



ULTIMATE YACHTS

MERGUI ARCHIPELAGO

10-night itinerary



THE ULTIMATE YACHTS TEAM IS PASSIONATE ABOUT EXPLORING THE WORLD'S MOST COMPELLING COASTLINES. WE BELIEVE THAT CHARTERING A PRIVATE YACHT IS THE PERFECT WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE SECRETS OF OUR BLUE PLANET.

Our handpicked collection of luxury and expedition charter yachts offers an unrivalled means of experiencing both land & sea from the comfort of boutique accommodation on the waves. Our yachts combine tradition, elegance and modern conveniences, and each one comes with a skilled crew including an expert captain, a cruise host and a private chef.

We know our niche inside out and we take pride in our longstanding relationships with clients, yacht owners and agents alike. We will take the time to truly know everything about each yacht, from the cruise director's strengths to the cuisine and service onboard.



MERGUI ARCHIPELAGO

A FORGOTTEN WILDERNESS CAST OFF THE COAST OF BURMA, THE MERGUI ARCHIPELAGO IS SOMETIMES DUBBED “THE LOST WORLD” AND NOT WITHOUT REASON. LARGELY INACCESSIBLE WITHOUT A BOAT, THIS STRING OF 800 MOSTLY UNINHABITED TROPICAL ISLANDS BOASTS NATURAL WONDERS, ENDEMIC WILDLIFE AND INTERESTING CULTURE ALIKE.

The distinctive landscape is characterised by jungle-clad hills, lagoons, rivers and mangroves, and the local Moken people carve a nomadic lifestyle here. Wildlife roams the forests and birds thrive in this remote Eden.

Sailing in the Andaman Sea reveals a sequin trail of pure white beaches sloping to turquoise water and coral reefs. The landscape is characterised by jungle-clad hills, lagoons, rivers and mangroves. Wildlife thrives, with gibbons and civet cats inhabiting the forests alongside a plethora of birds.

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DAY 1: KAWTHAUNG

You will be met at Kawthaung airport by the yacht's crew and transferred to the harbour. Once you have settled in onboard, the yacht will depart the harbour and cruise the Mergui Archipelago while you enjoy lunch on deck. If time allows, go snorkelling or try a check dive before you watch the sun go down with a cocktail. Dinner will be served under the stars.

DAY 2: 115, PONI & BADER ISLANDS

Early this morning the yacht will cruise north to '115' (named after its elevation above sea level) where you can enjoy swimming and snorkeling in a pristine environment and go ashore to stroll along the deserted beaches of fine white sand. In the afternoon, we will pay a visit to the Moken settlement on Bada. These 'sea gypsies' have had their traditional nomadic lifestyle restricted by the government but they remain a fascinating community with a unique knowledge of their environment and survival skills.

DAY 3: EAST LAMPI & TAR YAR

Sailing a few miles to the north, along the western coast of East Lampi, we will anchor near the mouth of a mangrove fringed river in perfectly calm waters, ideal for water sports, with a long stretch of white sands in the background. Some may enjoy waters ports upriver and can be joined by others exploring in the tender on a high or rising tide. Later we will sail to Tar Yar and anchor there for the night.

DAY 4: TAR YAR & KO PHAWT

A unique area in the Mergui comprising some 20 islands separated by shallow channels and fringed by mangroves, these islands are teeming with wildlife such as monitor lizards and giant fruit bats. It is well worth exploring here as visitors seldom disturb this region. Blue spotted rays and turtles swimming in a few feet of water can be seen from the surface, and at dusk, scores of Hornbills can be sighted flying back to the island.



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DAY 5: LAMPI & SELAT GALET

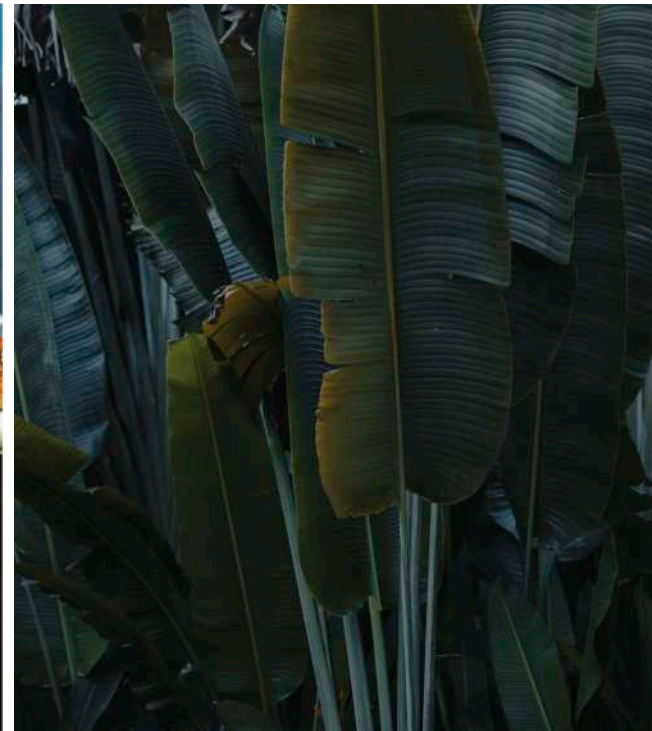
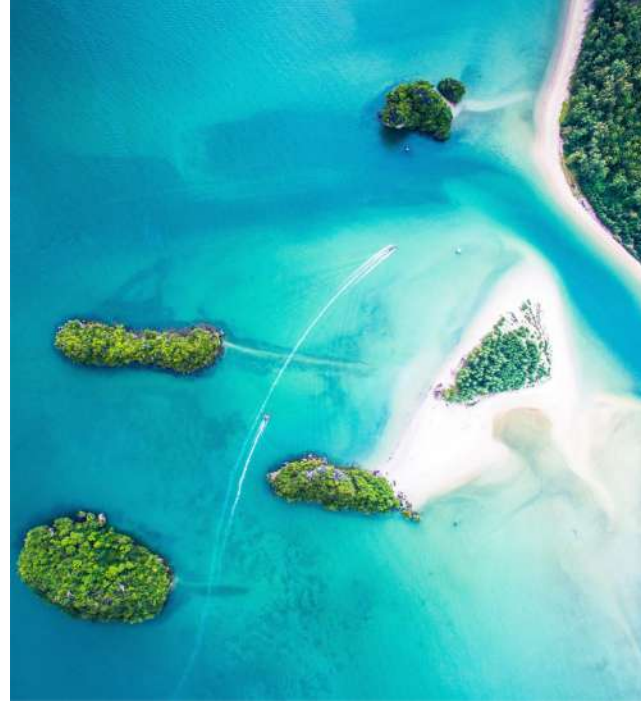
After breakfast, the yacht will take a short cruise to Salet Galet, the narrow channel separating Lampi Island from Wa Ale Kyun. This whole area is outstandingly beautiful. Exploring up the river into the interior you will find yourself in an ancient rainforest full of sights and sounds. For trekking lovers a 3 to 4 hour jungle trek up the west peak of Lampi will bring you, under the guidance of a local guide, to a spectacular viewpoint overlooking the lagoon and the wooden huts of another Moken community.

DAY 6: CLARA ISLAND

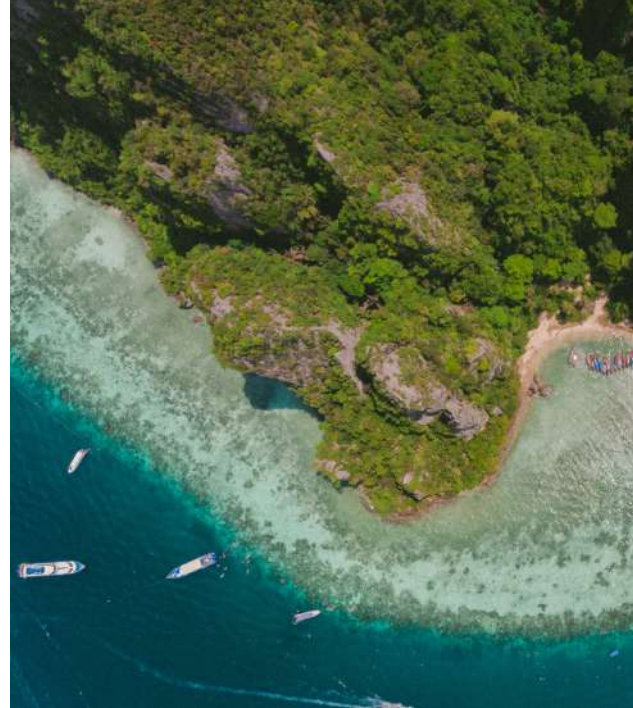
Early this morning the yacht will cruise to Clara Island. You will immediately be thrilled by the natural beauty of Clara and her magnificent beaches. The water clarity is such you can see the bottom in more than 20m of water. On one of the beaches, a spectacular waterfall of cold mountain water tumbles right down to the sea. Clara is rated as one of the most beautiful islands in the south Mergui and well worth spending a day diving, snorkelling, exploring.

DAY 7: GREAT SWINTON ISLAND

Today, the yacht will sail to Peaked Island for some great snorkelling just off the pure white sandy beach. Later, experienced divers will have the opportunity to explore Shark Cave so known for its resident nurse sharks; the highlight is a swim through at 18m depth. Non-diving guests may wish to remain on Nga Mann and explore the island renowned for its wildlife. A very rare species, the Andaman pigeon, can occasionally be sighted on this island. This afternoon, the yacht will anchor off the southwestern beach.



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DAY 6: CAVERN ISLAND, HIGH ROCK & LOUGHBOROUGH

Cavern Island, so called because of the cave accessible at water line, is a great place for all kinds of watersports – flat calm waters, snorkelling spots, caves to explore. High rock, 3 miles to the east, is a small islet with a single tree, remarkable for the sheer volume of fish that congregate there. With little current affecting the reef, this is a dive for all levels. Later in the afternoon, we will backtrack to the southeastern creek on Loughborough. Nice scenery, exploration by tender, primeval forest and a wild but peaceful anchorage.

DAY 7: MACLEOD ISLAND

One of the only islands with a 'resort' (some low key timber chalets hidden among a coconut grove) MacLeod offers a deep and sheltered bay in the south with stunning scenery that can be fully appreciated from the top of the hill after a short trek. The bay offers good snorkeling and trekking through to other beaches, one known as 'nautilus' beach for the shells that can be found there.



DAY 10: WESTERN ROCKY & COCK'S COMB LAGOON & SOUTH BAY

The last dive of the cruise, but definitely not the least, the Western Rocky islands offer an overwhelming choice of wall diving, pinnacles and an impressive 30m passage through the island starting at 17m and ending at 24m. To describe the dive options would be the subject of a separate leaf. One cannot leave the Merguis without having explored Cock's Comb, a hong (karstic cave the ceiling of which has collapsed) turned lagoon, accessible through a gap at low to 3/4 tide.

DAY 11: KAWTHAUNG

Today, the yacht will return to Kawthaung where the crew will assist you with disembarking and transferring to the airport for your flight home.



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