

THE BIRD'S HEAD SEASCAPE SAFARI

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THE BIRD'S HEAD SEASCAPE

Immerse yourself in the world's most diverse marine sanctuary. This safari will take you from Raja Ampat to Triton Bay.

The first settlers arrived on the Bird's Head Seascape's sandy beaches and mangrove flats about 50,000 years ago. They fished and collected mollusks, venturing out to sea in dugout canoes and bamboo rafts similar to the ones that carried them eastward on their millennia-long journey from Africa. Little is known about Papua until 15th century when trade routes were established between Papua and the multiplying networks of spice-rich Sultanates to the west. This region remains relatively remote and untouched. The indigenous people refer to their land and water - Heaven on Earth.

FAST FACTS*

Cenderawasih Bay, Raja Ampat and Triton Bay are known as Bird's Head of Papua – the epicenter of the Coral Triangle. It is the world's most biodiverse marine ecosystem.

22.5 million hectares with over 2,500 islands and reefs.

3.6 million hectares protected by a network of 12 Marine Protected Areas, strongly supported by the communities that surround and live within them.

1,711 species of reef fish, 600 species of corals and 17 species of whales and dolphins; significant cetacean migration routes and aggregation sites.

Some of the world's most extensive mangrove forest and sea grass beds, which support dugongs, juvenile fish, saltwater crocodiles, and provide protection and food for the people.

World's largest Pacific leatherback turtle nesting beaches, with regionally significant nesting sites for green and hawksbill turtles.

Over 200 internationally acclaimed scuba diving sites.

Indonesia straddles the equator. Therefore, the temperature during the year does not vary much. Expect temperatures between 22-33^o Celsius (72-72^o Fahrenheit). Precipitation does vary between the dry season (Apr-Nov) and wet season (Dec-Mar).

Best time to visit both regions is February - March and October - November when the sea is calm and the visibility is optimal.

*References:

<http://birdsheadseascape.com>

<http://www.worldwildlife.org/places/coral-triangle>



WHAT TO EXPECT

11-day/10-night
Safari with endless
possibilities to
explore the
wilderness of Bird's
Head Seascape.

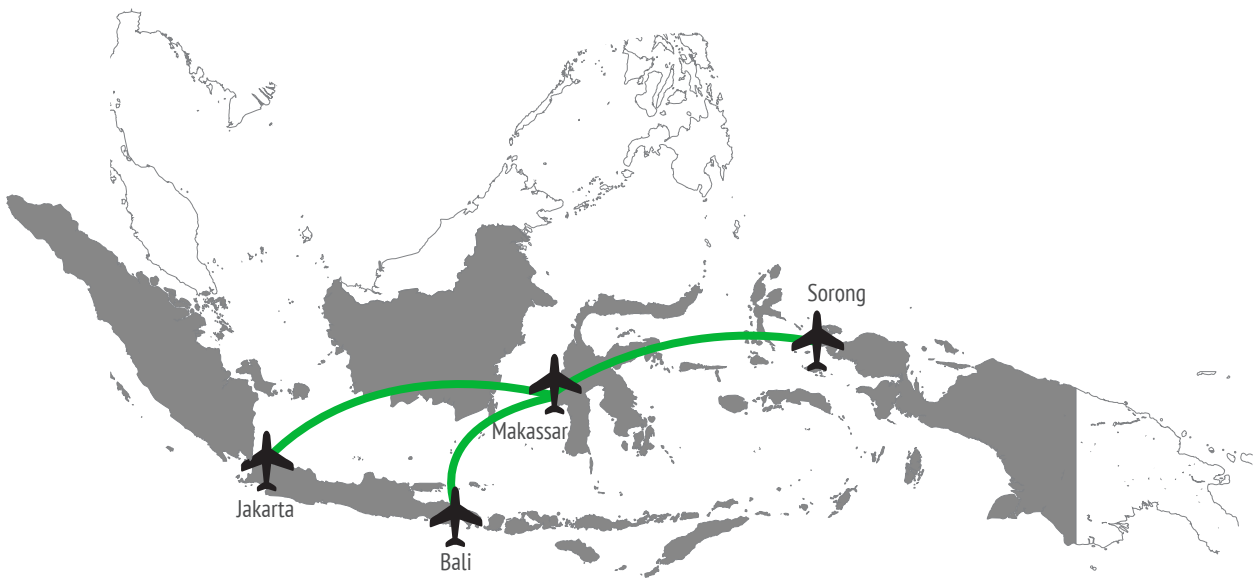


Day

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Jakarta or Bali

Upon your arrival at either Jakarta or Bali airport, you will be greeted and transported to the luxury hotel. After your long journey, you will be treated to luxurious spa treatment, fine dining and shopping for gemstones or batik. This will all be prearranged based on our understanding of your interests.





CRUISE MAP

Cruising distance; 500 nm (575 miles/ 925 km)
Arrival airport; Domine Eduart Osok,(SOQ), Sorong.
Departure airport; Utarom (KNG), Kaimana.



Please be aware that all itineraries are subject to change at the discretion of the Captain due to weather and other safety considerations.



Day

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Sorong

After collecting your baggage, you will be transported the short distance to our yacht, *Sequoia*. Once on-board, the captain will provide you with a thorough safety briefing as well as a complete tour of the vessel. Once we receive your acknowledgement that you have everything to begin your adventure, we will set sail.

We will be under engine and sail power for **7 hours** to reach Mioskon, North Raja Ampat.

Mioskon is located in the Dampier Strait. In 1700, after sailing north from Timor, William Dampier reached the northwest tip of Papua channel that now bears his name. Midway through three-year voyage in command of *Roebuck*, Dampier steered his ship as far as possible way from the reefs, which now we know, contain some of Raja Ampat's favourite dive sites.



Day

2

Mioskon Island

A perfect day in Raja Ampat begins with a sumptuous breakfast: homemade pancake and tropical fruits. Crystal clear waters will invite to immerse yourself.

This is an ideal location to begin your adventure with a “check dive” because it is relatively shallow with mild currents. Being relatively shallow, it is also perfect for snorkelling.

Mioskon reef offers you a great first impression of what you can expect from Raja Ampat underwater life: schools of yellow snapper, napoleon wrasse, big groupers and wobbegong sharks as well as pigmy seahorses and nudibranchs.

After two or three dives, we will set sail for **1 hour** to Cape Kri.



Day

3

Cape Kri

The scenery of turquoise waters that surround this picturesque island will welcome your morning.

A large school of trevally is usually found at the shallower depths. Barracuda can be seen everywhere as well as a large concentration of banner-fish, sweetlips, emperors and snappers.

Most divers can spend their entire life for scuba diving in Raja Ampat and still finding new creatures. It is a marine wonderland.

After dinner, we will set up a cinema under the stars on our sky deck. It will make a romantic night under Raja Ampat skies.

In the evening, *Sequoia* will cruise for **16 hours** to Wagmab in Misool, South Raja Ampat.



Day

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Wagmab Island

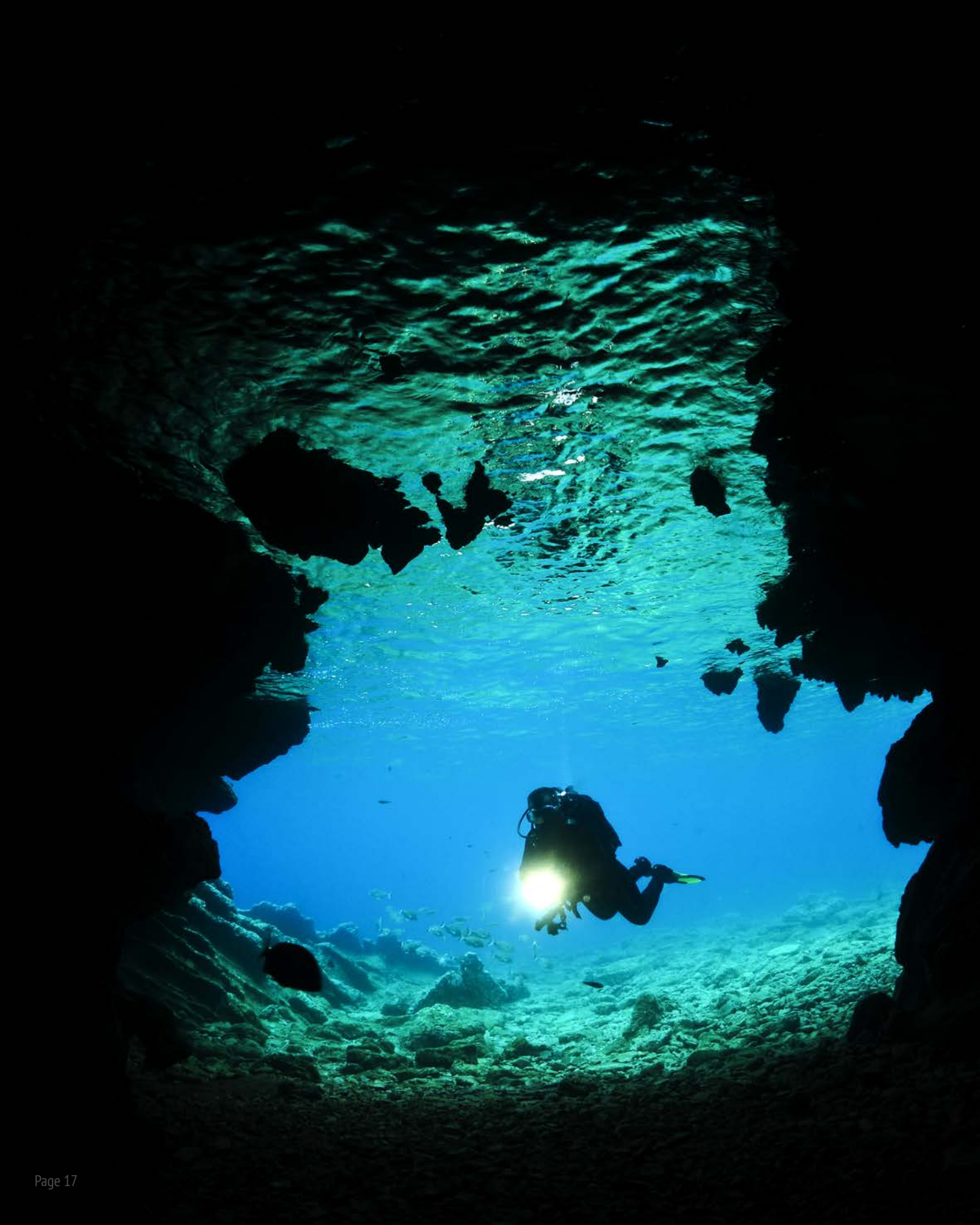
Welcome to Misool, South Raja Ampat! While the North is more known for fishy sights, macro sights, **hard** coral gardens, amazing manta dives and sharks. The South tends to have more walls with amazing sea fans and **soft** coral. The magnificent coral formations of the South are more dramatic than the North.

Perched on a shallow shelf in the Ceram Sea, the reefs surrounding Misool are a dream destination.

You can start your day with diving at *Farondi Cave* and continue at *Friendly Canyon*. You will be spoiled by Misool's underwater wonderland from soft corals and sea fans to school of fish from sweetlips to humphead parrotfish.

For dinner, our chef will serve you "Archipelago Cuisine" inspired by the unique spices found throughout the country. One of the entrees is the famous Beef Rendang originating in West Sumatera, which is awarded as one of the best foods in the world by CNN Travel.

In the evening, we will sail for **2 hours** to Daram Island.



Day

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Daram Island

Daram is the eastern most Island of Misool. Its long beaches make it ideal for turtle nesting.

Once underwater, submerged pinnacles will surround you where huge sea fans and beautiful soft coral are filled of schools of fusiliers, butterfly fish, barracuda, batfish and crocodile fish.

If you want to see tiny critters, you can spot pigmy seahorses living on sea fans as well as camouflaged crabs and mantis shrimp.

Three dives sites are waiting to be explored: *Three Rocks, Candy Store* and *Vibrant Color*. These sites satisfy both wide angle and macro photographers.

Scenic lagoon, shallow reefs and crystal clear waters make an ideal location for on-the water sport adventures like kayaking, tubing and water-skiing.

After dinner, we will cruise for **2 hours** to the next destination, Pisang Archipelago.



Day

6

Pisang Islands

The Pisang Islands are located in Fak-Fak regency. It is an ideal stopover to make a crossing from Raja Ampat to Triton Bay.

The Dome and *T-bone Reef* dive sites are abundant with sea life. Both sites have extensive patch reef that are near the surface so ideal for scuba or snorkelling. You can spot manta rays swooping over the ridge as feeding on the current-borne plankton passing by.

We will utilize the *Boston Whaler* to take you to outside Marine Protection Area where you can go for a deep-sea fishing. Our chef will be happy to prepare your fresh catch for dinner, which you can also participate.

These islands have long sandy beaches, which make them perfect for island exploration. An epic sunset awaits you while we set up an outdoor cinema that you can enjoy before the smell of fresh catch seafood barbeque entice you to dinner.

Sequoia will cruise for **12 hours** heading west to Mommom, Kaimana regency.



Day

7

Mommom Bay

Located in a very remote area, on the mainland of West Papua, Mommom Bay exemplifies the lushness of Kaimana Regency.

Easily spotted from miles offshore – Mommom Waterfall - the icon of Mommom Bay. It originates from a large river of mainland Papua rainforest and falls directly into the sea. We will take you on the *Boston Whaler* so that you can jump into the ocean and swim directly under this waterfall.

Sequoia will be anchored close to waterfall so that you can enjoy its scenic beauty any time of the day.

The adventure does not end here. Our crew will take you to the rainforest for trekking. This might be your first sighting of Papua pygmy kangaroo, a great flying fox,

endemic butterflies and birds of paradise. After half day exploring the bay, scuba diving at Fox island dive site will be your next adventure. The dancing soft corals which follow the current directions as well as school of fusiliers welcoming you to witness the beauty of Kaimana underwater.

At night, *Sequoia* will cruise for **3 hours** to Papisoi Cape.



Day

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Papisoi Cape

Trekking a half day deep into the rainforest of West Papua mainland will be rewarded by feeling the splash of the fresh water of a 75 meter (246 feet) Papisoi waterfall, while the song of the birds of paradise on the air. You can observe Papua pigmy kangaroo, deer, wild pig, pigeons and doves of Papua. You might also spot the bird of paradise and the giant cassowary.

In 2007, two of the first surveyed sites broke Dr. Gerald Allen's Raja Ampat world record for the most fish species recorded from a single dive site – an astounding 330 species recorded from *Papisoi Cape* dive site alone! Marine surveyors always find new species here. You will definitely enjoy diving in the most abundant fish tank in the world.

In the afternoon, we will take you on the *Boston Whaler* to visit Venue Island, where you will witness the baby turtles make their ways for the first time to the sea.

After sunset, we will cruise for **8 hours** to the next destination, Aiduma Island.



Day

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Aiduma Island

The reef surrounding Iris Strait, which lies between Aiduma Island and the Mainland of West Papua, fills with baitfish and sea life that block out the ambient light.

Saruenus Island will be your first dive and/or snorkeling site. Within this five-kilometer long strait you will be amazed by some of the most prolific soft coral growth in the Coral Triangle.

Your second dive will be at *Christmas Rock*, which is famous for its black coral forest covered with glassfish. At the end of your dive, you might see 4-meter-long wobbegong shark that habitually rests on the east side. This site can also be entered at night where you will see pigmy seahorses, tiger shrimp and bobtail squid.

At noon, we will sail for **2 hours** the Lagoon of Triton Bay.

At the Lagoon, we will utilize the *Boston Whaler* so you can explore a chain of small islands. You can choose the island that you like to go where lines of coconut trees make perfect shades for a picnic day. All you need is a good book and fresh coconut water.

In the evening, will cruise for **1 hour** to Namatote Island.



Day

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Namatote Island

As you kayak, you will observe one of Papua's most impressive displays of rock art. It is located on the mainland on the opposite side of Namatote Island. The early settlers created these art millennia ago when it was still possible to walk from Australia's Torres Strait to the Island of Papua & New Guinea. This area is now the shallow and muddy Arafuru Sea.

Here, you will have the opportunity to snorkel and/or free-dive with the whale sharks. Whale sharks sometimes gather at the mobile bagan lift-net vessel to feed on baitfish handouts from the fisherman.

Your last dive in this safari will be at *Namatote Wall*, which is good for both day and night dive. As you descent, you will see a white sandy bottom where you can spot goby and leopard anemone shrimp as well as Wunderpus octopus and cephalopods maneuvering over the sand.

In the late afternoon, relax and enjoy a cup of tea and our freshly baked-pastry while watching the breathtaking Kaimana twilight.

End your night with a beautiful dinner on the island. You can start planning your next adventure with *Coral Triangle Safaris*.

After dinner, we will cruise for **3 hours** to Kaimana Bay.

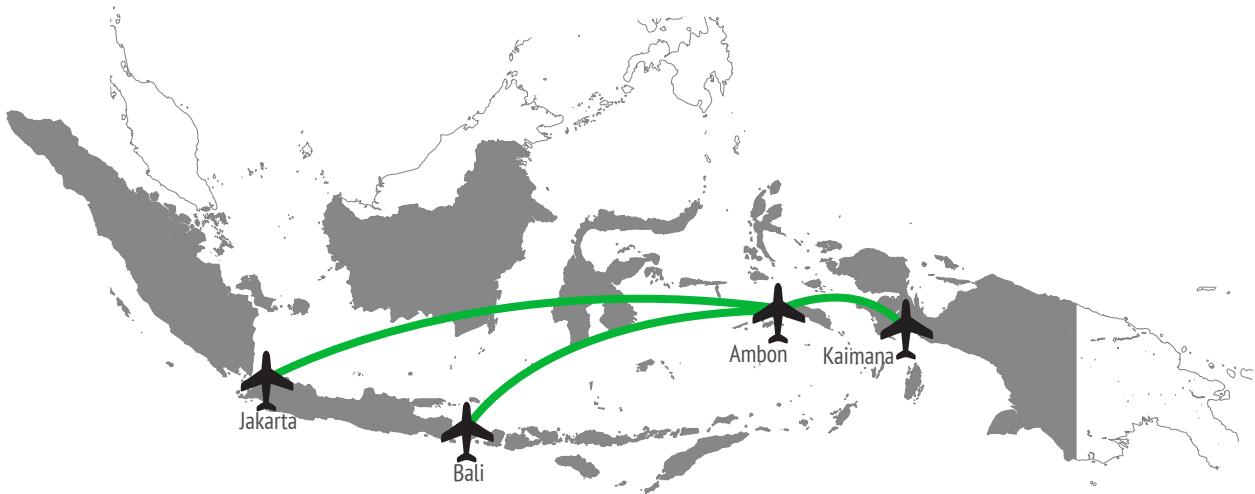


Day

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Kaimana Bay

Wake up in a beautiful lush landscape of Kaimana Bay, where we will serve you a mouth-watering breakfast. Our crew will drive you to the airport. We wave a fond farewell as you board your aircraft for your transfer back to Jakarta or Bali. We hope that your eleven-day safari was all that you dreamed and that we will see you once again for another *Coral Triangle Safari!*





ALL-INCLUSIVE

Ground transportation, food, non-alcoholic drinks, laundry, park fees, diving gear and sport equipment, PADI dive course up to advanced-level certification, DAN insurance, tax and service while onboard, Full Crew including Knowledgeable Cruise Director & Captain, Certified Dive Instructor & Dive Master, Butler and Chef.

EXPERIENCES

Coral Triangle Safaris experiences are filled with endless possibilities and memories.

Scuba Diving

Snorkeling

Kayaking

Water Skiing

Tubing

Paddle Boarding

Island Exploration

Beach Picnic

Deep Sea Fishing (outside MPA)

Cinema Under the Stars

Locavore

Kids Adventures

And much more ...

THE YACHT

A new breed of modern yet classic wooden yacht, completed in 2017.

Named after the giant *Sequoia* tree – the largest and the oldest living organism on earth – in hope that her beauty can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Hand crafted by Indonesian carpenters, *Sequoia* is equipped with state of the art yachting technology from North America and Europe.

You will be able to choose from multiple activities while being spoiled with unforgettable food and tranquility.

The 6 Inter-Hull High Intensity Discharge Lamps provide both nighttime on-deck ambiance as well as an entrance into the sea below.

Sequoia



ACCOMODATION

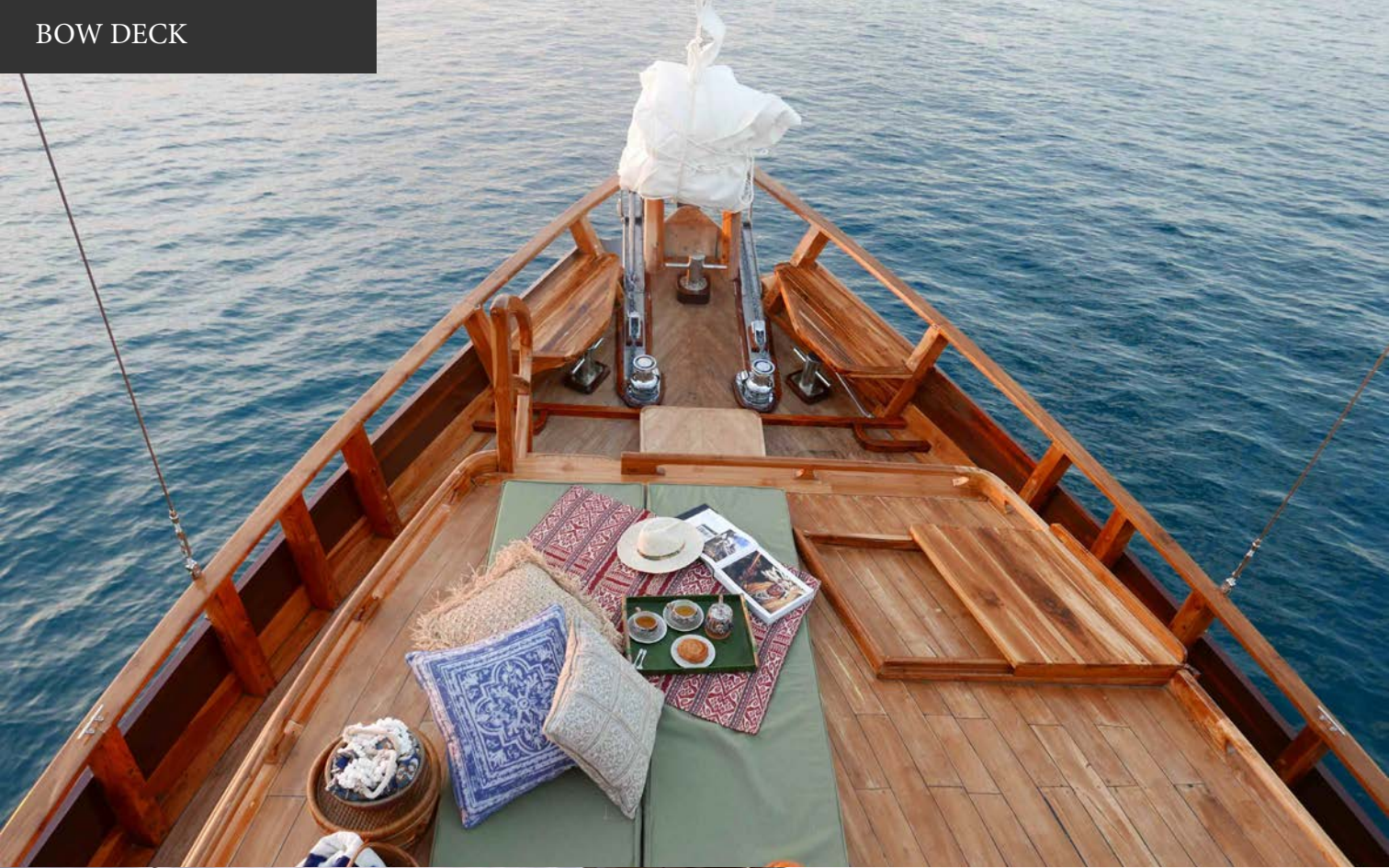
Defined by luxury, space and privacy, *Sequoia* has 2 deluxe cabins and a large galley.

The elegant modern amenities influenced by Indonesian design combine luxury and tradition.

From the vibrant textiles and the intricate teak and ironwood, every detail is custom-crafted for *Sequoia*.

Our large galley boasts 2 spacious decks furnished with beautiful outdoor dining tables and convertible sun lounges.

BOW DECK



SKY DECK



MASTER SUITE



GUEST SUITE



THE GREAT ROOM





OUR SAFARI COLLECTION

1. The Wild Raja Ampat
2. The Bird's Head Seascape
3. The Twilight of Kaimana
4. The Forgotten Islands
5. The Spice Islands
6. The East Banda Sea
7. The Ring of Fire
8. The Mystical Archipelago of East Flores
9. The Lost World of the Dragon
10. Custom safari upon request...

PLANNING YOUR SAFARI

Let us custom design your Coral Triangle Safari to suit your passions and interests.

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