

BLUE PEARL

Banda Sea to Raja Ampat

Ambon to Sorong | Banda Sea and Raja Ampat

Embark on the dive expedition of a lifetime, a 13-day epic voyage connecting two of Indonesia's most legendary marine realms.

This grand circuit begins in the historic Banda Sea, where submerged volcanoes attract schooling hammerheads and colonial forts whisper tales of the spice trade.

From there, you sail eastward, crossing the great expanse to immerse yourself in the breathtaking biodiversity of Raja Ampat, the very heart of the Coral Triangle.

This unparalleled journey offers the perfect synthesis of pelagic adrenaline and coral reef wonder, from the mysterious muck of Ambon Bay to the vibrant coral cathedrals of Misool and the iconic manta-cleaning stations of the Dampier Strait.

Prepare for an adventure that defines the ultimate Indonesian liveaboard experience.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
13 days / 12 nights	Ambon	Sorong	Banda Sea hammerheads and







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Ambon & Check Dive in Laha Bay

1 dive

Afternoon: Board the vessel in Ambon.
Settle in and attend the crucial safety and expedition briefing.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: Begin with a check dive in Laha Bay, Ambon's world-famous muck diving capital, searching for rare critters like the Ambon scorpionfish.
Evening: Welcome dinner as we begin our journey.

DAY 2

Suanggi - The Hammerhead Quest

3 dives

Full Day, 3 dives: Arrive at the submerged volcano of Suanggi.
Spend the day conducting multiple dives at this premier site, searching for schooling hammerhead sharks, eagle rays, and dogtooth tuna in the deep blue waters.

DAY 3

Manuk Island - Volcanoes & Sea Snakes

3 to 4 dives

Full Day, 3-4 dives: Dive the slopes of the active Manuk Island.
Experience unique geothermal vents on the seafloor and be surrounded by curious banded sea snakes amidst stunning soft coral landscapes.

DAY 4

Pulau Hatta - The Pristine Atoll

3 to 4 dives

Full Day, 3-4 dives: Explore the remote atoll of Pulau Hatta.
Immerse yourself in spectacularly healthy reefs, dramatic walls, and crystal-clear waters teeming with reef sharks and fish.



DAY 5

Banda Islands - History & Coral Cathedrals

3 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Dive iconic Banda sites like Batu Kapal, a stunning pinnacle attracting pelagics.
Afternoon: Guided land excursion on 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.

DAY 6

Crossing the Banda Sea & Dive in Misool

Option: 2 dives in Pulau Kun on a Dive site known as “Too many Fish”.

DAY 7

Misool - The Southern Magic

4 dives

Full Day, 4 dives: Dive into the stunning reefs of Southern Raja Ampat.
Explore sites like Boo Window, Whale Rock, and Magic Mountain, known for their dramatic structures, vibrant soft corals, and rich marine life.

DAY 8

Misool - Four Kings and Jellyfish Lake

4 dives

Full Day, 4 dives: Explore the sites of Four Kings, Wedding Cake, or Sea Fan Passage.
Expect plenty of soft corals, schooling fish, and if we are lucky, some manta action at Four Kings.
Land Excursion: Visit the famous Jellyfish Lake for a surreal snorkeling experience.



DAY 9

Misool - Reefs and Lagoons

3 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Explore some of the stunning sites around Misool like, Puri Pinnacle and Nudi Rock.
Afternoon: Dinghy ride through the stunning rock formations and lagoons of Balbulol.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: If conditions allow, dive in Farondi Caves or a nearby site.

DAY 10

Central Raja Ampat - Piaynemo

3 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Dive the beautiful reefs of Piaynemo, including the famous Melissa's Garden and Batu Rufus.
Afternoon: Trek to the Piaynemo viewpoint for the iconic panoramic vista.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: An evening dive to conclude the day.

DAY 11

Dampier Strait - Manta Magic

4 dives

Full Day, 4 dives: Dedicate the day to Manta Rays.
Conduct multiple dives at Manta Sandy and Manta Ridge for incredible encounters with these gentle giants.
Land Excursion: Visit the beautiful island of Arborek to get a sense of the local life in Raja Ampat.

DAY 12

Dampier Strait - The Grand Finale & Beach BBQ

2 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Conclude your diving at the legendary Cape Kri for a record-breaking fish count finale.
Beach BBQ on a secluded sandbar for a perfect farewell celebration.
Evening: Bill Settlement with Cruise Director after dinner.

DAY 13

Disembarkation in Sorong

Morning: Enjoy a final breakfast on board before disembarking for your transfer to Sorong Airport (SOQ).

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Banda Neira

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

Jellyfish Lake

A snorkelling experience in the famous lake of jellyfish.

Balbulol lagoons

A dinghy ride through striking rock formations and lagoons.

Piaynemo viewpoint

A trek to the iconic panoramic vista.

Arborek Island

A visit to get a sense of local life in Raja Ampat.

Beach barbecue

A barbecue on a secluded sandbar for a farewell celebration.

Check in

Board the vessel in Ambon in the afternoon of Day 1, for the safety and expedition briefing.

Check out

Disembark at Sorong Harbor after breakfast, with a transfer to Dominique Edward Osok Airport (SOQ).

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 Ambon Airport (AMQ) to the vessel on Day 1, and from the vessel to Sorong Airport (SOQ) on Day 13
- 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