



**CORAL  
TRIANGLE**  
SAFARIS

# THE WILD RAJA AMPAT

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The Richest Reefs On Earth



## WRITER'S NOTE

The more we travel, the more we realize how much we have yet to see. New destinations and hotels are constantly being sought out by sea and beach lovers. We are used to hearing stories from the Maldives or the Galapagos on places we can explore the most exotic pristine marine habitats. But, very few have ever heard about the richest reefs on earth: The Coral Triangle.

The Coral Triangle, with only 1.6% of the planet's oceans, contains over 600 species of reefs, 76% of all known coral species in the world, more than 2,000 species of fish, including the whale shark, and 6 of the world's 7 species of marine turtles. It spans 6 million square kilometers, expanding across 6 countries from the Philippines to Timor-Leste. \*

At its heart, you will find more than 17,000 islands of the Indonesian archipelago. Today, Indonesia as a destination is not as famous as its neighbors in South East Asia such as Singapore and Thailand. However, many are familiar with the exotic beauty of the islands of Sumatera, Borneo, Java, Bali, Papua and more recently Komodo and Sumba Island. All of these spectacular islands are within Indonesia's boarder.

\* [Worldwildlife.org](http://Worldwildlife.org), [panda.org](http://panda.org)

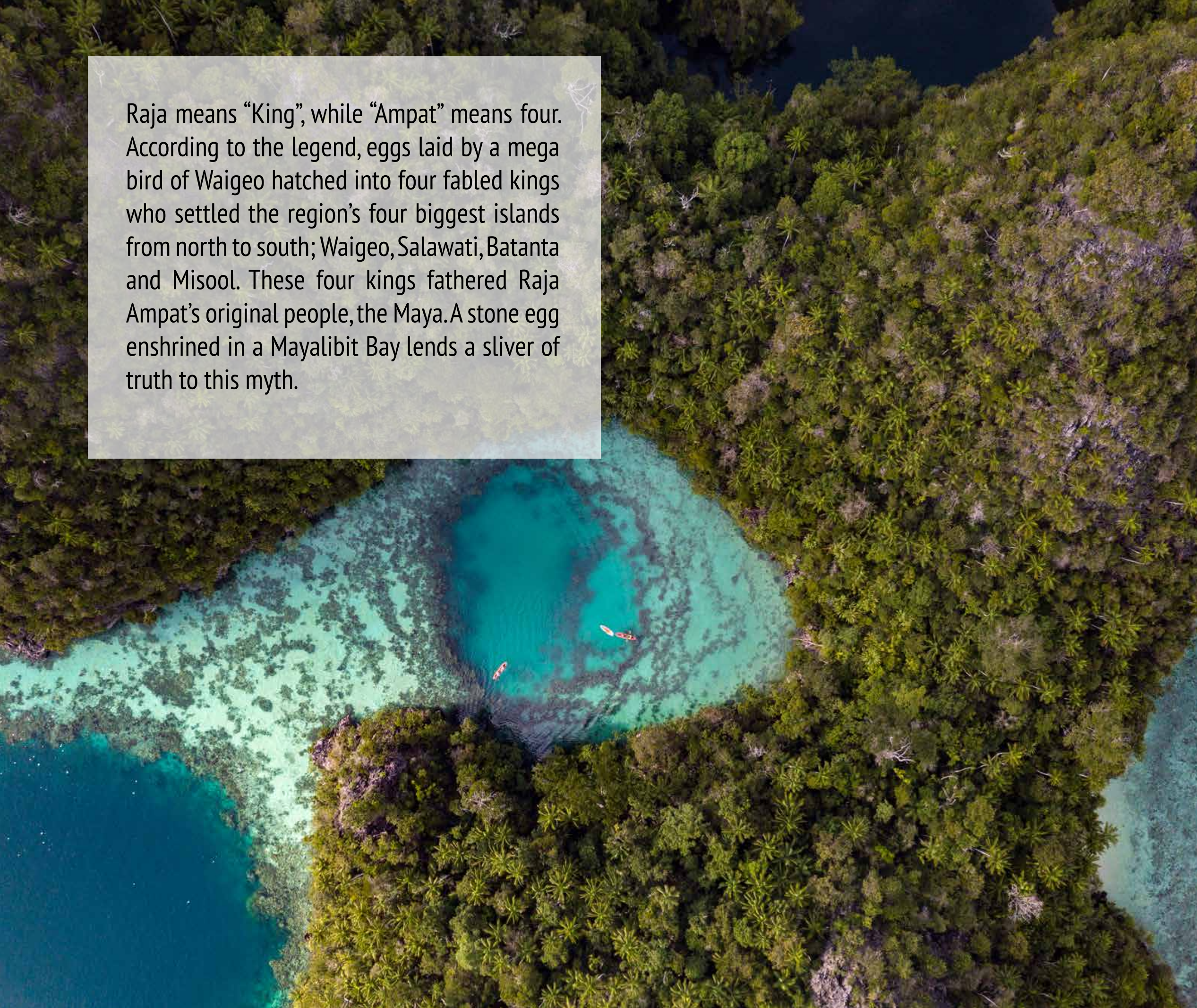
Just 1,500 nautical mile from Great Barrier reefs, lays the Kingdom of Raja Ampat" (Four Kings) located in West Papua. It has long been the marine scientists' and avid divers' best-kept secret of the healthiest coral reefs to explore in a time when most of world famous reefs are dying due to ocean acidification. Although most of divers focus on underwater exploration, there is also a great deal to explore on the surface.

One limiting factor in being able to experience this seascape wonderland is travel logistics. It is remote and vast with an undeveloped infrastructure. Therefore, the ultimate mode of transportation is sailing on a luxury yacht. Rather than staying one remote resort, which will limit your experience to a small area, your horizon can change each day you wake up as you travel between these pristine islands.

Experience something truly majestic from forgotten islands to vibrant soft corals and extraordinary sea life. Begin your own journey.

*While in South East Asia, why not sail Raja Ampat?*

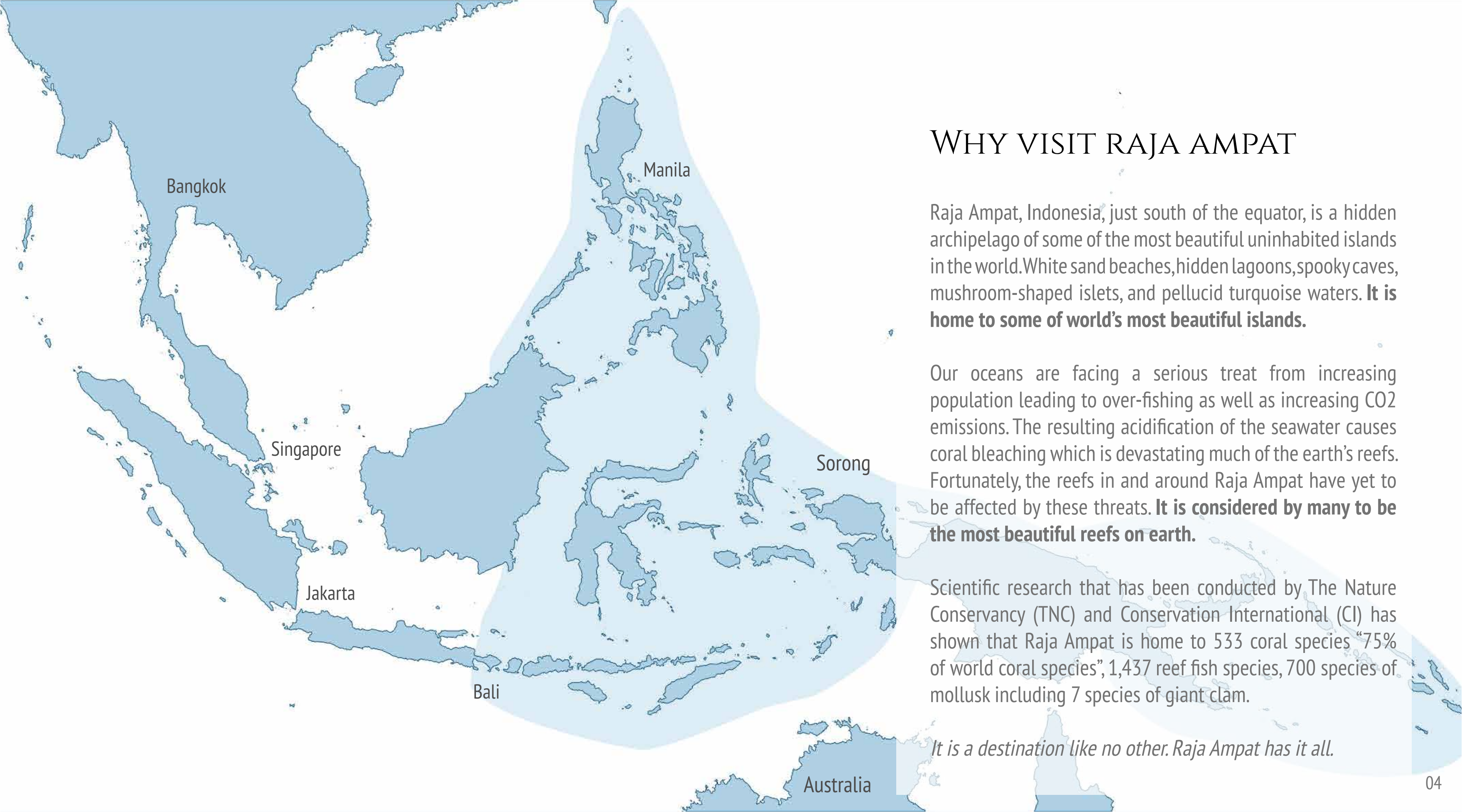
Yessi Sari, Founder of Coral Triangle Safaris.

An aerial photograph of a tropical island. The island is covered in dense, lush green forest, primarily composed of palm trees. The coastline is irregular, with a prominent bay in the lower-left quadrant. The water in the bay is a vibrant turquoise color, indicating shallow depths and a healthy coral reef. Two small, colorful kayakers are visible in the water. The overall scene is serene and idyllic, showcasing the natural beauty of the region.

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 fathered Raja Ampat’s original people, the Maya. A stone egg enshrined in a Mayalibit Bay lends a sliver of truth to this myth.

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## WHY VISIT RAJA AMPAT

Raja Ampat, Indonesia, just south of the equator, is a hidden archipelago of some of the most beautiful uninhabited islands in the world. White sand beaches, hidden lagoons, spooky caves, mushroom-shaped islets, and pellucid turquoise waters. **It is home to some of world's most beautiful islands.**

Our oceans are facing a serious treat from increasing population leading to over-fishing as well as increasing CO2 emissions. The resulting acidification of the seawater causes coral bleaching which is devastating much of the earth's reefs. Fortunately, the reefs in and around Raja Ampat have yet to be affected by these threats. **It is considered by many to be the most beautiful reefs on earth.**

Scientific research that has been conducted by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Conservation International (CI) has shown that Raja Ampat is home to 533 coral species "75% of world coral species", 1,437 reef fish species, 700 species of mollusk including 7 species of giant clam.

*It is a destination like no other. Raja Ampat has it all.*



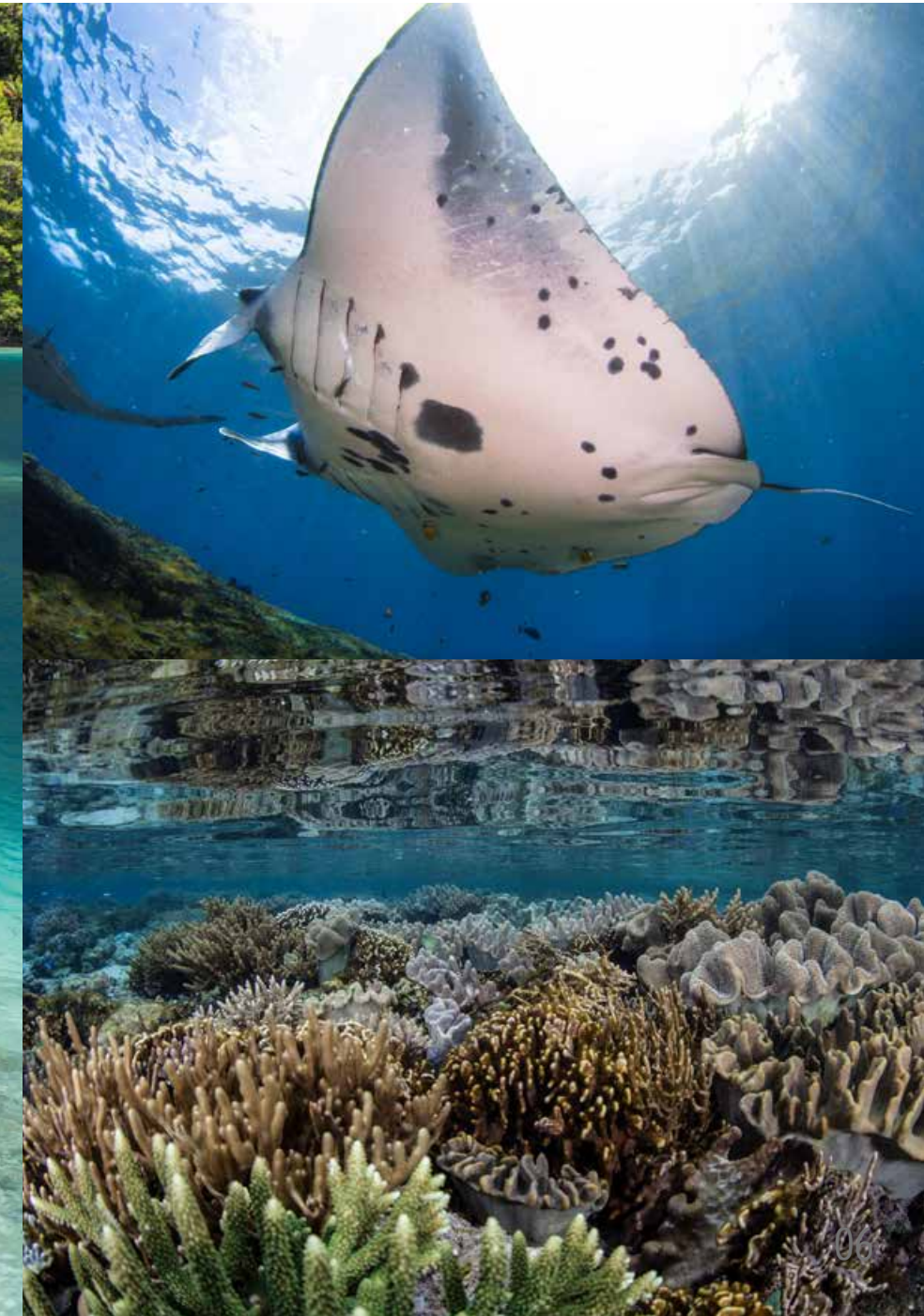
# WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE

# SNORKELING

Raja Ampat was recently awarded the # 1 snorkeling place on earth by CNN Travel. Its remote location means you will most likely have the place to yourself.

<http://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/best-snorkeling-destinations>

Imagine swimming along side of manta rays, sharks, stingless jellyfish, giant bump head fish, colorful soft coral and thousands of reef fish while staying on the surface of the water. The aquatic treasures of Raja Ampat can be enjoyed by virtually any one at any level – the only equipment needed are a mask, snorkel and fins!



# SCUBA DIVING COURSE

Raja Ampat scuba diving has gained a reputation as being amongst the finest in the world. You will be in the center of thousands of fish just inches from your mask as they dart and change direction in a split second. The rainbow of colors, textures, and fish shapes bring you into a world that seems as if Pixar Animation created it.

You and your family can be trained together with our own private instructors. From the shallow Sandy beaches you can learn how to breath underwater, clear you mask, give proper hand signals and other skills to allow you to dive safely. With our PADI-certified dive instructor and 5 stars dive center, your underwater adventure will be safe and unforgettable.



# ENDEMIC SPECIES

Raja Ampat is also known as a “species factory”. There are at least 35 coral reef fish species, 40 coral species and 8 mantis shrimp, which are all can only be found to this region, that have recently discovered.

You will be surprised to learn that the shark family of fish are much more diverse than the commonly found predatory grey and white species. Once you observe the Wobbegong Sharks and Epaulette Walking Sharks your appreciation for this highly diversified family of fish will forever change. They live and hunt on the seabed or on the reefs and are only found in this region of the world. You can also see the majestic Black Manta as well as Papuan Garden Eel.





# SCHOOLS & SCHOOLS OF FISHES

You will come face to face with up to **1,437 reef fish species** in every direction while swimming the waters of this archipelago made up of 40,000 square kilometers of islands and water.

As you immerse yourself, schools of fish will welcome you to their beautiful world. You will most likely be surrounded by school of fish from Yellow Fin Fusilier, Batfish, Damsel Fish, Glass Fish to Big Eye Trevally, The Great Barracuda, Bump Head Parrotfish and Colorful Juvenile Sweetlips. As we sail, a school of Dolphins may be swimming along the yacht bowline steering them to their destination.



# AMAZON OF THE SEA

Raja Ampat is home to 533 out of 798 known coral species, which is **75% of world coral species**. Therefore, it is known as the “Amazon of the Sea”.

The Coral reefs are the most diverse ecosystems on the planet. They protect coastlines from the damaging effects of wave action and tropical storms; provide habitats and shelter for many marine

organisms. They are also the source of nitrogen and other essential nutrients for marine food chains assist in carbon and nitrogen fixing help with nutrient recycling. Losing our reefs will mean the extinction of many species and will inevitably lead to the breakdown of our ecosystem's health and function.



# MACRO LOVERS

With more than pristine 600 islands, and additional 900 more shoals and islets, blue water mangroves connect most of which and shallow sandy bottoms, Raja Ampat is a perfect place for tiny creatures “macro” to live. Macro, in this context, means large because these creatures require a “macro lens” to magnify their image.

The smallest organisms are the most beautiful. As you dive deeper, you may encounter a strange multicolored type of sea slug known as a “Nudibranch”. There are more than 2,300 known species of Nudibranchi, which means naked gills, and describes the feathery gills and horns that appear on their backs. With sharp eyes, you may also find ghost pipefish, pygmy seahorses and flying gurnards.



# BIZARRE BUT BEAUTIFUL

When most people think of the ocean they probably imagine whales, dolphins, and sharks. The sheer variety of life that is encompassed by the word 'bizarre' is endless here in Raja Ampat. As you explore, you may see the bizarre Wobbegong Shark, Walking Shark, as well as the Crocodile Fish, which has a very complex eye pattern.

You will also see Christmas Tree Worm. The spiral "branches" are actually the worm's breathing and feeding apparatus. The worm itself lives in a tube, and it can withdraw its tree-like crowns if threatened. It is a magical world.



# LAGOON EXPLORATION

With more than 600 islands, most of which are uninhabited, one can find an endless number of hidden bays, coves, and lagoons. It is here that you can explore these calm waters by Kayak, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, or one of our speedboats.

As you paddle, you will hear the gentle sounds of nature from birds singing to dancing fish. You can also observe birds and wild plants such as pitcher plants and orchids. If you choose to swim in the lagoon, you may find thousands of purple or light orange stingless jellyfish dancing below the water. It is a paradise not found anywhere else on earth.



# BEACH & SANDBANK EXPLORATION

Under the water is not the only place you will be able to explore. There are endless possibilities for exploration on hidden beaches and pristine sandbanks. Once you choose which beach or sandbank to explore, we will take you there with the smaller boat and you can bask in the shade while reading a book.

The best are pockets of privacy, artfully selected and in just the right location, not too far to skip to that secret beach where you can do a lunch picnic, massage, or climbing coconut tree. Baby sharks are common to be seen on the shallow water near the beach, as well as baby turtles making their first walks to the sea in the late afternoon or in the nighttime. It is majestic.



# BLUE WATER MANGROVE EXPLORATION

Indonesia has by far the world's largest population of mangrove trees including the only "blue water" mangroves. Unlike the majority of mangroves elsewhere in the world, the mudflats are not built up, so the water is crystal clear, free of silt and river-borne sediments. This permits lots of light to penetrate to the bottom to the hard and soft multi-colored coral. It is great to snorkel or dive.

The Blue Water Mangroves in Southern Misool and Gam are the ideal location for this exploration. In the low tides, you may see Walking Sharks sleeping amid the nearby mangroves during the day. The sand is a home of the myriad of creatures such as Nudibranch, giant Sea Cucumbers, and patrolling Archer Fish. As a bonus, the jungles behind Mangrove are full of birdlife.



# THE PEAK TREKKING

The islands within Raja Ampat islands are considered by many to be the most beautiful islands on earth. There are hundred of peaks from to Wayag in the North to Dapunlol in the South that you can hike to get a bird's eye view and take pictures. It also offers various types of natural attractions like karsts, flora and fauna.

Reaching the top of the mountain takes some effort but once on the summit, the refreshing air and stunning views will amaze you. You may even see an eagle cruising high above you. After you return down on the beach, you can swim or snorkel in one of its blue lagoons to cool down while our crew prepares a fresh fruit plate or cold press juice.





# BIRD WATCHING

Watching birds through the binoculars is becoming more popular every year. It offers an opportunity to spend time outdoors with loved ones examining their beauty and the complexity of avian social interactions.

It also allows you to “enjoy the moment” and become one with nature while you try to determine the species under the lens. The variety of birds in Indonesia is astounding with 380 endemic species as well as considerable number of migratory species. It includes the famous Birds of Paradise.



# CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

In Raja Ampat, birds are singing while fish and soft corals are dancing. You will also meet the friendliest people of the planet, 50,000 islanders, who live across 135 villages, which call Raja Ampat their home.

It is comprised of thousands of magical Islands each unique in terms of landscapes and culture. You will be brought to local tribes to witness ancient handicraft production such as Palm leaves weaving as well traditional celebratory dance routines. This activity is one of our commitments to support local community.



# WATER SPORTS

The powerful 225 hp Boston Whaler Dauntless is set up for water skiing with either one or two skis depending on your skill level. Alternatively, you can choose to be towed by our 2-person tube. This is a popular activity for kids to enjoy together as they glide back and forth along the waters of calm bays.

A relatively new activity that is gaining popularity is Paddleboarding. It allows you to enjoy your surroundings without the sound of any machines or engines while viewing the world around you. You can also combine it with kayaking.



# MAGICAL SUNSET & SUNRISE

Nowhere on earth compares to the equatorial Sunrise and Sunset. The combination of deep blue oceans, tropical islands, complex cloud formations, varying weather, all contribute to the depth and variety of both the Sun's rise in the East and set in the West.

You will view in awe and splendor the kaleidoscope of mixed colors within the swirls of clouds as a background of wooden ships in the background. Everyday a new canvas will appear on the horizon dramatically different from any one from yesterday or tomorrow.



# ROMANTIC MOMENTS

Finish your afternoon with tea or a cocktail while you become mesmerized by the romantic sunset of equatorial Indonesia. Continue with Dinner under the stars with the underwater hull lights on to illuminate the sea around you and the music of your choice playing in the background. End your night with a romantic “under the sky” movie cinema up in our sky deck or on a pristine beach.

Although Sequoia utilizes an advanced turbo-diesel engine for its primary propulsion, the 3 large Doyle USA sails provide alternative and complimentary power when the winds are favorable. This allows you to feel the exhilaration of wind power pushing Sequoia to its destination much like the early explorers of the 16th century. Sailing is a romance itself.



# KIDS EDUCATION

Much more than just a yacht, Sequoia features kids toys that allow kids to “do their own thing” with items such as: books, puzzles, game boards, origami, handcraft from Decopath, freesbie and kites. They can also be exposed to the life-style of the local children to give them a sense for how happy one can be growing up without material possessions.

Children can begin their PADI scuba diving training at 8 years old provided their parents approve and they are comfortable in the water. This might be the well turn out to be the on educational program that will change their life more than any other. They will be able to enjoy scuba diving in the oceans around the world forever broadening their knowledge and sensitivity to environmental issues.





## WHEN AND HOW TO TRAVEL

Indonesia straddles the equator giving it 365 days of summer with both a dry and wet season. Expect temperatures between 22<sup>o</sup>-30<sup>o</sup>C (72<sup>o</sup>-92<sup>o</sup>F).

Best time to visit Raja Ampat is October to April when the sea is calmer and the visibility is optimal. You will undoubtedly experience some rain nearly everyday, which keeps the vegetation green all year round.

How to get to Raja Ampat? Indonesia has more than 133 commercial airports and new airline routes are being expanded every year. Thailand, by comparison, has 22 commercial airports.

You will need to get to Sorong (SOQ) in West Papua. You can fly directly from Jakarta on a 4 hour and 15 minute flight. From Bali, you would need to transit in Makassar. 3 Major Airlines service fly to Sorong Airport

Gauruda Indonesia [garuda-indonesia.com](http://garuda-indonesia.com)  
Sriwijaya Air [sriwijayaair.co.id](http://sriwijayaair.co.id)  
Batik Air [batikair.com](http://batikair.com)

Once you are picked up at the airport, it only takes 15 minutes to get to Sequoia.



## WHY TRAVEL ON A LUXURY YACHT

Raja Ampat is comprised of 600 islands contained within an area of 40,000 km<sup>2</sup> / 15,444 miles<sup>2</sup>, which is 7 times the size of the “Island of Gods”, Bali. The most beautiful beaches and most exciting dive sites are only accessible by sea. There is no better way to travel to see them than by sailing on a luxury wooden yacht, Sequoia.

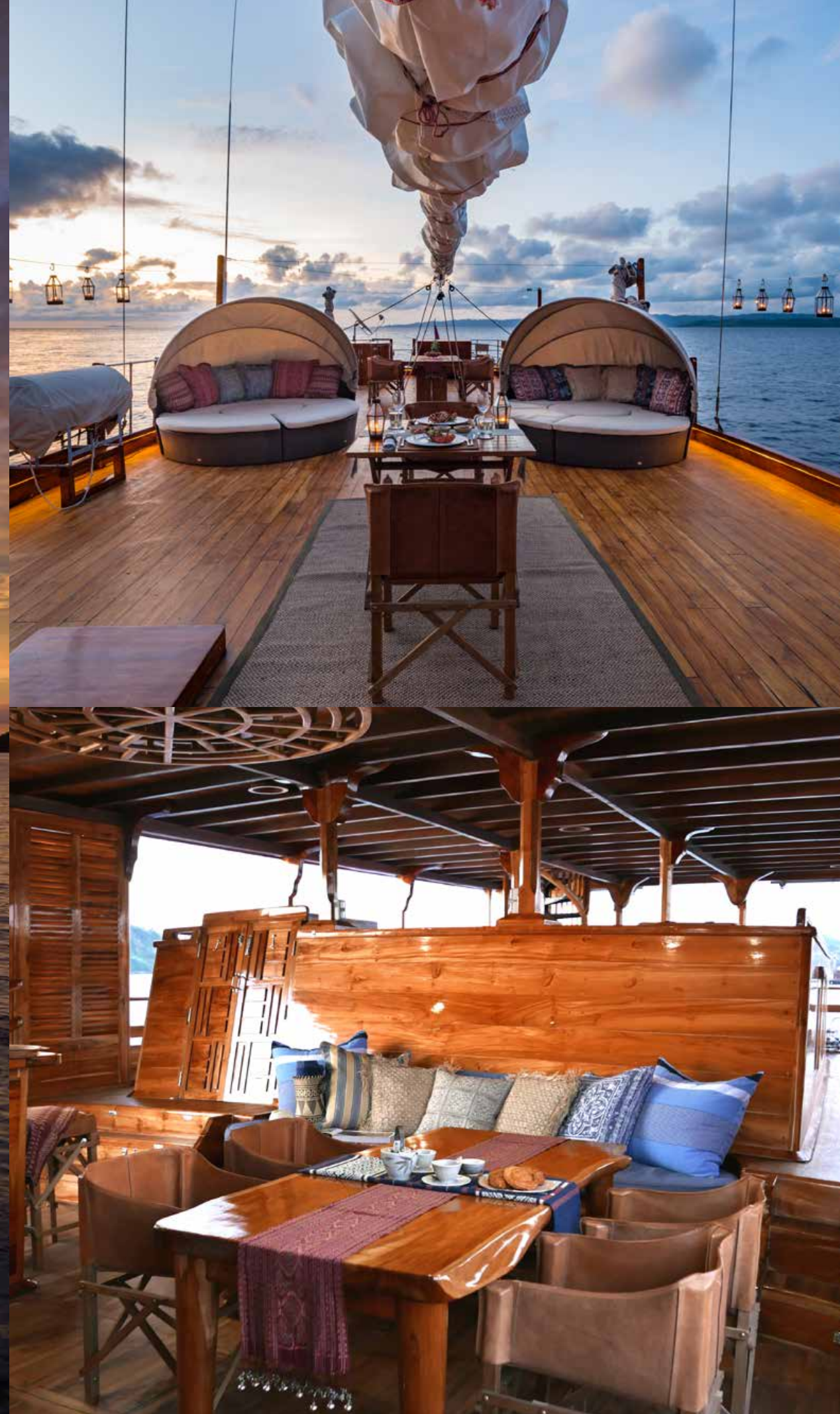
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Experience something truly majestic from forgotten cultures to vibrant soft corals and extraordinary fish on the richest reefs on earth.

With 10 professional crew members including a cruise director, all your needs will be taken care of in a private and intimate settings.

**Begin your own journey.** It is the ultimate luxury.





## WHERE TO STAY

### *Sequoia*

Completed in 2017, she is a modern take on the classic wooden yacht. Named after the giant Sequoia tree, one of the oldest living organisms on earth, this handcrafted yacht was designed as an heirloom, for generations to come.

Using traditional, Indonesian Bugis boat construction comprised of ironwood and teak, Sequoia is made with a state-of-the-art American engine and electrical systems. Custom-designed light fixtures illuminate the night sky, as well as underwater lighting to see the magical sea below.



Sequoia features **three deluxe bedrooms** with en-suite bathrooms, a spacious great room, sky deck, and gourmet kitchen. The Design emphasized space, privacy and comfort. Here, East meets West with modern, custom-made amenities, melded with an Indonesian tropical, island style designed to make you **feel at home**.

Each of our bedrooms is created with every attention to detail. It includes an intricately, hand-carved king bed complete with the finest Belgian linens or Egyptian cotton of your choice. A luxurious en-suite bathroom made with *Caesarstone* offers timeless elegance, bringing your comfort aboard Sequoia to new heights.

Enjoy all the comforts of home, while sailing throughout a tropical paradise.



## WHAT TO EAT

Indonesia is home to the original “Spice Islands”. Inspired by Indonesia’s plethora of spices, herbs, exotic fruits, our chefs will customize your menu to suit your taste and dietary needs are met as it relates to: health, religion, and cultural requirements.

We do all we can to prepare cuisine with the freshest, organic ingredients creating a range of dishes from the most exotic Asian fare to homemade pastas and ice cream, pizza, and exotic tropical juices.

Your day will start with a sumptuous breakfast made to order and a light healthy lunch. Before sunset we provide with tea and/or your choice of cocktails. Diner will be a multi-course dining experience that you will remember for years to come.

In terms of venue, you may choose to dine in the spectacular great room, al fresco in our sky deck, or on any number of beautiful island beach settings.

You can also enjoy your private and tailored cooking class either in the kitchen or on the island of your choice. These skills can be then brought home with you share with others.



## WHO IS YOUR HOST

Yessi Maya Sari  
Founder / Cruise Director

Yessi was born in a mountain town in South Sumatra, Indonesia and educated under a full scholarship at the School of Economics, University of Indonesia. After graduating with a CPA degree, she was recruited by Johnson and Johnson. She transitioned into a marketing role working for Unilever and L'Oreal. She decided to change course and follow her passion, traveling the world from The Himalayas to Raja Ampat.

Yessi came to realize that the ultimate travel destination was at her doorstep, Coral Triangle within The Indonesian Archipelago. This led her to found Coral Triangle Safaris to facilitate safe and comfortable travel to the richest reefs on earth.

She built Sequoia Yacht, which is the newest generation of Indonesian classic wooden yachts available for charter in Indonesian waters. She will also be on board Sequoia as the Cruise Director to ensure that the customer experiences the safest and most enjoyable cruise possible.

# WHAT ARE OUR COMMITMENTS

## Develop Local Talent

Indonesia is a land of incredible cultural diversity with over 300 tribes speaking 700 living languages. We celebrate the beauty of our diverse population just as much as our natural resources both above and below the water. We employ an all-Indonesian staff and ensure fair prices and wages to our people, community and trade partners who are central to everything we do. All of our staff is encouraged to scuba dive and snorkel so they can appreciate the beauty of their seas.

## Enrich Experiences

We strive to provide our guests with a safe and unforgettable experience in the most biodiverse and exotic maritime location in the world, while respecting indigenous people and their land and water. We do not make false promises. Our hospitality is inspired by the diversity of nature and our people. We are experts in understanding local customs and culture; knowing how to make our guests feel welcomed.

## Enrich Our Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem

We are environmentally conscious and make sure that our carbon footprint is minimized. As we explore this fragile environment, we are responsible in making sure it lasts. We have selectively sourced our products with this in mind. From low-emission engines to palm oil free products we aim to a practice of “no one time use” of plastic such as straws, plastic bottle water, and other plastic garbage onboard of Sequoia. This is done to reduce the devastating impact of global warming and plastic trash that is threatening our oceans.

# WHAT SAFARIS ARE AVAILABLE

We understand that each guest is different and, therefore, we craft a specific safari that will meet your needs. Whether it is venturing out to immerse yourself the richest reefs on earth or relaxing across from a majestic island, this will be an experience based on your preferences.

The vast seascape with over 600 islands of Raja Ampat can be explored for any duration between one week to one month depending on your availability.



# WORLD CLASS DIVE SITE

Raja Ampat scuba diving has gained a reputation as being amongst the finest in the world. You will be in the center of thousands of fish just inches from your mask as they dart and change direction in a split second. The rainbow of colors, textures, and fish shapes bring you into a world that seems as if Pixar Animation created it.

South Raja Ampat tends to have more walls with amazing sea fans and soft corals. North Raja Ampat is more known for hard coral gardens, amazing manta dives and sharks. To be able to experience them all, we recommend you to travel both regions.

These are our top 10 best dive sites choices, which we recommend you to explore while at Raja Ampat.



# SOUTH TO CENTRAL RAJA AMPAT SAFARI

7-Night / 8-Day  
311 nautical miles (586 km)

- Day 1: Sorong
- Day 2: Wayilbatan
- Day 3: Kalig
- Day 4: Balbulol
- Day 5: Masemta
- Day 6: Dayang
- Day 7: Mansuar
- Day 8: Sorong



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



# NORTH TO CENTRAL RAJA AMPAT SAFARI

7-Night/8-Day  
280 nautical miles (518 km)

Day 1: Sorong  
Day 2: Wayag  
Day 3: Kawe  
Day 4: Kabuy  
Day 5: Gam  
Day 6: Mansuar  
Day 7: Batanta  
Day 8: Sorong



# SOUTH TO NORTH RAJA AMPAT SAFARI

13-Night/14-Day  
450 nautical miles (833 km)

- Day 1: Sorong
- Day 2: Daram
- Day 3: Wayilbatan
- Day 4: Fiabacet
- Day 5: Pele
- Day 6: Balbulol
- Day 7: Masemnta
- Day 8: Fam
- Day 9: Wayag
- Day 10: Kabuy
- Day 11: Gam
- Day 12: Mansuar
- Day 13: Batanta
- Day 14: Sorong



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# ALL-INCLUSIVE

Ground transportation

Harbor and national park fees

All water & island activities

All food and drinks

Diving gear and all water sport equipment

PADI dive courses-up to advanced-level with documented certification

Professional Crew including:

Licensed Captain, Cruise Director, Executive Chef,

Butler, Dive Instructor, and Masseur

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