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The Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia Message

Geographical location and topography of Indonesia makes it rich in diversity both in nature and culture. Spread widely from Sabang to Merauke, it goes hand in hand with local wisdom as the identity of the Indonesian people and creates what we call paradise in the world.

In the hands of skilled professional photographers, they were captured through camera lenses and displayed beautifully on this photobook, attempting to expose the other side of paradise, apart from Bali which has already been famous and recognized as the world's best travel destinations.

These new destinations are known as "10 New Bali", set by Indonesia's President, Mr. Joko Widodo, as a program to replicate the economic effects of tourism in Bali nationally. It includes Lake Toba, Tanjung Kelayang, Borobudur Temple, Wakatobi Island, Morotai Island, Tanjung Lesung, Thousands Island and Old Town of Jakarta, Mt. Bromo-Tengger- Semeru, Mandalika, and Labuan Bajo.

However, all 10 destinations have their own unique offerings, from yachting and diving in places such as Labuan Bajo to cultural experiences at world-renowned heritage sites such as Borobudur. For those who are crazy about food, each destinations have their speciality food, such as Gudeg, Ayam Taliwang, Papeda, and many more. You would not want to skip Nasi Goreng and Satay either.

As Indonesia set target of welcoming 20 million foreign tourists by 2019, this plan of developing 10 New Bali is supported by additional flights, particularly by low-cost carriers, with newly built international airport, such as Silangit Airport in Lake Toba (operated by Air Asia with flight route Kuala Lumpur - Silangit) and HAS Hananjoeddin Airport in Tanjung Kelayang, Belitung (operated by Garuda Indonesia with flight route Singapore - Belitung).

Investments are also required to support the development of "10 New Bali", especially for its infrastructure. Along with collaborations of various local authorities, Ministry of Tourism created Special Economic Zones to lure more investment and enhance the ease of doing business in those destinations. We believe tourism is the key to development, prosperity and happiness. Tourism is also the easiest and cheapest contributor to GDP, foreign exchange and employment.

I appreciate Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore for the initiative to launch this photobook, and thank you to all photographers and parties who contributed and supported the creation of this photobook.

Finally, I hope this book can provide great impression about the beauty of "10 New Bali", which will also have an impact to the image of Indonesia as a world class tourist destination. It is also expected that "10 New Bali" will be increasingly known to the world and boost foreign tourist arrivals to Indonesia.

Greetings from WONDERFUL INDONESIA...!!!



Dr. Ir. Arief Yahya, M.Sc
Minister of Tourism of
the Republic of Indonesia

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia Message



Retno LP Marsudi
Minister of Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Indonesia

I am pleased to welcome the launching of the photo book on 10 New Bali, unique destinations and investment opportunities in Indonesia. Inspired by the experience and fame of BALI, these 10 new tourism destinations have been developed as priorities, including its infrastructures facilities. They are located across the archipelago from the islands of Sumatera, Java, Lombok, East Nusa Tenggara, Sulawesi and North Maluku; namely Lake Toba, Belitung (Tanjung Kelayang), Tanjung Lesung Beach, Thousand Islands, Borobudur/Prambanan Temples, Mount Bromo, Mandalika (Lombok), Komodo National Park, Wakatobi Islands and Morotai Island.

President Joko Widodo has officially launched the new initiative at the Indonesia-Singapore Business Forum in Singapore during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and Singapore.

The efforts to put together these stunningly beautiful pictures, capturing the colors, natural beauty and diversity of these destinations are commended and appreciated. These images were captured through the lens of a group of photographers.

These images reveals unique stories of each destinations and have also inspired many to come and experience the excitement, rich cultural heritage, culinary, friendly faces, joyous experiences and splendid natural beauty of the places.

As a maritime nation spanning across three different time zones and blessed with over 17 thousand islands with very unique cultural diversity, Indonesia offers special tourism and investment destinations to be as unique as the world's famous, BALI. The 10 destinations are only a few out of hundreds if not thousands of unique destinations in Indonesia. Supporting infrastructures, such as airports, hotels and roads have been developed by the government so as to enable all destinations to be ready to welcome visitors and investors.

Tourism contributes approximately US\$28.2 billion to the national GDP in 2017 with more than 14.04 million visitors and creating 11.8 million jobs nation-wide. Indonesia tourism sector ranked the 4th largest among goods and services export sectors.

By 2019 the Indonesian government is targeting it's tourism sector to continue to grow with the number of visitors targeted to reach 20 million. Maritime tourism such as cruise and yacht is also growing; supported by the development of both adequate physical and soft infrastructure.

I commend and appreciate the initiative of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore to launch this beautiful photo book.

Special thanks to the all the photographers for their hard work and dedications in taking these great images of each and every exotic locations and presenting them to the world.

Finally, I wish you will enjoy the magnificent destinations through these wonderful images and make these places your priority destinations for your families and friends.

See you soon at WONDERFUL INDONESIA.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Singapore Message



H.E. Ngurah Swajaya
Ambassador of
the Republic of Indonesia
to Singapore

It has always been my greatest pride to witness the launching of the new 10 beautiful tourists and investment destinations, popularly called by President Joko Widodo as "10 New Bali". They represent the President's commitment to develop the best quality tourists destination like Bali.

The 10 New Bali picture book presents beautiful colors, natural beauty, cultures, stories, and people of 10 new destinations that would attract many people from all over the world to experience.

Looking at the book, we may have a first-hand experience of the hilly dry or the lush greenery of savanna, the pockets of thorny green vegetations, the serene lake with a spectacular view, not to mention the crystal clear waters that surge over corals and white or pink sandy beaches along the coast. A natural sanctuary of Komodo dragon, a unique species only found in Komodo island in its natural habitat, the unicorn rhino of Ujung Kulon, Tanjung Lesung, cassowary birds, Orang Utan and many more. It is indeed the best that you could find across the archipelago of the Wonderful Indonesia.

Through the glossy book, I sincerely hope that people all around the world will not only be aware of the potentials, but also wish to experience for themselves the hidden paradises in Indonesia.

Get ready to visit the WONDERFUL INDONESIA.

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Greetings from Us!

The inception of the 10 New Bali photo book came as an inspiration from H.E. Ngurah Swajaya, the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Singapore. It was back in 2016 when the Team; consisting of photographers and contributors from Indonesia, Germany, Singapore, Malaysia and Philippines decided to embark on the project of compiling images of “Magnificent Bromo”. The photo book was presented to H.E. Ngurah Swajaya who was very impressed and happy to witness the beauty of Mount Bromo presented through the lens of our group of photographers.

The Ambassador inspired us and made his proposition to the Team to photograph and compile a photo book of the 10 new destinations in Indonesia which we accepted and embarked on the production of this photo book. He mentioned that this would be inline with President Joko Widodo’s “10 New Balis” growth strategy which was intended to ride on the economic success and effects of tourism that Bali has enjoyed all these years.

The motion has been set and under the “10 New Bali” blueprint, the Indonesian government has earmarked the 10 destinations for development, which incidentally was highlighted by Indonesia’s Tourism Minister Arief Yahya who spoke at the Singapore-Indonesia Investment Forum 2017.

Despite the challenges and difficulties that were presented before us, the team beat all odds and was determined to accomplish the task. Our photo book “10 New Bali” was finally completed in August 2018.

We sincerely hope our efforts would be able to contribute in one way or another to promote Indonesia tourism to the world.

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Morotai

North Maluku

Crystal clear water, lovely beaches with superb sunrise, sunset, relics of World War II. Plus, lovely seafood await you on Morotai, located in the Maluku Utara Province (North Moluccas). This island stretching 80 km by 42 km, is also well stocked with both native and migration birds.

Time stand still on those lovely white beaches that abounds. You can see colourful marine life without having to wet your feet.... (albeit they will be covered with sand).

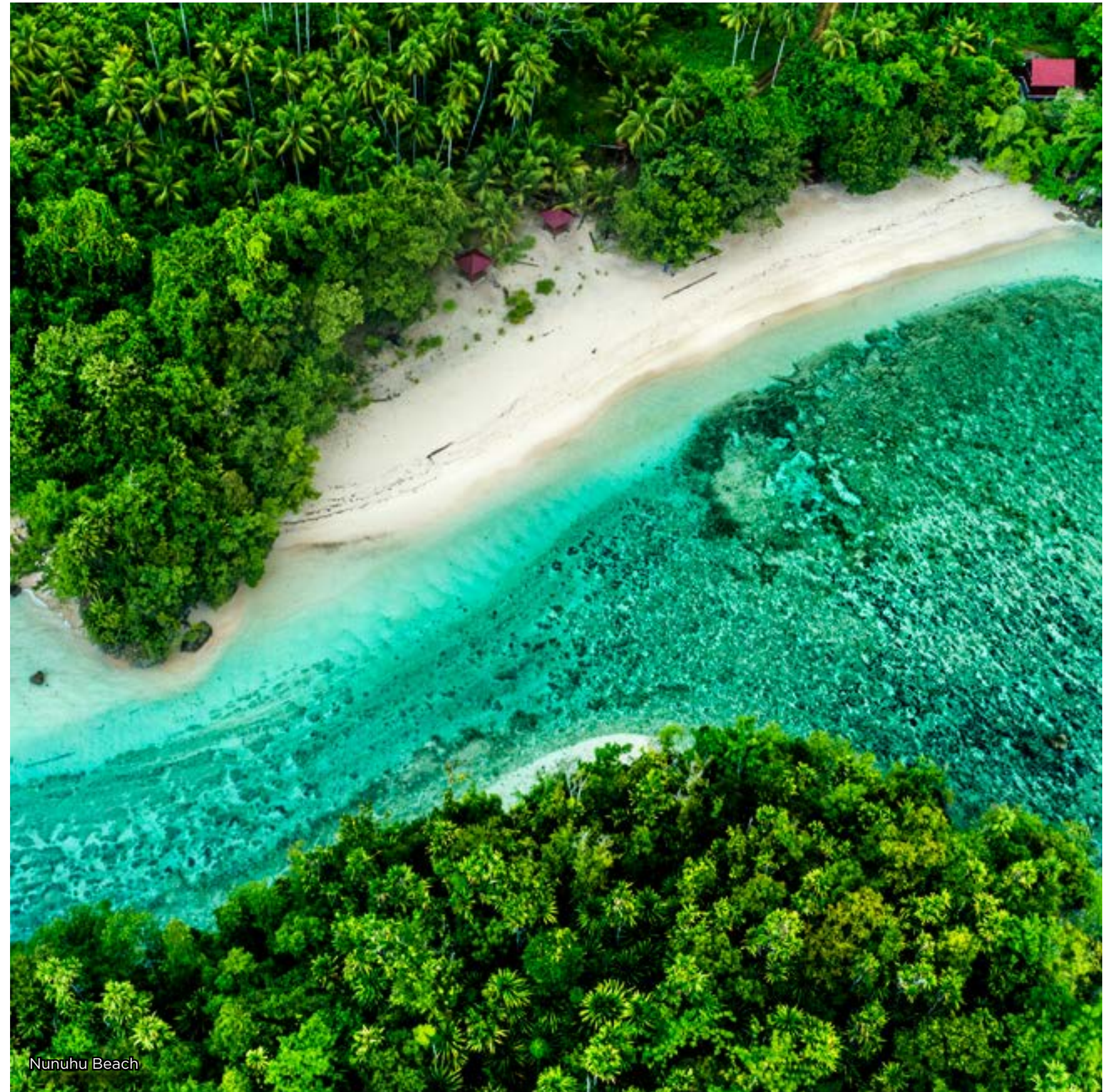
North & East Morotai



Tanjung Gorango



Tanjung Gorango



Nunuhu Beach



Milkyway at Sopi



Sopi Beach



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Sopi Beach



Making floor mat



One of the activities at Morotai



Bido Coconut



Smoked fish



Pak Nani Nono

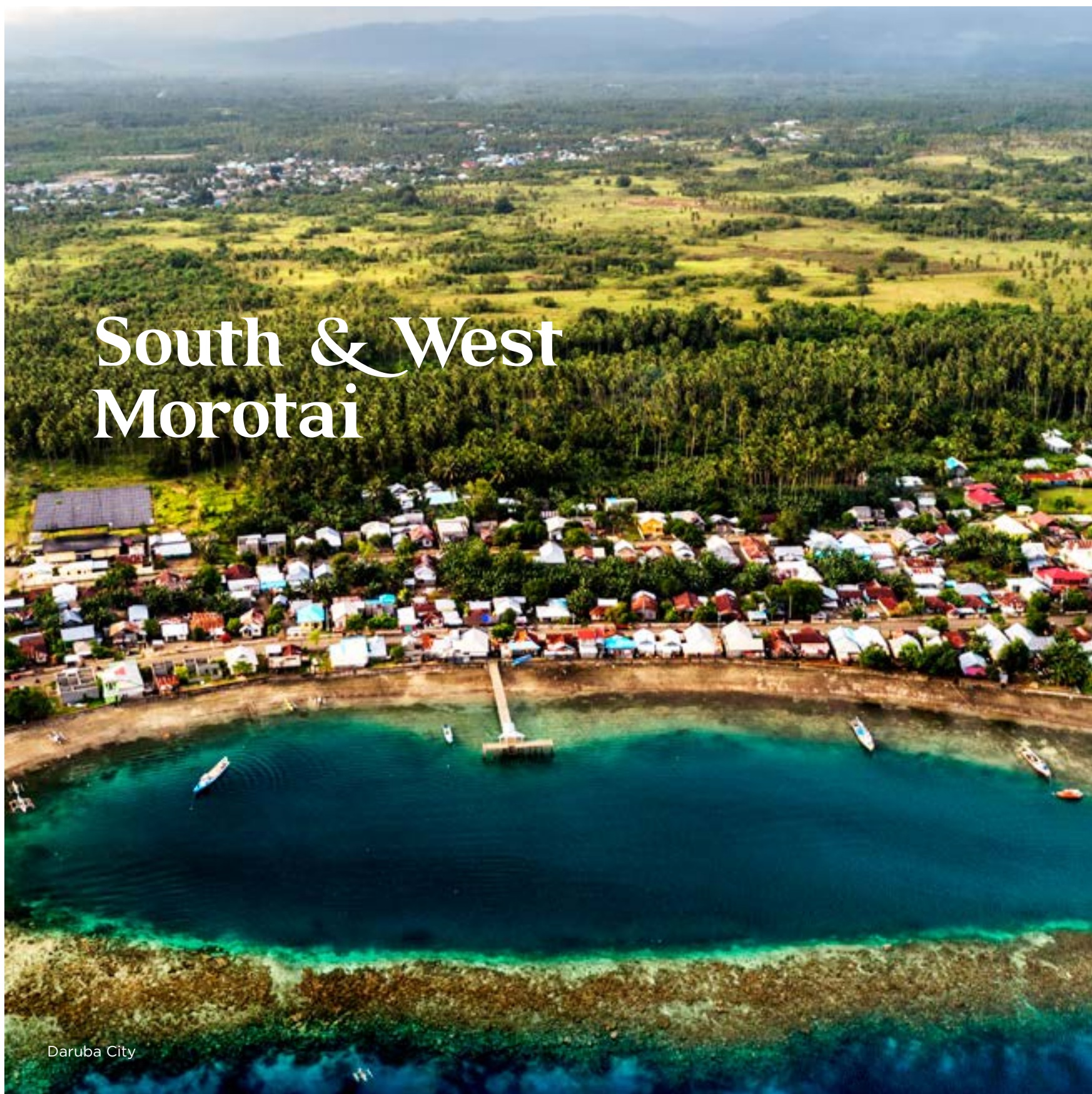
71 year old Pak* Nani Nono is still looking for his father. He does not have the details as his mother died when he was very young and that his maternal grandfather can only give a very brief description of his war comrade (whom he introduced to his daughter). Pak Nani only vaguely recalls that his father, Franky Fitzer (or Fischer) fought in World War II at Morotai. He fell in love with a local woman and before the child was born, Franky had to leave for home in the USA. Pak Nani has 4 sons and 7 daughters plus several grandchildren. (*Pak = Indonesian for Mr.)



The pineapples in Morotai taste like honey



Smoked fish process



South & West Morotai

Daruba City



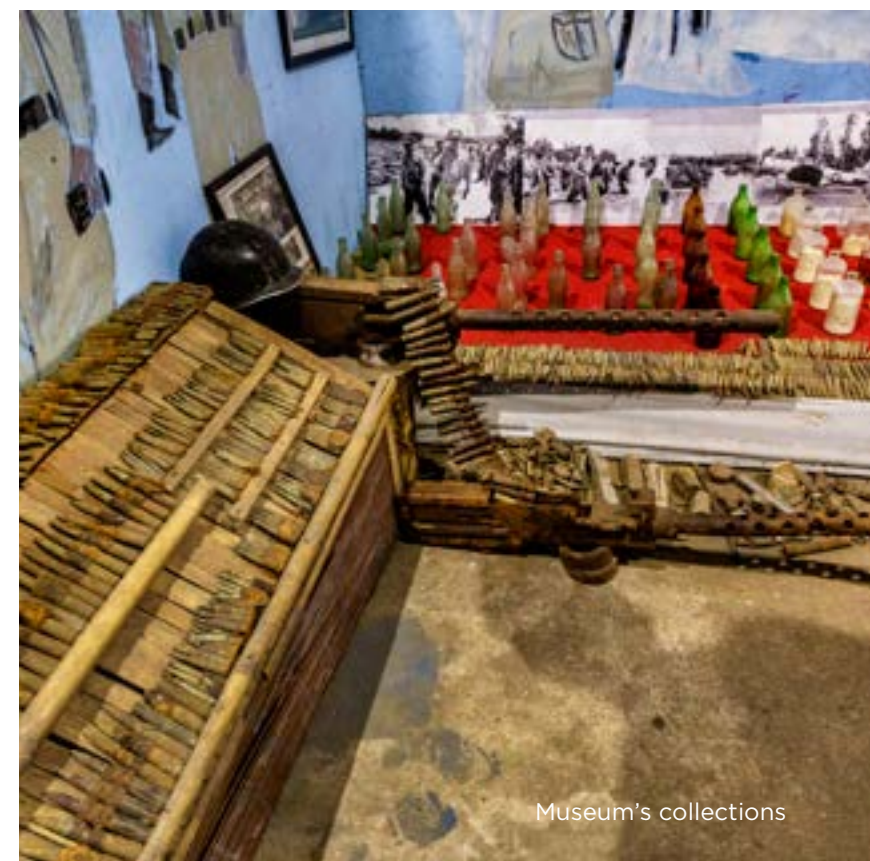
The Army Dock
This dock served the Allied Forces during World War II



Besides emotions, war leaves lots of hardware too. Out of safety concerns and interest, Pak Muchlis, painstakingly collected live ammunition, machine guns, rifles, grenades, razor sharp samurai swords, meal boxes plus all other remains of the war. The manual sirens are in working order. He carefully labels and catalogues all the items housed a museum built out of his own fund. A rich heritage indeed.



Museums collection



Museum's collections



Pak Muchlis, the man behind the museum



"Becak" at Morotai



Truck being used as public transport



Daruba Harbour



Marine life is aplenty in the seas around Morotai. The unspoilt open sea houses many varieties of fish. In the market, one can buy fresh, smoked or dried fish. A haven for seafood lovers.





Fresh fish caught from open sea water.



A friendly seller in the market



Cutting the copra



Wet market at Morotai



Fish market



Mc. Arthur Statue



Zumzum Mc. Arthur Island

The relics of WW II remind us to learn from the bitter lessons of the past (if man ever learns from history). General Douglas MacArthur landed here in his fight against the Japanese Imperial Army. The allied forces (soldiers from Australia, Britain, New Zealand and the locals as well) fought fiercely and bravely.

Surely, once you visit Morotai you will join me to echo the famous words of General MacArthur who said "I SHALL RETURN".



Pasir Timbul Island



Dodola Island



Dodola Island



Dodola Island



Mount Gamalama and Ternate City

Tobelo & Ternate

Ternate is the both the name of the island as well as that of the city. Mount Gamalama, dominates Ternate so much so that one can view the summit from everywhere on the island.

Tobelo is the regency capital of North Halmahera in the province of North Maluku. Coconut palms covers the entire view. The main export of this is copra. Tanjung Bongo, a hidden paradise of super clear water enclosed in a cluster of islets is a short boat ride away.

In the past Tobelo and Ternate were the gateways to Morotai by sea.



Lake Tolire, Ternate island



Tanjung Bongo, Tobelo Galela



Sulamadhaha Beach, Ternate



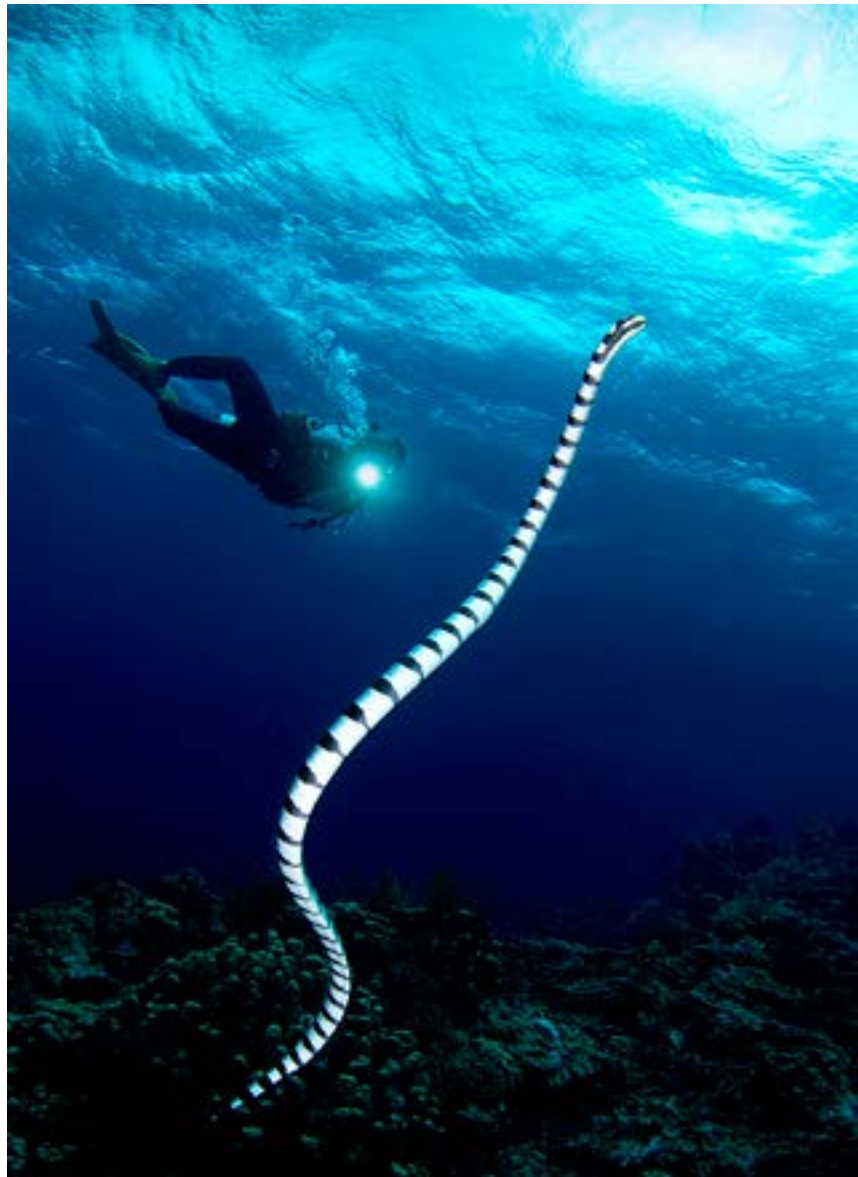
Sulamadhaha Beach, Ternate

Wakatobi

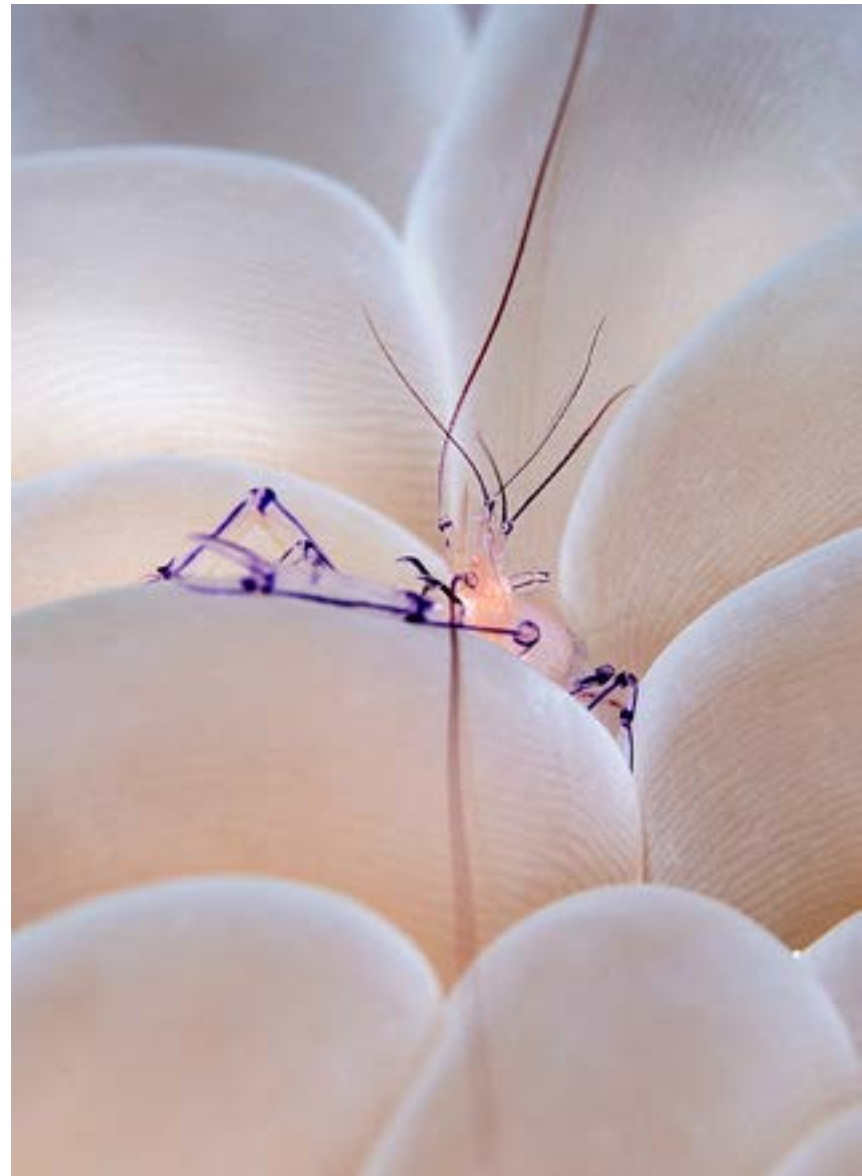
WANGI-WANGI | KALEDUPA | TOMIA | BINONGKO

South East Sulawesi





Home to 750 coral reef species out of the world's 850





Wakatobi Marine Park is well known for its magnificent coral reefs and its impressive variety of marine life. The sea floor is melded with a range of landscapes; underwater pinacles, gentle slopes, steep walls and deep caves that will make every dive a new adventure.

Pristine coral reefs are just a few feet of reach and some dives can plunge below 90 feet into breathtaking "abyss" with stunning giant sea fans and corals.



Wangi Wangi

Bajo Mola





Wakatobi is also home of the Bajau people where the tribe lives and subsists solely on the richness of the sea.

“Sampan” is the main transportation in Bajo Mola between the islands.



Ocean is a huge playground for the Bajau kids.

They learn to swim before they start walking. Through years of living by the ocean they have acquired the physical adaptations that enabled them to see better and dive longer underwater



Beauty treatment - the Bajau way.

Bajau Women have a unique technique for facial treatment to enhance their complexion with a special local concoction of white powder base. This is done before special occasions and events.



The blonde Bajau brothers posing for the album.

Life in Bajo Mola would be mundane without the foreign faces who come as tourists. In as much as it is an event of interest to the tourists it is also for them.



Liya Togo & Liya Mawi



Drying seaweed



Harvesting seaweed



Weaving at Liya Togo using natural color dye yarn

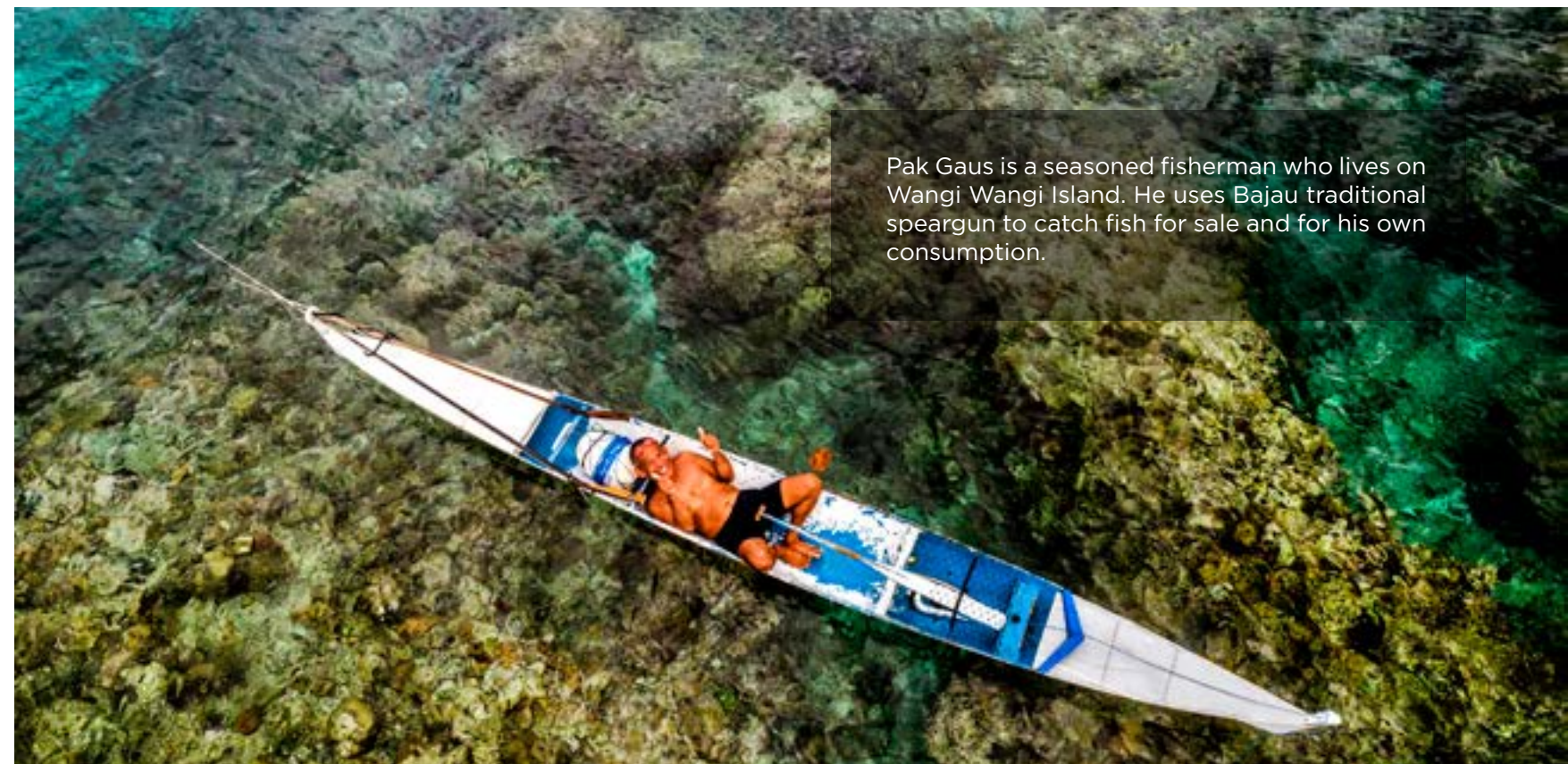


Teko Sapi & Kontamale

Teko Sapi & Kontamale is a freshwater cenotes located about 10 minutes from Wangi-wangi city center. Teko Sapi and Kontamale are essentially a cenote but it is commonly known as Kontamale cave and it has been a famous local attraction for a long time where the locals come here to bathe, do their laundry or taking a dip in the cold waters.



Dive team at one of the dive sites



Pak Gaus is a seasoned fisherman who lives on Wangi Wangi Island. He uses Bajau traditional speargun to catch fish for sale and for his own consumption.



Kaledupa

Bajo Sampela

Bajo Sampela Village was built above the sea and does not have any connections to land except by boat. In the village they are self sustained with facilities such as schools, clinic and public sanitation.



Typical Bajau house.



Repairing fishing nets for the next catch.



Bajao kids playing with seashells



Making goggles using wood.



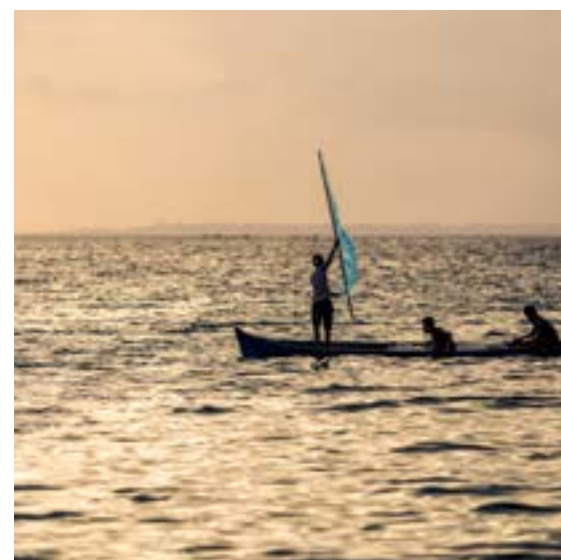
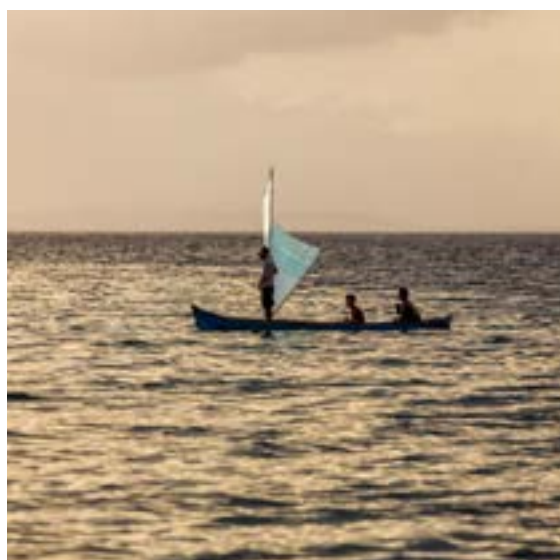
Inside the house of a Bajo Sampela family.



Traditional way of cooking.



The Bajau fisherman using plastic sheets as a sail.



Darawa & Pajam



Pajam the weaving Village

Kaledupa is famous for seaweed farming, especially in Darawa Island. While Pajam is famous for their colorful woven fabric. Beside that, Kaledupa is also rich with culture. Such as Lareangi Dance and Kenta-kenta Dance. Lareangi Dance is for welcoming special guest. Meanwhile Kenta-kenta is for fishing.



Harvesting Seaweed



Gong is used for Lareangi Dance



Lareangi Dance



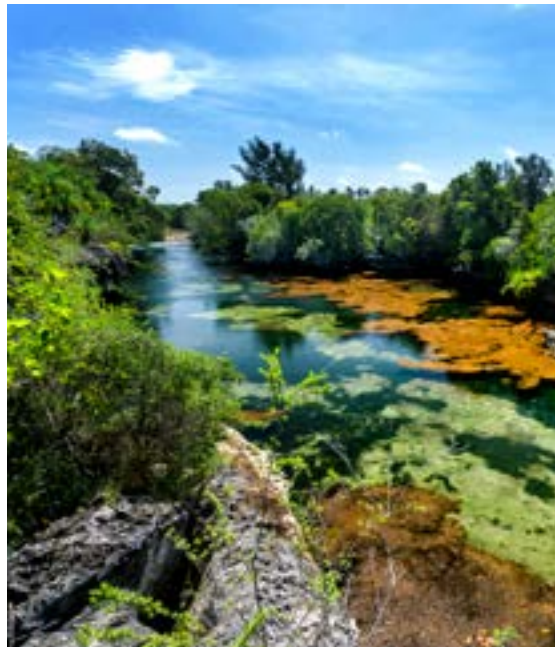
Kenta-Kenta Dance



Hoga Island



Sombano





Tomia

Puncak Tomia



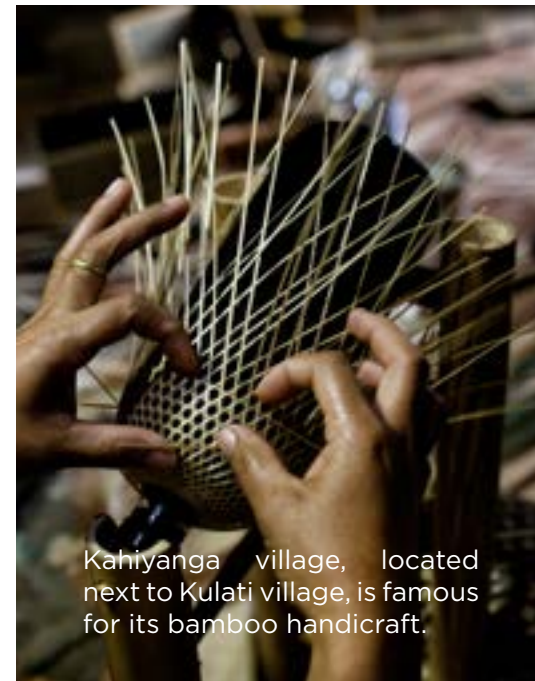
Mari Mabok





Kulati

Kulati village is located at the east side of Tomia Island. It is famous for its breathtaking limestone cliff and clear turquoise water.



Kahiyanga



Tadu Sanglang



Untu Island





Binongko



Lighthouse at Binongko



Binongko is located at southern most of Wakatobi. In this island there is a natural coral paved path running along the ages.



Topa Labago

The coral-formed walls of this well act as a filter to desalinate the sea water. As a result the water is fresh and fit for human consumption.



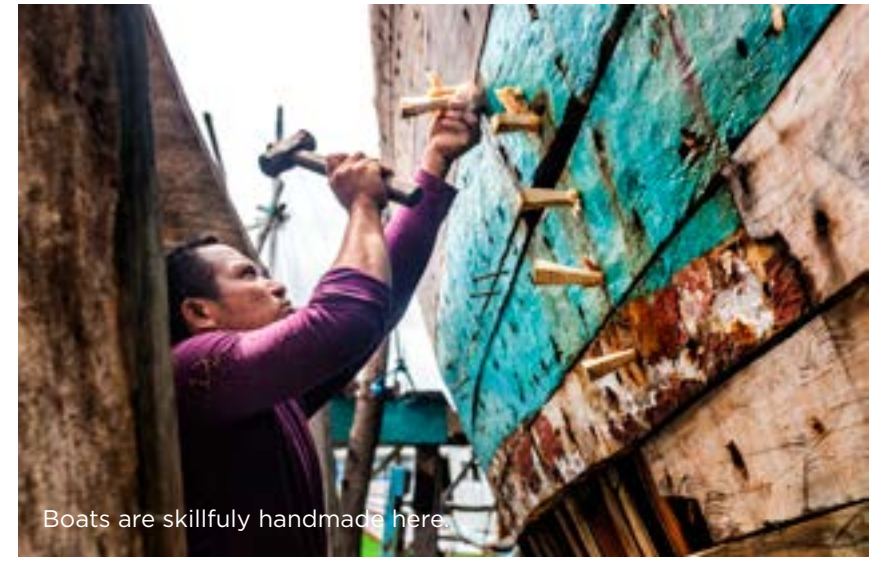
Pristine water in Bante



Sampan



High quality "Parang" (machete) making is the specialty of Binongko.



Boats are skillfully handmade here.



Corn is their subsistence staple.



Traditional corn processing.



Labuan Bajo & Komodo National Park, East Nusa Tenggara

Hovering high above, we are pampered with different shades of blue, green and yellow. Our climb to one of the hills revealed the excitement of unforgettable adventures in the land of prehistoric creatures.

The aerial view of Komodo Island resembles the backbone of an enormous lizard meandering in the deep blue sea. It's savannah and rocky gullies on the hillside represent the appearance of the scaly surface of a reptile, while the jagged edges of the island bear resemblance of razor sharp teeth of the creature. Over the horizon, it embraced the fire-red sunsets. The view is indeed breathtaking and realistic that gives visitors the feeling of an awakening Komodo.



Komodo Labuan Bajo Airport



Aerial View of Komodo Island



Rangko Cave | It is a rocky ocean cavern in Labuan Bajo on the island of Flores. A hidden gem with crystal blue clear waters that makes visitors want to own it as their private pool.



Aerial View of Komodo Island



Labuan Bajo



Sunset at Labuan Bajo.

Labuan Bajo

The capital of the regency Manggarai Barat, the western most region of Flores does not have much to offer but fresh seafood, its marine life, and surprisingly good tourist facilities. Labuan Bajo was once a small dusty fishing town, however, it has become the launching point for the most thrilling adventures to Komodo Island and Rinca Island.





Padar Island

The most photogenic Island compared to the others, Padar Island offers you phenomenal sunrises and admirable sunsets.





Gili Laba

Gili Laba also known as Gili Lawa is one of the many exotic islands that surround Komodo National Park. Its hills are covered with green savannah which changes its colors into a golden tint in the dry seasons.

The 2 main activities are snorkeling and trekking. You will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding hills if you trek up to the top of the hill.





KANAWA ISLAND

Truly everyone can enjoy and relax on this pretty island covered with white sands everywhere. Must do! Submerge yourself in the serene water and adore that colourful coral reef.



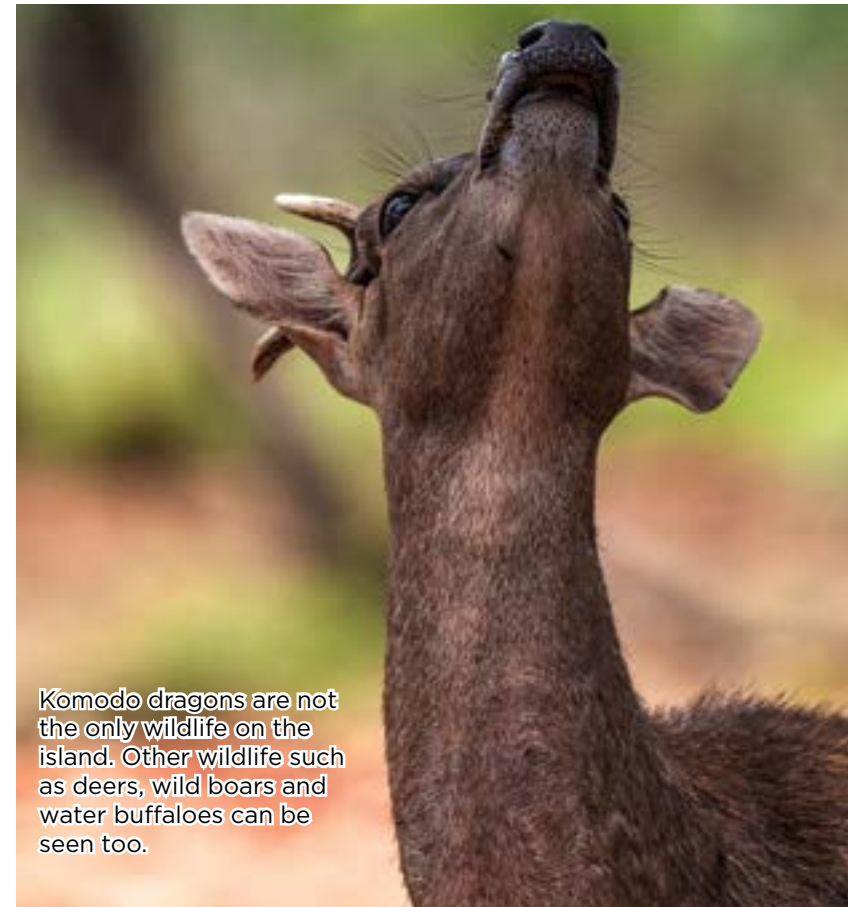
Komodo and Rinca Island Adventure



Kampung Komodo (Komodo Village)

Is a 30 minutes boat ride from Komodo National Paek. It is a Bugis fishing village with a population of about 1000.

The village and its way of life unfolds before our eyes an interesting perspective into the realities of life nestled in a very remote corner of the world.



Komodo dragons are not the only wildlife on the island. Other wildlife such as deers, wild boars and water buffaloes can be seen too.

There is so much to experience on a trip; from a ocean cavern, Bugis fishing village, trekking over hills, snorkeling, swimming alongside manta rays and Hawksbill turtles to simply enjoying the beautiful and colourful coral reefs.

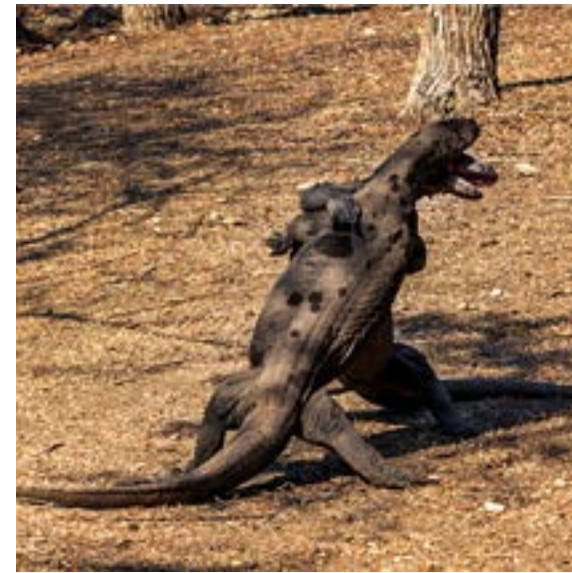
Perhaps one of the most exciting itineraries would be found on Komodo and Rinca Islands. The jaw-dropping landscapes, the giant Komodo dragons and some of the best dive sites in the world means boundless adventures in every aspects.



Kelor Island

Kelor Island is an uninhabited island but it has strikingly beautiful beaches to offer to visitors. The waters around Kelor island are calm which make snorkeling a favourite activity.

Trekking to the hills is another great outdoor activity and overlooking from the top of the hills is an amazing thrill that opens up to breathtaking sceneries.



Komodo Dragon

The last dragons on this planet is found on the Islands of Komodo, Rinca, Gili Matang and Padar. The Komodo Dragon is a predator which can grow up to 3 meters in length and weigh over 70 kg.

With an average lifespan of 30 years, Komodo Dragons will eat almost anything, from a carcass, deers, pigs, smaller dragons and even large water buffalos.



Live On Board.

A journey to Komodo National Park is inseparable from adventures and one of it is to experience to live on board a boat.

Spending the night on board mingling with friends, enjoying the starry nights and sipping the sweet aroma of coffee is truly an unforgettable experience.





Pink Beach Komodo

Pink Beach in Komodo is one of a handful of pink beaches found on our planet Earth. The pink blue hue is derived from thousands of broken corals and red foraminifera; a microscopic marine organism.

When these foraminifera die and their shells collect on the ocean floor, the shells get washed to the shore and are exposed to the sun. The red hue mixed with the sand and they turned pinkish over time.



Mandalika, Lombok West Nusa Tenggara

Mandalika is one of the new Bali situated along the south coast of Lombok. The island is not often heard of but Mandalika boasts some of the most beautiful white sand beaches.



Mandalika Resort in the process of development.





Surrounding Beaches at Mandalika Resort





The view from Pegasingan Hill, Sembalun.





Indonesia has a rich diversity in its culture and this is clearly seen when it comes to the arrangements of its paddy fields which differs greatly from different places in the country.

The paddy growers in East Lombok adopt a very unique different contour and alignment of its paddy fields from those found in Lake Toba.



Mt Rinjani view from Pegasingan Hill, Sembalun



The paddy fields view from afar.



Waterfall at Mount Rinjani



Segara Anak Lake & Mount Barujari Rinjani



Overnight at Pegasingan Hill facing Mt Rinjani.



The view from the peak of Mt Rinjani facing the Mt Barujari and Segara Anak Lake.



The porters are always ready to assist during your trekking.



Gili Trawangan



A day of island hopping to Gili Trawangan, Gili Air and Gili Meno is an awesome activity. Gili is a native word that translates to mean island.

These islands are relatively small but there are plenty of activities to keep busy. A unique feature on these islands is the use of Cidomo (horse cart) as a means of transportation and moving around.

The islands is very unspoiled and there are no cars or motorbikes that one would spot. The bicycle can also be seen as another alternative to move around and about on the island.





Tenun Ikat Lombok or Kain Songket - woven clothing.



The locals

The natives, like the Sasak Ethnic lead a very simple lifestyle in Lombok. Their source of income comes from farming, weaving and coffee growing.

The weaving in Lombok however differs from their counterparts in other parts of Indonesia; which is known as a Tenun Ikat or a Songket.



The traditional house of Sasak Ethnic.





Lombok means chili in Javanese. The many chili plantations seen across Lombok have become a direct representation of the origin of the island's name, Lombok.

However, folklore revealed that Lombok originated from the word "Lomboq" in Sasak's language which means "straight". This was a direct representation to their lengthy straight-nightly journey from Java to the eastern side of Indonesia. As time passed, the adopted word "Lomboq" became "Lombok".

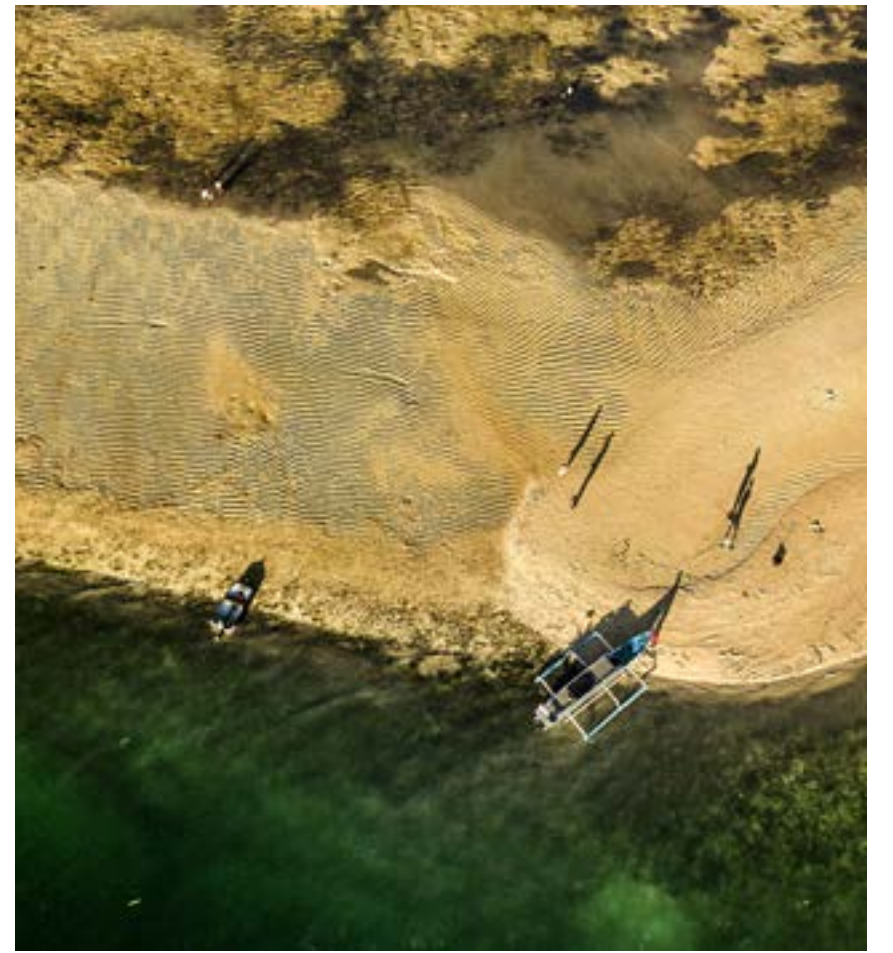




East Lombok Beaches

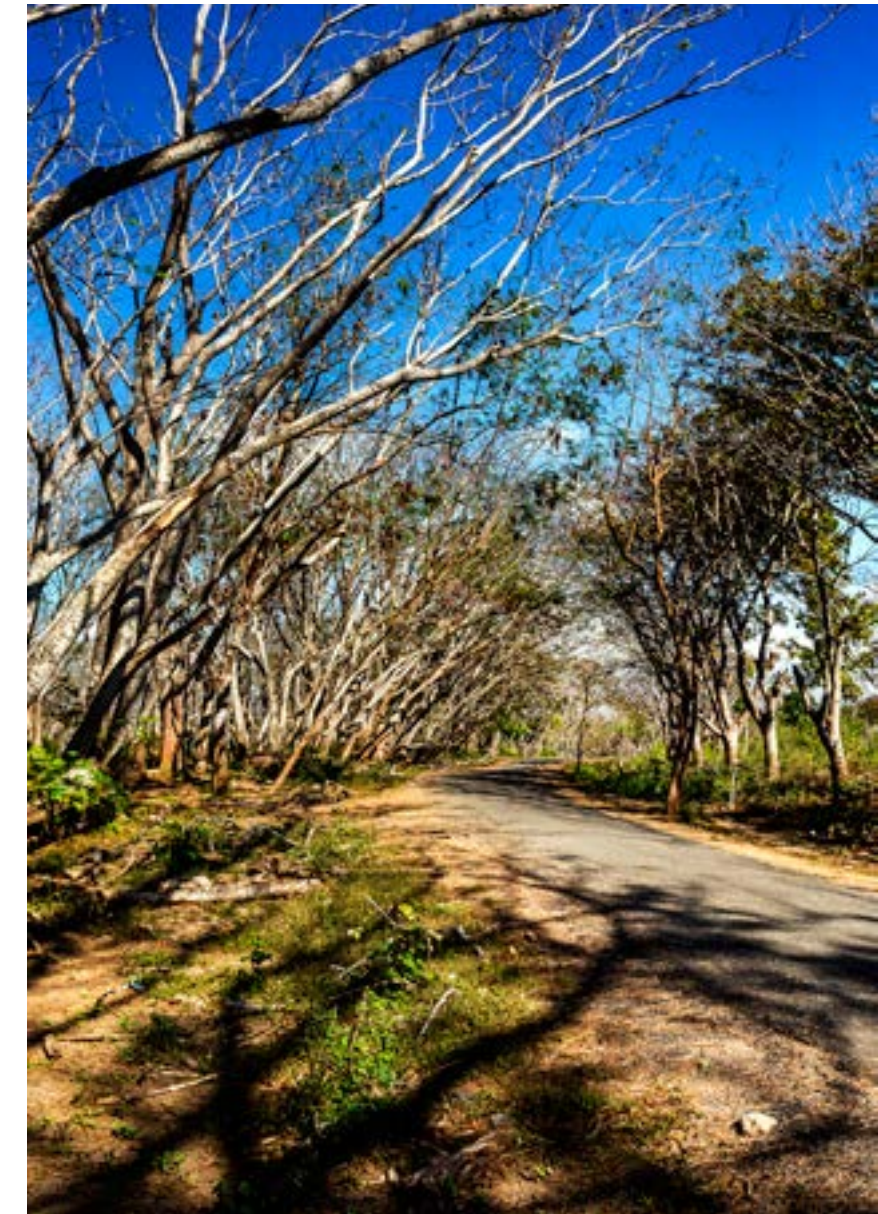
The different tides of the day revealed the different picture of the shorelines. Clear emerald water blankets the shores during high tides and revealed fine white beaches when the tides are at lower levels. (preceding pages).





Tanjung Ringgit

the unexplored southeast Lombok





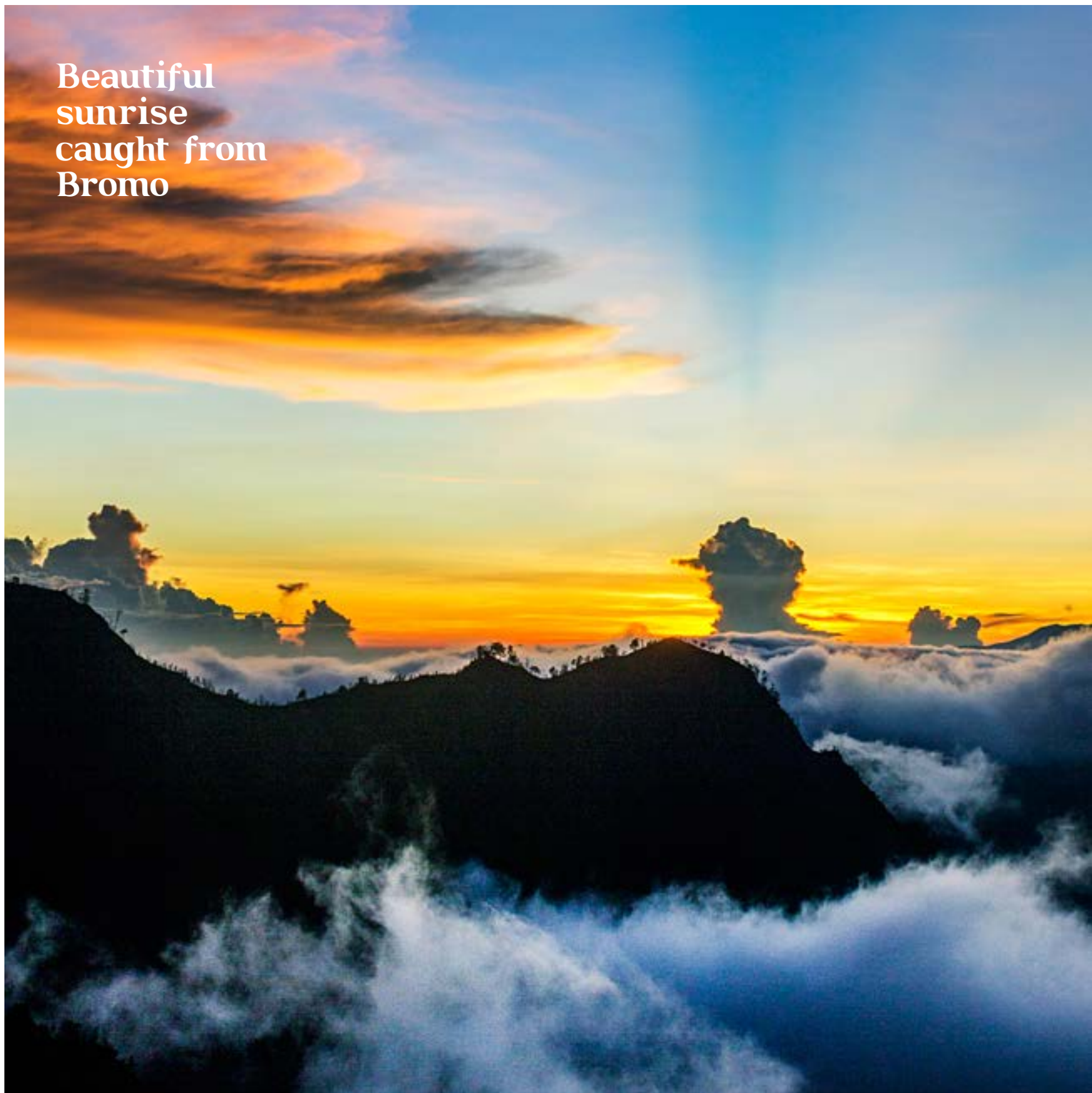
Bromo Tengger Semeru, East Java

The fabulous active volcano part of Tengger massif always has an irresistible appeal that you cannot resist. From the massive dusty desert, craters, the steep hills, lovely camping ground near the lake, to the lush greenery during April to May, all will keep you in awe.

Milky way upon Bromo



Beautiful
sunrise
caught from
Bromo





Cemoro Lawang Village



What always amazes us about nature is that you cannot predict what you will get to see since Mt Bromo continually offer you a daily different beautiful view.

Sometimes you can have the clear blue sky, another time you will have the mystical fog, another time you can only see the sea of clouds covering the mountain.







One of the mystical moments at Mount Bromo





The active crater on top of Bromo's mountain.

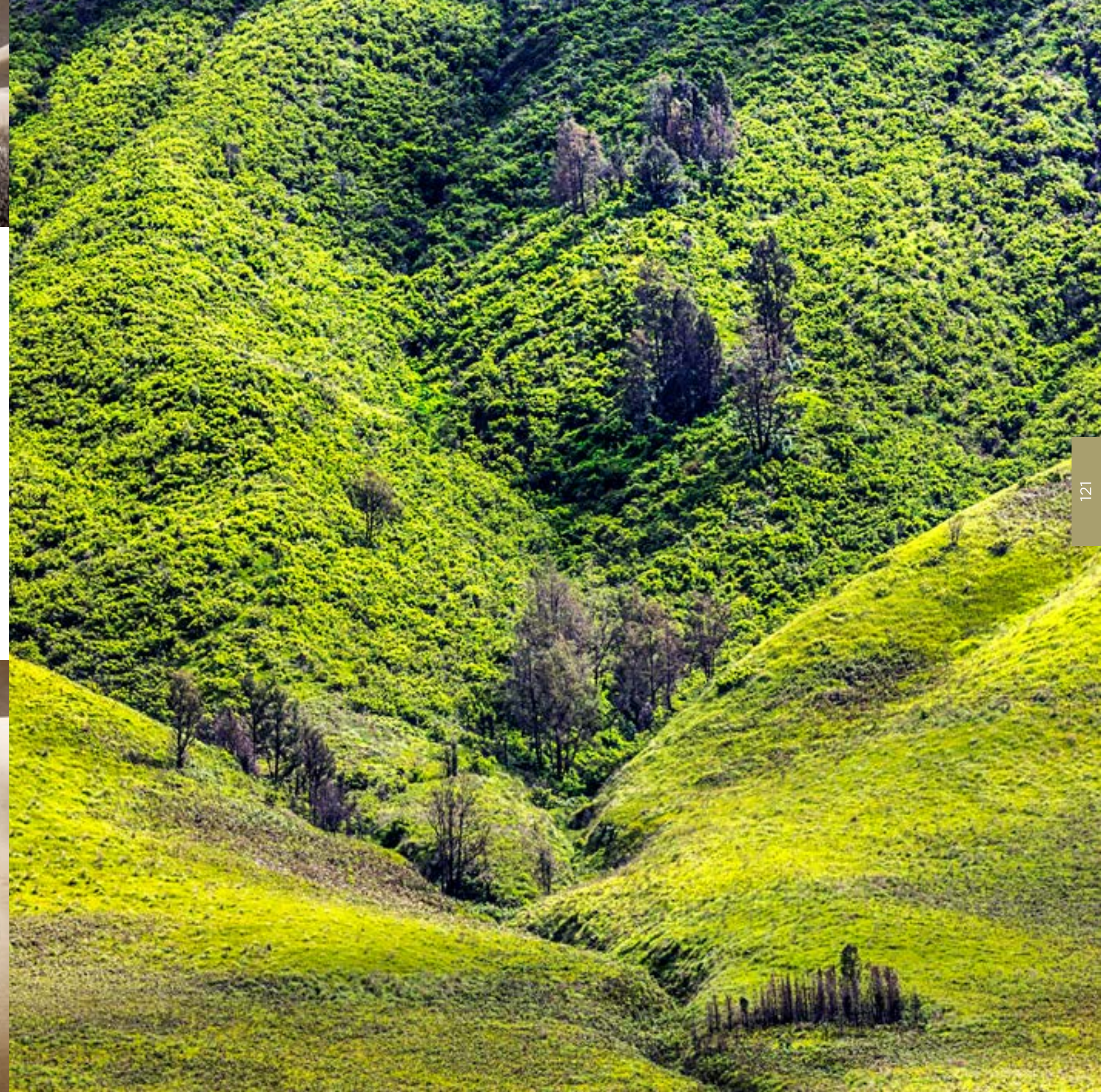




The magnificent Mt Batok.



**The vibrant
contrast
offered by
Mt Bromo.
The dusty
desert and
the green
savannah**








Ranu Kumbolo

They said that it is a heaven on earth.

Ranu Kumbolo is an exotic lake with spectacular views located in Bromo Tengger Semeru National Park, East Java, Indonesia. Like other parts of Bromo, it offers you different charming scenes each day.



Borobudur Central Java & Prambanan Yogyakarta



Eruption of Mount Merapi



Borobudur, is one of the world's largest Buddhist temples. There are three tiers to its building structure: A conical base with five concentric square terraces, three circular platforms on the trunk of the cone and a monumental stupa. The walls and handrails are designed with fine low reliefs and cover a surface area of 2,500sqm.

The 72 circular platforms each have a Buddha statue in it. The temple has gone through restoration projects held by the government and UNESCO since the 1970s. Besides the Borobudur temple, there are 2 other smaller temples, Mendut Temple and Pawon Temple located at the east. The whole structure combines the uniqueness of the ancestor worship ideas in relations to the idea of a terraced mountain, and the Buddhist concept of obtaining Nirvana.



Mount Merapi & Borobudur



Every year during the period of 18-23 March and 18-23 September, the sun will rise over the center of the stupa.

This phenomenon is called Equinox.



Sunrise view from Punthuk Setumbu



Vesak day at Borobudur



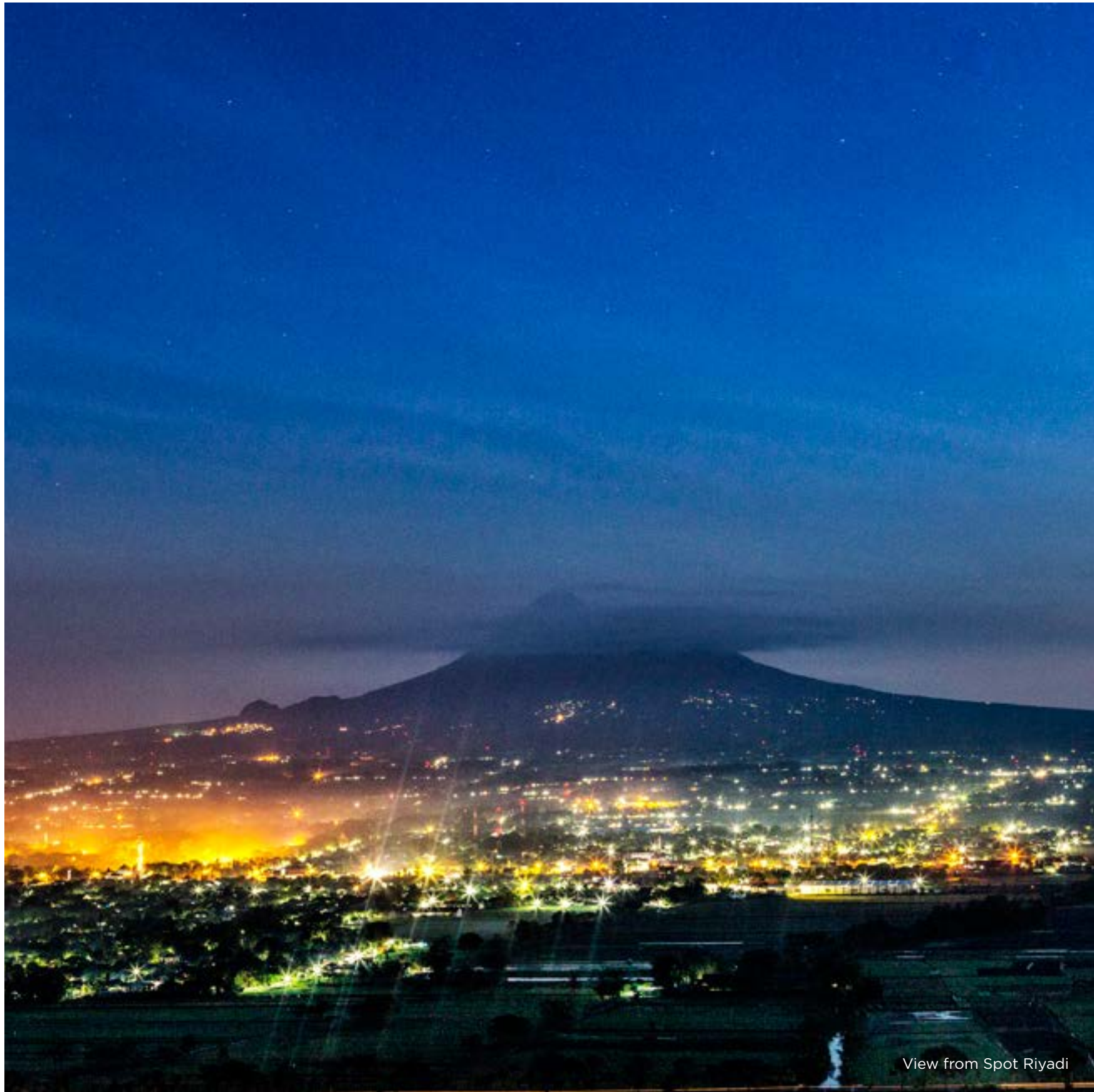
Prambanan

Prambanan Temple has earned its place in the UNESCO World Heritage site for its size and unique architecture. Surrounded by hundreds of shrines that were constructed by high levels of stone building technology and architecture from the 8th century in Java.



Sunset at Prambanan





View from Spot Riyadi



Ramayana Ballet at Prambanan



Ratu Boko



Plaosan Temple

Yogyakarta



Yogyakarta is known as Kota Pelajar (City for Education). Students from all over are immersed in the deep rooted local culture.

Traditional way of life has been maintained over generations such as, cooking with charcoal over old utensils, older art forms, jamu (age old medical concoction).

Jamu used for treatment ranging from beauty enhancement to illness, to aphrodisiac. Each vendors has their own family guarded recipe passed down as family heirloom.



Mie (Noodle) Lethek grinding



Mie Lethek



Gong Making



Forge the Kris



Palm Sugar Process



Paper Puppet for Shadow Play

The traditional culture in Yogyakarta and Solo is pretty much intact. From theatrical arts, puppetry, batik design, noodle and gula (sugar) processing, gong making, pottery and Kris (wavy-shaped dagger) making can be found in these regions.



Pottery Making



Shadow Play



Human Puppet

Kepulauan Seribu, Jakarta

Kepulauan Seribu (Thousand Islands) offer visitors a short getaway to the clear blue water from Jakarta. Unlike its name that means a thousand islands, there are only around 150 islands and just 45 are classified as tourism destinations. However, as of now only six of these islands provide accommodations; from private resorts to simple homestays.



Pantara Island

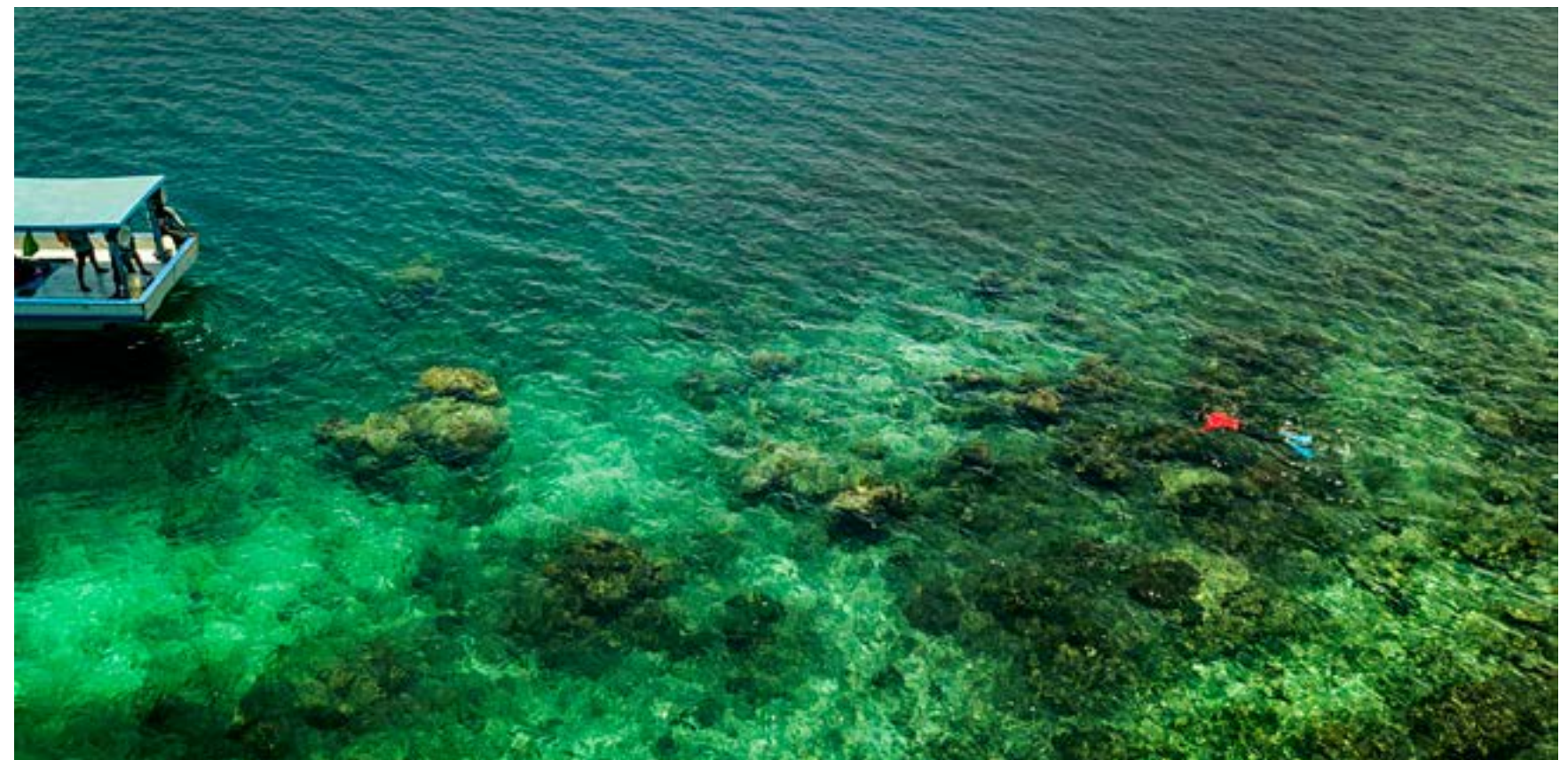


Life in Pantara is surrounded by the crystal clear water, far away from the buzzing city and traffic. All you can see is the gradient colour of the blue sea where you can dive into. Other activities like canoeing, snorkeling and sunset viewing on the boat can be arranged on the island.

Macan Island



Aerial View of Gosong Island nearby Macan
Gundul Island.





As one of the eco-tourism resorts, Macan Island makes their furnitures and decorations from the drift woods and their plantations.

The resort is unique as the huts used an open concept whereby they have no door to the rooms which are facing the sea.

Bulat Island



Bulat Island is an inhabitant island which is accessible to the public for fishing.

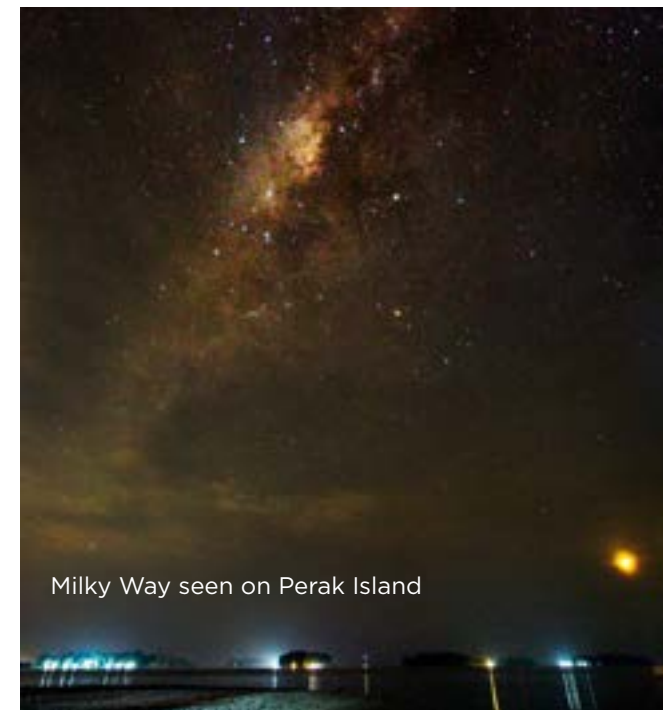
Ayer Island



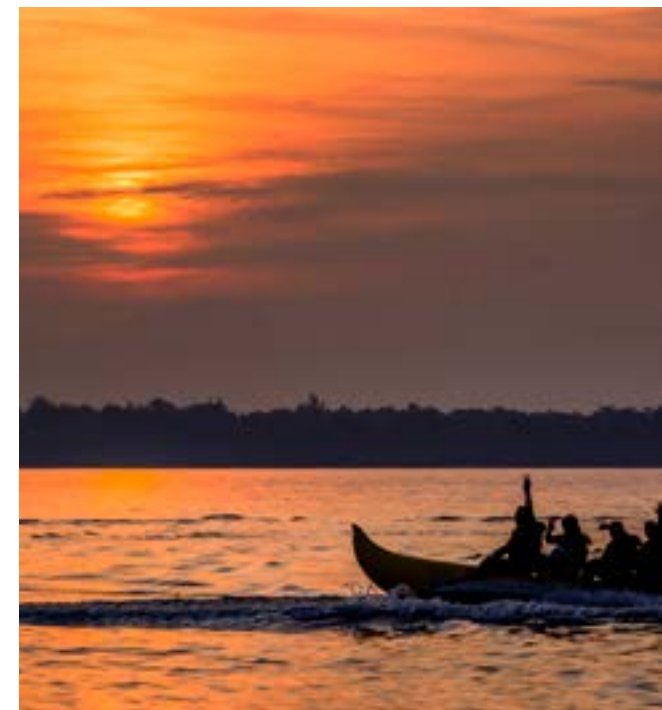
One of the unique features of the Ayer Island is the manmade tunnel that divides the island into three parts. As this island is private property, you can only pass through the island and enjoy the greeneries without landing.

Perak Island

One of the most happening islands in Kepulauan Seribu during the weekend is Perak Island where public will flock to the island for the water sports and other activities, followed by sunset viewing.



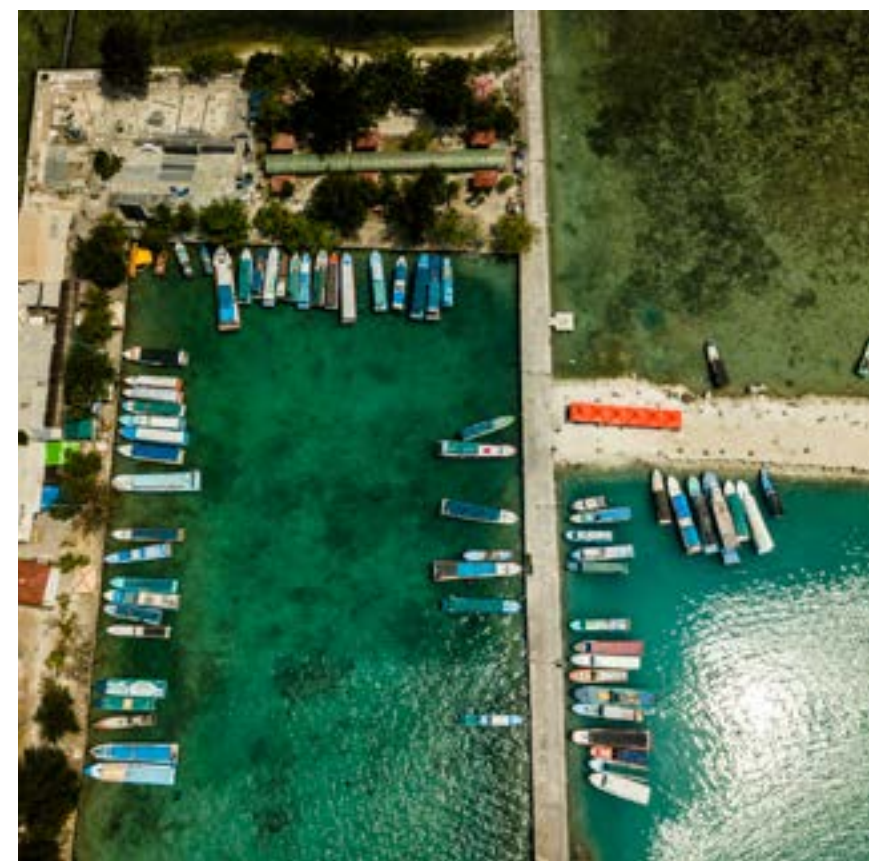
Milky Way seen on Perak Island





Harapan Island

The Harapan Island is where visitors can experience homestay facilities. Visitors can choose either Harapan Island or Pramuka Island as there are many locals who open up their homes to visitors.





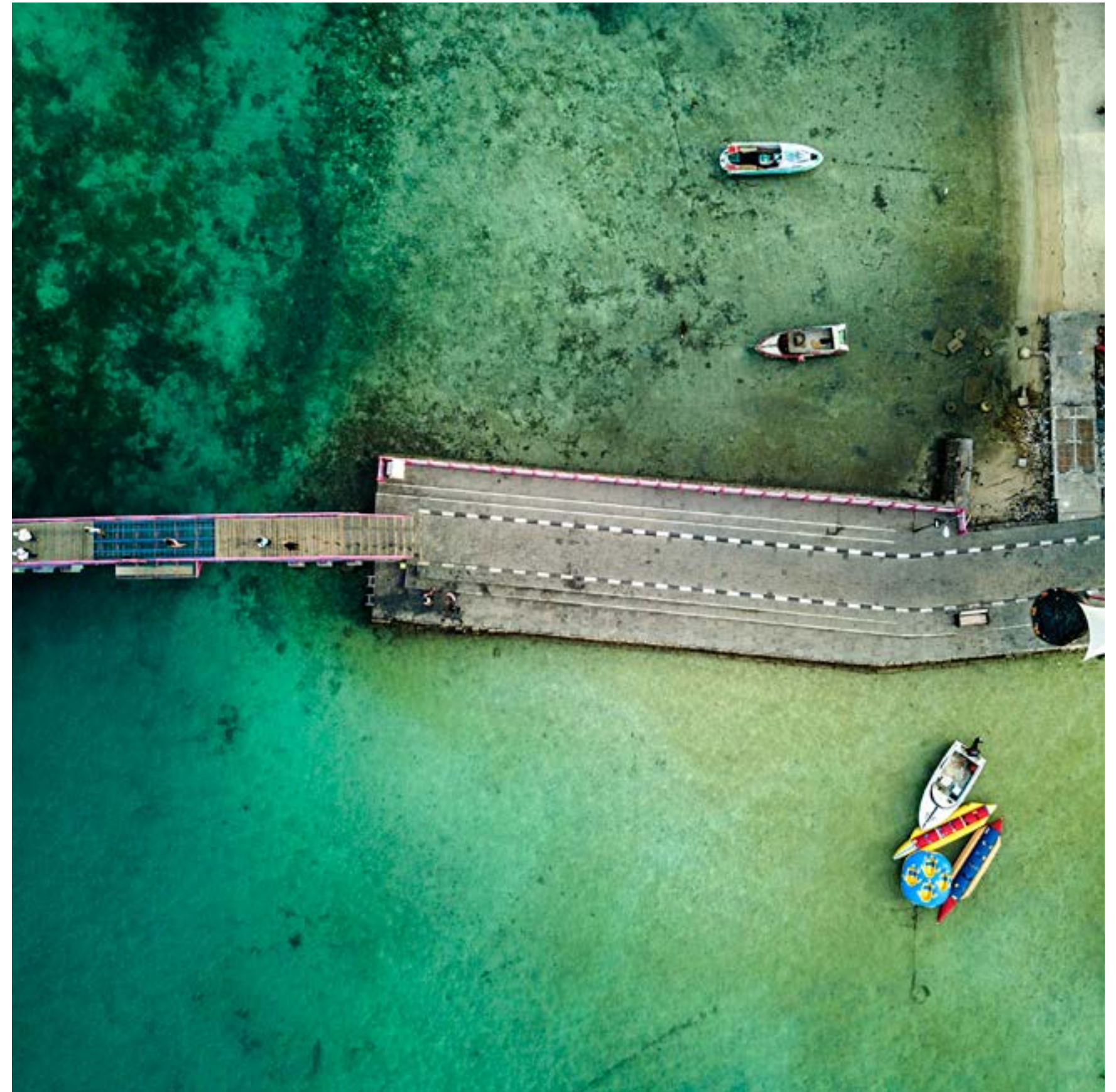
Pramuka Island



Tidung Island

One of the most visited islands by domestic tourists during the weekends and short holidays.

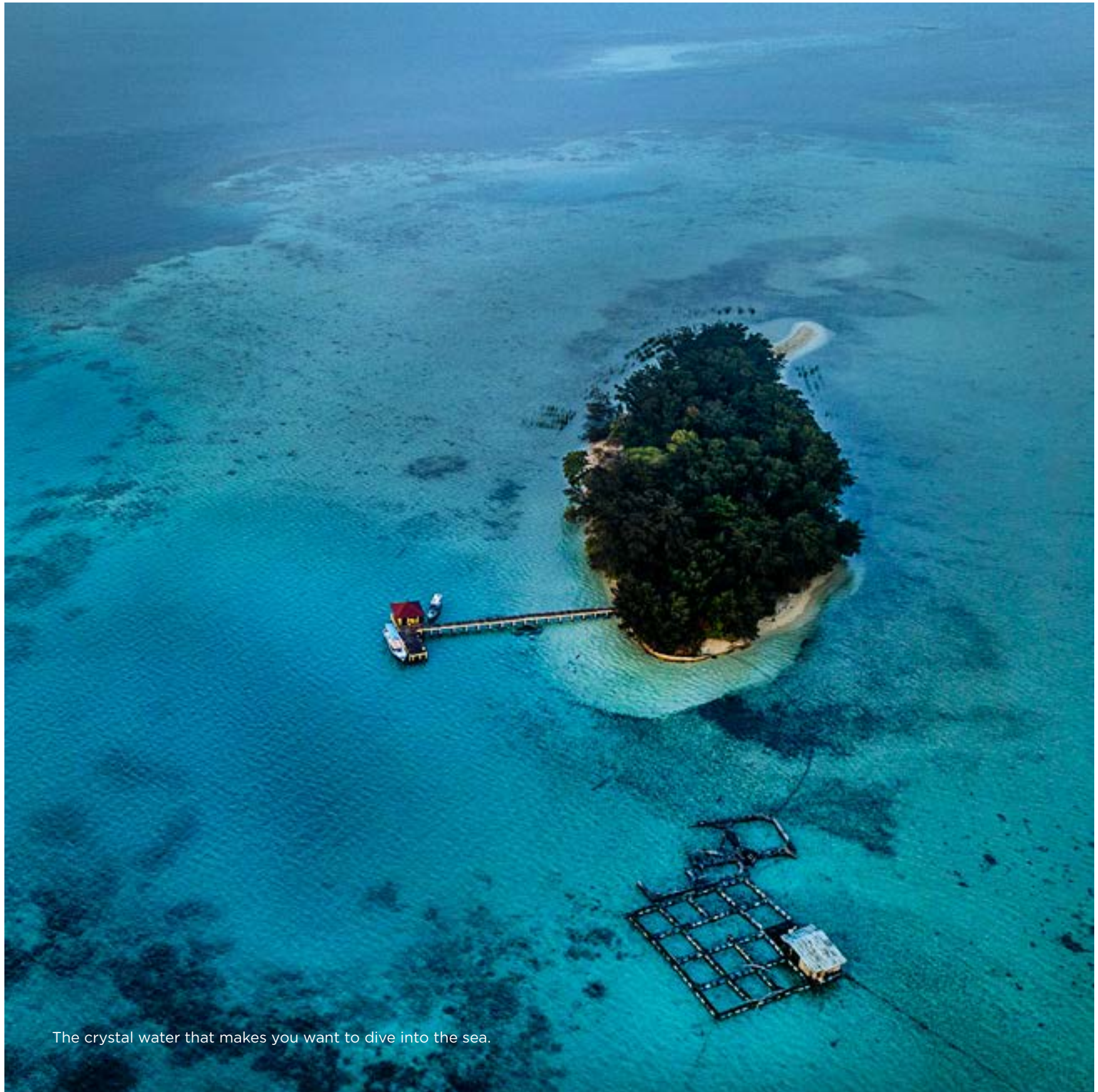
The locals believe when you jump off the Love Bridge, you will either find your soulmate very soon or your love will be an everlasting one.





Semak Daun Island

Again one of the inhabitant islands within the Thousand Islands. It offers the clear blue sea and the lovely sunsets.

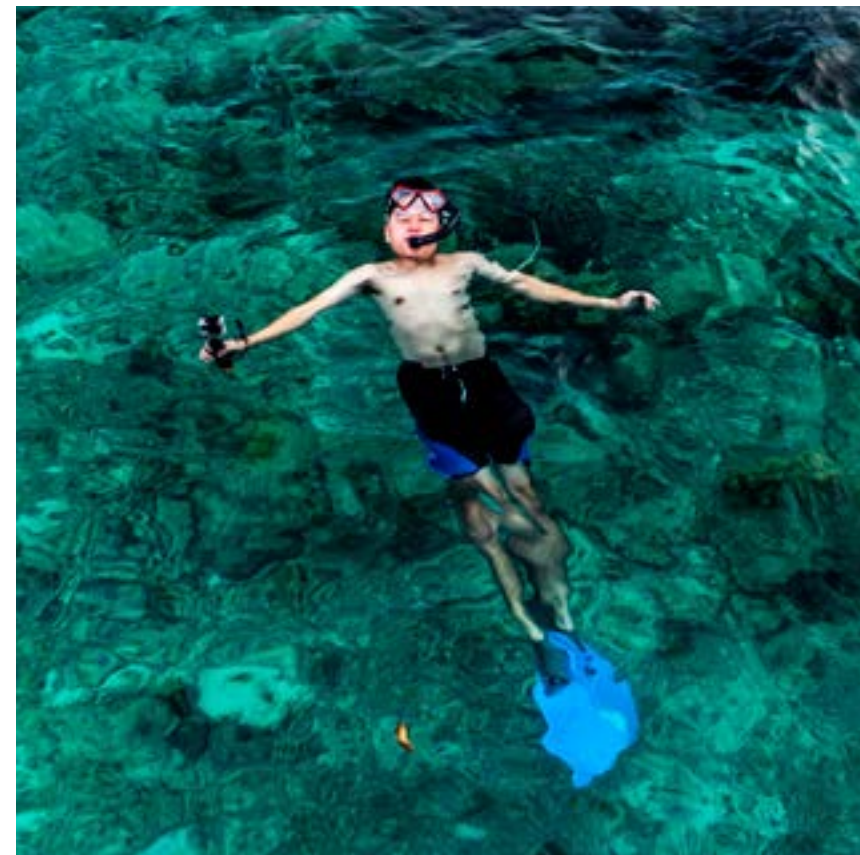
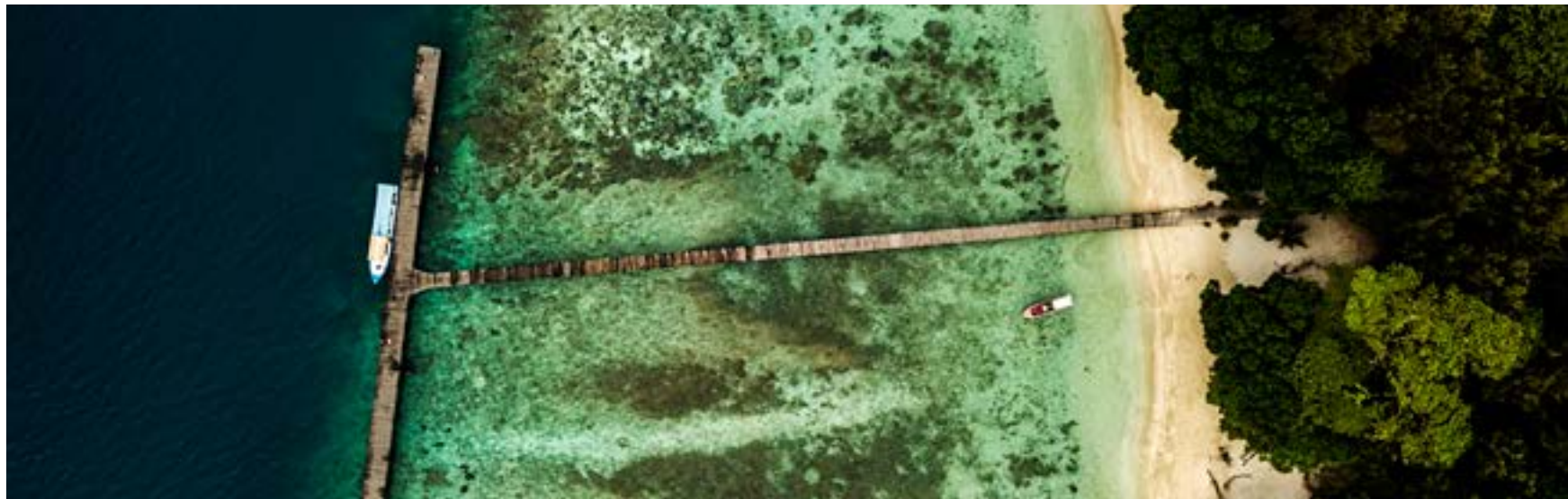


The crystal water that makes you want to dive into the sea.



Sepa Island

If you are looking an option for an overnight camp, Sepa Island offers you both the resort and camping ground.



Tanjung Lesung Banten



Aerial view of the resorts



Aerial View of the Cape



Banana Boat

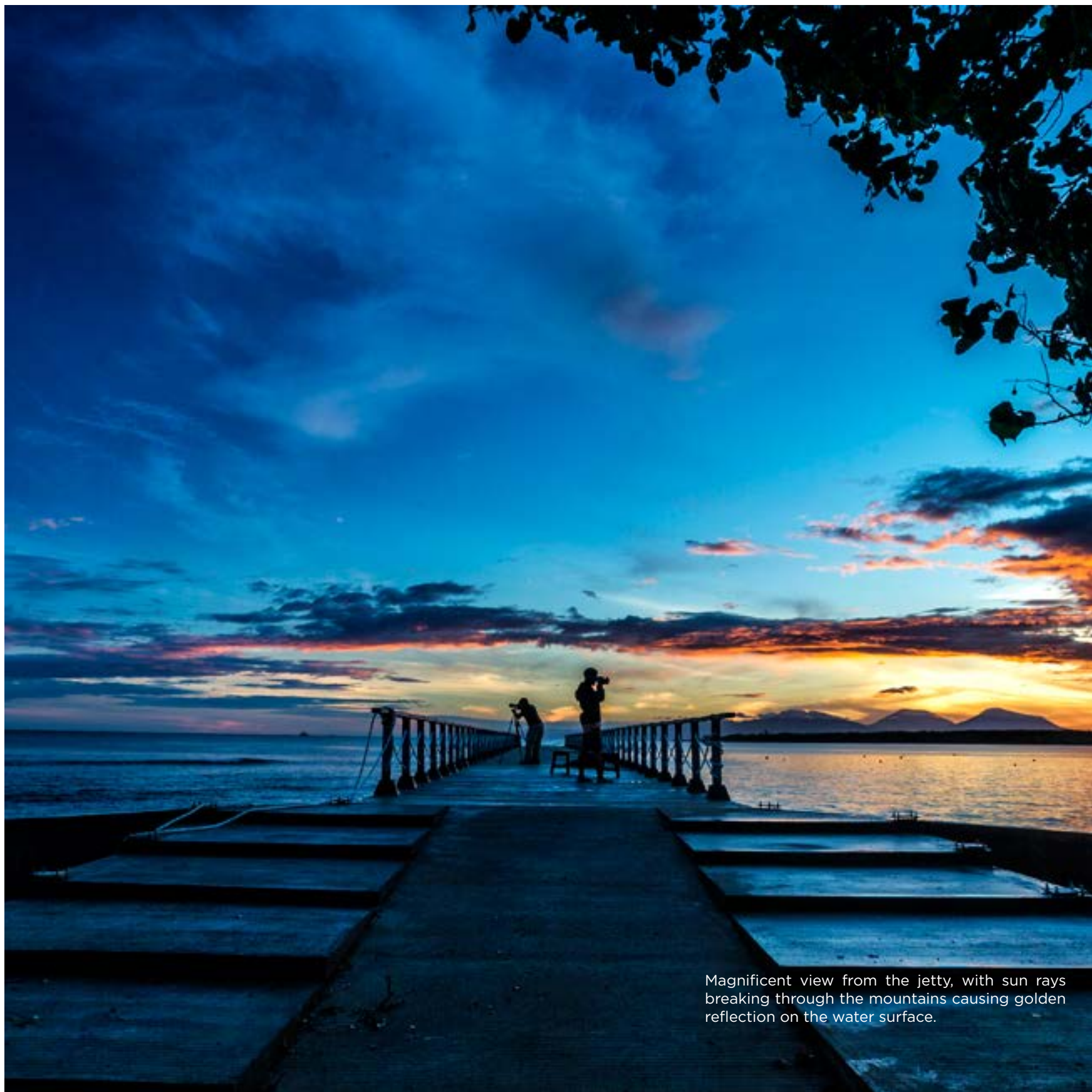


Tanjung Lesung is 4 hours drive from Jakarta. It is located at Banten Province which covers 1,500 ha, it offering a mesmerizing and picturesque view.

Tanjung Lesung is an ideal location for one to lay back, unwind and embrace the beauty of nature. With a shoreline that stretches over a span of 15 km. This resort is an ideal getaway and provide activities such as sunbathing, camping, beach volleyball, watersports and a relaxing swim.



Water sport at Tanjung Lesung



Magnificent view from the jetty, with sun rays breaking through the mountains causing golden reflection on the water surface.



Sunrise at Tanjung Lesung



Sunset at Batu Hideung



Fire Dance Performance is the one of Tanjung Lesung's iconic performances. The rings of fire will entice you and connects you with the atmosphere.





The kids are very warm to the guest



Kids at Batik Cikadu



The kids and Pak Suparno enjoy see the photos



Drying the salted fish



The owner of Salted fish farm



Rice harvesting



BATIK CIKADU

The main motif of the batik is Javanese Rhino





Krakatau, Lampung

Krakatau: Mother and Son



The volcanic island of Krakatau is a 1.5 hours speedboat ride from Tanjung Lesung. The volcano erupted in 1883, making it the loudest recorded eruption in history. Later in 1927 a new island, Anak Krakatau (Child of Krakatau) emerged. Anak Krakatau is still undeniably one of the most active volcanoes in the world. Today, the island attracts many tourists and adventurers to explore the historical significance of the place.

Ujung Kulon

Declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1991 for its largest remaining lowland rainforest, Ujung Kulon National Park is only 1.5 hours by speedboat from Tanjung Lesung.

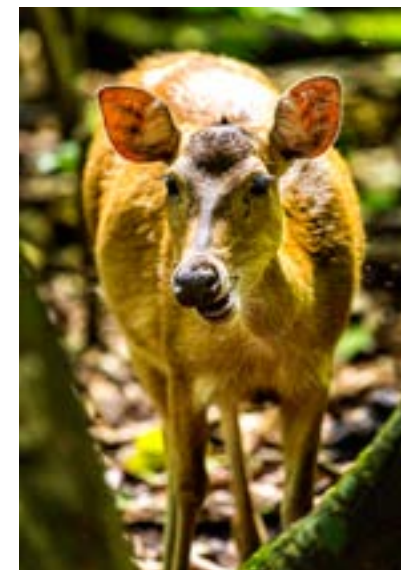
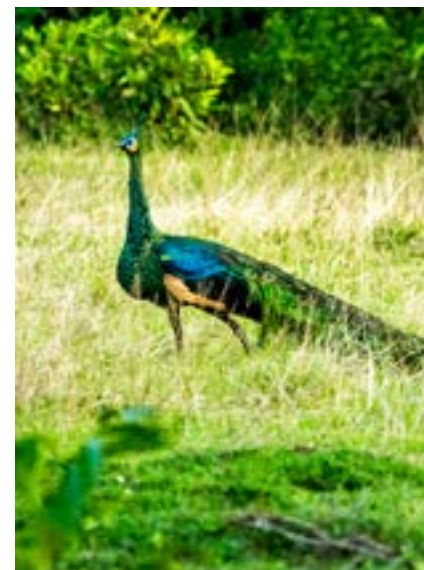
Due to the 1883 Krakatau volcano eruption that caused a tsunami and wiped out the population on the island, it has been left uninhabited.

With a total of 78,619 hectares of land area, the park is home to many wildlife such as deers, wild boars, buffalos, peacocks and rare Java rhinos that offers photographers a chance to photograph these rare animal. A place truly for wildlife enthusiast to explore.

Savannah at Cidaon



Sunrise at Pulau Peucang

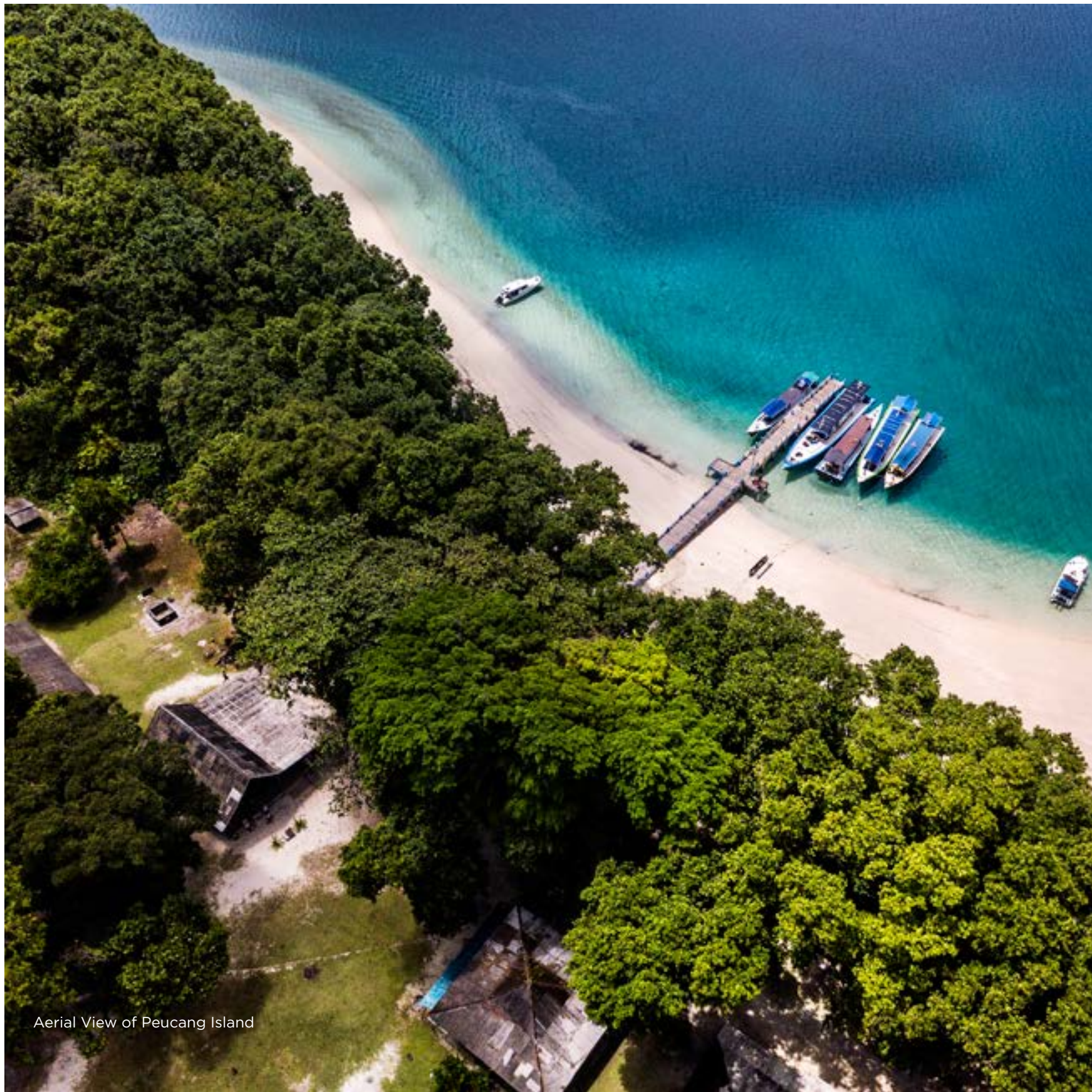


Canoeing at Cigenter



Trekking at Peucang Island





Aerial View of Peucang Island



Sunset at Cidaon

Belitung Island Bangka Belitung



Sitting at the north-western tip of Belitung Island is Tanjung Kelayang, which offers an exotic beach with soft white sand and outcrops of huge granite boulders spreading 10 km long across the North West part of the island.

In 2015, Tanjung Kelayang was named as one of Indonesia's 10 Tourism Special Economic Zones. In fact, Belitung has been named the Seychelles of Asia with its unique and beautiful granite rock formations and beaches of fine white sand surrounded by pristine shades of turquoise waters.

Boats plying along the beach offer trips to smaller islands which offer ideal locations for snorkeling and scuba-diving. Lengkuas Island is a short boat ride from Tanjung Kelayang, another popular landmark with its 19th century lighthouse, built during the dutch occupation on the island.







Danau Kaolin

The island is a well known producer of tin due to its geographical position as part of Malacca Tin Source chain from Malaysia, Bangka and Belitung. However, the heydays of tin mining are now in the past. Belitung is currently preparing for a transformation to gradually shift the province's economic reliance on tin.





Besides the coastal attractions, Belitung also offers scenic destinations like Kaolin Lake, mangrove forests, museums, as well as several historical sites. It offers terrain for activities such as hiking, crab catching, fishing and round-island cycling.

The local industries such as coffee making and shrimp paste (the famous Sungai Padang shrimp paste) offers a unique flavour to all kinds of visitors.





Kampung Bali



Shrimp paste processing



Kampung Bali (Bali Village): A sizeable community of Balinese who have settled at Giri Jati area, 26 km from Belitung capital during President Suharto transmigration era: a policy of migrating people from densely populated islands to less dense ones. They are a close-knit Balinese community in Belitung consisting mainly farmers and miners.

Shrimp paste processing near Sungai Padang bridge where fresh Rebon shrimps are fermented overnight, dried and ground to yield the famous Sungai Padang Shrimp paste.



Batu Bedil





Manggar

Manggar is the second largest town in Belitung and located at the east of the Island. There are many coffee shops in downtown Manggar and these coffee shops are social meeting points of the locals. Manggar has been nicknamed the City of 1,001 Coffee Shops, its multitude of kedai kopi (coffee shops) has become a worthy tourist attraction that has rivaled its picturesque beaches.

Galeri Daun Simpore: Daun Simpore is the batik motifs that is native to Belitung island. Daun Simpore refers to large leaves of the *Dillenia Suffruticosa* plant which is abundant across Belitung island. Batik Tulis (hand-drawn) and Batik Textile material (printing) process besides Ahok's house located at Gantung area.

A traditional Belitung house at Ahok village, childhood home of the famous Basuki Tjahaja Purnama (nicknamed as Ahok) the former Bupati of Belitung Timur and the former Governor of Jakarta.



Mangrove Forest



Tebalu Hill

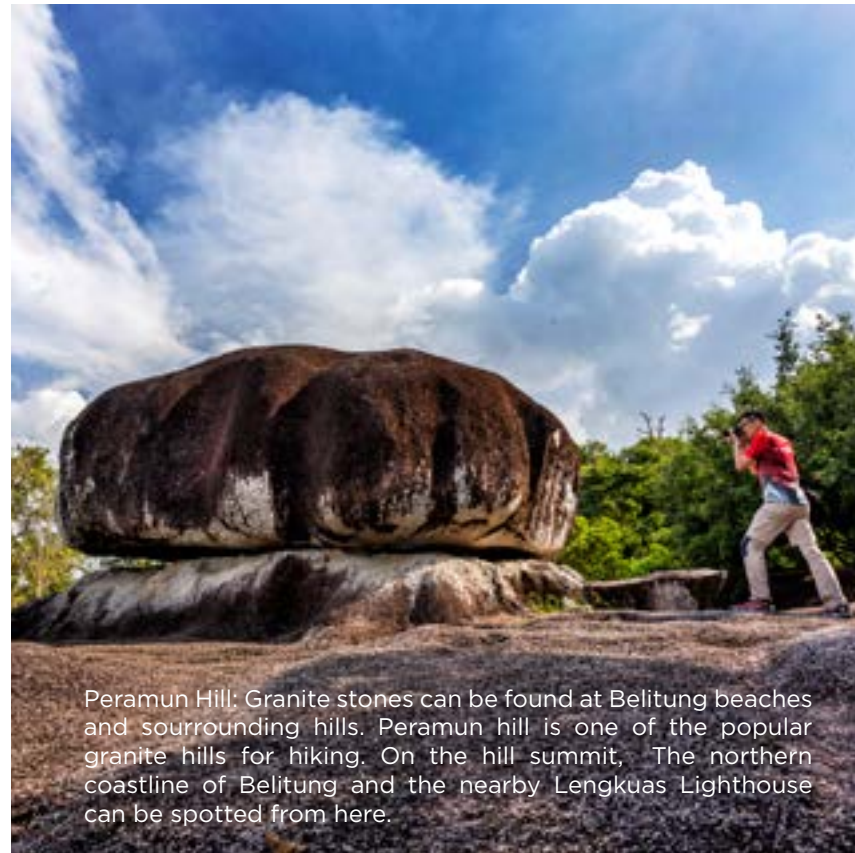
Visitors can hike to Tebalu Hill from Terong village to see sunrise. In 2016 this hill had been a famous location to view the sun eclipse.



Terong Tourism Village: Dance and cultural performances with Gambus traditional music.



The mosque was built in 1817 and is the oldest mosque in Belitang Island.



Peramun Hill: Granite stones can be found at Belitang beaches and surrounding hills. Peramun hill is one of the popular granite hills for hiking. On the hill summit, the northern coastline of Belitang and the nearby Lengkuas Lighthouse can be spotted from here.



Tanjung Pandan city

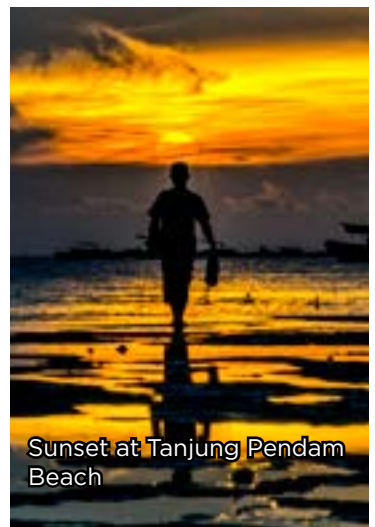
Tanjung Pandan beach is a popular beach near Tanjung Pandan city for sunset viewing.



Peramun Hill



Tanjung Pandan Museum



Sunset at Tanjung Pandan Beach



Tanjung Pandan is the largest town and capital of Belitang island. Most of tourists will be based in this town to explore attractions in the west part of Belitang Island.

Kong Djie Coffee: There are no coffee plantations in Belitang, however coffee culture is strong in Belitang with many cafes sprouting across the island. Coffee culture was introduced by the Dutch during colonial times. Kong Djie coffee is the oldest coffee chain based in Tanjung Pandan.

Lake Toba, North Sumatra

Lake Toba is the largest volcanic lake in the world, it offers you marvellous views of waterfalls, paddy fields and endless winding roads leading to the mountains surrounding the entire Lake Toba .

Lake Toba stretches from Tongging, Dolok Tolong, Samosir Island, Balige and Parapat. This region features some stunning landscapes, lovely people and delicious local delicacies.



Tongging

From the longest journey with the most winding road trips, Tongging is still one the best places to enjoy picturesque Lake Toba.

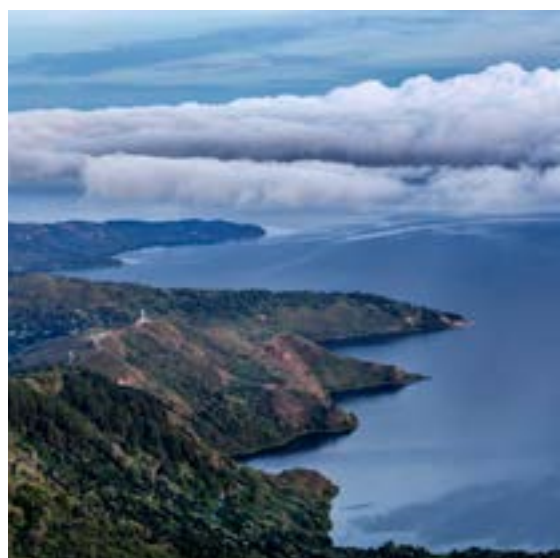


View of Lake Toba from Tongging



Huta Ginjang

At 1550 meters above sea level, Huta Ginjang means a village set above. Besides offering visitors a serenity and a picturesque view of Lake Toba, it also offers the exciting sports of paragliding and hang-gliding.



Samosir Island

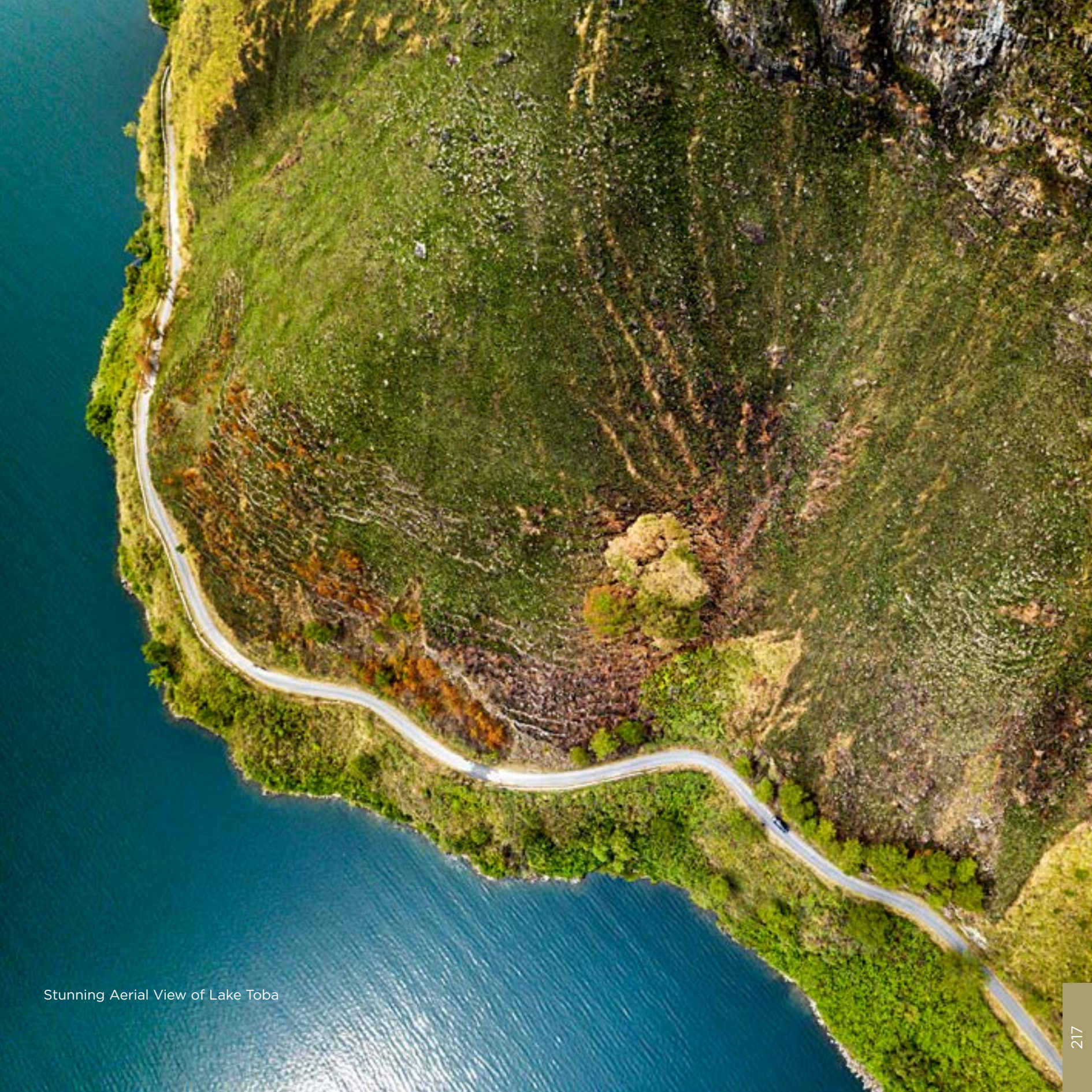
Samosir offers visitors an insight on the Batak history and culture, where the Batak clans would return to Samosir to seek blessings from their elders. Visitors will have a chance to visit the traditional Batak houses and experience the Batak cultures.

The everyday life in these fascinating highlands can be interesting to observe - the farmers ploughing the fields with their water buffalo, the children playing with piglets and puppies, the elderly singing and telling stories - all with a stunning background.





Serenity from Bakkara



Stunning Aerial View of Lake Toba



It is astounding as you can always discover a fascinating landscape at every turn. The lush greeneries on the hillside that descends into the pristine water, the expanded view in every direction will mesmerize you.





Village in Balige



Lake Toba is accessible by air through Silangit Airport near Balige. However, if you are coming from Medan by land, most probably you will pass by Parapat, a small cramped lakeside town serving as a primary transit point by ferry for visitors going to Samosir Island. You can find local souvenirs such as ulos, which are locally woven clothes, traditional detailed carvings, musical instruments, T-shirts and key chains.

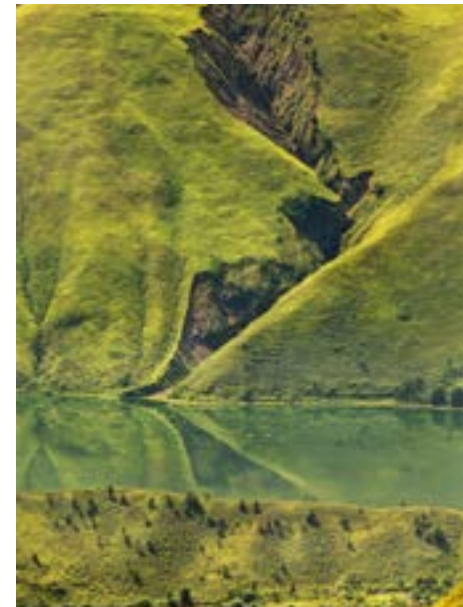


Parapat - a small town in the Uluan Peninsula where the first Indonesia President Soekarno was sent into exile.



Tele

Tele is the only region that connects Sumatra Island and Samosir Island by land. If you enter Samosir via another city, the only way is by ferry.



You can see many of waterfalls in this region, like Efrata Waterfall, Sitapigagan or Aek Sibottar where most of these waterfalls can be spotted from afar. Beside these waterfalls, there are also beautiful Pine forests on the hillside.

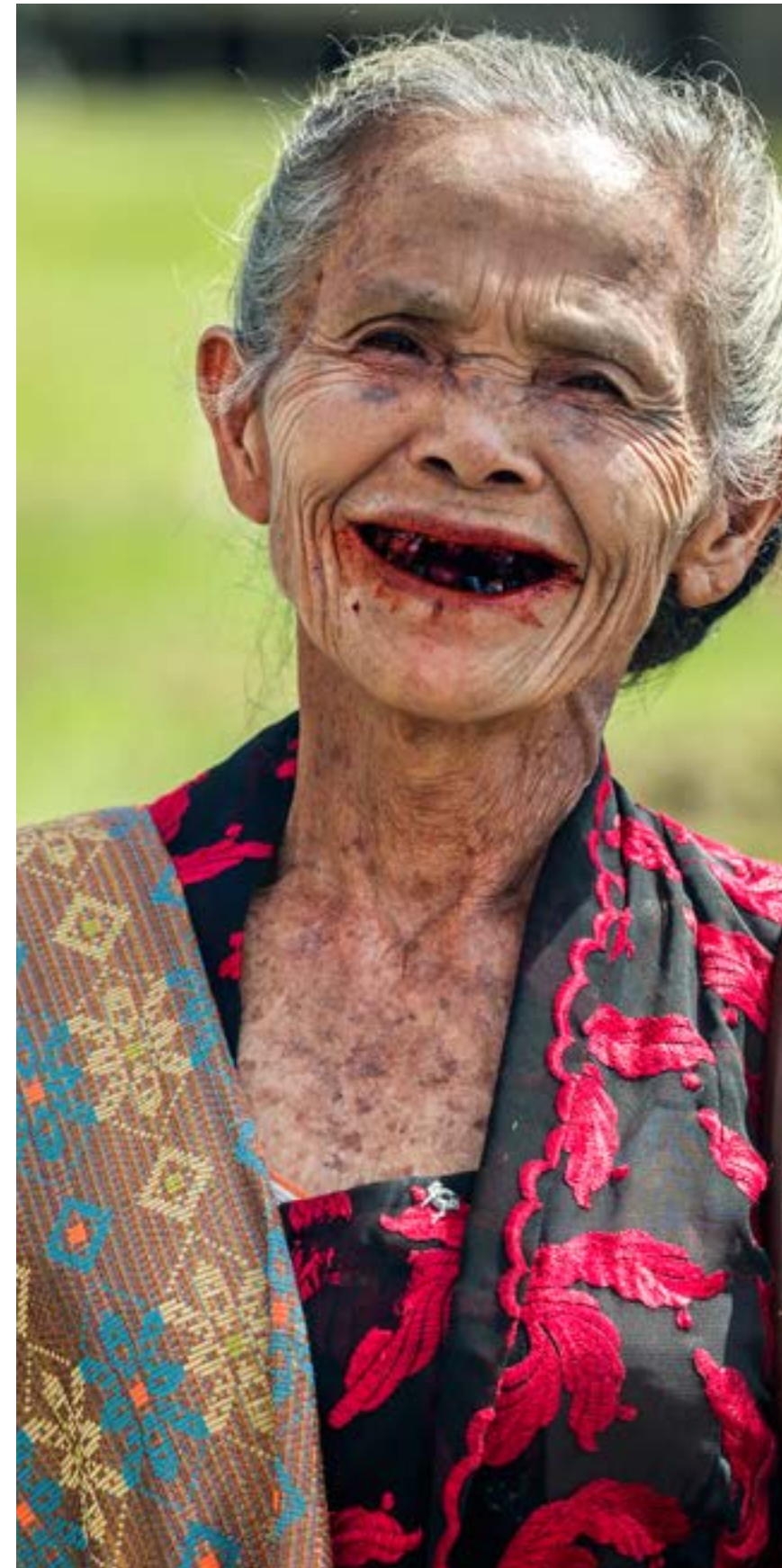


An aerial view revealed the contours of the Paddy fields





Currently, the local authorities of Lake Toba are developing Sigapiton as one of the next tourism destinations. Visitors get to experience staying with the friendly local Batak community in their unique eco-design homestay.



The locals here are known as the Batak people, which is the collective term used to identify a number of ethnic groups namely the Karo, Pakpak, Simalungun, Toba, Angkola and Mandailing which are related to each other as the Batak Tribe but with their own distinct languages and customs. These groups are predominantly found in North Sumatra, Indonesia.



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.. It all begins with an image and your connections to it"

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