

Day 109 Page 1
March 29, 2023
At Sea

We continued navigation inside the Great Barrier Reef and several island were visible on both sides of the ship. Around 07:15 on the port side of the ship, at a distance of 1 nautical mile, Hammond Island was visible. At approximately 08:30 MSC Magnifica left the GBR and passed through the Varazin Passage entering the Arafura Sea, then for the rest of the day we sailed in the Arafura Seas with a western course.

Arafura Sea isa shallow sea of the western Pacific Ocean, occupying 650,000 square km between the north coast of Australia (Gulf of Carpentaria) and the south coast of New Guinea.

It merges with the Timor Sea on the West and Banda and Ceram seas on the northwest. The Torres Strait connects it with the Coral Sea on the east. Most of the Arafura Sea is underlain by the Arafura Shelf, part of the more extensive Sahul Shelf. It is generally shallow, with depths of 50-80 metres, deepening at its water edge, where coral reefs have grown at depths of nearly 610 meters.

The Arafua Shelf appears to have been a low-relief land surface that had an arid climate before it became inundated by postglacial rise of the sea.

Tonights Theatre Show: Atlantis

Discover the lost underwater world of Atlantis, With MSC Magnifica International singers, dancers and artists.

