubles capacity and allows expeditions to a wider range of rarely visited destinations; all enjoyed in a casual ambience, with 5 star facilities and attentive service onboard either *Orion* or *Orion II*.

Orion II's inaugural voyages in 2011 include the Russian Far East, also known as the 'land of ice and fire'; a circumnavigation of Borneo, the home to the orangutan; fascinating Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia (including a visit to Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious monument), and the tranquil Inland Sea of Japan.