

BLUE PEARL

Banda Sea

Ambon to Ambon | Suanggi, Manuk and the Banda Islands

Embark on an 8-day expedition into the soul of the fabled Banda Sea.

This journey plunges you into a world where volcanic peaks rise from the deep, and the ocean thrums with raw power.

You begin in Ambon's critter-rich bay, then voyage to the remote, open ocean realms of Suanggi and Manuk, renowned for the breathtaking spectacle of schooling hammerhead sharks.

The adventure culminates in the historically rich Banda Islands, where world-class coral walls draped in gorgonian fans are shadowed by centuries-old colonial forts.

This itinerary is a perfect symphony of adrenaline-pumping pelagic action and profound cultural immersion, crafted for the discerning diver seeking the ultimate Indonesian frontier.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
8 days / 7 nights	Ambon	Ambon	Hammerheads







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Ambon & Check Dive in Laha

Afternoon: Board the vessel in Ambon Bay.
Settle in with a welcome drink and attend the essential safety and itinerary briefing.
Late Afternoon: Begin your adventure with a check dive at Laha Bay, Ambon's world-famous muck diving site.
This is your introduction to the region's incredible biodiversity, with a high chance of spotting the legendary Ambon scorpionfish, rhinopias, and a host of other rare macro life.
Evening: Welcome dinner as we prepare for our open-water crossing.

DAY 2

Suanggi - The Hammerhead Shark Search

3 dives

Full Day, 3 dives: We spend the day at the submerged volcano of Suanggi.
This is one of Indonesia's most famous sites for encountering schooling hammerhead sharks.
The deep, blue-water walls and strong currents create the perfect pelagic conditions.
Be prepared for adrenaline-filled dives where eagle rays, dogtooth tuna, and (with luck) large shark congregations are the reward.
Evening: Recover from the day's excitement as we navigate towards Manuk Island.

DAY 3

Manuk Island - The Volcano & Hot Springs

3 to 4 dives

Full Day, 3-4 dives: Dive another active volcanic island.
Manuk's walls are covered in a stunning array of colorful soft corals and sea fans, attracting immense fish life.
The unique draw here is the chance to dive in natural hot springs on the seafloor, where bubbles and warmer water create a unique environment.
Keep an eye out for sea snakes, which are abundant in the area.



DAY 4

Pulau Hatta's Pristine Paradise

4 dives

Full Day, 4 dives: Discover the remote atoll of Pulau Hatta (formerly known as Rosengain). Immerse yourself in what feels like an untouched aquarium.
The reefs here are spectacularly healthy, with crystal-clear visibility, dazzling white sand slopes, and dramatic drop-offs.
Expect pristine hard corals, vast schools of fusiliers and snappers, and numerous reef sharks patrolling the blue.

DAY 5

Banda Islands - History & Coral Cathedrals

3 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Dive the exceptional sites around Banda Neira.
Explore Batu Kapal (The Ship Rock), a pinnacle that acts as a magnet for pelagic fish, and the stunning walls draped in giant gorgonian sea fans.
Afternoon: Go ashore for a cultural and historical tour.
Trek up to the iconic Fort Belgica for a panoramic view of the islands, and learn about the Spice Wars that once made this tiny archipelago the center of the world.
Visit a local nutmeg plantation to understand the history firsthand.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: A final afternoon dive in the Banda Islands, perhaps at a site like Lava Flow.

DAY 6

Ai & Run Islands - Untouched Beauty

3 dives

Full Day, 3 dives: Explore the less-visited islands of Ai and Run.
These sites offer a sense of true discovery, with incredibly vibrant soft corals, deep walls, and a fantastic diversity of marine life, from tiny nudibranchs to passing tuna and sharks.
The feeling of remoteness and raw nature is palpable.



DAY 7

Nusa Laut - A Gentle Farewell

2 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Conclude your diving adventure with two relaxed dives at the beautiful reefs of Nusa Laut.
Known for its clear, calm waters and stunning coral gardens, this is a perfect place for a farewell dive, reflecting on the week's incredible experiences among colorful anthias and anemone gardens.

DAY 7

Nusa Laut - A Gentle Farewell (continued)

2 dives

Beach/Top-deck BBQ(can be adjusted due to the weather condition): We land on a secluded beach for a classic barbecue celebration, a perfect way to reflect on the week's adventures.
Evening: Bill Settlement with Cruise Director after dinner.

DAY 8

Return to Ambon & Check Out

Morning: Enjoy a final breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 AM at Ambon harbor. Transfer to Pattimura Airport (AMQ) for your flight home.

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.

Beach barbecue

A beach or top-deck barbecue, depending on the weather.

Check in

Board the vessel in Ambon in the afternoon of Day 1, for the safety and expedition 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 Ambon Airport (AMQ) to the vessel on Day 1, and from the vessel to the airport on Day 8
- 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