

BLUE PEARL

Alor to Banda Sea

Kalabahi to Ambon | Alor and the Banda Sea

Embark on a 9-day voyage of discovery, traversing from the rugged, culturally rich shores of Alor to the historic waters of the Banda Sea.

This point-to-point expedition begins in Alor, a hidden gem of the Indonesian archipelago known for its pristine coral walls, critter-filled slopes, and vibrant local traditions.

You then sail west, immersing yourself in the raw power of the Banda Sea, diving active volcanoes, exploring remote atolls, and searching for schooling hammerhead sharks.

The journey culminates in Ambon Bay, the global capital of muck diving.

This itinerary is a perfect blend of Alor's untouched beauty and the Banda Sea's legendary pelagic action, offering a unique perspective on Indonesia's underwater wonders.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
9 days / 8 nights	Kalabahi	Ambon	Alor, volcanoes and hammerheads







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Alor & Check dive

1 dive

Afternoon: Board the vessel in Kalabahi, Alor.
After a warm welcome and safety briefing, we'll set sail to a nearby site.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: Begin your adventure with a check dive on one of Alor's famous sites.
Experience the clear waters and vibrant coral gardens that make this region so special.
Evening: Welcome dinner as we anchor in a serene bay.

DAY 2

Alor's Underwater Treasures

4 dives

Full Day, 4 dives: Dedicate the day to exploring Alor's best.
Dive sites may include:.
Kal's Dream: A magnificent wall adorned with giant gorgonian sea fans, famous for pygmy seahorses.
The Cathedral: An impressive underwater archway and cave system.
Anemone City: A vast garden of anemones teeming with clownfish.
Experience thrilling currents that bring in pelagic life and ensure incredible visibility.

DAY 3

Alor Culture & Westward Sailing

2 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Enjoy two final morning dives in Alor, perhaps at a beautiful reef slope or a critter-rich muck site.
Afternoon: Cultural Excursion.
Go ashore to visit a traditional Alor village, known for its unique megalithic culture and magnificent ikat weaving.
Evening: We begin our westward crossing towards the Banda Sea.



DAY 4

Pulau Wetar or Romang

3 to 4 dives

Full Day, 3-4 dives: Chance to explore these isolated islands where reefs thrive with marine life.
Beautiful coral gardens, walls and plenty of schooling fish and reef sharks to be seen.

DAY 5

Nil Desperandum and Serua

3 dives

Full Day, 3 dives: We spend the day at the submerged volcano of Nil Desperandum and Serua. This is one of Indonesia's most famed sites for encountering schooling hammerhead sharks. The deep, blue-water walls and strong currents create the perfect conditions for an adrenaline-filled day.

DAY 6

Manuk Island - Volcanoes & Sea Snakes

3 to 4 dives

Full Day, 3-4 dives: Dive the slopes of the active volcano of Manuk Island.
The walls are covered in colorful soft corals, and the unique draw is the chance to dive alongside natural geothermal vents on the seafloor.
Be surrounded by the abundant and graceful black-banded sea snakes.



DAY 7

Banda Islands - History & Coral Cathedrals

3 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Arrive in the fabled Banda Islands.
Dive sites like Batu Kapal and Phon Miring, a stunning pinnacle and a wall with a beautiful swim-through with plenty of marine life.
Afternoon: Guided land excursion at Banda Neira, including a trek to Fort Belgica and a visit to a nutmeg plantation.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: A final dive in the Bandas to soak in the rich underwater history.
Beach BBQ: We land on a secluded beach for a classic barbecue celebration, a perfect way to reflect on the week's adventures.

DAY 8

Suanggi or Ambon Bay - the Final Dives

2 dives

Options: Suanggi - The Hammerhead Quest, or Ambon Bay - Muck Diving Grand Finale.
Morning, 2 dives: Conclude your diving adventure in Ambon Bay, the global capital of muck diving.
At legendary sites like Laha Bay, scour the black sand slopes for the legendary Ambon scorpionfish, wonderpus, rhinopias, and a host of other rare macro critters.
Evening: Bill Settlement with Cruise Director after dinner.

DAY 9

Disembarkation in Ambon

Morning: Enjoy a final breakfast on board.
After Breakfast: Disembark at Ambon Harbor.
Transfer to Pattimura Airport (AMQ) for your flight home.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Alor village

A visit to a traditional village known for its megalithic culture and ikat weaving.

Banda Neira

A cultural and historical tour with a trek up to Fort Belgica and a visit to a nutmeg plantation.

Beach barbecue

A classic barbecue on a secluded beach, to celebrate the trip.

Check in

Board the vessel in Kalabahi, Alor, in the afternoon of Day 1, for the welcome and safety briefing.

Check out

Disembark at Ambon Harbor after breakfast, with a transfer to Pattimura Airport (AMQ).





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full-board accommodation with 3 meals a day, including light snacks and afternoon snacks, for every full day on board
- Free drinking water, coffee, tea and other hot beverages
- Complimentary airport transfers from Alor Airport (ARD) to the vessel on Day 1, and from the vessel to Pattimura Airport in Ambon (AMQ) on Day 9
- Up to 3 to 4 guided dives a day
- 12-litre tanks, weights and weight belts
- Free Nitrox tanks
- Water activities available on board, on request
- Free WiFi

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Alcoholic beverages
- 15-litre tank rentals and other rental dive gear
- Spa treatments and massages
- Diving insurance, which can be purchased on board
- Special excursions and tours on land
- Crew gratuities

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

This is a sample itinerary, and it may change with the weather and sea conditions

Good to know

The cruise director and captain choose the route and dive sites each day, depending on weather, tides, currents and the number of other dive boats at a site

Good to know

The dive sites are not promised in any particular order, as the crew work with the weather to get the best conditions possible

Experience

Divers are recommended to have at least 50 logged dives, Nitrox certification and experience of diving in currents

Good to know

The itinerary includes a long overnight sail