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HALMAHERA

10-night Ternate to Ternate itinerary



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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.

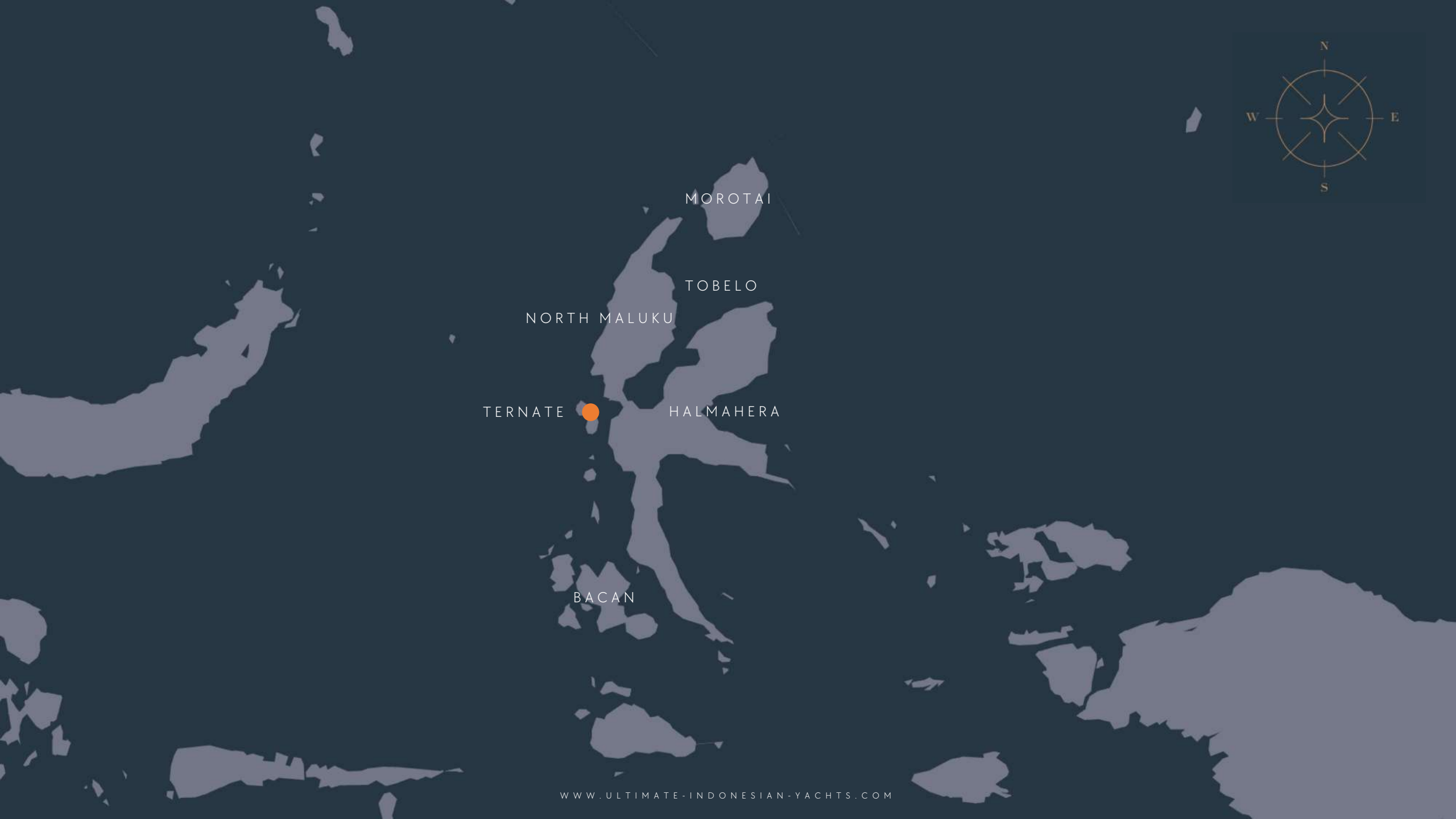
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While Raja Ampat may claim most of the fame in this region, Halmahera has numerous fascinating cruising grounds for those keen to get off the beaten track and explore remote Indonesia.

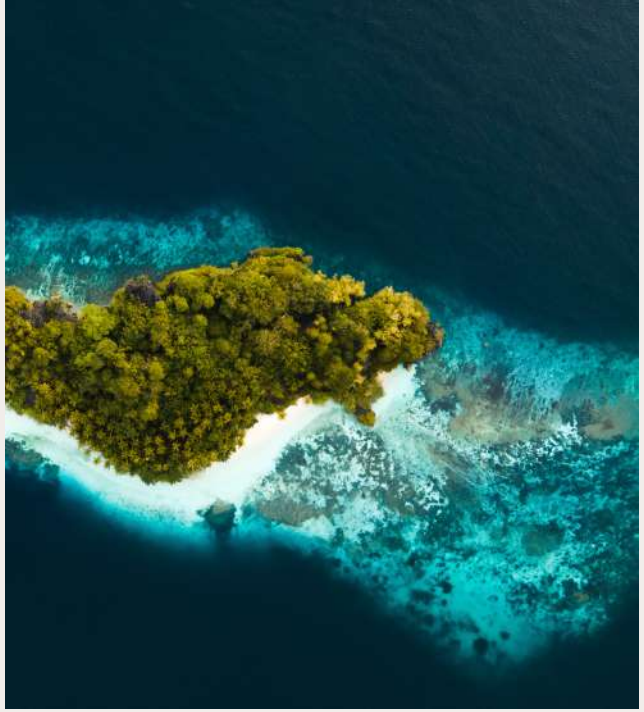
North Maluku is ripe for exploration with the rugged forested island of Morotai, a far-flung paradise islands in the Halmahera Sea holding similar historic significance in the spice trade and playing a part in World War II under occupation by Japan and then the US before Indonesia's independence.

Halmahera sits in the Indonesian throughflow, between the Pacific and the Indian ocean, thus offering a wide range of sea life particular to this region. Divers are well catered for here with a medley of undiscovered sites, while surfers can find solace in some truly sensational waves.




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DAY 1: TERNATE

Embark this morning in Ternate. Once you have settled in, we'll head for a dive on the island of Pilongga near Tidore before diving once again off the small island of Hiri to the north of Ternate. Potential for a night dive near the Halmahera mainland at Babua. Cruise through the night to reach the next destination.

DAY 2: KAHATOLA

This unique location has a waterfall tumbling directly into a stunning lagoon in the shadows of Halmahera, while at the same time with clear sky you can see the peaks of 5 active volcanoes, including Ibu and Dukono – two of Indonesia's most active volcanoes. Under the water there's the unique current filled site called Gamaguba Speedway among others, making this an action packed day.

DAY 3: MAYU & TIFORE

These small islands are located in-between the major islands of Sulawesi and Halmahera rises up from abyssal depths. In the morning drift dive across the eastern coastline of Mayu before continuing to Barracuda Point on the south of Tifore in the afternoon. Incredible numbers of barracuda school in the waters here, offering dramatic views and incredible interactions. There will be a possibility to dive here once again or explore the coral plateaus on the northern side. In the evening begin eastwards back in the direction of Halmahera.

DAY 4: GORAICHI

Spend the day here exploring the various dive sites located around the Goraichi islands, seeking encounters with reef sharks and plentiful reef fish amongst vibrant hard coral reefs.

DAY 5: KARANG DAMAI

In the early morning dive on the incredible equator pinnacle, explore the reef while being tracked throughout by grey reef sharks from the blue. Cruise to Karang Damai – a shallow submerged reef complex with some of the most incredible hard coral coverage you're likely to find. Make a couple of dives here as you explore different sections of the reef.

DAY 6 & 7: PANTINI STRAIT

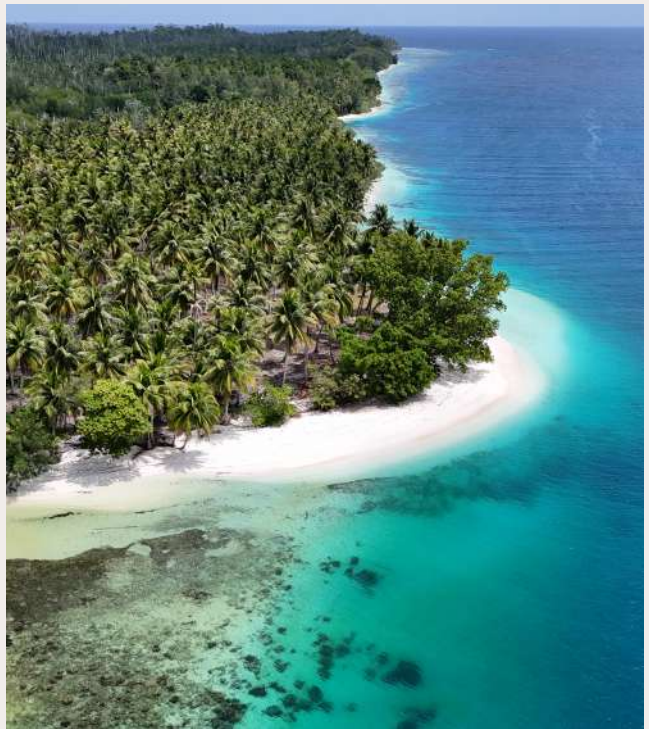
This up and coming destination is infrequently visited by boats but has an increasing number of dive resorts dotted along the small islands that form a shallow barrier between the deep Molucca and Ceram Seas. These shallow channels attract a lot of current which results in some of the most incredible coral reefs you can find, with impressive amounts of marine life. Two days are easily spent exploring the waters here.

DAY 8: DOWOR

Heading south towards the Ceram Sea, stop first to dive at Dowor, more focussed on macro life with numerous critters to be found along the reef. Once finished here head to Loleojaha - this extensive shallow reef complex is located on the south east of the island of Bacan. Diving around the corner of this sloping reef you'll have opportunities to see many reef sharks as well as turtles. If you're able to slow enough with the drift then it's also possible to find pygmy seahorses in the seafans. Make a third dive at the nearby reef called Woka.

















DAY 9: BACAN

Dive this morning on the walls of the southern point of Bacan with the hope of encountering large numbers of barracuda and reef sharks. The deep waters here can also offer possibilities for encounters with larger pelagics. Continue inside the channel on the south of Bacan, drift diving again along the coastline as we head up towards Penambuan for some excellent night time critter hunting on the jetty.

DAY 10: TAWALI

Make a final dive in the morning on the picturesque reef of Tawali. Snorkel here later or embark on a lagoon tour by Kayak in the afternoon in the northern entrance to the Bacan strait. Utilise one of the many beaches in the area for a beach barbecue and toast the end of an incredible trip.

DAY 11: TERNATE

Enjoy your final breakfast onboard before the crew escort you to the airport to catch your flight home.



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