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At Sea

The Bali sea is a 45,000km water body that is part of the Indonesia's territorial waters. Some of the islands that are situated near the Bali Sea include the island of Bali which is situated to the south of the sea and the Kangean Islands which is located on the northern edge of the sea. The Bali Sea borders the Flores Sea to the east and oceanographers sometimes consider the Bali Sea as part of the Flores Sea due to the proximity. At its deepest point, the Bali Sea is about 1,590m, and it is relatively shallow in comparison to other sea.

The Bali Sea provides habitat to a wide range of flora and fauna such as the clown triggerfish and the nudibranchs. Turtles are also commonly found in the sea with some of the most frequently spotted being the green turtles and sea turtles. The reef octopus also makes its home in the waters of the Bali Sea. One of the unique creatures in the Bali Sea is the hairy frogfish which was thought to be a sea monster by communities that lived around the sea.

We will continue navigation and enter the Java Sea between various islands visible on both sides of the ship. The depth of the sea where we are sailing will be around 100 meters. The Java Sea (indonesian: Laut Jawa, Javnese: Segara Jawa) is an extensive shallow sea on the Sunda Shelf, between the Indonesian islands of Borneo to the north, Java to the south, Sumatra to the west, and Sulawesi to the east. Karimata Strait to its northwest links it to the South China Sea.

The Java Sea covers the southern section of the 1,790,000 km Sunda Shelf. A shallow sea, it has mean depth of 46 m. It measures about 1,600 km, east-west by 380 km, north-south and occupies a total surface area of 320,000km. It formed as sea levels rose at the end of the last ice age. Its almost uniformly flat bottom, and the presence of drainage channels (traceable to the mouths of island rivers), indicate that the Sunda Shelf was once a stable dry, low relief land area (peneplain) above which were left standing a few monadnocks (granite hills that, due to their resistance to erosion, form the present islands).

We will cross the equator again today, there will be Neptune's Party.

King Neptune has come on board to meet all the brave explorers who dare to cross the equator (Pool Deck, Deck 13).

Tonights Theatre show: Sherazade

A palette full of Arabian colors. With MSC Magnifica International Cast & Company.

