



ULTIMATE YACHTS

THE SPICE ISLANDS & RAJA AMPAT

12-night itinerary



EXPERIENCE-LED PRIVATE CRUISING SPECIALISTS



The Ultimate Indonesian Yachts team is passionate about exploring Indonesia's most compelling coastlines. We believe that chartering a private yacht is the best way to uncover the secrets of our blue planet.

Our handpicked collection of luxury and expedition charter yachts offers an unrivalled means of experiencing both land & sea from the comfort of boutique accommodation on the waves. Our yachts combine tradition, elegance and modern conveniences, and each one comes with a skilled crew including an expert captain, a cruise host and a private chef.

We know the islands like the back of our hand and we love planning bespoke adventures to suit you. We take pride in our relationships with clients, yacht owners and agents alike. We take the time to truly know everything about each yacht, from the cruise director's strengths to the cuisine and service onboard.

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From the small chain of volcanic islands rising out of the deep that makes up the Spice Islands to the paradisiac limestone isles of Raja Ampat, this remote journey is one to remember.

For many years, the Spice Islands (also known as the Banda Islands) were renowned for their significance in the spice trade. Today, they are known not only for their history but also for their breath-taking landscapes. With a mixture of history and natural beauty, abandoned forts, nutmeg groves and local markets, this region has plenty to see on land.

Raja Ampat comprises a total territory of 9.8 million acres over land and sea, and beneath the surface, it is recognised as the world's most bio-diverse marine ecosystem with over 1,200 species of fish, 550 species of coral, and six of the world's seven species of turtle.

Above water, the islands' cultural heritage is diverse, with prehistoric cave paintings and relics from bygone eras, while recent history is visible in cave bunkers and seabed wreckage from World War II. Intrepid visitors can trek through the jungle to seek out endemic birdlife, visit remote villages, explore sea turtle rookeries and pearl farms or discover mangroves by sea kayak.





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DAMPIER STRAIT

SORONG

MISOOL

AMBON

NUSA LAUT

KOON

THE SPICE
ISLANDS



12-night Ambon to Sorong itinerary



DAY 1: AMBON

You will be met at Ambon airport by the yacht's crew and transferred to the harbour. Once you have settled in onboard, the yacht will depart the harbour. This afternoon, plan your first snorkel or dive at one Indonesia's most spectacular muck sites in Ambon harbour. Dinner will be served under the stars.

DAY 2: SAPARUA & MAMALA

Saparua is the largest island in the Lease chain to the east of Ambon. This morning you may head ashore to explore the small town of Saparua and visit the Duurstede Fort, built by the Portugese in 1676. While you enjoy lunch back onboard, the yacht will sail to Mamala Island, where you can explore underwater sites on the eastern coast, which offers some striking walls with overhangs, inhabited by an array of macro marine life.



DAY 3: BANDA NEIRA

Early in the morning, the Banda Islands will emerge on the horizon. This morning you can dive at "Bird Rock" at Suanggi Island, and on arrival at Banda Neira, you can head ashore to the historical town. Every building here could be a museum – there are cannons in the front of colonial houses and 17th century inscriptions on the walls. You'll visit the impressive Fort Belgica, an old church and a former governor's palace, a jail and local museum.

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DAY 4: GUNUNG API

We invite the fit and ambitious to make an early morning ascent of Banda's Gunung Api volcano. This is perhaps the most famous of the Banda Sea 'Ring of Fire' volcanos. First recorded in the 14th century, it last erupted in 1988. While this is a challenging climb up a narrow track to an elevation of about 640 metres, the reward when reaching the top of the 'Fire Mountain' is well worth the effort and you can revel in a stunning view.

DAY 5: BANDA BESAR

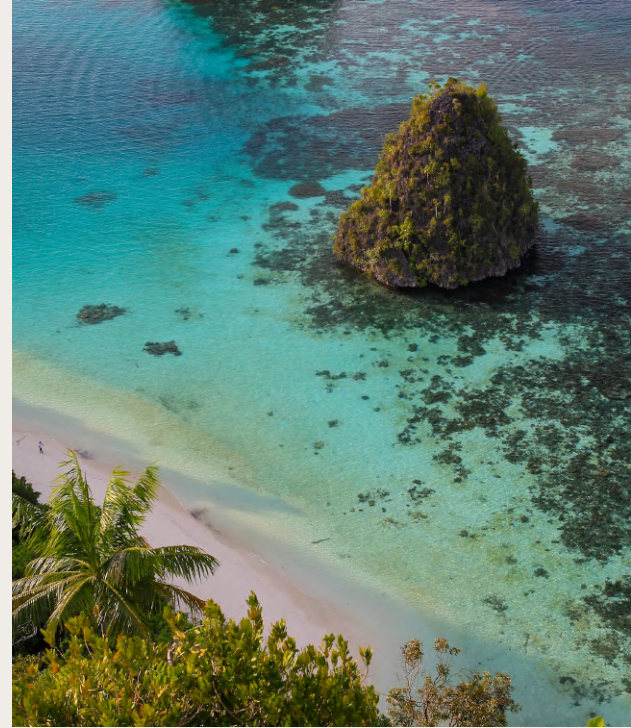
This morning, head to Banda Besar to see the historical nutmeg plantations — once the most expensive spice in the world. Walk past ancient almond trees and take the opportunity to see how the locals make a living, while observing various species of endemic birds. After lunch, you can do one or two wonderful dives at Batu Kapal, and later visit a small village on Pisang Island, which is surrounded by the pristine beaches and beautiful reef.

DAY 6: RUN & NAILAKKA

Head ashore to Ai Island, where the ruins of Fort Revenge can still be seen deep in the jungle. We will also cruise to Run Island — the first British overseas colony. This tiny piece of land was once the subject of a long and bloody conflict between European colonial powers, and was transferred to the Dutch in exchange for New York! We will explore the island to see the forgotten ruins of old forts, enjoying picnic lunches and exploring the coral wall.

DAY 7: KOON

Today, we'll arrive at the tiny island of Koon, to the east of Seram, which is a veritable aquarium for underwater aficionados. Coconut palms dot the island, which is encircled by a blindingly white beach melting into turquoise seas. The coral reef fringing the island is well protected and acts as a haven for fish. Overnight, the yacht will cruise to Misool.





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DAY 8, 9 & 10: MISOOL

This morning, the yacht will reach the southeast end of Misool. This chain of tiny islands carves the area into hundreds of narrow channels concealing lagoons, coves, cliffs and limestone overhang, caves and endless pristine beaches. Here in Raja Ampat's southernmost island, you'll spend three days exploring Misool's treasures. The surrounding dive and snorkel sites have been voted some of the best in the world: Boo Windows, Magic Mountain and more, a myriad of exhilarating and relaxing underwater pursuits.

DAY 11: KRI PENINSULA

This morning, you'll awake to the sound of tropical birds calling from the depths of the jungle. Mioskon Bay is a spectacular anchorage where you can spend the morning snorkelling in the mangroves, or kayaking across mirror still waters, hugging the verdant coastline. Famed for its abundant fish-life and vibrant coral slopes, the Kri Peninsula offers some of the most exquisite underwater vistas in Raja Ampat.

DAY 12: DAMPIER STRAIT

Dampier's tidal surges carry planktonic feasts that attract Manta rays near Arborek Island. Spend time snorkelling and wait for the mantas to pass, swooping past with curious eyes in an elegant underwater ballet. After lunch onboard, head ashore to Arborek village. Communities in Raja Ampat primarily make their living from sustainable fishing and pearling, with around 18 villages in the region, all of which are very small and hospitable.

DAY 13: SORONG

This morning, the yacht will approach Sorong harbour. After breakfast on deck, your crew will assist you in disembarking the yacht and transfer you to the airport to catch your flight.





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NORTH
MALUKU

RAJA AMPAT

AMBON

SPICE
ISLANDS

TRITON BAY

CENDERAWASIH
BAY

FORGOTTEN ISLANDS

BALI

LOMBOK

KOMODO NATIONAL
PARK

ALOR ARCHIPELAGO

TIMOR LESTE

TIMOR

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SUMBAWA

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DESTINATION KEY

- ★ CRUISING MAY TO OCTOBER
- ★ CRUISING NOVEMBER TO APRIL
- ★ CRUISING IN THE SHOULDER SEASON



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