

Forgotten Islands north until Raja Ampat

13 nights/14 days



Cruise Summary

The "Forgotten Islands" are a chain of small islands from north-east Timor until west Papua and were discovered by the Portuguese.

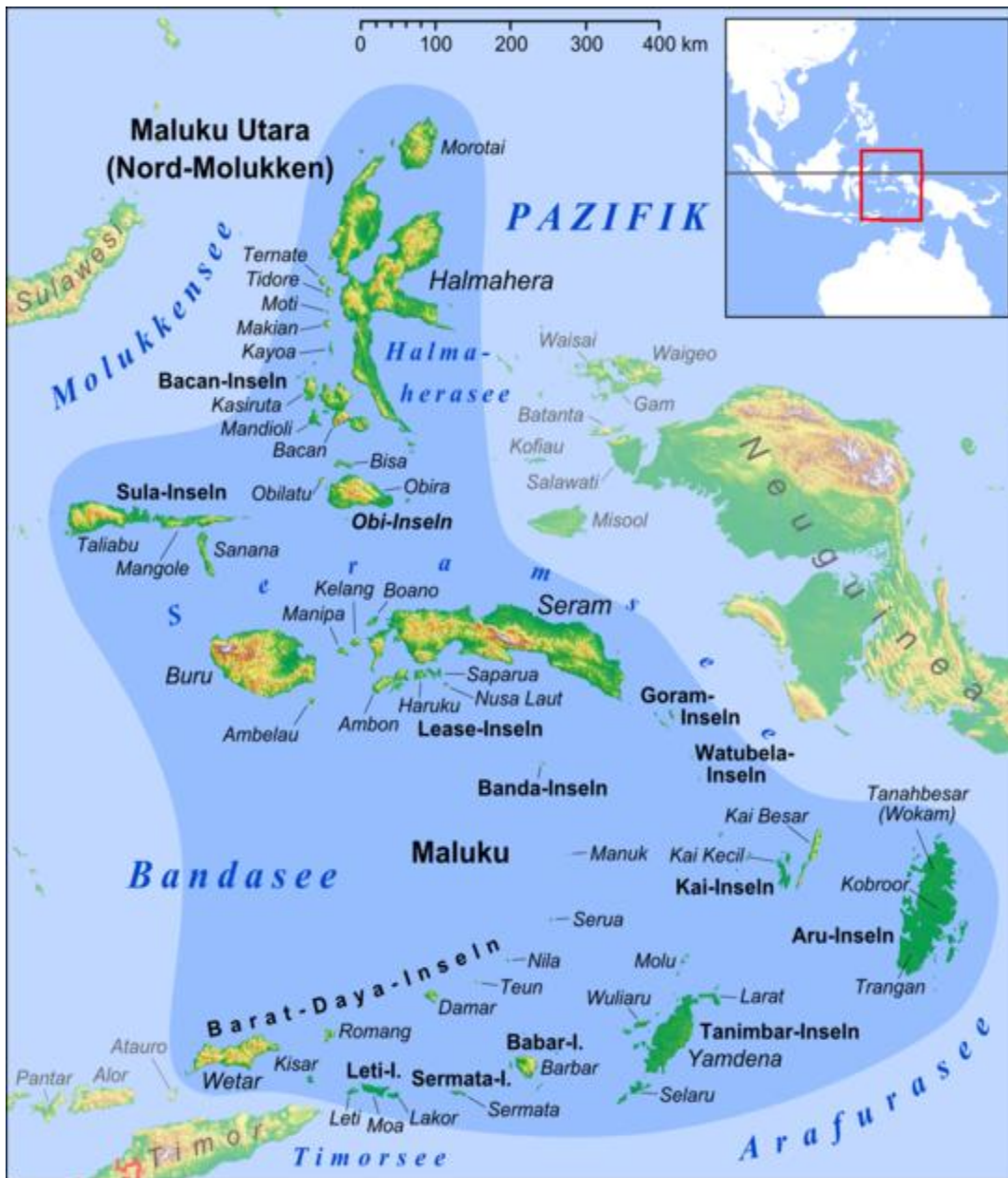
The inhabitants live extremely isolated – mostly even by Indonesian standards.

The area is known for its crystal-clear water with unbelievable visibility.

This underwater region of Indonesia is still relatively unexplored.

Our journey then goes via south Seram to Misool, one of the major Island of Raja Ampat.

Raja Ampat is the place where coral species reach 75% of all known species and fish nearly 1,300 species. Raja Ampat is also a paradise for bird watchers. The Raja Ampat islands are a truly natural phenomenon with enormous biological diversity. The amazing marine landscape means that underwater photography should be on the top your list during your stay.



Day-1

Your flight will arrive in Saumlaki on the Tanimbar Islands. The Tanimbar Islands are a group of about 65 islands in the Maluku province of Indonesia.

Day 2-13

If possible we offer 3-4 dives daily. When crossing only 1-2 dives a day can be scheduled. We reserve the right to change the itinerary or specific agreed services, if force majeure, unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances require us to do so.

Some of the destinations on our journey:

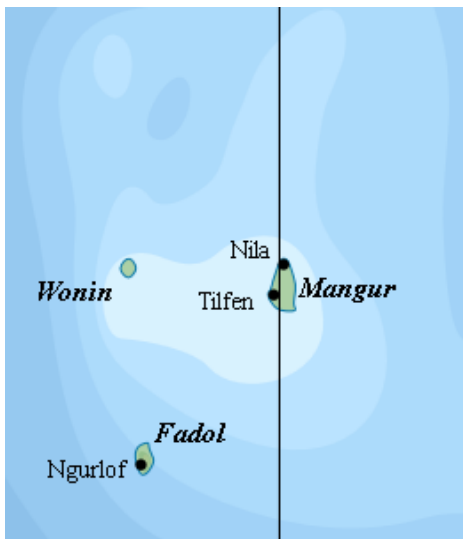
Molu Island

Pulau Molu is a island in the region of Maluku, the country of Indonesia with an average elevation of 39 meter above sea level. The location is sparsely populated with 13 people per km² . The nearest town larger than 50,000 inhabitants takes about 13:19 hour by local transportation.



Manggur Island

Is a Island of the "archipelago of three brothers" and has the form of a mango.



Kur Island/Kaimeer Island

The islands of Kur and Kaimeer, further west from the Tayandos and the last islands before entering the Central Maluku region at the Watubelas, are culturally quite different from the neighbouring Tayando and Kei Islands. The people here are all Muslims, and speak a different language shared with the people of Teor in the Watubelas. Kur itself is a beautiful, hilly island with fine, white sand beaches and numerous villages, while more remote Kaimeer is perhaps less inviting.



Koon Island

Located in the district of South East Seram



Misool,

formerly spelled Mysol (Dutch: Misoöl), is one of the four major islands in the Raja Ampat Islands in West Papua. The inhabitants speak the Biga language and Matbat language, as well as Indonesian.



Balbulol, Tomolol

In Tomolol, you'll be amazed by the caves in the area, where you can see paintings of huge human palms and animals which were painted by ancient cave dwellers.



Fam Islands

are a group of islands in Raja Ampat of West Papua. The main islands are Fam, Penemu (*Fam Besar*), Inus, Yar. They lie northwest of Bantanta island, in the straits between Waigeo and Batanta and New Guinea.



Day-14

Check-out after breakfast or lunch, depending on your return flight time.

We say good-bye to our guests and wish them farewell.

The MARI crew will organize the transfer to the Airport and assist at check-in for onward flights.

