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Welcome to **BINTAN**



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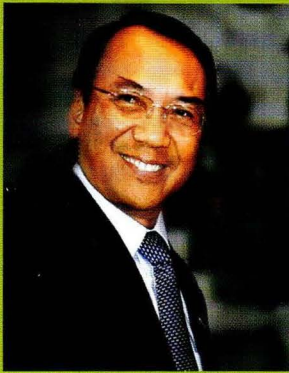
Long, long ago, ships of all shapes and sizes sailed along one of the busiest trading routes in the world. Arab dhows and Chinese junks carried goods through the Straits of Malacca and often used the islands in the Riau Archipelago to replenish their diminishing supplies after months at sea.

The Riau Islands were once home to the sea gypsies who roamed the rich mangrove forests and waterways. Soon, tales of pirates and sunken ships laden with treasures of gold, silk, spices, and porcelain thrived on the islands, nurtured by frequent findings of fragments of porcelain from the Ming Dynasty on the pristine shores.

Today, a jewel among the jewels of the Equator begins to show its dazzling beauty and slowly gaining recognition as a new tourist attraction.

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Message
From Minister
for Culture & Tourism
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The largest of 3,200 islands in the Riau Archipelago, Bintan is also the third largest of the 33 provinces in Indonesia. This beautiful Island is located just 45 kilometers south east of Singapore and twice its size.

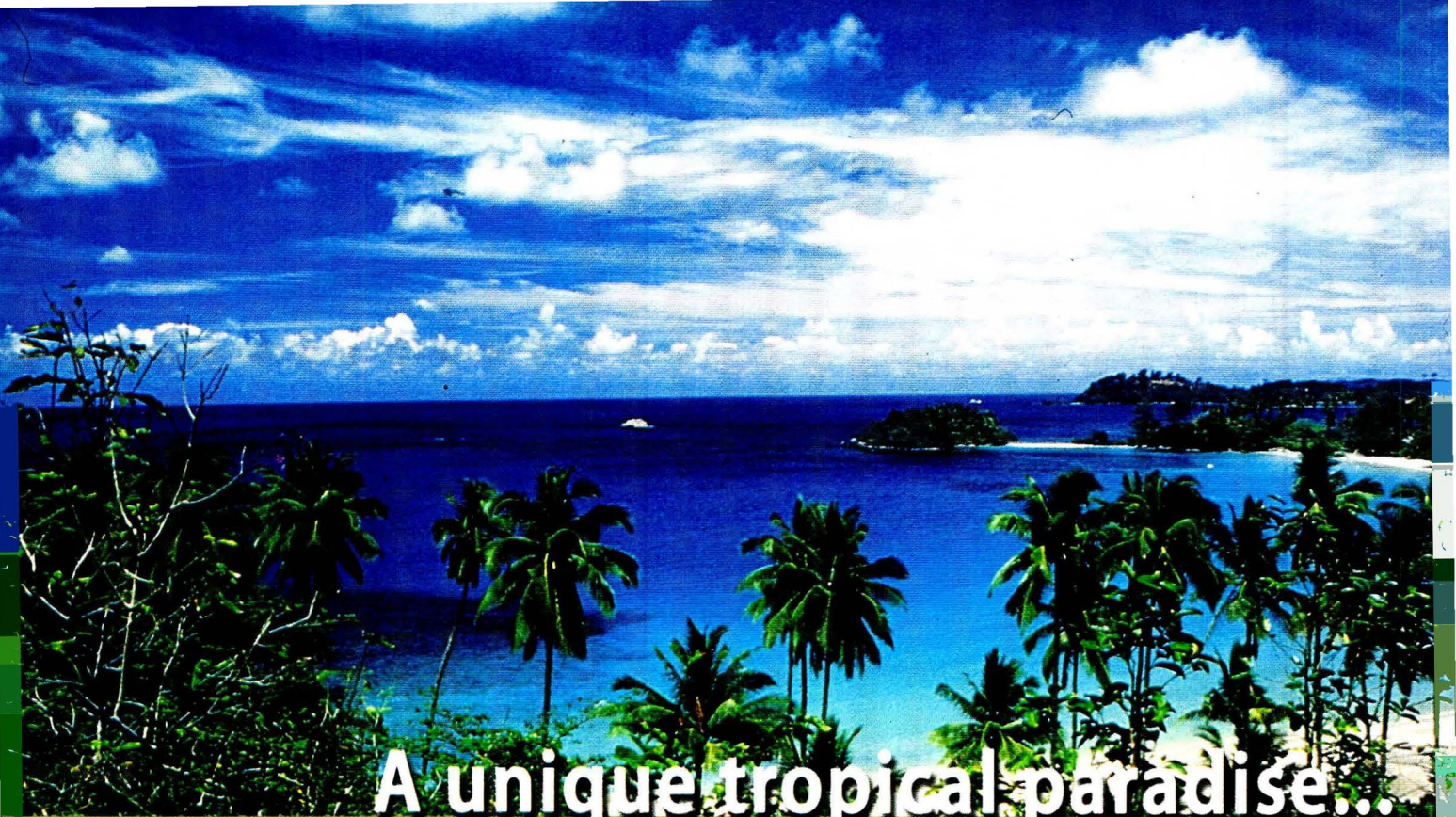
Bintan Island is becoming the new attraction not only for domestic tourists and from neighboring Singapore, but also a hidden jewel among jewels for the rest of the world.

There's a quaint charm about the island, a mixture of a traditional rural way of life and sophisticated urban lifestyle. A portion of the island is full of expensive resorts that offer luxurious services, from pampering spa to a challenging golfing experience in lush surroundings. Another side of island is still relatively untouched and undiscovered, home to quaint fishing villages and isolated off-beat beaches.

These attractions combined with a serene climate all year round make Bintan an ideal getaway and a haven of tranquility that will have you coming back for more.

Welcome to Bintan!

Ir. Jero Wacik, SE



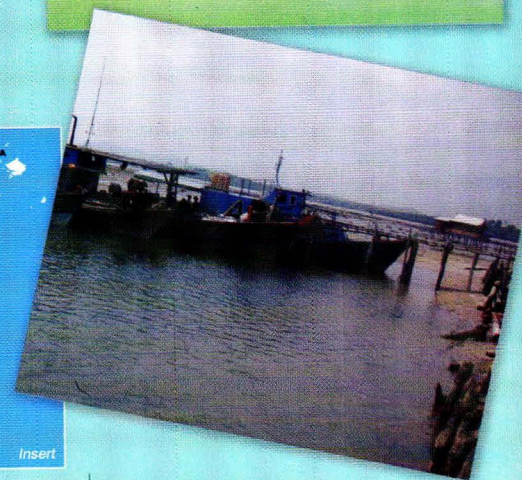
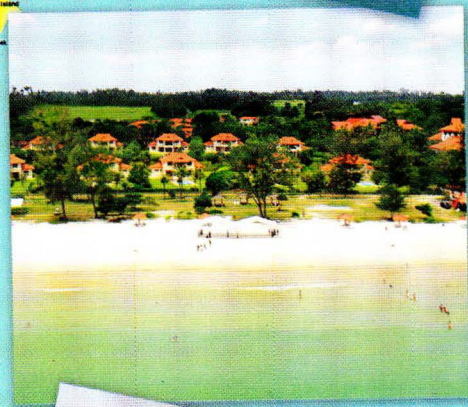
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Bintan Island is the largest of the 3,200 islands in the Riau Archipelago, located just 45 kilometers southeast of Singapore or a 45-minute ride on a catamaran from Singapore. The highest point on the island is a hill or what is left of an old volcano. Known as Bintan Besar, it measures almost 400 meters high.

Bintan is located close to the Equator and enjoys a tropical climate and clear sunny weather almost all year round.

The beautiful island of Bintan is a tropical getaway boasting white sandy beaches, exhilarating activities, luxurious hotels and spa sanctuaries for a healthy body and mind.



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The island is a delightful retreat where there are boundless activities and sights to do and see, and have the time of your life!

You can relax in a simple rural lifestyle that has changed little in decades, or soak in the urban surroundings of expensive resorts and lush golf courses. Bintan also offers a wide range of activities that you can enjoy in beautiful natural surroundings.

Amazing aquatic activities

Being an island, Bintan's beauty and attraction are mostly connected to the sea, and water sports are the island's favorite pastime. Perfect wind and wave conditions make Bintan ideal for wind surfing, kayaking, Jet Ski, banana boat rides and wakeboarding. However, if diving is more to your taste, the calm and warm sea is to be enjoyed by novice experienced divers alike! More than 100,000 species find their habitat in the sea surrounding the island, including snails, clams, oysters, squid and sea shells. Dolphins are also spotted regularly frolicking in the waters.

For a more leisurely pastime, go on a **Traditional Fishing Tour** and learn to fish the traditional way, in a *sampan* or traditional raft and using the *jala* (fishing net), *bubu* (wire trap) and *injab* (bamboo trap).

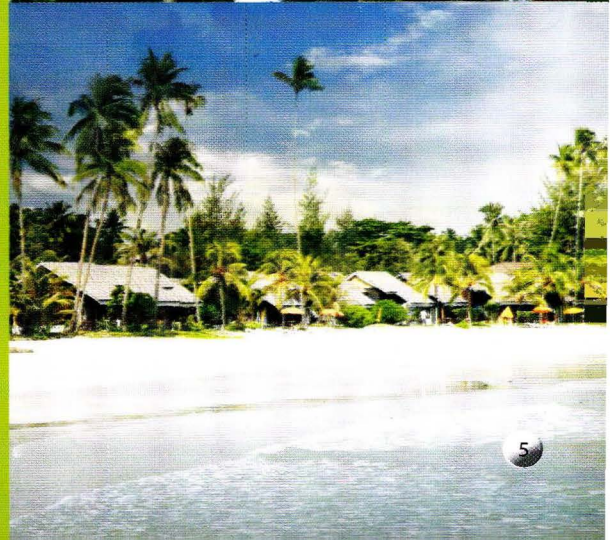
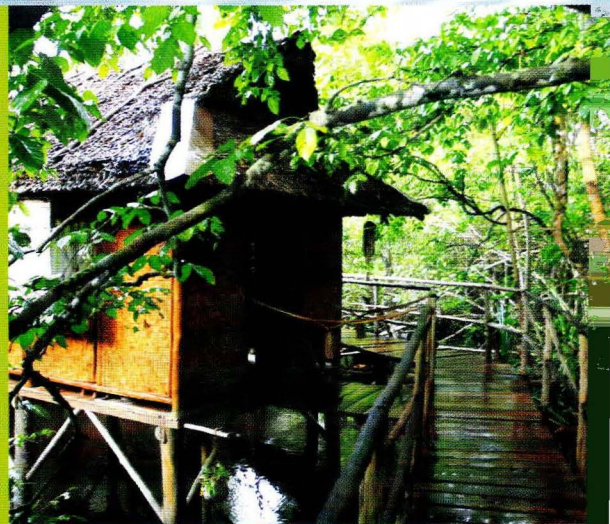


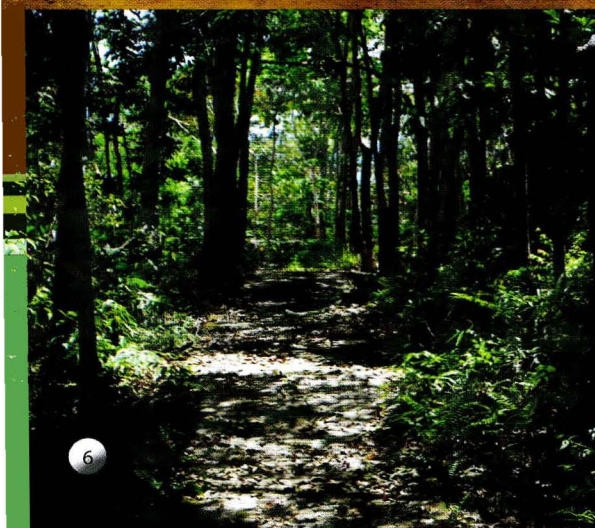
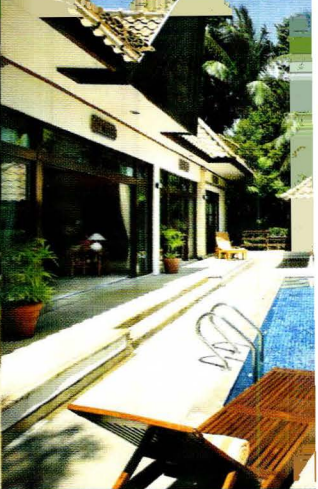


Closer to Nature

Bintan's diverse ecological wildlife offers the opportunity to embrace nature. Discover the surprisingly rich flora and fauna beneath the sheltering canopy of a mangrove forest on a **Mangrove Tour** along the islands shoreline. See the elusive the Purple Heron, one of the largest birds in Asia, the yellow-and-black banded mangrove snakes, the silver leaf monkey, monitor lizard and the Kingfisher.

Get a glimpse of authentic traditional village life on the **Sri Bintang Kampung Eco Tour** where villagers weave *pandan* leaves and tap rubber for usable products.



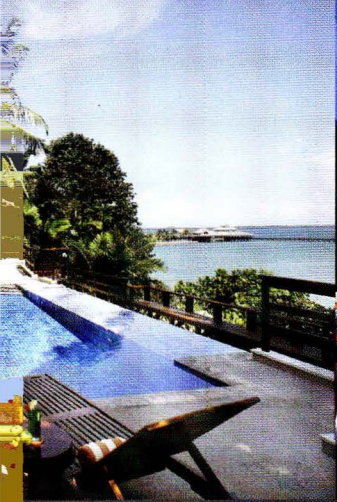


Home to seven Sumatran elephants, the **Bintan Elephant Park** lets you interact with these gentle giants during elephant rides into the forest or at feeding time.

Adrenaline pumping adventures

Riding on the quiet roads that wind through Bintan Resorts presents a different side of the island. A leisurely course along the expansive beach is just as rewarding as **mountain biking** and trying out some of the off-road tracks.

Gunung Bintan Adventure Trek is a must do for outdoor enthusiasts. The trek takes you through the rainforest where you can see rare animals, a waterfall and breathtaking panorama from the summit.





Drive down steep and sharp-bending jungle trails, or feel the sea breeze on your face with an **All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)** ride. It's an intense body workout that sets your adrenaline pumping and leaves you revitalized and ready for more.

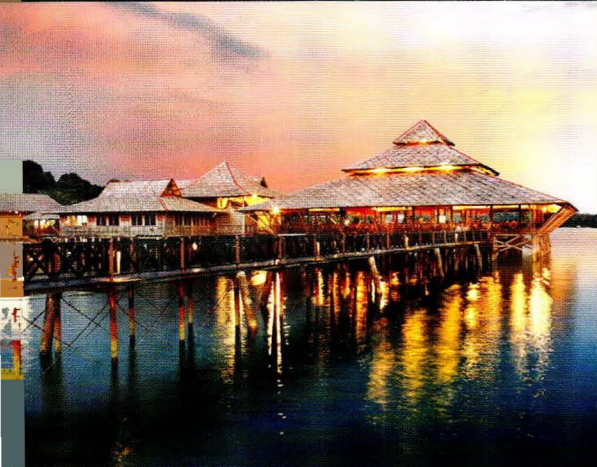
Our **Go-Kart** track is a popular venue for friends and families to hang out and have an exhilarating time testing their racing skills and nerves. Hone your senses and enhance your tactical skills in a **paintball game**.



Relax and enjoy...

Spoil yourself with spa in luxurious establishments set in a beautiful natural environment. Enjoy personal pampering spa services in utmost privacy. Traditional massage treatments as well as health and beauty remedies will relieve stress and nagging strains in every part of your body.





Designed by the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Ian Baker-Finch and Greg Norman, lush world-class golf courses offer spectacular views of the sea. A perfect setting combined with challenging course promises a golfing experience quite like no other.

Make business a pure pleasure

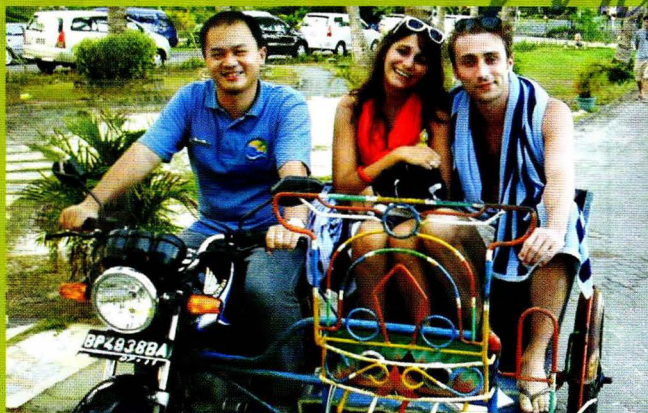
Bintan has got all the right ingredients for an ideal MICE venue, and even romantic weddings. As it transforms itself into a sophisticated recreation ground for international tourists, Bintan is encouraging the growth of international standard facilities, from five-star hotels to golf courses. A limitless choice of activities also fills the need for those in between or after meetings times, when you can relax and unwind.





Where to go in Bintan...

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If you can tear yourself away from the soft sandy beach and sparkling sea, there are many places in Bintan worth a visit. The surrounding small islands are also a treasure trove of unique traditions and way of life, as well as being steep in history.



Tanjung Pinang

Tanjung Pinang is the main port town on Bintan and the largest town on the island. It's a mixture of the modern and the old. One part of town is where the administrative buildings are located while another side still preserves traditional buildings and houses on stilts over the water.

Tanjung Uban

This is the second largest town in Bintan, after Tanjung Pinang. Along the seaside is a charming boardwalk called Pelantar where houses, accommodations and restaurants are built above the sea. A variety of shops sell local artwork and handicraft.

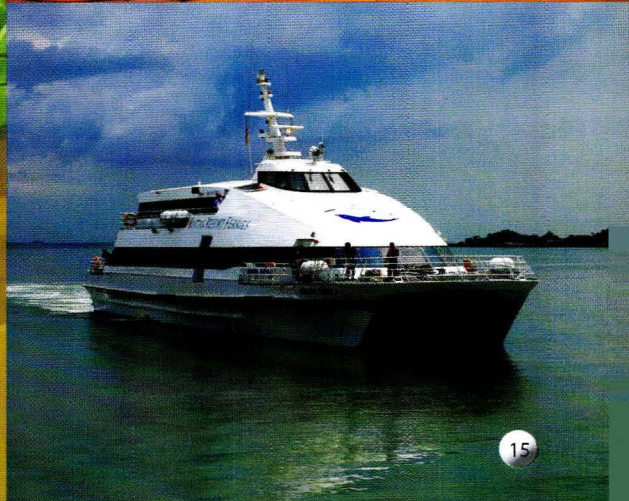




Senggarang Island

Senggarang is a small village where it is believed to be the first place Chinese immigrants settled when they arrived on the island. There are many beautiful Chinese architecture and ancient temples dating back 200 years.







Penyengat Island

The island's history is quite a long and illustrious one, for it was once the seat of the Malay Riau-Lingga Sultanate and a stronghold of Malay and Islamic culture.

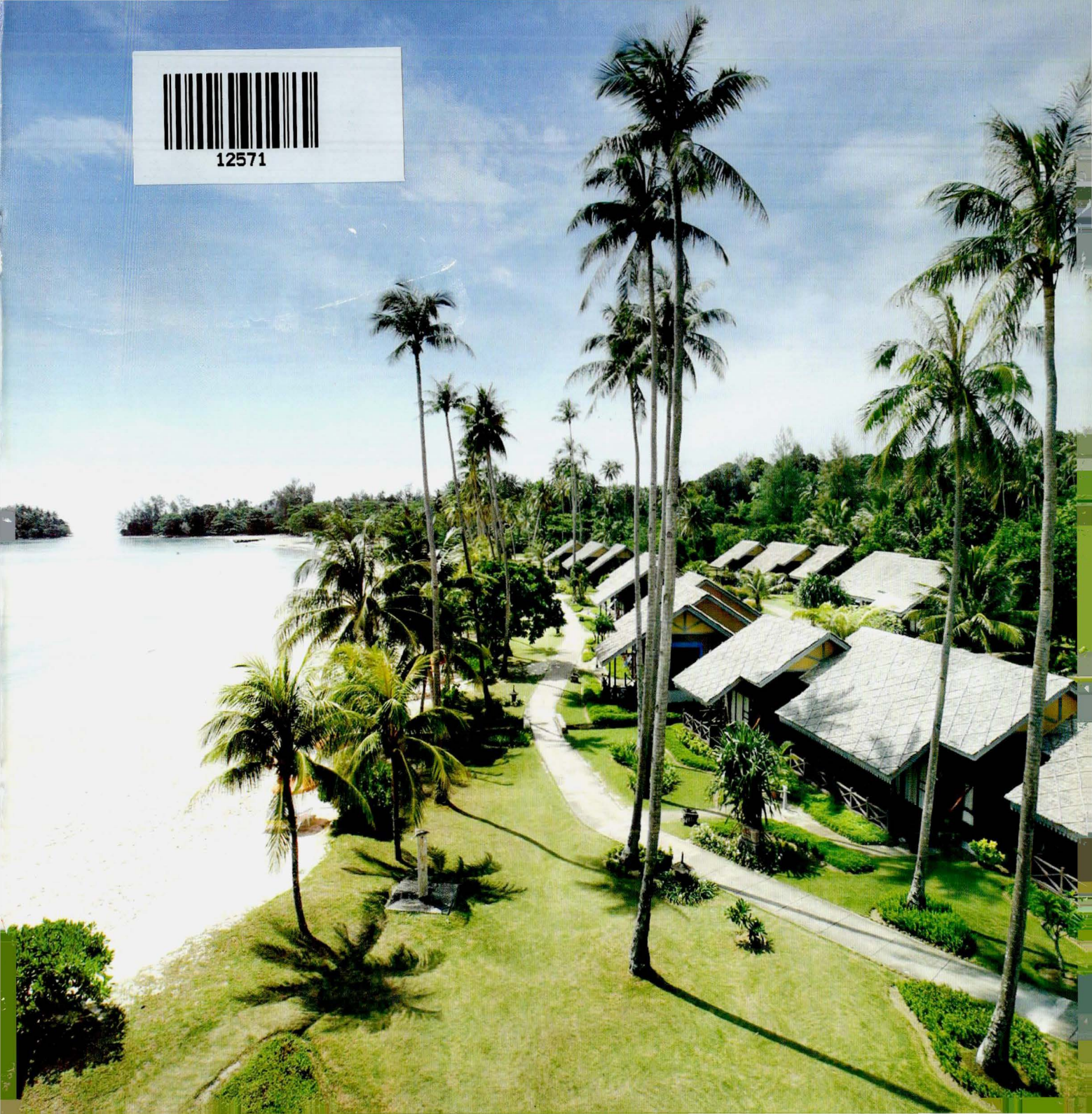
This island is dotted with many interesting heritage sites, including a Dutch fort, royal mausoleums, old palaces, and the Sultan of Riau Grand Mosque that was believed to have been built with the use of egg white. The 170-year old mosque has a glittering dome and houses a rare handwritten Koran.

Trikora Beach

Trikora is the collective name of separate beaches on Bintan's northeastern coast. Apart from isolated sandy spots where you can get away from it all, there are also native villages and traditional fishing communities that are interesting to visit. Rented bicycles or motorbikes are a pleasant way to explore Trikora.



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