



DUNE AURORA | INDONESIA LIVEABOARD

Raja Ampat Banda Sea

Sorong to Ambon | Dampier Strait, Misool, Koon, Manuk and Banda Neira

Twelve nights from Sorong to Ambon, the Maluku crossing from the Dampier Strait and Misool through Koon and Manuk to the Banda Islands.

DUNE 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.

LENGTH

13 days / 12 nights

ROUTE

Sorong to Ambon

DIVES

20 to 25 dives

GUESTS

Up to 18 guests

CABINS

9 en-suite cabins

WI-FI

Starlink

NITROX

Included

FEES

Park and port included



DAY BY DAY

Your itinerary

A sample plan. Sites, timings and the number of dives change with weather, sea conditions and the captain's decisions.

DAY
1

Sorong

Our staff will pick up at the airport and bring you to Aurora for immediate boarding.
As soon as all the guests are on board, we will lift the anchor and sail to our first destination.

DAY
2-3

Dampier Strait

To put the cherry on the cake we will enjoy some of the great dive sites in the area before we head to Sorong.

DAY
4

Fam Island

The Fam Island is the definition of paradise.
A combination of stunning landscapes, marvelous coral gardens and an exceptionally rich marine biodiversity.



DAY
5

Farondi

Farondi Islands, about 20km east of Misool, is a popular destination for divers because of the unique seascape: tunnels, caverns, and diving to colorful walls.

DAY
6-8

Misool

So many Islands to visit and so many different dive spots.
We will cruise around JILLIET, FIABAJET, WALIB, WAJIL, JEF PELE, MESENTA, BOO etc...
The Aurora Crew will assure you as many dives as possible to completely appreciate this wonderful and beautiful area.

DAY
9

Koon

The small island of Koon has a vertical wall and a slope where the current curls, pushing schools of trevallies, batfish and barracuda in.

Reef sharks are common, but the stars of the show are the giant groupers, the largest of which reaches a size of 3m!

Quite exciting dives!



DAY
10

Manuk Island

Manuk, the “Snake Island”, a volcanic island with lower interest on land.

It takes its nickname from the large amount of sea snakes found there.

You will surely see a lot!

The drop-offs here are amazing and sharks, mackerels, tunas, and barracudas are often observed

DAY
11

Banda Neira

We will start the day with a land excursion to this beautiful spices paradise and to learn more about its incredible history.

After that we will make some dives in the neighbour reefs where the waters are full of fish, reef sharks, tuna, soft corals, leather corals, big eye trevallies and turtles.

DAY
12

Banda Neira

We will start the day in Pulau Hatta / Karang Hatta: We will dive both sloping reefs and vertical walls.

The current attracts many fish: fusiliers, dogtooth tuna, eagle rays, barracudas and sometimes sharks.

On the reef, soft corals, leather corals, big eye trevallies and turtles.

For after move toward Banda Neira to enjoy a nice sunset dive in its harbour.

DAY

13

Ambon

After a nice breakfast on board, our Aurora crew will organize, according to your flight schedules, your transfer to the airport of Ambon.

Unfortunately our trip will arrive at an end and we have to say goodbye but we hope to see you again on board.

RAJA AMPAT - BANDA NEIRA

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

DUNE holds the Manta Trust, Green Fins and Sulubaa labels, and uses mooring buoys instead of anchoring wherever it can.

Check in

A DUNE Indonesia representative holding a DUNE 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 by DUNE

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

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

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

DUNE reserves the right to apply a fuel or exchange rate surcharge, with at least 14 days notice and none within 28 days of departure

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 at USD 35 for 15 GB or USD 15 for 5 GB

Crew tips of USD 15 per person per day minimum, paid in cash

Balinese massage at USD 30 an hour

A single-use supplement if you want a cabin to yourself

AND ALSO

Reef-safe sunscreen

Swimwear, hat and sunglasses

Light clothing and sandals

Personal medication and toiletries

Passport and cash for crew tips