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40 A Private Yacht Tour of East Indonesia

The anthropologist Lawrence Blair has spent the past few decades trekking to the most remote corners of Indonesia, living with indigenous peoples, climbing Krakatoa, sailing with pirates, seeking rare birds of paradise and researching ancient myths, as depicted in his Emmy-winning 1988 PBS documentary, *Ring of Fire: An Indonesian Odyssey*.

Now *Robb Report* readers can join the colorful explorer on private expeditions to some of Indonesia's most spectacular locations aboard a private charter of the *Aqua Blu* superyacht. You

can customize your trip from a range of itineraries, depending on the time of year, including tours of the volcanic Spice Islands, once the sole source of nutmeg on Earth. Here, the remnants of Dutch and British colonial periods blend with indigenous communities. Explore Fort Amsterdam, the old Dutch fortification on the island of Ambon, discover local pottery on Saparua, tour the oldest nutmeg plantations in the world and hike the active volcano Gunung Banda Api. At Pulau Manuk, look out for the sea snakes and reef sharks that flock to the volcanic thermal springs,

then cruise to Pulau Run, an island traded to the Dutch by the British in exchange for Manhattan in 1667, in what must be one of the most head-scratching deals in history, and enjoy a cocktail party on the beach.

An alternative tour to Raja Ampat offers one of the world's most diverse collections of underwater habitats and marine species. Saltwater crocodiles and hawksbill turtles are common, and the dive site at Cape Kri holds the world record for the most species spotted in a single 90-minute dive. Visit a pearl farm at Aljui Bay, snorkel off Wayag Island, home to

blacktip reef sharks, and marvel at the manta rays off Dayang Island.

Blair and a team of expert local guides will host private groups of up to 30 guests each on board *Aqua Blu*, in 15 sea-facing suites. Expect five-star service, fine dining, an outdoor Jacuzzi, a spa and watersports equipment such as diving gear, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. *Travel dates for charters are subject to availability, but all bookings are flexible. Rates for a seven-night private charter for 2 to 30 passengers start from \$297,500, reservations@ aquaexpeditions.com L.A.*



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A Fender Custom Shop VIP Experience

Envision the ultimate axe, then work with a top luthier at the Fender Custom Shop in Southern California to design your bespoke, never-to-be-repeated Fender electric guitar. One *Robb Report* reader will be able to express their individual musical and aesthetic sensibilities as they draw inspiration from such instrumental icons as Fender's Stratocaster and Telecaster, selecting the wood and finishes unique to their instrument.

Begin the process with an in-person visit at the factory with one of the shop's esteemed luthiers, principal master builder Ron Thorn or master

artisan Yuriy Shishkov, who will share photos and videos that document your guitar as it takes form along the way. Then watch the final set-up and fine-tuning via videoconference when the project is complete.

Even sweeter music: All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Fender Play Foundation, a nonprofit that's committed to equipping, educating and inspiring students in the Los Angeles public-school system. The foundation aims to put guitars in the hands of 10,000 middle-school students by the end of 2021 and 30,000 students over the next three to four years. From \$250,000, depending on specifications, including first-class round-trip airfare for two, limousine and overnight accommodations; Joe Reynoso, jreynoso@fender.com R.R.

