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Immerse yourself in the blue water bursting with colorful aquatic life of the Komodo Archipelago, a New 7 Wonders of Nature.

It is believed that one upon a time, there was a fairy lady who lived in Komodo Island. The villagers named her Putri Naga, "The Dragon Princess." The Princess married a local man and gave birth to twins: one human – Gerong – who grew up among the villagers and one dragon – Orah – who grew up in the forest. They never knew that they were siblings. Years had passed, when one day Gerong went deer hunting in the forest. As he collected his prey, the dragon came out from the bushes and tried to take it. After he failed to convince the dragon to go away, he lifted his spear ready to kill the dragon. A beautiful goddess, "Putri Naga" appeared and told Gerong not to kill the dragon. She told him that the dragon "Orah" was his twin and they should live in a harmony. To this day, the Komodo Islanders believe that the Komodo Dragons are their family members and they should live together sharing their land without borders.

FAST FACTS*

Komodo Archipelago lies in the Lesser Sunda Islands. This chain starts in Bali and ends in Tanimbar.

Komodo National Park, located within the Coral Triangle, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Man and Biosphere Reserve and one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature.

It is part of a biogeographic region known as Wallacea, which contains very distinctive fauna representing a mix of Asian and Australasian species such as endemic Komodo dragon – the largest living lizard, the crab-eating macaque, orange-footed scrub fowl and bird.

Its brilliant pink beaches and the blue waters are home to over 60 dive sites.

1,000 species of fish.

260 species of coral reef.

70 species of sponge.

10 species of dolphin.

5 species of sea turtle.

14 species of whale.

Notable dugong, shark and manta ray.

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

Best time to visit is May – September when the sea is calm and the visibility is optimal.

* References:

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/609>

<https://nature.new7wonders.com/wonders/komodo-indonesia/>



WHAT TO EXPECT

8-day/7-night
Safari to the world
of the Komodo
dragon: Dramatic
savanna hills
surrounded by
scenic pink beaches
& blue waters
bursting with sea
life.

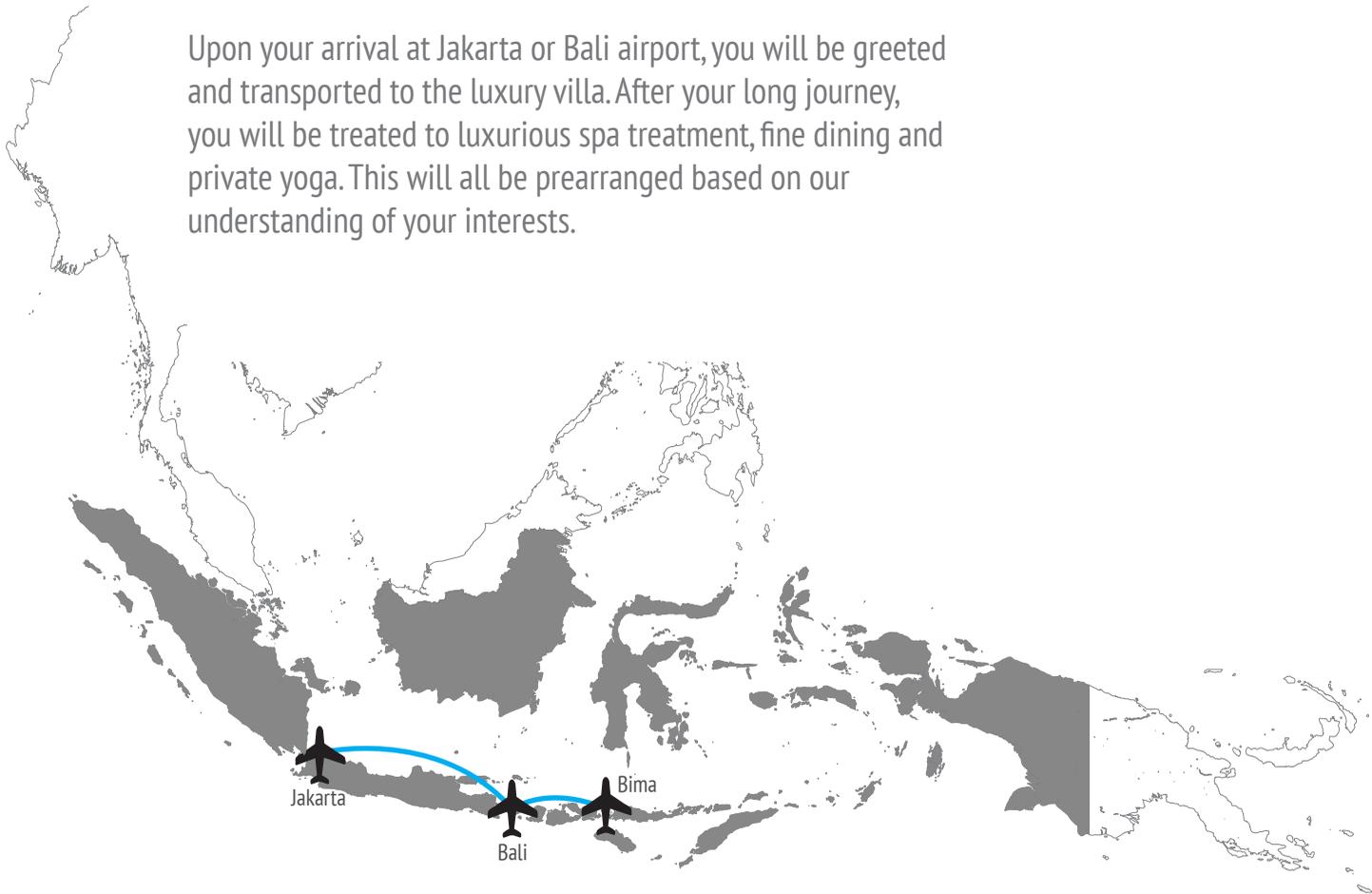


Day

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Jakarta or Bali

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



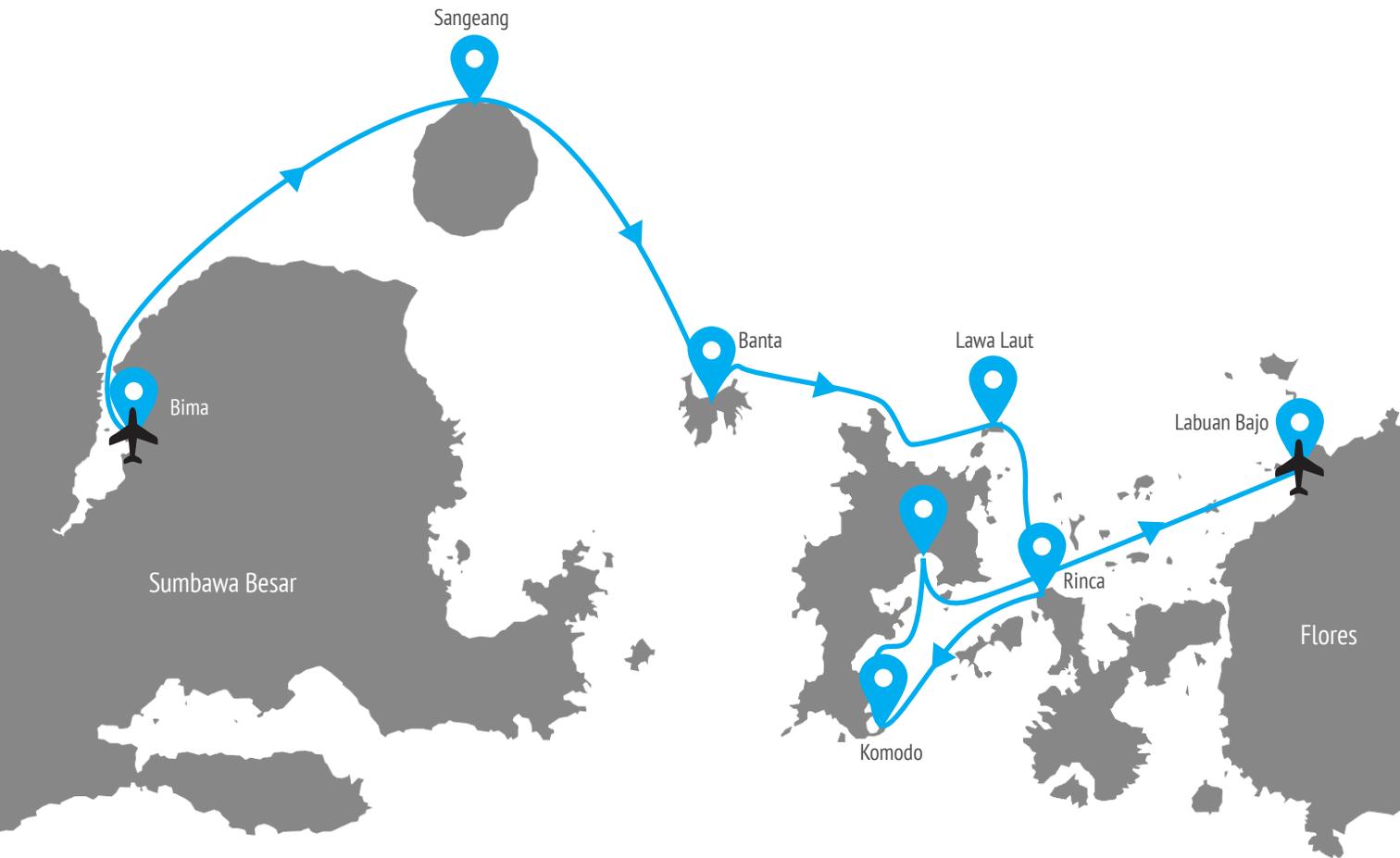


CRUISE MAP

Cruising distance: 200 nm (230 miles/ 370 km)

Arrival Airport: Bima, Sultan Salahudin Airport (BMU)

Departure Airport: Labuan Bajo, Komodo Airport (LBJ)



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

Bima

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 **5 hours** to reach Sangeang Island.

Miles before reaching our first destination - Sangeang Island - you will notice the cone-shaped towering 1,949 meters/ 6,394 feet high of Sangeang Api volcano. It is one of the most active volcanoes in the region.

Long before humans began to use modern navigation equipment, this volcano was used as a landmark for all sailors who were sailing east indicating that they had entered the Flores Archipelago.

The 14th century *Nagarakretagama* script from the old Majapahit Kingdom in Java mentions this volcano, which was known as “Sang Hyang Api”, as well as the famous novel *The Long Journey* by Johannes V. Jensen, which was published in 1908.

Upon arrival, we will take you on the *Boston Whaler* for a deep-sea fishing expedition. Our chef will be happy to prepare your fresh catch for dinner sharing you his traditional cooking methods if that interests you.

We will set up a cinema on our sky deck that you can enjoy followed by dinner.



Day

2

Sangeang Island

Your morning view will be dominated by the spectacular sunrise view of a smoking Sangeang volcano against a backdrop of puffy pink buttermilk clouds.

This might be your first experience diving on the seabed of an active volcano. When eruptions occur, tons of hot lava flows directly into the ocean. As a result, magical and mystical underwater life evolves. As you descend to the black volcanic sandy bottom, bubbles and colorful sea life will welcome to you to explore even more.

There are several excellent dive sites: *Black Magic*, *Deep Purple*, *Black Forest*, *Critter Crack* and *Hot Rocks*. The most scenic is *Deep Purple* dive site. You will notice mini drop offs and underwater gorges surrounded by colorful black coral bushes and whip corals. You will spot tiny critters

such as frogfish, ghost pipefish and nudibranchs. The ridge can be a good place to hook on and see what comes by: school of jacks and barracuda as well as manta rays, ribbon eels and robust sea cucumbers. With the help of *Sequoia's* powerful underwater lights, you can venture out for a night-dive where you will witness an active nightlife in this volcanic seabed from octopus to xeno crab.

After sunset, we will cruise for **3 hours** to Banta Island, where we will anchor for the night.



Day

3

Banta Island

Banta Island is a submerged volcano in the midway point between the west, Sumbawa Besar Island and the east, Flores Island. The cold water from Flores basin is forced through this channel makes it an ideal place for pelagic or “big fish” sightings.

Today, we will take you to 3 famous dive sites: *Tanjung Rasa*, *Highway to Heaven* and *Star Wars*.

Tanjung Rasa dive site will be the highlight. Here, the rock formations and deep canyons are home to sharks such as grey reef, blacktip reef and oceanic whitetip as well as the fearsome barracuda. In contrast, a number of macro creatures such as frogfish and the leaf fish can be found at the coral gardens of *Toro Oi* or *A Small World* dive site on the other peninsula.

Another popular dive site is *Star Wars* which features a gentle slope down to 30 meters/99 feet where you will encounter schools of fish that seem like in an epic space battle. Pygmy seahorses may also be found on a close inspection of gorgonians sea fans.

Dramatic rugged hillsides of dry savanna surrounded by beaches and clear turquoise waters are perfect location for on-the water sport adventures like kayaking, tubing and water-skiing. You can spend your late afternoon walking on the powdery-soft beaches.

We will take you on the *Boston Whaler* for a deep-sea fishing expedition outside Marine Protection Area if that interests you. Our chef will be happy to prepare your fresh catch for dinner.

During sunset, we will set sail for **2 hours** to the next destination, Lawa Laut Island.

As we are sailing, you can enjoy the spectacular sunset of Komodo Archipelago while our chef will serve you drinks followed by dinner.



Day

4

Lawa Laut Island

There is no better way to wake up than to have a cup of morning coffee surrounded by the beauty of Lawa Laut scenic landscape: dramatic savannah hills surrounded by crystal clear turquoise waters.

You can do one or multiple dives here: *Crystal Bommies*, *Castle Rock*, *Golden Passage* or *Shot Gun*. Whichever you choose, the sea life of either dive site will dazzle you.

One of our favorite's dive sites here is *Crystal Bommies*. It is named after the crystal clear waters that surround bommies, soft corals and impressive table corals. It is home to a large school of yellow-ribbon sweetlips, tuna, mackerel, fusilier and the colorful anthias as well as frogfish, moray and the scorpionfish.

The sheltered bay and crystal clear waters are ideal for water sport such as snorkeling, water skiing and tubing, which you can do during your surface intervals.

In the afternoon, you can take a 30-minute hike up to the top of the peak to view sunset. The reward for the strenuous climb is a breathtaking 360-degree view of two Islands of Lawa Laut and Lawa Darat and their beautiful bays.

After sunset, we will set up a cinema on our sky deck for you to enjoy the stars against the blue sky of this remote island followed by 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 was awarded as one of the best foods in the world by CNN Travel.

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



Day

5

Rinca Island

In 1912, The Dutchman, Peter A. Ouwens was the first person to describe the Komodo dragon, *Varanus Komodoensis*, in a modern science journal. For the next 60 years after its discovery to the modern world, little was known about this unique species. In 1970s, an American scientist, Walter Auffenberg together with a young Indonesian scholar, Putra Sastrawan, moved to the isolated Komodo Island to do a scientific study. His study was published in his famous book “The Behavioral Ecology of the Komodo Monitor” in 1981. Today, the Komodo dragon is one of the famous animals in the world.

Rinca, Padar and Komodo Island are the three main islands of Komodo National Park and all three have native Komodo dragons. A total of 5,700 Komodo dragons make this national park home. Rinca Island is not as well known or visited as Komodo Island, but it is more wild and remote which makes it special for you to explore. To ensure your safety, the island tour will be led by one of the Park Rangers who is familiar with the dragons. This is an experience that few will ever forget.



After trekking on Rinca Island, we will take you scuba diving at *Batu Tengah* and *Taka Makassar*.

Taka in the Bugis/South Celebes language means reef while Makassar is the originating city of Orang Laut “Bajau People” who settled in the Komodo Archipelago. This site will satisfy your sense of adventure. As you immerse yourself, up to one hundred of the majestic manta rays will welcome you to their blue waters. In the shallower depths, you will see schools of humphead parrotfish, bamboo sharks and marble rays cruising at great speeds.

The Manta ray is the largest of all the rays. They have the largest brain to body ratio of any shark or ray. That may explain why they are curious about divers. Rather than objecting to your presence, they often come to investigate you. Being so close to their huge wings will be a memorable moment for you.

As the sun sets, we will set sail for **1 hour** to East Komodo Island.



Day

6

Komodo Island

Komodo is an island of stark contrasts. The west skyline is dominated by Ara Mountain, while the ancient volcanic cones of Ntodo Klea stand out in the east. In between the dark green highland lies the wild Lontar palm trees and Zizipus savanna of Loh Liang and Loh Kalo.

Under its blue waters, the convergence of warm and cold currents breeds nutritious thermal climes, rip tides and whirlpools that attract large schools of pelagic, from dolphins and sharks to manta rays and blue whales. The pristine corals and fishy sights make it one of the best diving destinations on earth.

Three of the best dive sites waiting to be explored are: *Batu Bolong*, *Tatawa Besar* and *Tatawa kecil*.

Drift dives can be done at *Tatawa Besar*. As you look into the blue, you may see large schools of groupers and sweetlips as well as sharks and jackfish. You will also see big corals filled with angelfish, butterflyfish and batfish as well as turtle and humphead parrotfish.

Batu Bolong is one of the best dive sites in the region. Its fantastic reef is home to thousands of fish from damselfish, surgeonfish, triggerfish and the colorful anthias. You will also see mackerels, trevallies, large tunas and rainbow runners. As you go deeper, patrolling whitetip reef shark, napoleon wrasse and a large schooling sweetlips will surround you. It truly is the world's aquarium!

It is believed that "Orah", the Komodo dragon, was born in the Komodo Village which is a small fishing village on the island. Around noon, we will take you to this island. You will meet the villagers who will be excited and proud to introduce you to their customs and traditions. At the end of our sojourn to this village, we will take you to the school and spend time with the local children.

In the evening, we will cruise for **2 hours** to the Central Komodo Island.



Day

7

Komodo Island

The green forest of Komodo will welcome you to the other side of the island. We serve you our signature Indonesian breakfast and exotic tropical fruits such as star fruit, dragon fruit and jackfruit depending upon the season.

You will start your day's activity with snorkeling at the *pink beach reef*. This snorkeling site is also an excellent location for a night dive where you can see tiny critters such as leaf scorpionfish, blueribbon eel, crocodile fish, nudibranch and frogfish.

With the help of *Sequoia's* powerful underwater lights, you can venture out for a night-dive where you will witness a busy nightlife under the blue water of Komodo Island.

After snorkeling, you can take one of the kayaks to explore the beautiful coastal area. You can choose your own white sandy beach for a picnic. All you need is good book and a glass of tropical juice.

After your water activities and lunch, our chef will bring you to a local fish market to get a fresh catch for dinner.

In the afternoon, we will take you on the *Boston Whaler* to visit pink beach where we will set up a cinema for you to enjoy followed by seafood barbeque dinner.



Day

8

Labuan Bajo

In the morning, we will set sail for **3 hours** to Labuan Bajo with a stopover at Sebayur Island. Its sandy beach is perfect for a beach walking, while the reef and wall are well protected from current, which make an easy snorkeling.

After your water activities, we will continue our journey to Labuan Bajo, a busy small town in the west side of Flores, where we will serve you a fresh delicious lunch.

In 1512, after the capture of Malacca, Albuquerque sent three vessels in search of primary source of clove, nutmeg and mace at Spice Islands. These Portuguese sailors sailed the uncharted north coast of Java using only the rising volcanoes above terraced rice fields as landmarks. They sailed eastward, past the Islands of Bali, Lombok, and Sumbawa until reaching the Larantuka Cape, the east side of Flores Island. They named the island Cabo de Flores or “Cape of Flowers”, after the vivid red flamboyant trees that grow in abundance along the peninsula.



After lunch, our crew will drive you to the airport and wave you a fond farewell as you board your aircraft for your transfer back to Bali or Jakarta. We hope that your eight-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

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

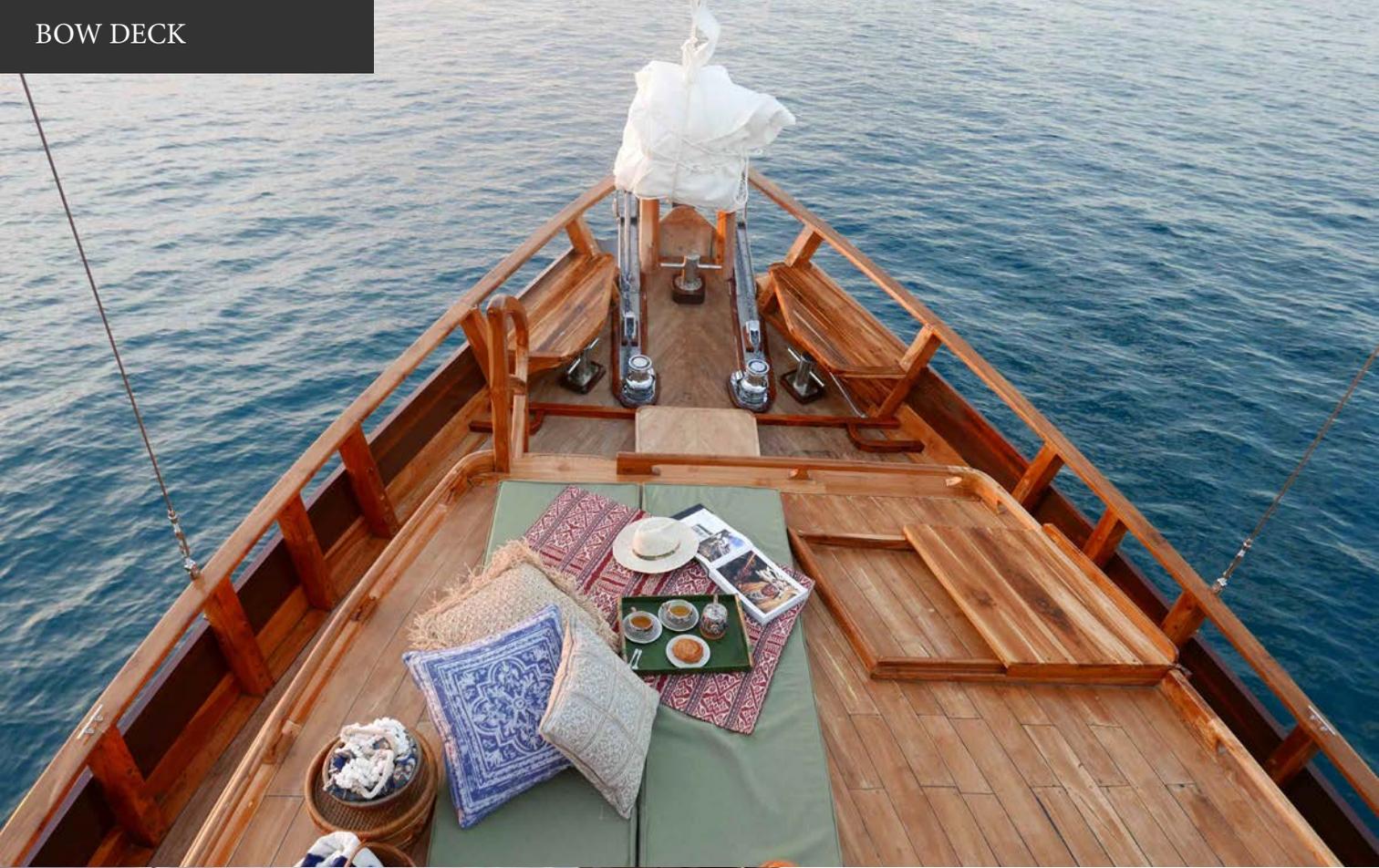
Defined by luxury, space and privacy, *Sequoia* has 2 deluxe cabins and a large galley.

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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