

# THE WILD RAJA AMPAT SAFARI

Witness Something Truly Majestic®

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**CORAL  
TRIANGLE**  
SAFARIS



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*Venture to where the wild things  
are – Raja Ampat – the richest marine  
biodiversity on earth.*

Myth-enshrined ancestors form the basis of Papua's modern social structure. Raja means "King", while "Ampat" means four. According to the legend, eggs laid by a mega bird of Waigeo hatched into four fabled kings who settled the region's four biggest islands from north to south; Waigeo, Salawati, Batanta and Misool. These four kings begat Raja Ampat's original people, the Maya. A stone egg enshrined in a Mayalibit Bay lends a sliver of truth to this myth.

# FAST FACTS\*

Raja Ampat Archipelago is in the heart of the Coral Triangle.

It is located in West Papua, Indonesia.

1,500 islands surround the main islands of Waigeo, Salawati, Batanta and Misool encompassing 40,000 km<sup>2</sup>/ 15,444 miles<sup>2</sup> of land and water.

More than 1,300 species of coral reef fish.

Five species of rare and endangered sea turtles including the hawksbill sea turtle.

600 species of hard coral within the Bird's Head Seascape—75% of the total for the entire world.

13 marine mammal species including the dugong.  
700 species of mollusk—including 7 giant clam species.

Indonesia straddles the equator. Therefore, the temperature during the year does not vary much. Expect temperatures between 22-33<sup>o</sup> Celsius (72-92<sup>o</sup> Fahrenheit). Precipitation does vary between the dry season (Apr-Nov) and wet season (Dec-Mar).

Best time to visit is October – April when the sea is calm and the visibility is optimal.

\* References:

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

<http://birdsheadseascape.com/>







## WHAT TO EXPECT

11-day/10-night  
Seascape safari for  
adventure and  
wildlife enthusiasts,  
honeymooners and  
those who love to  
gaze at the stars!

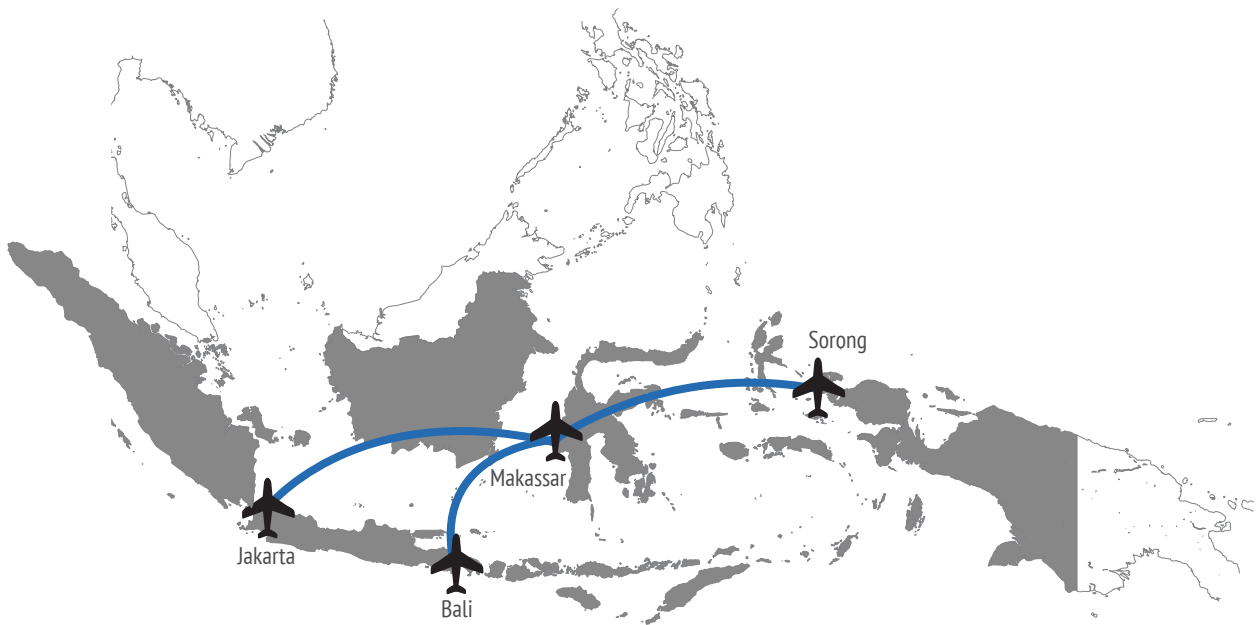


Day

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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.



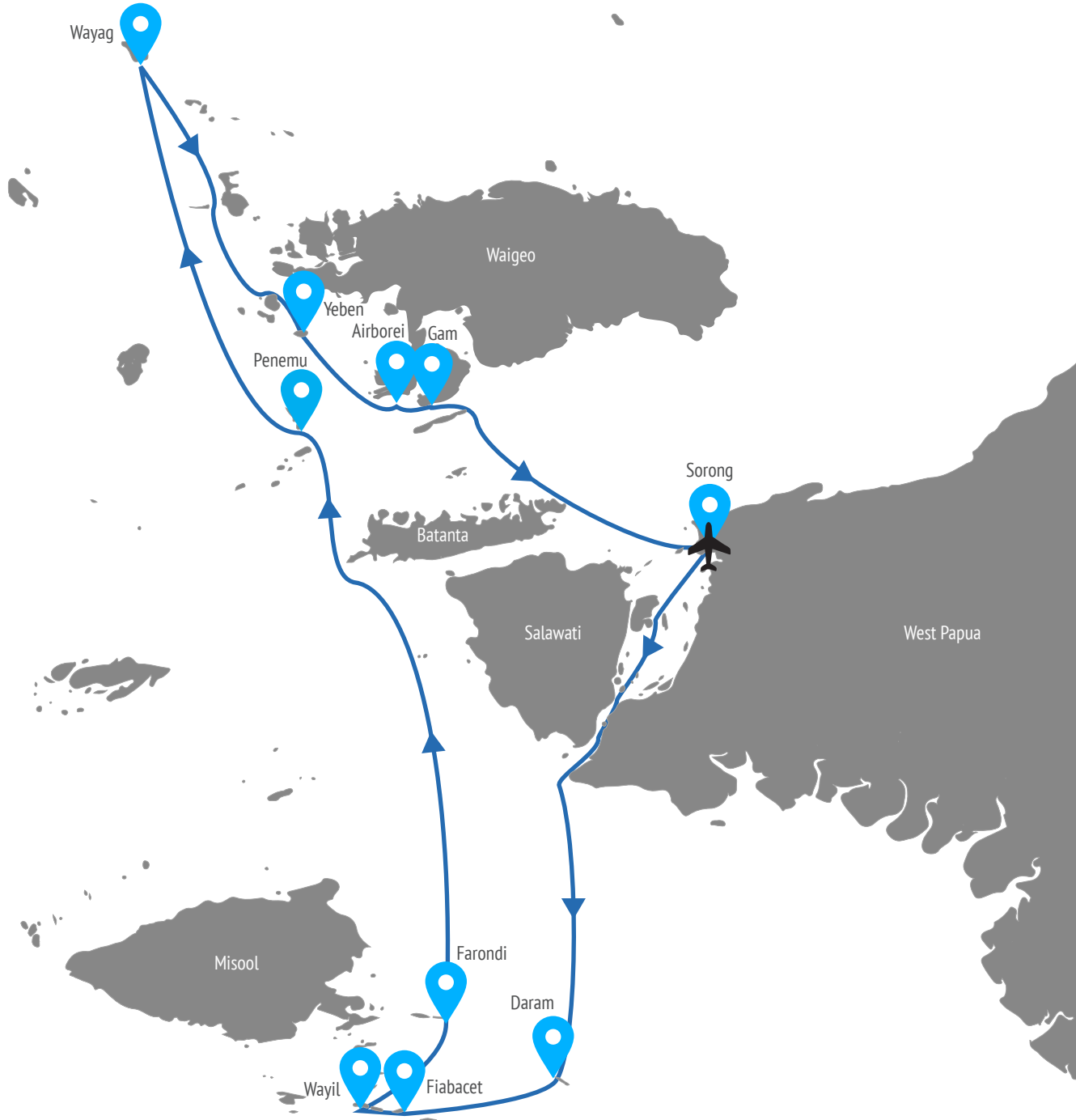






# CRUISE MAP

Cruising distance; 400 nm (460 miles/ 740 km)  
Arrival/Departure Airport; Domine Eduard Osok (SOQ), Sorong.



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

Day

1

## 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 acknowledgment that you have everything to begin your adventure, we will set sail.

We will be under engine and sail power for **8 hours** to reach Misool Regency, South Raja Ampat.

Sorong is West Papua's largest city, while Jayapura is the largest city in the East.

The "Sorong" name originates from "Soren" in the Biak language. Soren means "deep and wavy ocean." After centuries of contact with Chinese merchants, European missionaries, Moluccans and Celebes traders, the name underwent further change into Sorong.





Day

# 2

## 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.

In the evening, we will cruise for **4 hours** to the next destination, Fiabacet Island.







Day

# 3

## Fiabacet Island

Fiabacet islands are two little islands east of Misool, which are famous for orangutan crabs which make bubble coral their home.

This area is covered with sea fan, table corals and soft coral. You will find tiny creatures such as pygmy seahorses, nudibranchs and flatworms. If you like wide-angle, you will be spoiled by school of fusiliers, butterfly fish, angelfish, grouper and damselfish as well as wrasse, parrotfish, surgeonfish, triggers, puffer fish and porcupine fish. It is the world's aquarium.

One of our favorite dive sites is *Dive Shadow Reef* which some guests have referred to as 'Like a Dream'! This site really lives up to its name. While diving this site you may see: manta rays, patrolling white tip sharks and sheltering wobbegongs as well as big tunas and hunting trevally.

In the afternoon, you will have an opportunity to immerse yourself in one of the most impressive site of Raja Ampat - *Boo Windows* - where every descent will surprise you.

After sunset, we will set sail for **2 hours** to Wayil Island.





Day

# 4

## Wayil Island

Lines of coconut trees will welcome you to Wayil where we will serve you a sumptuous breakfast to start your morning. You can explore the island while our crew obtains coconuts for you to enjoy back on the yacht.

Dive at *Four Kings* known for its abundance of turtles. Another site is *Wedding Cake* which offers a chance to see schools of batfish, trevallies, barracuda as well as pygmy seahorses and an endemic walking shark.

In the evening, we will cruise for **3 hours** to the Farondi Island.







Day

# 5

## Farondi Island

At Farondi, limestone cliffs drop vertically into the water giving impressive views above the sea and lovely drop-offs underwater. The area is filled with caves and overhangs to explore as well as a beautiful lagoon and fresh water lake.

You can start your day with dives at *Farondi Cave* and *Friendly Canyon*. Misool marine sanctuary with both hard and soft corals makes it home for wobbegong shark as well as humphead parrotfish.

The calm turquoise seas here are ideal for on-the water sport adventures like kayaking, tubing and water-skiing. If you look to the skies above, you may notice that you are accompanied by hundreds of doves of Papua.

We will take you on the *Boston Whaler* to the hidden lagoon to explore a freshwater lake with stingless jellyfish. We will also visit Tomolol Cave to view prehistoric rock art.

As daylight wanes, we will cruise for **14 hours** heading north to Penemu Island.





Day

# 6

## Penemu Island

Welcome to North Raja Ampat! While the South tends to have more walls with amazing sea fans and **soft** coral. North Raja Ampat is more known for **hard** coral gardens, amazing manta dives and sharks.

This seven-kilometer-long island has clear and calm waters, which make an ideal location for snorkeling. As you snorkel, you can float above patches of hard corals so complex they alone appear to contain nearly all of Raja Ampat's more than 500 species.

Penemu Island is also an ideal area to explore by kayak.

After the sunset, we will cruise for **7 hours** to the Wayag Archipelago.







Day

# 7

## Wayag Islands

There is no better way to wake up than to have a cup of morning coffee surrounded by the beauty of Wayag Islands.

You can do one of multiple dives here: *Cathedral Rock, Y-Reef, Pelagic Rock or Edi's Cave*. Whichever you choose, schools of fish and colorful hard and soft corals will surround you.

In the afternoon, you can take a 20-minute hike up at Mount Pindito. The reward for the strenuous climb is a breathtaking 360-degree view of an island-studded sea.

End your day with kayak trip which will allow you to explore a chain of small islands. You can choose your own white sandy beach and set a picnic. All you need is a good book and a glass of coconut water.

After sunset, we will set up a cinema on our sky deck for you to enjoy the stars against the blue sky of Wayag.

In the late evening, we will cruise for **2 hours** to Yeben Island.





Day

# 8

## Yeben Island

In 1860, Wallace sailed to Waigeo from Halmahera to collect birds of paradise. His transit through the passage between Gam and Waigeo inspired him to state a quote “the only region where all together new and unimagined forms of life may perhaps be found.”

Yeben Island offers a seemingly infinite horizon between sea and sky. The island is referred to as “Mirror of the Ocean” because of the clarity of the water and beaches. It has white sandy beaches surrounded by crystal clear water, mangrove vegetation, forests and wildlife.

*Yeben Shallows* and *Mayhem* dive sites are waiting for you to explore. You can expect to see garden eels, candy cane-striped sea cucumbers and burrow-dwelling mantis shrimp as well as massive school of barracuda, fusiliers, unicorn surgeonfish, mandarin fish and feeding lionfish.

After sunset, we will set sail for **2.5 hours** to Airborei Island.





Day

# 9

## Airborei Island

A perfect day in Airborei begins with a sumptuous breakfast; homemade pancake and tropical fruits such as dragon fruit, star fruit and jackfruit depending upon season.

You can dive and/or snorkel the well-known sites of: *Manta Sandy*, *Mioskon* and *Cape Kri*.

*Manta Sandy* is hard to miss. It is the icon of Airborei. Some of the mantas are quite large - up to 5 meters (17 feet) wingspan - with varying coloration from solid black to mottled white in their underside.

*Mioskon* dive site is filled with schools of yellow snapper, napoleon wrasse, big groupers and wobbegong sharks as well as pigmy seahorses and nudibranchs.

*Cape Kri* dive site is known for large schools of trevally, which are usually found at shallower depths. Barracuda can be seen everywhere as well as large concentration of banner-fish, sweetlips, emperors and snappers.

In the afternoon, our crew will bring you to the Airborei village where you can get traditional handcrafted hat and Ikat. They sell handcrafted super manta hats inspired by manta rays in their waters. These might make for a nice gift for your friends back home.

After dinner, we will set up a cinema under the stars on our sky deck while *Sequoia* cruises for **2.5 hours** to Gam Islands, Waigeo.





Day

# 10

## Gam Island

This area is made up of large tree covered islands separated by calm inland waterways that stretch back for miles into the green interior.

In the morning, you can visit the Yen Beser Village. Our chef will bring you for a village and market tour to show you how local people live. You can search for local ingredients that can be used later to prepare a special dish back on *Sequoia*.

Using the *Boston Whaler*, we will explore some of the narrow waterways that are home to some rare birds of paradise and fearsome salt-water crocodiles. The area is tidal with expansive mangrove areas broken up only by towering limestone cliffs. This is a perfect opportunity to take a kayak out for a paddle during your surface intervals.

You can dive at *Blue Magic* and *Mike's Point* at Kerupiar Island. During World War II, US air forces surveying Dampier Strait thought that *Mike's Point* looked like a camouflaged Japanese ship, and so they repeatedly bombed the island and its reef. Topside half of the island remains blown away, but below water the reef has regenerated in an amazing way.

In the evening, enjoy a romantic dinner and start planning your next adventure with *Coral Triangle Safaris*.

Just before midnight, we will cruise for **7 hours** to Sorong.





Day

# 11

## Sorong

Wake up in the busiest port in West Papua, Sorong where we will serve you a mouth-watering breakfast. Our crew will drive you to the airport and wave you 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

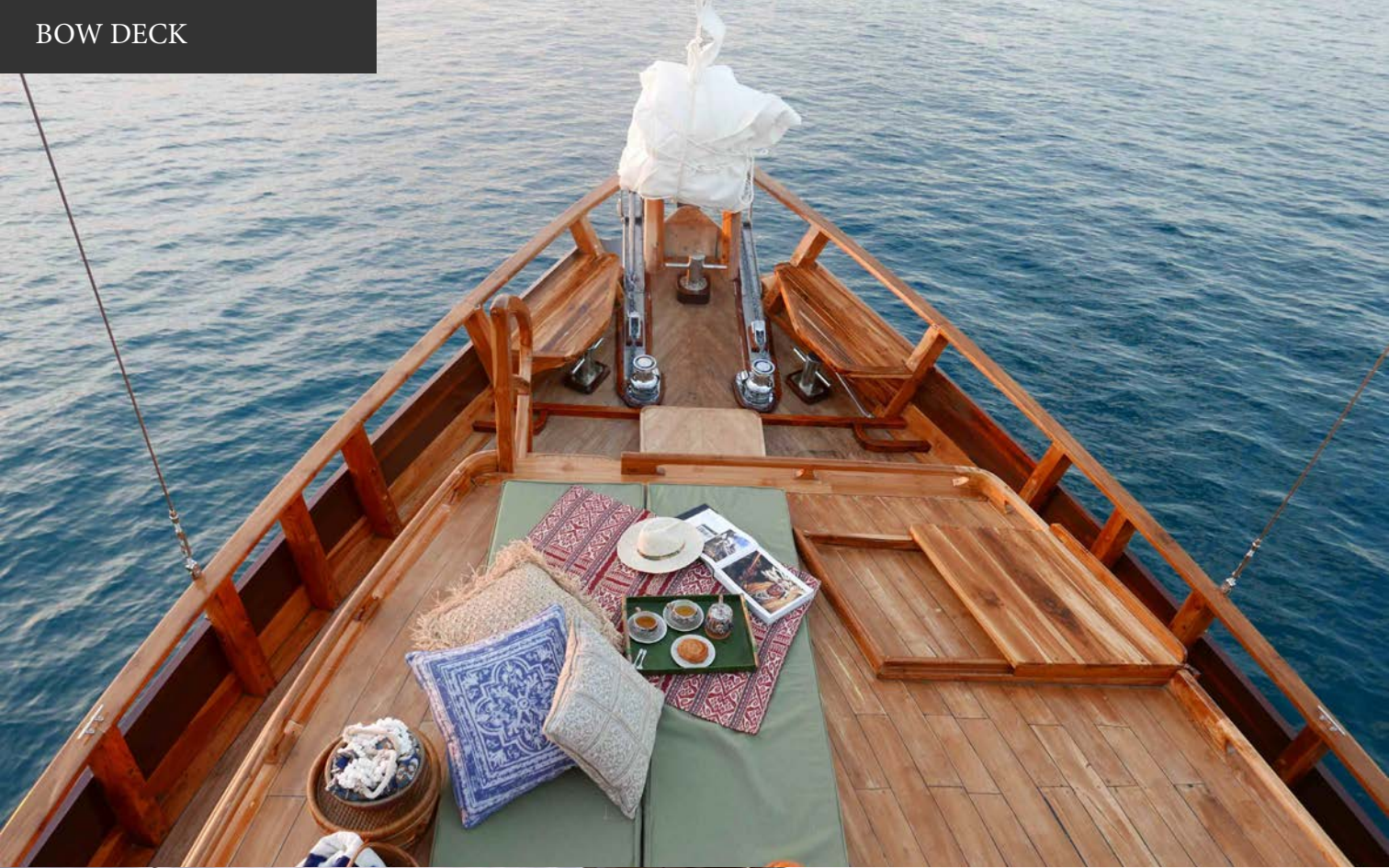
Defined by luxury, space and privacy, *Sequoia* has 2 deluxe cabins and a large galley.

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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