

New cruise itinerary: Sri Lanka to Indonesia

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Looking for an off-the-beaten-path adventure for 2015? Expedition cruise line Lindblad is out with a new "Wild Islands" itinerary that pairs stops in Sri Lanka with an Indian Ocean crossing to the long-isolated Andaman Islands and Indonesia.

The adventure-travel pioneer will offer a single sailing of the 22-day itinerary on May 4, 2015 aboard the 102-passenger National Geographic Orion, which just joined the Lindblad fleet this year.

The trip kicks off in Colombo, Sri Lanka and includes a stop in Hambantota, Sri Lanka for a search for Sri Lankan leopards and elephants. Then it's on to the Andaman Islands, a former British penal colony.

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Other stops include Sabang on the Indonesian island of Pulau Weh, where passengers will visit the steaming fumaroles of the Geothermal-Volcanic Valley followed by an afternoon snorkeling and diving one of the island's many reefs.

During a stop at Medan in Indonesia's North Sumatra, passengers can choose a full day excursion to the orangutan sanctuary at Bukit Lawang National Park or a visit to the highlands near Berastagi for a cultural exchange with the local Batak Karo tribespeople. Singapore also is on the schedule.

Fares for the sailing begin at \$21,040. More information is online at Lindblad's [website \(http://www.expeditions.com/\)](http://www.expeditions.com/).

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