

BLUE PEARL

Banda Sea to Raja Ampat

Ambon to Sorong | Banda Islands, Pulau Kun and Raja Ampat

Embark on an epic 8-day voyage tracing the path of ancient explorers from the historic Spice Islands to the breathtaking biodiversity of Raja Ampat.

This point-to-point expedition begins in Ambon, diving immediately into the legendary Banda Islands, where colonial forts and nutmeg plantations tell tales of a tumultuous past.

You then sail east, exploring the remote underwater volcanoes and pristine reefs of the Banda Sea, before culminating in the heart of the Coral Triangle, Raja Ampat.

Prepare for a journey that blends world-class muck diving, pelagic encounters on vibrant seamounts, and the sheer, unforgettable spectacle of Raja Ampat's coral gardens.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
8 days / 7 nights	Ambon	Sorong	Spice Islands to Raja Ampat







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival & Check dive in Ambon

2 dives

Afternoon: Board the vessel in Ambon.
After a warm welcome and safety briefing, we'll set sail.
Late Afternoon, 2 dives: Dive straight into the action with two check dives in Ambon Bay. Renowned as a muck diving paradise, this is your best chance to find the legendary Ambon scorpionfish, wonderpus, and a host of other rare macro critters.
Evening: Welcome dinner as we begin our voyage east.

DAY 2

Banda Islands - History & Coral Cathedrals

3 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Arrive in the fabled Banda Islands.
Dive sites like Batu Kapal, a stunning pinnacle attracting pelagics, and walls draped in giant gorgonian sea fans.
Afternoon: Go ashore on Banda Neira for a guided trek to Fort Belgica.
Learn the captivating history of the Spice Wars and visit a local nutmeg plantation.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: A final dive in the Bandas to soak in the rich underwater scenery.
Evening: Overnight sailing towards the remote Banda Sea reefs.

DAY 3

Banda Islands & Sailing East

2 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Enjoy two final morning dives around the Banda Islands, exploring another of its pristine reefs.
Afternoon & Evening: We commence our scenic crossing, enjoying the open ocean vistas and preparing for the days ahead.



DAY 4

Pulau Kun - The Remote Atoll

2 dives

Full Day, 2 dives: Discover the secluded beauty of Pulau Kun.
This remote atoll offers spectacularly healthy reefs, dramatic walls, and a sense of true exploration.
Expect stunning coral formations, clear waters, and a fantastic diversity of reef fish and sharks.

DAY 5

Fiabacet - The Heart of Dampier Strait

4 dives

Full Day, 4 dives: Arrive in the world-renowned Raja Ampat.
Dive the iconic seamounts of the Fiabacet area, such as Melissa's Garden and Mayhem.
Be prepared for sensory overload—vibrant soft corals, immense schools of fish, wobbegong sharks, and pygmy seahorses are all on the agenda.
This is Coral Triangle diving at its absolute finest.

DAY 6

Wayilbatan & Panoramic Island

3 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Explore the diverse sites around Wayilbatan.
This area offers a mix of beautiful coral gardens, slopes, and potential muck diving, home to rare nudibranchs and cryptic critters.
Afternoon: Trek to the summit of a panoramic island (such as Pyanemo or one of the nearby islands) for the iconic, picture-perfect view of Raja Ampat's karst islets scattered across turquoise waters.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: A sunset dive to experience the reef as it transitions into its nocturnal phase.



DAY 7

Farondi - The Hidden Lagoon

2 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Explore the mystical Farondi area in South Raja Ampat.
Dive the stunning reefs and dramatic walls at the entrance to a hidden lagoon.
The currents here bring in nutrients, supporting lush soft corals and attracting larger fish.
The landscape above water is equally breathtaking.
Beach BBQ: 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

Disembarkation in Sorong

Morning: Enjoy a final breakfast on board.
After Breakfast: Disembark at Sorong Harbor.
Transfer to Dominique Edward Osok Airport (SOQ) 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.

Panoramic island

A trek to the summit of a panoramic island for the picture-perfect view of Raja Ampat's karst islets.

Beach barbecue

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

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 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