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# SAILING THROUGH THE CENTURIES

*A luxurious yachting adventure  
in the Southeast Asian Seas*

Elegantly crafted of ironwood and teak, Lamima is a sea-faring masterpiece and a testament to the art of Indonesian boat building. Impossible to replicate in the mainstream industry, authentic Phinisi ships are hand built with indigenous intuition and inherited expertise. As the largest wooden sailing vessel in the world, Lamima has the benefit of a large and attentive crew of dive instructors, chefs, spa therapists and National Geographic explorers. For guests, what awaits is a tailored itinerary of fine foods, hidden lagoons and exotic experiences to stir the soul and ignite the imagination.





### The Lamima

Crew 20 / Boat type ketch / Length 65.2 metres  
 Cabins 7 total; 4 double, 2 twin, 1 master / Guests 14 maximum  
 Cruising speed 10 knots / Max speed 12 knots  
 Construction Ironwood and Teak  
 Architecture & Design Marcelo Penna Yacht Design  
 → Only Phinisi ever built to hold an world-class safety certificate

Resting calmly on the shores of a volcanic island in the Indonesian Archipelago is a small, yet well-established community of shipwrights. Known regionally as the Konjo people, they are considered the master carpenters of Sulawesi. Using design and construction methods that have been passed down for centuries, they continue to produce traditional Indonesian sailing ships called Phinisi.

According to the Konjo people, every boat has a soul and many rituals and ceremonies are performed before completion to ensure the longevity of the boat. Lamima

was no exception and received a blessing that would bring strength, safety and keep bad spirits off the boat.

Lamima's owner, Dominique Gerardin, spent eighteen years cruising in luxury motor yachts around the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. Over time, he grew weary of yachting as merely a show of status and ego rather than an enjoyment of the actual experience. Eventually he began to "dream of sailing more exciting waters and of the unique thrill of exploring Indonesia under sail in a traditional timber boat."



### Mergui Archipelago



#### Left

The large and spacious teak deck provides areas for five star al fresco dining, sunrise yoga and a separate wellness centre for massages

#### Right

The Mergui Archipelago is made up of more than 800 islands. This remote and unexplored territory consists of rainforests, coral reefs and many exotic flora and fauna



Outfitted with all the amenities of a modern yacht, the floorplan provides a comfortably polished and inviting interior of six en-suite cabins and a sixty-square-metre master cabin that rivals the luxury of a five-star-hotel suite. Contemporary furnishings, natural lighting and subtle references to traditional Indonesian design complete the spacious rooms, which are also equipped with HD television, internet and iPod docking stations. The guest experience is underscored by a layer of warm Indonesian hospitality courtesy of a carefully selected crew from leading hospitality and marine institutions.

Meals are handled by two professional chefs. They source top-quality ingredients from Indonesian markets and local fisherman to create gourmet Asian and European cuisine. The captain will often navigate to secluded anchorages where guests can sunbathe

before enjoying an exotic picnic lunch. The wellness centre, located in a shaded section of the rear deck, has two Balinese spa therapists available for massages and treatments throughout the journey.

Water sport activities are accompanied by a local guide and include use of jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks and more. The on-board dive centre is outfitted with the highest quality diving equipment and provides guests the opportunity to complete their PADI certification in an idyllic environment.

Cruising around the Indonesian archipelago offers guests the opportunity to discover a unique diversity of flora and fauna among many other unmissable sights.





Excursions are led by an expert guide who has taken the lead of a number of National Geographic expeditions. Custom-tailored itineraries can be designed to include unexplored caves, untouched lagoons and treks up island peaks for panoramic views of the surrounding islands. Komodo National Park, home to the famous komodo dragons, contains gentle hiking trails, the best coral reefs in Indonesia and huge colonies of flying foxes. In southern Myanmar, the Mergui Archipelago is made up of over 800 islands and offers bird watching and the chance to swim alongside turtles and manta rays in the shallow, pristine waters. A trip to the islands of Thailand east of Phuket offers excellent snorkelling and whale shark encounters set against a backdrop of sheer limestone pinnacles and lush grassy slopes.

In an effort to take advantage of the best weather in each destination, the ship will move freely between

Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand. As the only fully inclusive rate in the industry, Lamima makes a beautiful experience heavenly by doing away with small details which means guests can exist in absolute bliss with unlimited meals, drinks, spa treatments, dives and shore excursions.

Sailing through the Indonesian Archipelago in a luxuriously outfitted Phinisi is an exceptional way to discover such a uniquely majestic part of the world. Those of a curious mind and adventurous heart looking for a way to see the world with fresh eyes will surely be drawn to this once in a lifetime experience.

**Above**  
The Lamima crew transports guests to idyllic and deserted isles spared by hordes of tourists

**Below**  
Water sport activities are accompanied by a local guide and guests that are new to scuba diving can receive their PADI certification on board



#### Luxaviation Travel Tip

Fly directly to Phuket from Singapore in 1:40 or from Hong Kong in 3:10 on a Challenger 300

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