



DUNE AURORA | INDONESIA LIVEABOARD

Raja Ampat Halmahera Lembeh

Sorong to Bitung | Dampier Strait, Misool, Halmahera and Lembeh Strait

Twelve nights from Sorong to Bitung, from the Dampier Strait and Misool through Pulau Pisang to the Strait of Patinti, the Goraici Islands, Tifore and the muck diving of Lembeh Strait.

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 Bitung

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



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

Board Aurora in Sorong just few hours away from Raja Ampat.
After pick you up in the airport a refreshing welcome drink will be waiting for you on board.
Time to know each other and prepare everything to start the adventure .
Cruise towards Dampier Strait.

DAY

2-3

Dampier Strait & Fam Islands

During these days we will be in Dampier Strait and Fam Islands, that are located between Waigeo and the Bird's Head Peninsula.
Along with Misool, the most famous area for diving in Raja Ampat.
All of the dive sites around the Dampier Strait and Fam Islands are known for a huge amount of schooling fish and Coral Gardens where you get to see reef sharks and wobbegong sharks between others.
Some of the best manta dives are also located in the Dampier Strait.
And of course, cannot forget the dive sites at some of the jetties in front of local villages, where the pillars are covered in soft corals and are home to small critters.
Cruise overnight to Misool.
Day 4-5 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.
But not only that, Misool is also a great macro destination.
Known as the kingdom of the pygmy seahorse.
Cruise overnight to Pulau Pisang.

DAY

6

Pisang Islands

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 corals bommies .
When the currents are running, the dive sites can be very fishy and possible to see dogtooth tunas passing by.
Cruise overnight to the Strait of Patinti.

DAY
7-8

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. We will cruise overnight to the Goraici Islands.



DAY
9

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. Overnight Cruise to Tifore Island.

DAY
10

Tifore Islands

Pulau Tifore is a small island between Halmahera and Lembeh with a submerged reef, where the main attraction is definitely the schooling barracudas. Cruise overnight to Lembeh.

DAY
11-12

Lembah Strait

Time for some 5-star muck diving in Lembah Strait renowned to be one of the favourite places for this particular kind of diving where finding hidden critters around the sandy bottoms will become the ultimate goal of this gorgeous and complete adventure.

DAY
13

Bitung

Unfortunately is the last day of this incredible adventure and is time to Disembark after a good breakfast and a lot of hugs. 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

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

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

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

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