

AURORA

Lembeh - Halmahera - Raja Ampat

Bitung to Sorong | Lembeh Strait, Halmahera, Misool and Raja Ampat

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 days / 11 nights	Bitung	Sorong	Open Water, 30 dives

Set sail on an unforgettable journey from the muck diving of Lembeh Strait to the staggering biodiversity of Raja Ampat, two of the best known dive destinations in Indonesia. Together they offer a perfect mix of underwater experiences, from tiny macro creatures to wide coral gardens, all set against beautiful natural scenery.

You begin in Lembeh Strait, famous for exceptional muck diving, where rare and bizarre critters make it a dream for macro photographers. Aurora then sails on to Raja Ampat, the crown jewel of Indonesian diving, where you dive vibrant coral reefs, swim with manta rays and see the marine life that makes it one of the most sought after places to dive in the world.

Every day brings new discoveries underwater, followed by relaxed evenings on the comfortable decks of Aurora with the calm sea around you.

The eleven nights run from muck diving in Lembeh Strait through Tifore, the Goraici Islands and the Strait of Patinti in Halmahera, then Pulau Pisang and Misool.

Aurora is a 42 metre traditional Phinisi built in Sulawesi, with nine air-conditioned en-suite double or twin cabins for up to 18 guests, an air-conditioned salon, a dive deck, a dining room and a sun deck. Two speedboats take divers to the sites, and the crew of 19 includes multilingual guides speaking French, English and Indonesian.







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Bitung

Boarding in our charming Phinisi vessel, named Aurora in Bitung located just in the heart of the Lembeh strait.
After picking you up in the airport a refreshing welcome drink will be waiting for you on board.
It was time to get to know each other and prepare everything to start the adventure.
Check-in 6 AM *Free airport pick-up is available from 06:00 am.
City center pick-up is available but is subject to confirmation.

DAY 2-3

Lembeh Strait

Time for some start muck diving in Lembeh Strait renowned to be one of the favorite places for this particular kind of diving where find hidden critters around the sandy bottoms will become the ultimate goal of this gorgeous and complete adventure.

DAY 4

Tifore Island

Tifore Island is a small island between Halmahera and Lembeh with a submerged reef, where there is a very fishy reef with the possibility to encounter schooling of Barracudas, Jackfish, Batfish and Snappers.
Cruise overnight to Goraici Islands.



DAY 5

Goraici Islands

Located on the west coast of Halmahera.
The Goraici Islands have beautiful white sandy beaches with small villages, amazing reefs and pinnacles.
Colourful soft coral in the deeper parts and hard coral gardens in the shallows.
We will Overnight Cruise overnight to Patinti.

DAY 6-7

Strait Of Patinti

We will spend the next two days in the south of Halmahera.
Here, two large pinnacles break the surface and are excellent dive sites due to the amount of schooling fish as well as the healthy state of the soft corals.
Strong currents here will dictate when you will dive.
Cruise overnight to Pulau Pisang.

DAY 8

Pulau Pisang

These two islands and two small rocks between Misool and Halmahera are the perfect spot to spend the day diving in sloping reefs full of soft and hard coral bommies.
When the currents are running, the dive sites can be very fishy, and possible to see dogtooth tunas passing by.
Cruise overnight to Misool, Raja Ampat.



DAY 9-11

Misool

Misool is the southernmost island in Raja Ampat and it is surrounded by several hundred small islands and rocks.
Some of the most beautiful soft coral reefs in the world are located here.
Many of the dive sites around Misool are just as fishy as the ones in the Dampier Strait, with some schools of barracudas, batfish, snappers, and fusiliers.
Not only that, Misool is also a great macro destination.
Known as the kingdom of the pygmy seahorse.
Cross overnight to Sorong

DAY 12

Sorong

Unfortunately this is the last day of the cruise.
After a good breakfast and a lot of hugs it is time to disembark in Sorong, and we hope to see you again soon.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Safety

The boat carries oxygen therapy, an AED, first aid kits, life jackets, a satellite phone and a fire alarm system.

Eco commitment

The boat holds the Manta Trust, Green Fins and Sulubaai labels, and uses mooring buoys instead of anchoring wherever it can.

Check in

A representative holding a sign meets you at the airport, just outside the arrival hall after baggage claim and customs.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day the crew organise your transfer to the airport, according to your flight schedule.

Itinerary

Each route is an example and may change with the weather.





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport pick-up and drop-off, before and after the cruise, from the nearest airport
- Double or twin air-conditioned en-suite cabin
- Meals and all soft drinks on board, excluding beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- A minimum of 20 to 25 dives, including night dives, depending on the weather and flight schedules
- 12 litre tank, weight belt and weights, and a diving guide
- Nitrox, offered as a service on board
- Multilingual guides on board, speaking French, English and Indonesian
- Land excursions according to the itinerary
- Free Starlink Wi-Fi for WhatsApp, email and basic web browsing
- Marine park and port fees, shown as included in the price on our trip listings

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights and visas
- Scuba diving courses and rental dive equipment
- 15 litre tank
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Extra excursions on request
- Beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- Souvenirs, laundry and use of the satellite phone
- Full-access Starlink Wi-Fi, charged by data package
- Crew tips, paid in cash
- Balinese massage
- A single-use supplement if you want a cabin to yourself

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook, showing at least 30 logged dives
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport and cash for crew tips

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The route is an example and may change with the weather

Experience

Divers need a Level 1 CMAS or Open Water certificate with at least 30 logged dives

Good to know

A fuel or exchange rate surcharge may be applied, with at least 14 days notice and none within 28 days of departure

ROUTE MAP

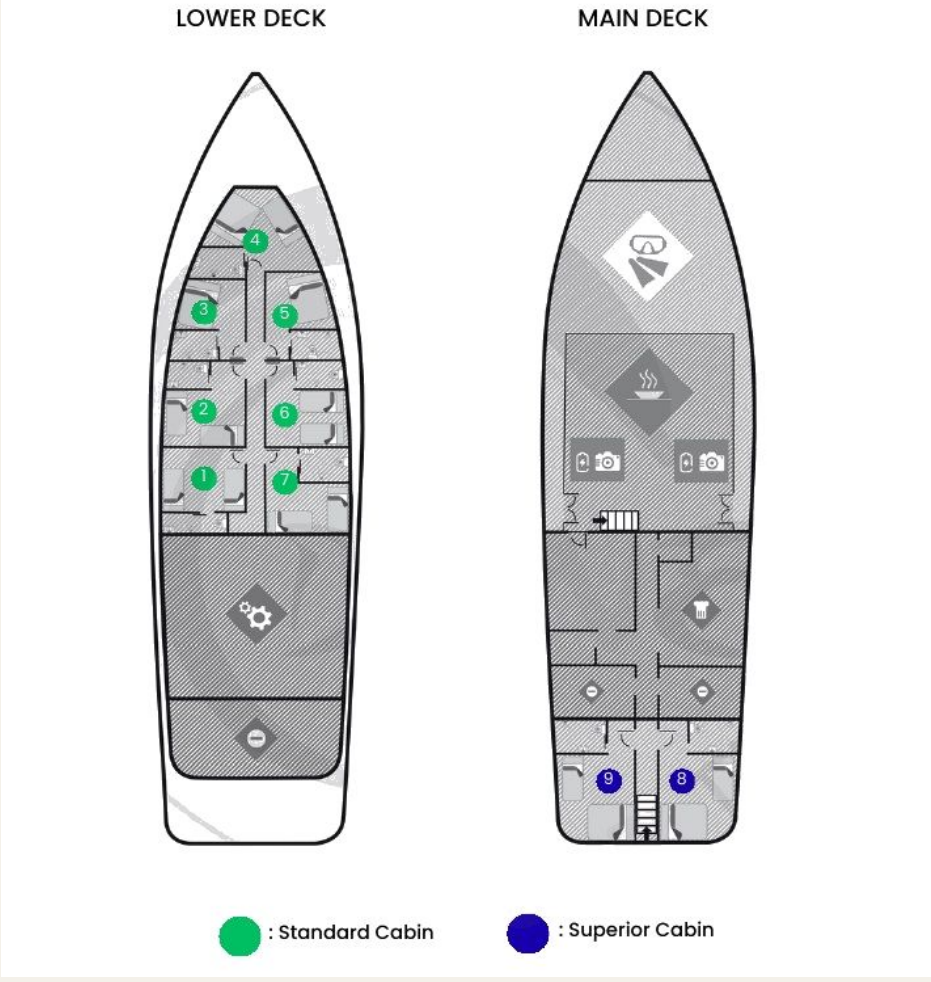
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THE BOAT

Decks and cabins



CABIN CATEGORIES

Standard
Cabins 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Superior
Cabins 8, 9

CABINS BY DECK

Lower Deck
Cabins 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Main Deck
Cabins 8, 9

BED TYPES

Twin Bed
Cabins 1, 2, 6, 7

Double Bed
Cabins 3, 5

Convertible Bed
Cabins 4, 8, 9

9 cabins for up to 18 guests.