



# SPICE ISLANDS CROSSING AMBON – RAJA AMPAT

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER / MARCH – APRIL

11 NIGHTS | PRIVATE VOYAGE

  
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# A BUCKET-LIST TRIP FOR SNORKELLERS AND DIVERS

An exclusive crossing available only during two short windows twice a year; October/November and March/April. Please enquire about Raja Ampat – Ambon.

Follow the route of the Spice Islands located in the Banda Sea, exploring both the underwater wildlife and cultural experiences ashore. From cinnamon and nutmeg plantations to swimming with schools of hammerhead sharks, this crossing is a bucket-list trip for water sports and cultural enthusiasts alike.



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# TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

The Spice Islands are named after the nutmeg, mace, cinnamon and cloves that were once exclusively found here. The presence of these spices triggered colonial interest from Europe in the 16th century. Back then it was called the Dutch East Indies; and nutmeg was as valuable as gold.

Centuries ago, huge traditional ships called phinisi would hop from island to island to pick up and buy (or steal) spices to trade with Europe. On this crossing, we will follow the routes of the ships from the past - with nature and wildlife as pristine as it was then.





# PRICING

Our pricing structure follows the rest of our philosophy; it's simple and transparent, with no hidden extras.

## USD \$12,000

**+11% TAX PER NIGHT FOR UP TO 10 PEOPLE.  
SERVICE CHARGE NOT APPLICABLE.  
GRATUITIES ARE ADDITIONAL.**

Price includes absolutely everything for up to 10 people – accommodation, airport transfers, all activities, park fees and excursions – with the exception of alcoholic drinks.



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## DINING

We appreciate every moment is special, and that food can make or break an experience. That's why we've made food a key pillar of every Rascal voyage.

Our philosophy is based on simplicity. Simple, yet delectable. Fresh produce, dishes packed with flavour. International cuisine with a local twist.

Whether you're enjoying a cheeseburger with an ice cold beer and your toes in the sand; or savouring a perfectly grilled snapper with a crisp glass of white wine, we make sure it is delivered to Rascal perfection.





# GETTING HERE

This Spice Islands crossing commences in Ambon and ends in Raja Ampat. This voyage is also available from Raja Ampat back to Ambon (please enquire).

There are multiple weekly flights from Jakarta to Pattimura International Airport in Ambon.

The port of Telehu is a short 25-minute drive from the airport. Our crew will collect you from the airport or your hotel/villa. The voyage begins at 8am on the first day and ends at 11am on the final day.

Please book flights accordingly. Our friendly team are here to assist with any queries.



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## DAY 1

### WHERE WE GO

Ambon to Nusa Laut, the smallest inhabited island east of Ambon.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

Snorkel or dive the beautiful reef of Nusa Laut and visit the village of Ameth - with permission from the local king.

### WHAT YOU'LL SEE

Beautiful hard coral reef covered with reef fish and the occasional passing hawksbill turtle; and the self-sustaining local fishing village of Ameth.

### THE HIGHLIGHT

Enjoying your first sunset in the middle of the Banda Sea, where you'll spot hundreds of dolphins.

### TRY YOUR HAND AT

Tasting and learning how to make Rascal's famous secret sambals (a spicy local dip). Find out how much spice you can handle!





## DAY 2

### WHERE WE GO

Banda Neira, the main island in the Banda archipelago.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

Visit the local Fort Belgica and the surrounding fishing village; taste the original mace, nutmeg and cinnamon spices during a visit to the spice plantation; snorkel or dive along a never-seen-before garden of hard coral nourished by the surrounding volcanic rock.

### WHAT YOU'LL SEE

The stunning island of Banda Neira from the top of Fort Belgica's towers; the history of the island through the eyes of a local guide; endemic black butterflyfish, spotted eagle rays and broad club cuttlefish, to name a few in the seas.

### THE HIGHLIGHT

Enjoying a pop-up dinner under the stars at the top of Fort Belgica.

### TRY YOUR HAND AT

Local cinnamon tea or mace jam from the Banda islands.







## DAY 3

### WHERE WE GO

Pulau Run and Pulau Ai, two islands west of Banda Neira in the middle of the Banda Sea.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

Snorkel or dive through spectacular shallow reefs and walls whilst spotting pelagic fish in the blue.

### WHAT YOU'LL SEE

Eagle rays, reef sharks, dogtooth tuna, trevallies and if you're lucky, a school of scalloped hammerheads passing by.

### THE HIGHLIGHT

Being checked out by hammerhead sharks as you submerge yourself in the deep blue.

### TRY YOUR HAND AT

A sunset snorkel or dive at Banda Neira jetty to find mandarin fish showing off their mating dance before hiding for the night.





# DAY 4

## WHERE WE GO

Batu Kapal and Pulau Hatta, east of Banda Neira.

## WHAT YOU'LL DO

Snorkel or dive along some amazing hard coral reefs and huge barrel sponges.

## WHAT YOU'LL SEE

Honeycomb moray eels, spotted soapfish, barracudas, grey reef sharks and many more.

## THE HIGHLIGHT

Surrounding yourself with schooling fish; witnessing multiple moray eels sticking their heads out of their hiding spot.

## TRY YOUR HAND AT

Learning to free dive and hold your breath for 3 minutes.







## DAY 5

### WHERE WE GO

Explore Pulau Koon for the day, an island east of Seram.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

Snorkel or dive along the ridge of Pulau Koon; kayak to the beach and feel the fine white sand between your toes.

### WHAT YOU'LL SEE

'Too many fish' as the site name suggests, including leopard sharks, giant trevallies mating, schooling chevron barracudas, dogtooth tuna, as well as a lot of small critters hiding in the shallow reefs.

### THE HIGHLIGHT

Circumnavigating Pulau Koon with a kayak before exploring the tiny island in the middle of nowhere.

### TRY YOUR HAND AT

An introduction to scuba diving. Already certified? Take a chance at breaking the record of holding on to the flying mattress as the tender whips you around.





# DAY 6

## WHERE WE GO

Arrive to the sound of waking birds in the Fiabacet Islands in Misool (South Raja Ampat).

## WHAT YOU'LL DO

Snorkel or dive to discover the biodiversity of local reefs; enjoy a sunset swim with baby blacktip reef sharks in front of Yiliet Island's beach.

## WHAT YOU'LL SEE

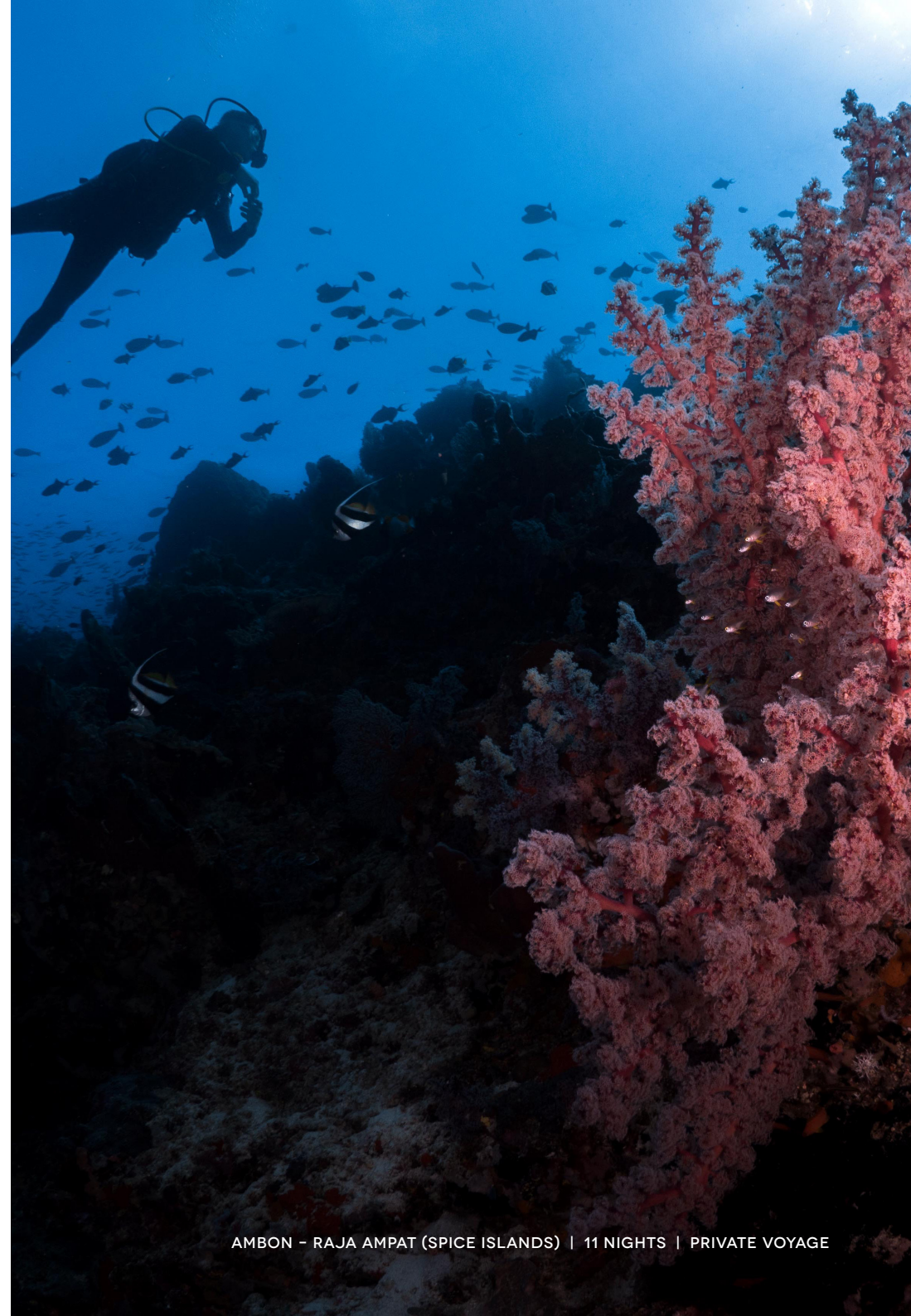
The most amazing coral reefs home to a wide variety of schooling fish including midnight snappers, oriental sweetlips and fusiliers, along with pygmy seahorses, hawksbill turtles, grey reef sharks and the occasional oceanic manta rays.

## THE HIGHLIGHT

Going for a tender tour around the mushroom shaped islands, discovering coves and caves along the way.

## TRY YOUR HAND AT

Getting up close and personal with baby reef sharks.







## DAY 7

### WHERE WE GO

Warakaraket and Boo Island cluster in Misool.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

Snorkel or dive with the big sea fish or attempt to swim through 'Boo Window' – a renowned hole in the island.

### WHAT YOU'LL SEE

The famous wobbegong and walking sharks of Raja Ampat, along with oceanic manta rays, mobula rays and for the keen-eyed, Bargibanti or Denise's pygmy seahorses.

### THE HIGHLIGHT

Swimming alongside a 7m wingspan oceanic manta ray as it gets cleaned at a Magic Mountain cleaning station.

### TRY YOUR HAND AT

Stand up paddle yoga with the picturesque Boo islands in the background.





# DAY 8

## WHERE WE GO

Wagmab in Misool before an overnight crossing to Penemu islands.

## WHAT YOU'LL DO

Head to the Wagmab lagoon system at sunrise on a tender tour; trek to a hidden cave in the lagoon and take a refreshing plunge into the turquoise waters.

## WHAT YOU'LL SEE

The iconic mushroom islands of Wagmab lagoon system, home to stingless moon jellyfish; pygmy bats in the cave; incredible shallow reefs.

## THE HIGHLIGHT

Exploring the maze of Wagmab's lagoons with a kayak or a stand up paddleboard, whilst enjoying the silence and serenity.

## TRY YOUR HAND AT

Becoming a true Rascal and jumping off the 7m roof deck!







## DAY 9

### WHERE WE GO

Penemu islands.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

Trek to the top of Penemu viewpoint for a morning workout; snorkel or dive some of North Raja Ampat's most renowned sites packed with marine life and hard coral reef.

### WHAT YOU'LL SEE

The mushroom islands and lagoon systems of Penemu from above; white belly sea eagles flying over; wobbegong and reef sharks beneath the surface; giant napoleon wrasses, hawksbill turtles, giant sweetlips, midnight snappers, schools of reef fish to lose yourself in; and for micro lovers, nudibranch and pygmy seahorses.

### THE HIGHLIGHT

Snorkelling or diving at Melissa's Garden, where you'll experience what an untouched, healthy underwater ecosystem looks like.

### TRY YOUR HAND AT

A sunset cocktail party on our rooftop deck where we put on your favourite playlist.





# DAY 10

## WHERE WE GO

Yebeu on the west of the island of Waigeo (North Raja Ampat).

## WHAT YOU'LL DO

Enjoy a leisurely day on the beach where anything is possible; kayak or paddleboard around mangroves; snorkel with baby blacktip reef sharks; or just simply lie back and relax with a good book and some music at your pop-up beach club.

## WHAT YOU'LL SEE

Soft sand, turquoise waters and greens from the mangroves; baby reef sharks, wobbegong sharks, schooling mobula rays, hawksbill turtles and reef octopodes amongst others in the water.

## THE HIGHLIGHT

Enjoying a beautiful picnic-style lunch on the beach.

## TRY YOUR HAND AT

Our 'Painkiller' cocktail for sunset sprinkled with fresh nutmeg from Banda Neira.







## DAY 11

### WHERE WE GO

Sawanderek Village (Mansuar Island) and Mioskon, located in the Dampier Strait (North Raja Ampat).

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

Visit the local Papuan Village of Sawanderek, where you'll receive a tour from Bapa Raja (the village king); snorkel or dive in front of the village and along the pristine reef of Mioskon island.

### WHAT YOU'LL SEE

A traditional local tribe living in complete harmony with nature; and the cultural artefacts made in ode to their Animistic gods. In Mioskon, hundreds of fruit bats hanging from trees on land; and giant green turtles, spotted eagle rays, oriental sweetlips and humphead parrotfish in the sea.

### THE HIGHLIGHT

Snorkelling or diving around the Sawanderek jetty where an underwater marine sanctuary is created and preserved by the local villagers.

### TRY YOUR HAND AT

Learn to speak Bahasa with the local children or challenge the crew to a game of volleyball!





# DAY 12

## WHERE WE GO

Sorong.

## WHAT YOU'LL DO

Enjoy an early breakfast before saying goodbye. Our crew will escort you to your hotel or Sorong airport by car.

## WHAT YOU'LL SEE

The crew bidding you farewell as the tender takes you back to port.

## THE HIGHLIGHT

Taking a group photo with the crew as a souvenir from your trip!

## TRY YOUR HAND AT

Booking a trip to another famous Rascal destination; or have one customised for you and go completely 'off-the-grid'.







## EXTEND YOUR TRIP

We recommend a **minimum of 11 nights** to explore the Spice Islands, however there is so much to explore for up to 16 nights.

Here are some examples we recommend:

### +1 NIGHT

Trek into the jungle of Waigeo in search of birds of paradise.

### OR

If you are a keen diver, spend another day exploring the Banda Sea to increase your chances of swimming with scalloped hammerheads.

### +2 NIGHTS

Add Wayilbatan in Misool to your voyage to get to the viewpoint of the Love Lagoon and snorkel or dive some amazing sites such as 'Four Kings' and 'Wedding Cake', famous for their stunning soft coral reefs.

### +5 NIGHTS

Get the best of both worlds! Spend some more time in the Banda Sea and make your way past the equator to Wayag (North Raja Ampat) where you can trek to the top of Raja Ampat's most famous viewpoint. Here you'll experience another amazing white sandy beach to enjoy an extra pop-up dinner under the stars.





# ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE



SNORKELLING



KAYAKING



PADDLEBOARDING



TREKKING



BIRDWATCHING



WAKEBOARDING



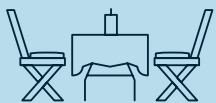
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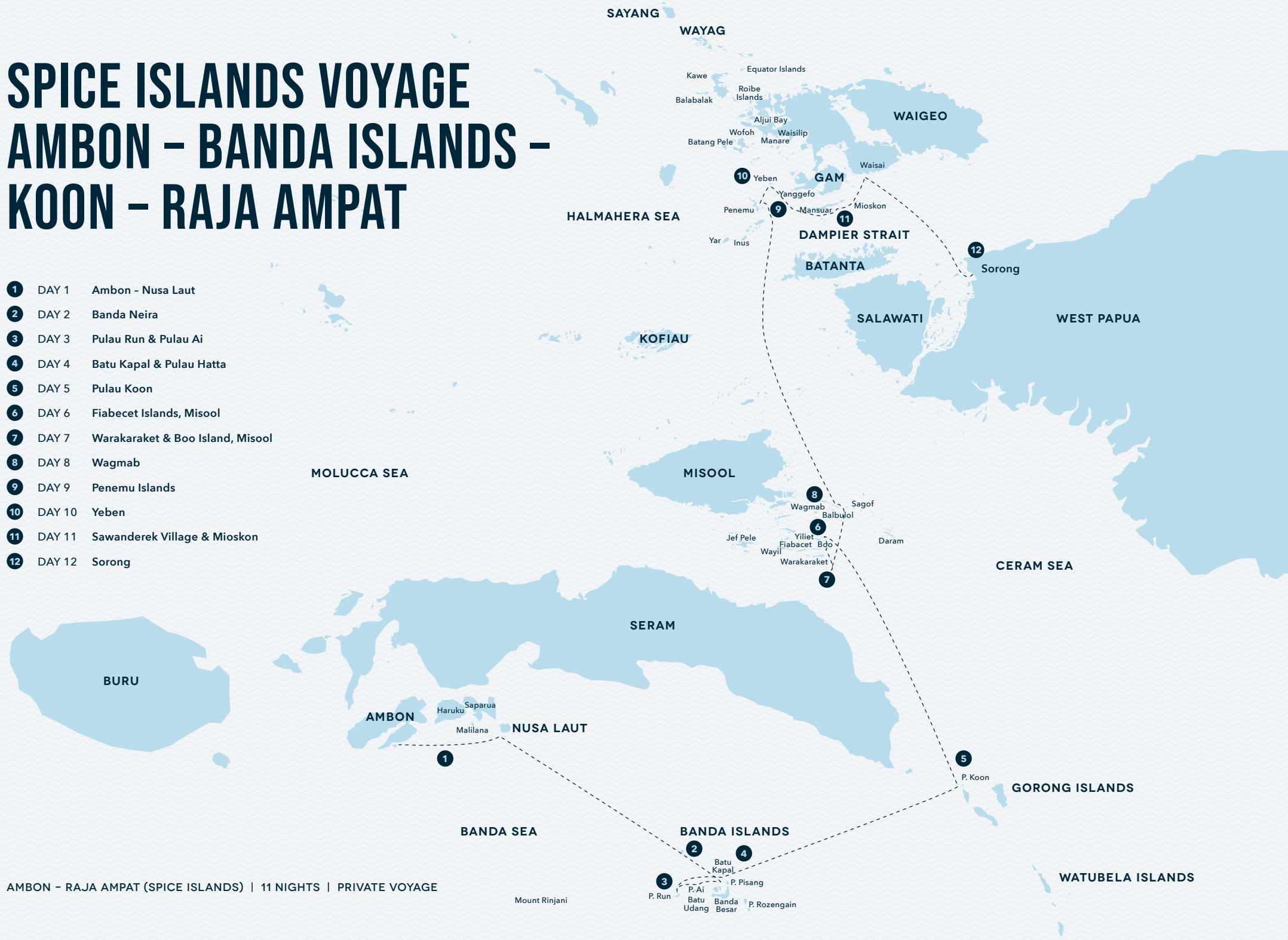


# SPICE ISLANDS VOYAGE

## AMBON – BANDA ISLANDS –

## KOON – RAJA AMPAT

- 1 DAY 1 Ambon - Nusa Laut
- 2 DAY 2 Banda Neira
- 3 DAY 3 Pulau Run & Pulau Ai
- 4 DAY 4 Batu Kapal & Pulau Hatta
- 5 DAY 5 Pulau Koon
- 6 DAY 6 Fiabacet Islands, Misool
- 7 DAY 7 Warakaraket & Boo Island, Misool
- 8 DAY 8 Wagnab
- 9 DAY 9 Penemu Islands
- 10 DAY 10 Yeben
- 11 DAY 11 Sawanderek Village & Mioskon
- 12 DAY 12 Sorong







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