

On Destination To

Ambon to Sorong The Spice Islands & Misool

12 Days & 11 Nights



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The Heart of Spice Islands

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Our 12 Day / 11 Night voyage highlights the treasures of the Banda Islands to discover how this remote area played a pivotal role in the centuries that followed. We'll visit the historical remnants of the Spice Trade, a time when nutmeg was worth more than its weight in gold, to walk in the footsteps of explorers from long ago. The itinerary includes world-renowned dive and snorkel sites.

The central islands of Banda Besar, Hatta and Banda Neira, offer a unique opportunity to discover the unexpected.

Anchorage



① Saparua Island

② Banda Neira Archipelago

③ Hatta Island

④ Koon

⑤ Misool



Getting There

Celestia moors at the closest harbor to the airport and transfers are provided by private vehicle directly to our waiting tenders. All airports are serviced by scheduled airlines, while selected airports can accommodate private jets.

Departure

Pattimura International Airport (AMQ), Ambon
Jakarta - Ambon (Direct)
Bali - Ambon (1 Stop)
Manado - Ambon (1 Stop)

Arrival

Domine Eduard Osok Airport Sorong (SOQ), Papua
Sorong - Ambon (Direct)
Bali - Ambon (1 Stop)
Makassar - Ambon (Direct)

Day

01

Tulehu Bay & Molana

You will be met by members of the Celestia crew and transferred to Tulehu port to embark on your 12-day voyage. Upon arrival, you will have time to enjoy a welcome drink and meet the crew. After a short safety briefing, we will sail to Molana island for an afternoon of snorkeling, diving and relaxing beach time.

Day

02

Saparua & Nusa Laut

This morning we will visit the dive sights around Nusa Laut, known for its breathtaking hard corals and vibrant marine life. Late afternoon, we will head ashore to visit Duurstede Fort, a key point in the clove trade.

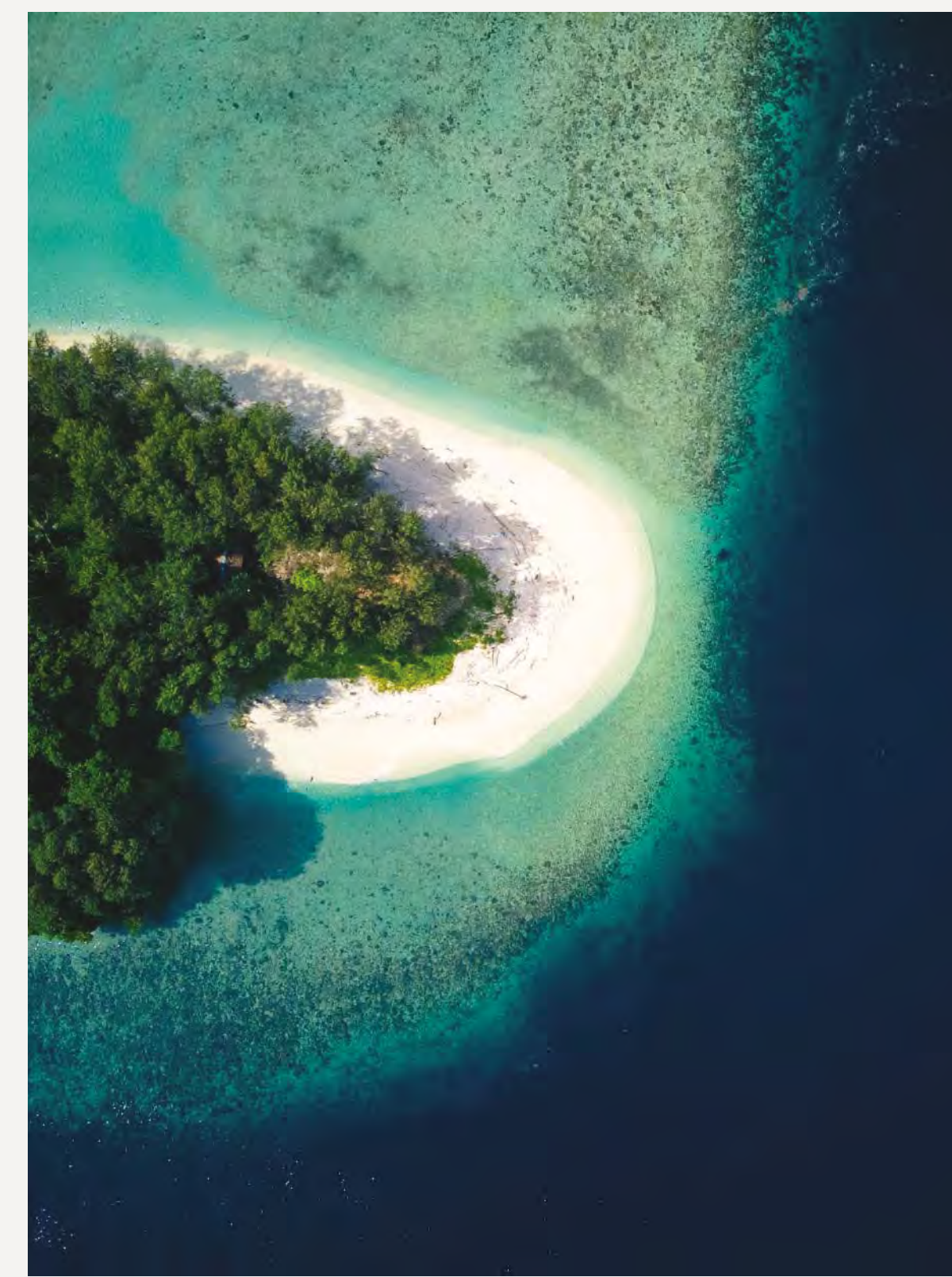
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03

Suanggi & Banda Neira

This morning we will have another opportunity to dive and snorkel Pulau Suanggi, where schools of snappers, Bluefin Trevally, and white tip reef sharks. Snorkelers will enjoy the island's fringed reef and its colourful marine life.

In the afternoon, Banda Neira will arrive in sight. We will head ashore for a visit of the island and be greeted by friendly locals. Welcome in the spice islands that used to be the center of the world.





Day

04

Run Islands, Neilaka & Ai

After a delicious breakfast on board, we head ashore to learn of the Spice Trade's checkered past and how it influences our modern-day life. We will visit Rumah Besi, an old Dutch warehouse used to process the nutmeg before transport. Afterwards, we'll have a respite from the sun as we walk through a nutmeg plantation towered by 600-year-old Kenari Plams.

For those who prefer to spend the day diving, please speak with our Cruise Director, who will arrange your activities throughout the cruise.

The remainder of the day is dedicated to exploring the beautiful underwater world between Neilaka and Run.

Return to Celestia for an alfresco dinner under the stars.

Day

05

Banda Besar

This morning the boat will sail to Banda Besar while you enjoy the breakfast. afterwards, we will visit Fort Hollandia, initially constructed in 1674, it played a critical role in the Spic Trade and routes. We continue to seem modern-day nutmeg harvesting and the opportunity to meet the local inhabitants on the island. Lunch will be served onboard.

The afternoon dive and snorkel will visit Batu Hangus North of Gunung Api. This evening relax with your favorite beverage.

Day

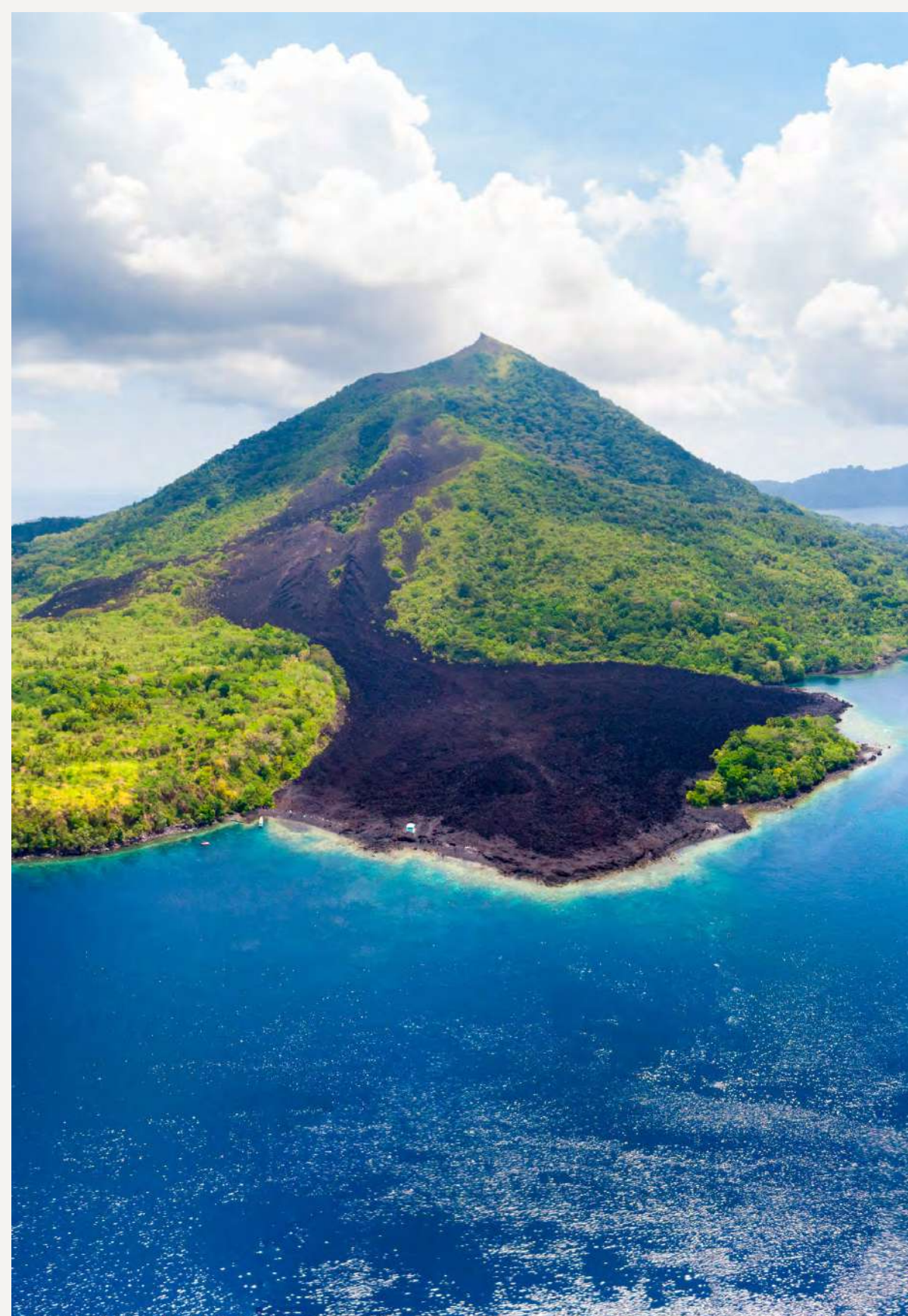
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Hatta & Sahil Islands

Today enjoy a full day of watersports and relaxation. We'll visit dive snorkel sights around Hatta and Sahil Islands.

Our crew will arrange the Celestia beach set up, including beach loungers, umbrellas, towels and baverages. Kayaks and stand up paddleboards will also be available.

End of the afternoon, we'll start heading east towards the tinu islet of Koon.



Day

07

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. In the middle of the afternoon, we'll start heading east towards Raja Ampat and Misool area for an overnight crossing.



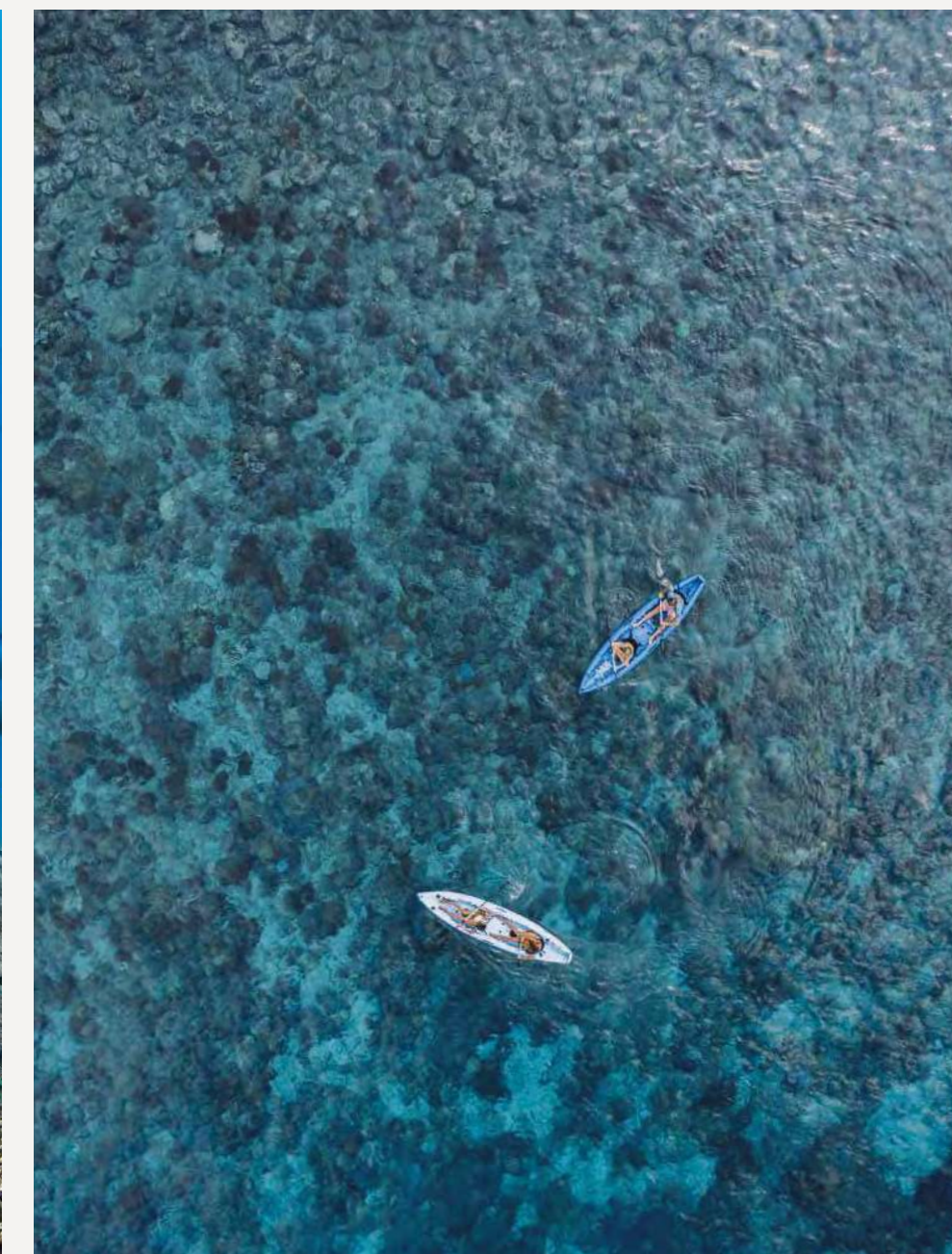
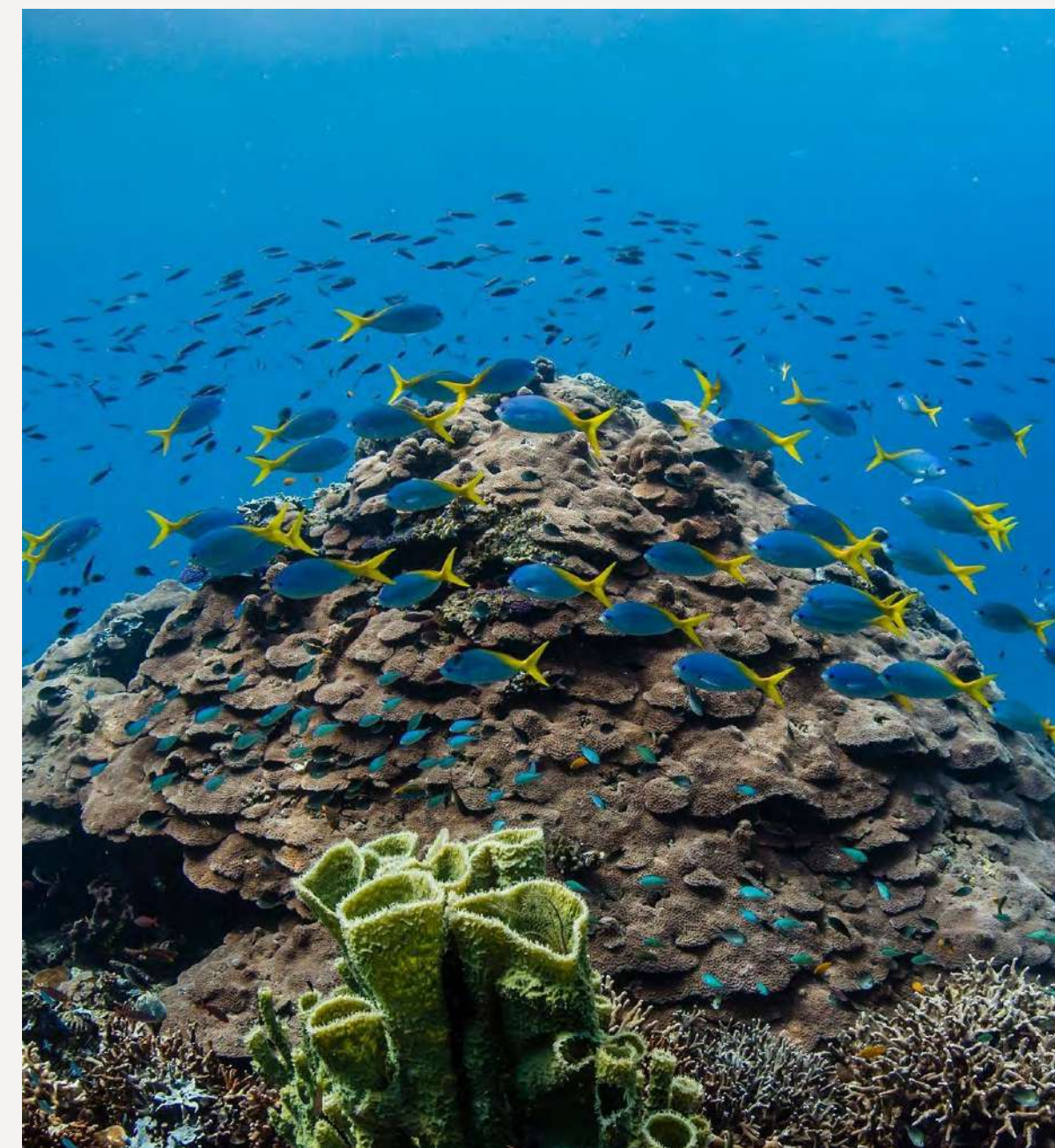
Day

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Misool

This morning, the yacht will reach the southeast end of Misool. You'll awake to a shimmering pastel sunrise and enjoy a decadent breakfast on deck, with tea and coffee served by your crew. 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 four 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. Above water, you'll explore the ethereal "Gua Sacral" ancestral caves of Tomolol, a former burial site of indigenous Papuans. Swim through a cathedral-like cave coated in orchids and discover ancient cave paintings edging the crystal blue surface. There's a pearl farm nearby where you can see how the local's forge a living in these remote parts. Powder sand beaches await your footprints, and you can claim one as your own for as long as you like, hunting for shells or picnicking in the shallows. End of the afternoon, Celestia will start sailing to Sorong.





Day

12

Sorong

After a final decadent breakfast on deck, our crew will assist you in disembarking Celestia and transfer you back to the airport to catch your flight home.

*This is a sample itinerary that may change due to weather, sea conditions or by instruction of the captain to ensure the security of its passengers and crew members.





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