

The Spirit of “Silolona”

The “Silolona” is a stunning 49.7 meter-long traditional luxury cruise vessel built by Sulawesi craftsmen inspired by the *Phinisi* sailing schooners of the Spice Island trade routes. *MillionaireAsia* uncovers the fascinating story of “Silolona”.



“AhhhhOuuuu, Siiiiiiiiloooooonaah!”

The haunting and melodious ritual chant is riveting. Ronny Fordatkosu, a well-known Indonesian composer, singer and co-owner of the Silolona, first called forth the spirit of his ancestors in a pure and powerful voice on the day the keel was laid, September 12, 2002. The boatyard came to a standstill and in that instant as co-owner, project manager and designer, Patti Seery, placed gold and diamonds in the keel, the “Silolona” was born.

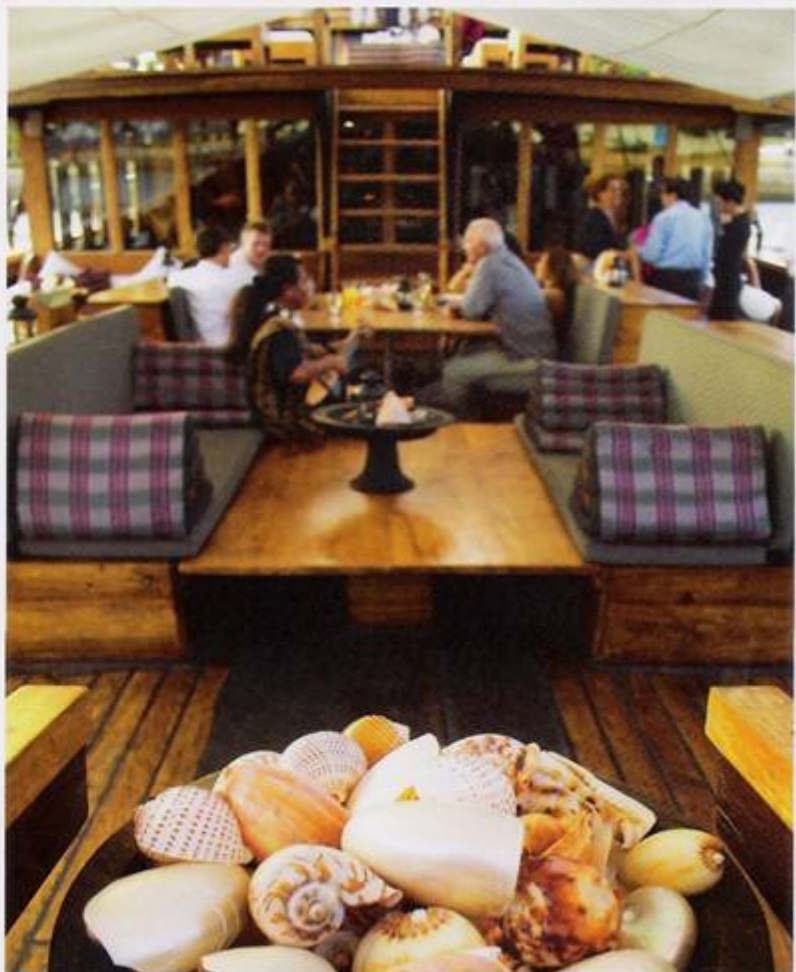
According to ancient folklore, Silolona was the name of the most beautiful and talented weaver in all Tanimbar. When the rocks were young and the earth was still soft the gallantly handsome Atuf sailed in from afar, fell in love and married the enchanting Silolona. In the time of the ancestors, the sun was too close to Earth and life was so harsh that Atuf’s beloved wife, Silolona, died in the prime of her youth.

Heartbroken, Atuf wanted to make the world a safer place for his descendents so he vowed to build a boat big enough and strong enough to sail towards the sun. As the boat was launched Atuf called forth the spirit of his beloved wife, Silolona, to join him on his journey to the sun. Nearing the broiling sun, Atuf hurled his magical spear, shattered the sun and created all the stars and constellations, thus making the world a safer place for all of mankind.

Although hundreds of *phinisi* schooners still ply the waters of Indonesia bringing cargo to the outlying islands, Silolona is the first *phinisi* designed and specifically built with passenger safety and comfort in mind yet in the traditional manner without nails using predominantly hand tools. Today the Konjo people continue the ancient art of wooden boat building but in the building of the Silolona, they have brought their craft to a whole new level.

Luxurious Cruising

Built to stringent demands dictated by Lloyd’s Registry for wooden vessel construction, the spacious Silolona has hundreds of meters of warm teak decks and has been twice voted #10 super yacht in South East Asia in the her first two years of operation. Elegant style and



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original art grace the five air-conditioned staterooms with private ensuite facilities. Other features include a large sun deck, an outside lounge for dining alfresco or relaxing on deck, a spacious saloon lounge with library, bar and multimedia technology, and a fully equipped PADI dive area.

Patti Seery, project manager and designer, devoted three years of her life to realise her dream of building a modern luxury vessel inspired by the traditional phinisi. Born in Chicago, American Ms Seery made her first trip to Indonesia in 1981, visiting the traditional sailing port of Sunda Kelapa in Java on her first morning in Indonesia. She was immediately captivated by these elegant yet hard working sailing vessels and the unbroken tradition of boat building.

After twenty years of criss-crossing the archipelago in traditional boats, Patti decided to build the extraordinary ship, Silolona, to share her love of Indonesia. Ibu (mother), as she is affectionately called, worked with a team of 11 ship-builders from Sulawesi and hundreds of

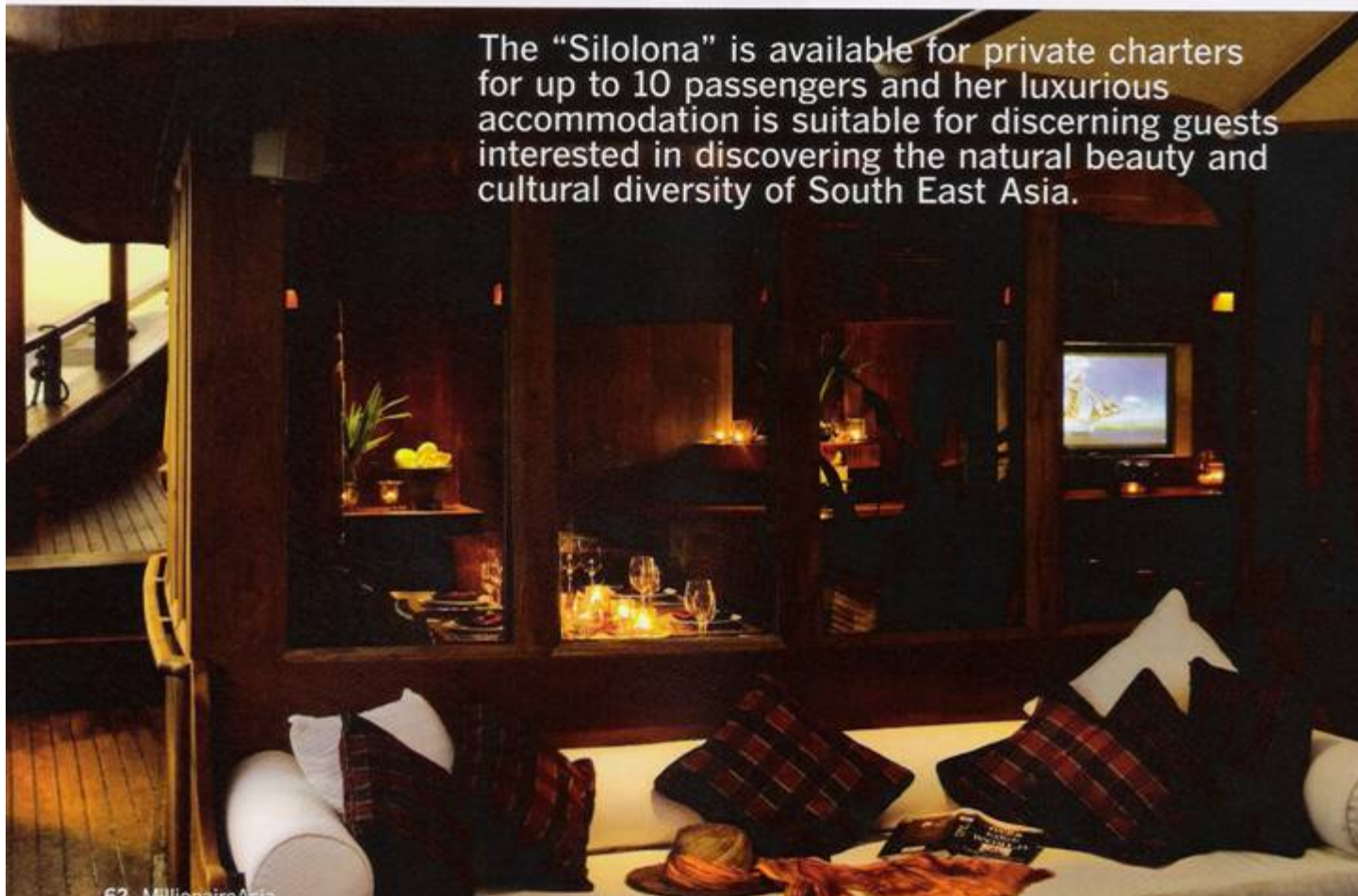
skilled craftsmen from across the archipelago to complete the boat. Silolona was launched with full Tanimbar ritual and a lively party on July 10, 2004.

Today, Seery, often sails with guests and shares her knowledge of the cultures visited during the cruises. A gracious and professional Indonesian crew of 16 hail from across the archipelago. This talented and harmonious mix of Muslims, Christians and Hindus add greatly to the "Silolona experience" with their ready smiles, innate hospitality and lively musical talents that add that special Asian flair to each cruise.

Friendly, Warm Spirit

The story of this enchanting legend and the Silolona's spirit have made the ship a favourite in this region as attested to by many return guests. Her crew and Captain along with the presence of Patti on the cruises as a passionately knowledgeable expedition leader, provide an experience that is unsurpassed. The quality of the service and attention to detail, make Silolona's cruises incomparable to

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through time, with modern stylish facilities and total relaxation.

Silolona's soul force and warmth brings super yacht cruising to another level. A truly unique experience...

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cultural diversity of South East Asia. Relax and revel in the wonders of the Indonesian archipelago and its 17,500 islands as well as dive, bird watch and explore the wilderness of the Mergui Archipelago and all ports in between including Singapore, Langkawi and Phuket. ■

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About the "Silolona"

Registry: Bali, Indonesia, July 2004
Builders: Konjo Boat Builders of Ara Village
Style: Traditional Gaff Rig *Phinisi* to German Lloyd

Specifications

LOA: 49.7m/164 feet
Beam: 10m/33ft; Draft: 3.07m/10ft
Cruising Speed: 10/12 knots
Engine: Yanmar 680 hp turbo
Staterooms: 3 master Suites and 2 Guest Suites, fully air-conditioned lounge and interior
Cuisine: International with Asian flair
Facilities & Activities: State of the art dive equipment, kayaks, fishing, snorkeling, water skis and 3 RIB tenders
Crew: 16 + Expedition leader, PADI instructor
Passengers: 75-100 guests (Special Events & Day Cruises)
10 guests (Extended Cruises)



