



KM Blue Manta

12 day/ 11 nights & 30 dives

Ambon-Banda-Alor-Maumere

Itinerary

Blue Manta Trip Schedule

- **Departure; 2pm, 1st Day - Laha Bay, Ambon.** Or earlier if everyone arrives before and if all Trip Preparations are completed. Free transfer from local hotel or [Pattimura Airport](#), Ambon to Blue Manta on Trip Departure day (transfer time 10 mins).
- **Return; 5am, Last Day - Maumere, Flores.** After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to your local hotel or [Frans Seda Airport](#), Maumere in time for Check-in & flight (transfer time 20 mins). **Note;** latest BM Check-out midday, Trip Return day.
- **Last dive ends; 12pm (midday), Penultimate Day.** Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Maumere where we spend last night on Blue Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying next day.

Starting with muck diving in Ambon and then crossing the Banda Sea, tracing the perimeter of islands. Let our experienced crew show you these remote and almost untouched locations with wonderful reefs and stunning drop offs. Marine life here is in abundance from macro critters, sea snakes and schooling fish to the 'big fish' favorites such as manta rays, reef sharks and even the chance to encounter Scalloped Hammerheads. Finishing with muck diving near Maumere.

Sample Itinerary

- **Note;** all schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- **Day 1.** (0-2 dives) 2pm. Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Pattimura Airport, Ambon or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting Blue Manta. Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive(s) in Ambon Bay before we get underway by 2pm for overnight sail.
- **Day 2-3.** (3 dives x2 days) Diving around Banda Islands with excellent visibility, fantastic coral coverage and tremendous numbers of fish along with potential Hammerhead sightings, plus a visit to one of the Spice Islands.
- **Day 4-7.** (3 dives x4 days) Ring of Fire; diving around Volcanic Islands and stunning seamounts in search of hammerheads, encounter many sea snakes, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas, & other pelagic superstars.
- **Day 8.** (3 dives) Wetar; excellent wall, pelagic life and fantastic drop off. Sail towards Pulau Alor
- **Day 9-10.** (3 dives x2 days) Alor & Lembata Island; Bacatan area at Pantar and Alor Serbete Reef. At the lively drop-offs of Serbete Reef it is likely again to meet reef sharks, rays, barracudas, etc.
- **Day 11.** (2 dives) Maumere; nearby Pulau Babi or Pulau Besar. Sail back to Maumere Port where you spend last night on board. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, rest & relaxation, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.
- **Day 12.** (0 dives) 5am-12pm. Check out after light breakfast & farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport. Take your pre-booked flight to Bali.

- **Diving days:** 11 days (30 dives)
- **Note:** 3 dives are scheduled per diving day*. This is due to deeper dives and long distances covered between islands. Where possible a bonus night dive may be scheduled at the discretion of the Cruise Leader. *Except Trip Departure day & Trip Return day.

Dive Site Information

Ambon- Maumere

- **Water Temp**; 26-28 degrees Celsius, however deep-water upwelling's & thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. **Air Temp**; 22-31 degrees Celsius
- **Alor Water Temp**; **22-26 degrees**, it can be cold in the waters around Lembetta & Alor and we do recommend you bring extra exposure suit for this section of the cruise.
- **Visibility**; 20-30 meters, **Currents**; mild to strong, **Level**; intermediate to advanced.
- **Best Time to Dive**; March, April, & mid-September to early December

Embarkation / Disembarkation

- Ambon (AMQ) / Maumere (MOF), Flores

How to get to Ambon (AMQ)

- We will be there to transfer you to the Blue Manta (10 minutes transfer)
- [Lion Air](#) daily flights from Bali via Makassar or Manado, [Garuda Indonesia](#) or [Sriwijaya Air](#) from Jakarta via Makassar to Ambon. Our agent can help to book domestic flights and arrange hotel accommodation (flight time around 3 hours).

How to get from Maumere (MOF), Flores

- Daily flights with [Lion Wings](#) & between [Garuda Indonesia](#) & [Sriwijaya Air \(Nam Air\)](#) cover all days from Maumere to Bali (flight time around 2 hours).

What's included?

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Ambon/Maumere) to boat, all nights' accommodation on Blue Manta, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services, FOC replacement if equipment breakdown, 12-liter air tanks, weights & belt, warm towel & drink after every dive, 5 dive guides (1x Instructor, 4x Dive Master), 30 dives

What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start & end dates fee applies per car, Marine Park & Harbour fee (**USD250/ pax**), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD35/ hour), laundry services (USD5/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD30 for trip per person)
- Diving Gear; Full Set USD50/ diving day (except Large tank) or if individual items then; BCD (USD12), Regulator (USD12), wetsuit (USD8), fins (USD5), mask (USD5), torch (USD12), dive computer (USD12), 15L tank rental (USD12)
- Nitrox Enriched Air fills (USD15/ diving day or USD5/ fill).
- **Note**: Nitrox & Diving Gear Items priced per diving day and is subject to availability
- **Note**: Exposure suits; 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.

Additional Trip Information

- For more Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's please see our [Banda Sea Fact Sheet](#)
- For more Information on KM Blue Manta please see our [Blue Manta Info Pack](#)
- **Note**; late receipt of Passport details may very likely lead to delayed departure & significant changes to the itinerary. We **MUST** receive guest's details well in advance in the trip.