



# AQUA EXPEDITIONS

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Aqua Blu Launches Special Rates for Local Residents**

July 21 2020: Aqua Expeditions, the global leader of luxury small ship expeditions offers unparalleled experiences for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure - whether it is a celebration, a family reunion, or a get-away with friends.

Onboard its latest offering ocean explorer Aqua Blu, guests will be the first this August 2020 to embark on an exclusive voyage exploring the pristine coastal waters of Eastern Indonesia. Navigating some of the most remote locations in the region, the expedition operates away from crowded areas, with little-to-no outside human interaction. Expect highly tailored, action packed excursions focusing on nature and wildlife, local culture, world-class dining, surrounded by the luxuries of the finest hotel.

Possessing a grand legacy as the former British Naval Explorer HMS Beagle, Aqua Blu is a compelling maritime statement and the first ever long-range explorer yacht with year-round departures permanently based in East Indonesia. This makes it the perfect choice for a luxurious super yacht experience with family and friends navigating the heart of the Coral Triangle and fabled spice trade route, without even leaving the country.

Launching a special rates offer for Local Residents (WNI, KITAS and KITAP holders), Aqua Blu will kick off its Bali-Komodo itinerary beginning August 2020. The high-end vessel will sail through the bio diverse waters of Komodo National Park, Lombok straits and Sumbawa on a variety of itineraries ranging from three to seven nights, with exclusive 12-night cross destination journeys also available.

With 15 individually designed sea-facing suites with interconnecting options, Aqua Blu welcomes guests with luxuriously appointed amenities including spectacular observation decks and workout facilities as well as generous and inviting indoor spaces. Bali-based Consulting Chef Benjamin Cross, of Mason and Mejekawi fame, has designed a menu inspired by Indonesia's islands and seas, promising an immersive and innovative culinary voyage.

All of these comforts can be enjoyed in between daily small group excursions led by hand-picked local guides offering rare insights into the deepest parts of each destination. Each Aqua Blu itinerary has been exclusively designed to offer an abundance of 'wow' moments. Take your pick from serene sun-downers on a castaway beach on the secret Gili islands, hike the rugged volcanic landscapes of Nusa Penida, or enjoy an impromptu swim with whale sharks off the waters of Komodo.

Aqua Blu is also available for private charter hire, with exclusive rates on August and September 2020 departures catered specially for Local Residents. A 3-night private charter for up to 30 passengers starts from USD84,900, and USD113,200 for 4-nights. This rate includes all meals onboard and beverages (premium wines and national beer), all excursions, snorkelling equipment and wet suits, scuba diving (for certified divers only), non-motorized watersports, group transfers to and from vessel on recommended flights, laundry and internet. Other scheduled departures for 7-night and cross destination 12-night itineraries may be booked at regular rates.

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### **3 Nights Lombok Straits Expedition**

As the Aqua Blu charts its passage from Bali to Nusa Lembongan, witness the wonders of nature in the gentle sloping reefs to spot the graceful Mola Mola, Napoleon wrasse, turtles and the majestic Manta Ray. Enjoy a sunset hike along Nusa Penida's stunning cliffs, a kayak excursion around the secret Gili islands, or simply indulge in languid luxury at Aqua Blu's pop-up beach club on a hidden castaway beach.

### **4 Nights Bali & Sumbawa Expedition**

Aqua Blu's ergonomic fleet of private tenders add to the comfort of every exploration as it navigates past the volcano peaks of Bali and Lombok, steaming eastward to Moyo island. Discover wildlife en route to a spectacular waterfall, dive and snorkel the shallow reef system, kayak through verdant mangrove scenery, or enjoy beach games and cocktails on perfect white sand beaches.

*"Since founding and starting Aqua Expeditions thirteen years ago, it has been my mission to create intimate, small ship expeditions to distant parts of the world. Now, more than ever, our company demonstrates the advantages of travelling on a small explorer vessel with our expert teams on board. Our private charter offering allows families and friends to travel together, to remote parts of the world, in complete privacy with the knowledge and reassurance they are in the safest hands" - Founder & CEO, Francesco Galli Zugaro.*

Guests can also be confident in the [health and safety measures](#) that Aqua Expeditions have taken across all their vessels, including stringent cleaning and sanitization procedures; food safety guidelines; personal protective equipment, health screenings and pre-boarding medical evaluations for all crew; a dedicated Health and Safety Officer onboard, as well as the proper compliance and implementation of the World Health Organization, local health regulations and management standards. Each vessel including Aqua Blu is International Safety Management compliant, ensuring and exceeding proper standards in safe operations.

### **Ends**

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**Images of Aqua Blu can be found here:**

[Aqua Blu images](#)

### **ABOUT AQUA EXPEDITIONS**

A recognized global leader in luxury small-ship expeditions, Aqua Expeditions explores the world's most wildlife- and culture-rich 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, a cuisine experience crafted by acclaimed chefs, and flexible, expert-guided adventure activities and excursions for all ages, with a maximum of 30-40 guests per ship. Aqua Expeditions currently operates river explorations on the Amazon (Peru), the Mekong (Cambodia and Vietnam), and coastal yacht voyages to Komodo National Park, Ambon and the Spice Islands, as well as Raja Ampat (East Indonesia). Its fourth vessel, the Aqua Nera, makes its maiden voyage this fall in the Peruvian Amazon.

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