

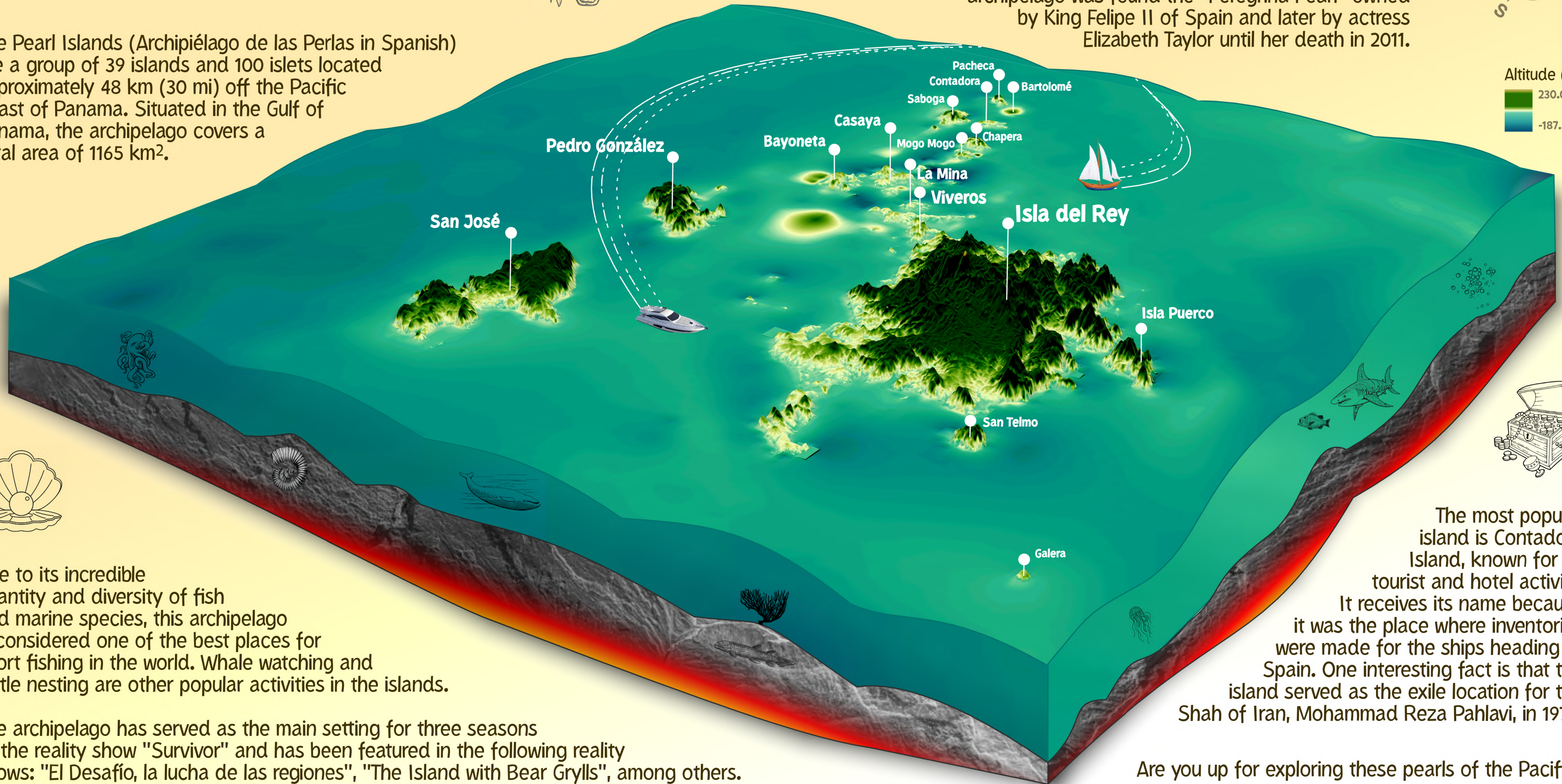
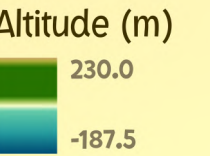
PEARL ISLANDS



Its name comes from the abundance of pearls that existed in the area during the Spanish colonial period. In this archipelago was found the "Peregrina Pearl" owned by King Felipe II of Spain and later by actress Elizabeth Taylor until her death in 2011.



The Pearl Islands (Archipiélago de las Perlas in Spanish) are a group of 39 islands and 100 islets located approximately 48 km (30 mi) off the Pacific Coast of Panama. Situated in the Gulf of Panama, the archipelago covers a total area of 1165 km².



Due to its incredible quantity and diversity of fish and marine species, this archipelago is considered one of the best places for sport fishing in the world. Whale watching and turtle nesting are other popular activities in the islands.

The archipelago has served as the main setting for three seasons of the reality show "Survivor" and has been featured in the following reality shows: "El Desafío, la lucha de las regiones", "The Island with Bear Grylls", among others.

The most popular island is Contadora Island, known for its tourist and hotel activity. It receives its name because it was the place where inventories were made for the ships heading to Spain. One interesting fact is that the island served as the exile location for the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, in 1979.

Are you up for exploring these pearls of the Pacific?