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FROM THE SPICE ISLANDS TO THE DRAGON ISLANDS - FROM TERNATE TO KOMODO

This trip is a multi-day adventure that explores the islands of Indonesia. On Day 1, the tour begins with a tour of Ternate's historical highlights before boarding the SeaTrek ship and meeting the crew. The afternoon is spent visiting the island of Tidore, another perfect volcanic cone rising from the tropical seas. On Day 2, the group visits the Guarici Archipelago, where they spend the full day snorkeling, swimming, and visiting local villages. The islands are part of a government-controlled conservation area designed to protect the reefs and marine life. On Day 3, the group searches for unique butterfly species, birds, and mammals on Bacan Island before spending the afternoon snorkeling and swimming on the nearby reef. The following days are filled with activities like exploring local habitats, experiencing cultural performances, and marine exploration. The tour visits various islands, including Balang Belang, Taliabu, Bokan, and Wakatobi National Park. Along the way, participants get to snorkel, swim, and paddle around reefs, beaches, and lakes filled with jellyfish. They also get to experience local cultures and visit conservation organizations like LINI, which works on coral restoration on surrounding reefs. The tour ends on Day 12 with a farewell dinner and a chance to say goodbye to new friends.



ITINERARY

DAY 1

\- Starting your adventure today we will have a tour of Ternate's historical highlights before boarding our SeaTrek ship and meeting the crew and settling into your new home for the next few weeks. \- Later that afternoon, we will visit the island of Tidore, another perfect volcanic cone rising from the tropical seas. Over lunch on board, we will have a magnificent view of the extinct Kiematabu volcano that dominates the island. Its slopes feature plantations of graceful clove trees, once found only upon this and a few adjacent islands, and so valuable in world trade that European nations fought for centuries to monopolise them.

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DAY 2

-Today we will visit the Guarici Archipelago, a chain of islands with white sandy beaches, vibrant coral reefs and some lovely local villages. We will spend a full day here snorkelling, swimming and pay a visit to one of the villages to meet the local people. -The islands are part of a government-controlled conservation area, designed to protect the reefs and the many beautiful marine species that live there. -These protected waters also provide the perfect location for beginner or rusty snorkellers to become familiar with the water and to hone their skills for the many days of snorkelling that lie ahead.

DAY 3

\- Today we will be searching for some very special species of butterfly, some unique birds and some quirky mammals. \- We will explore the deep forest of Bacan island, where Wallace first saw what he called "the most beautiful butterfly in the world", the Golden Birdwing. During our trek, the other species that we might see here include cuscus, the black-crested macaque and some hornbills. \- After lunch, we will spend the afternoon snorkeling and swimming on the nearby reef.

DAY 4

We will spend today exploring the islands and local habitats of Balang Belang Island, which offers fantastic snorkelling both on the reefs and the mangroves, which act as a nursery to many marine species, including baby sharks and many kinds of school fish. · We will explore the huge inland lagoon which we can explore from the boats tender. · The island is home to healthy populations of birds including parrots, tree swift, imperial pigeon and many more

DAY 5

\- The cultural experiences ratchet up a notch today with a war dance performed in our honour. \- We will go ashore on Taliabu island, where we will be treated to a traditional dance known as the 'cakalele', by local warriors. We will also have a chance to explore the local village and meet the people of this remote isle. \- The afternoon will see us snorkeling on a reef teeming with colorful fish and possibly some kayaking and paddleboarding.

DAY 6

\- The Bokan islands are an area of unsurpassed beauty and today will be a day of marine exploration and relaxation as we snorkel, swim, paddle around the glorious reef, beach and island with giant clams scattered around the area. \- We also have the rare privilege to swim in a small marine lake filled with stingless jellyfish, the exotically named Danau Piasu Botangan, one of only 20 lakes of its kind in the world.

DAY 7

\- A trio of unique experiences await us today involving culture, conservation and wildlife. \- We will visit the bustling Indonesian island port town of Banggai, a place filled with activity and commerce. Here on Banggai island we will visit the local market, explore the neighbourhoods, the sultan's palace and the maleo bird egg museum, and all from our fleet of brightly-coloured motor rickshaws, which will be on the dock awaiting on our arrival. \- We will pay a hands on visit to LINI, an NGO doing great work with coral restoration on the surrounding reefs, in addition to working with local fishermen in finding sustainable solutions for overseas markets and the live aquarium fishing trade. \- The last of the day's highlights will be a snorkel on a local reef where we will see the most elegant, but very threatened, Banggai Cardinal Fish - a darling of saltwater aquarium lovers worldwide.

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DAY 8

\- The Bajau sea gypsies of Southeast Asia have a very unique way of life living in harmony with the water, and today you will get to see it up close. \- We will snorkel on one of the local reefs around a Bajau “sea gypsy” community whose famous for Southeast Asia’s nomadic cultures. \- A long overnight cruise awaits as we cross from the land of the sea nomads towards the Wakatobi National Park area.

DAY 9

\- This morning we will officially arrive in the Wakatobi National Park area, a very hard to reach archipelago filled with fascinating culture and also one of Indonesia’s best national parks, with outstanding underwater life natural beauty. \- You will enjoy a personalised tour of the island of Wangi-Wangi, with highlights that include a seaweed farm, meeting with a traditional weaving community, and the ruins of a centuries’ old Dutch fort, a relic of the ancient Spice Trade. \- In the afternoon, we will be spending some time in the water where the water is clear and abundance with rich colorful corals. We can also take a little stroll around a number of sea nomad villages.

DAY 10

\- Today is a day for all of us water babies. \- Snorkelling comes first thing in the morning at Tomia where we will snorkel in front of a magnificent house reef. \- In the afternoon, we will explore a nearby uninhabited atoll where guests have the chance to beach-comb, snorkel, paddleboard, or kayak.

DAY 11

\- In the morning, we will wake up to an uninhabited sea mount in the middle of the Flores Sea, rich in upwelling nutrients and a perfect habitat for fish and raising their young. We will spend

some time here for snorkelling and some exploring before sailing onwards for overnight cruising towards the southern tip of Sulawesi.

DAY 12

\- Another full day of underwater adventure and exploration awaits us today. The whole day, we will spend exploring one of the most beautiful collections of reefs and atolls with palm fringed white-sand beaches and crystal clear waters. \- The choice is yours entirely whether you would like to kick back and relax on board while watching the endless horizon dazzles with luminous blue waters, lounging on the sand, exploring the shallow reefs on kayaks or paddleboards, or lose yourself in the frenzy of the rich reefs.

DAY 13

\- Today we will walk amongst the hulls and hulks of a huge unlaunched flotilla of pinisi ships being built on a remote island archipelago. We will meet the shipwrights and discover their age-old traditions of shipbuilding that they have practiced for centuries in this forgotten corner of the world, using basic plans, wood, and a collection of simple tools and age-old techniques. \- Bonerate is rarely visited by tourists outside of SeaTrek, and seeing this open-air boatyard is an experience to be savoured. As we walk through the village and along the beaches and meet the locals, you will gain a new appreciation for island life and for the kind of boat you have been cruising with for the past thirteen days.

DAY 14

\- Giants will loom large in your day today: Komodo dragons, flying foxes and manta rays, three of the biggest and most impressive animals in Indonesia. \- Our morning will be spent

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drifting with Manta Rays, the gentle giant as they glide by feed in the current at their go-to local cleaning stations. \- In the afternoon, we will take you for a privately arranged, ranger-led walk around the island of Rinca, where we will see not only Komodo dragons, but also their preferred menu of prey – monkeys, deer, pigs, and buffaloes. \- This evening, as the sun starts to set, we will gather on the deck and be witness to a most spectacular event as thousands of flying foxes leave their mangrove forest homes en masse on their nightly fruit-foraging missions.

DAY 15

\- Rising early, you will have the chance to hike a scenic route of Gili Lawa Darat, or you can stretch your legs on the beautiful white-sandy beach. After the hike, we will be back on board for a mission: to count how many turtles can we spot with our own eyes in Siaba Besar island where it's famous as turtle heaven. \- In the late afternoon, we will have relaxing beach time where you're more than free to do pretty much anything you'd like ranging from snorkelling, paddleboarding, kayaking, or just beach combing. \- Tonight, the crew will prepare a beach BBQ for us as we all feast, sing and dance the night away by a roaring fire under the stars.

DAY 16

\- Our final day, we will wake as the boat is cruising slowly making its way to the magnificent town of Labuan Bajo. After a final Indonesian breakfast on the boat, we will say farewell to our crew, who have looked after us so well for the past seventeen days, and transfer to Komodo airport for our flight and our onward journey.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The Ombak Putih is a traditional Indonesian schooner custom built from Iron wood by Buginese ship builders. The Ombak Putih is 42 metres long and provides accommodation for up to 24 guests in 12 comfortable cabins. With approximately 400 square meters of public space divided over 2 main decks, the Ombak Putih offers both open and covered space in abundance, allowing for privacy and serene relaxing. All cabins are located below deck and offer private bathroom, portholes, individually controlled air conditioning, and ample storage space including safety deposit box. Led by Captain Feri, 14 dedicated crew members coming from all regions of the archipelago make your stay with us a memorable experience. Spacious twin shared cabin with twin bunk beds or double bed Each cabin has a private bathroom with toilet and hot shower Washbasin and soap toiletries in your cabin Cabins have individually controlled air conditioning Towels and beach towels that are regularly changed Valuables and travel documents can be stored in the ship's safe Dining in spacious air conditioned lounge Teak wooden furniture in lounge, cabins and on deck Spacious sun and semi-covered decks Free tea, coffee and mineral water Excellent food and snacks (vegetarian food on

request) A selection of wines, cold beer and other alcoholic drinks are offered for sale Fresh water on-deck shower Outdoor sleeping facilities Professional cruise director Unlimited use of our snorkeling equipment and 2 sea canoes Television, DVD and music



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