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From the South Pole to Papua New Guinea, here are two off-the-beaten-track charter itineraries for well-heeled adventurers

Breaking the Ice

This fly-in-fly-out, 14-day itinerary with Cecil Wright takes those who wish to charter the magnificent ENIGMA XK to the ends of the earth, exploring the Antarctic Peninsula from King George Island. The itinerary takes you to the South Shetland Islands to begin the icy grand tour, glimpsing penguins, elephant seal and seabird breeding colonies all the way to Deception Island with its active volcano. ENIGMA XK glides through the Weddell Sea, over to Brown Bluff, formed by subglacial volcanic eruption, and comes to an icy halt in Paradise Bay to inspect an abandoned Argentine Research base. The magnificent scenery keeps performing with almost 24 hours of daylight. At Lemaire Channel, guests may catch a glimpse of humpback whales, orca and seals. From setting up camp on the ice to cruising through an iceberg graveyard on kayaks, Antarctica has a haunting, otherworldly beauty which is difficult to surpass. At Fish Island, the captain advises those aboard to keep their eyes out for minke and perhaps even an enormous blue whale. cecilwright.com



✧ The path less travelled

This 10-day itinerary in Papua New Guinea on Spirit with Ocean Independence is a glorious blend of untouched culture, adventure and seclusion, along with some of the world's best fishing and diving. Spirit embarks from Alotau in the calm, sheltered waters of Milne Bay, southeastern Papua New Guinea where guests can get familiar with the boat's facilities and toys, or venture into the local village for a shore excursion. Cruising to Samarai Island, guests can explore the tiny island with its colonial architecture and walk the flawless white beaches of Logea Island. A large manta ray cleaning station sits just off nearby Doini.

Deboyne lagoon is a prime diving and snorkelling destination with several Japanese plane wrecks from World War II. Twenty-one uninhabited islands make up the exotic Conflict Group – the sort of paradise you flew across the world and chartered a superyacht for. It's here in the numerous reefs that guests keep their eyes peeled for Maori wrasse, reef sharks, eagle-spotted manta rays and turtles.

From the Dei Dei Hot Springs on Fergusson Island to walking through jungles and seeing rare birds of paradise, D'Entrecasteaux Islands are a heavenly prelude to the more dramatic Tufi fjords, with a maze of cliff faces descending vertically into the ocean. Helicopter rides over this dramatic landscape can be organised, as well as guided walks, staying overnight in villages. This charter of a lifetime beautifully exemplifies the possibilities a superyacht opens up. It certainly beats eating prawns somewhere off the Côte d'Azur. oceanindependence.com