

BUGIS

Discovery of the Banggai Archipelago and the Sea Nomads aboard Bugis

Luwuk to Luwuk | Banggai Archipelago

The Banggai Archipelago is a wild paradise in the far eastern tip of Central Sulawesi, with many wonders above and under the sea.

The Bajau, the sea people, still live a very traditional life in small villages with houses on stilts over the sea.

The atolls are perfect for snorkelling, with reefs full of colourful coral, sponges and lots of fish, like anthias and fusiliers.

Peleng Island has a lagoon of hypnotising crystal clear water, and there are white sand beaches for swimming and kayaking.

The days end with a barbecue on the beach and a bonfire with a Bajau community as the sun sets.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
7 days / 6 nights	Luwuk	Luwuk	Banggai cardinalfish, Bajau







Your route

STOP 1

Upon arrival at Luwuk Airport, we will transfer to the harbour where we embark on our vessel. While sailing to our first destination, our cruise director will provide a briefing to familiarize you with the vessel and our safety procedures.

STOP 1

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In the late afternoon, we will make a stop at a charming beach.
As night falls, we will weigh anchor to continue our journey along the picturesque coast.

STOP 2

This day, we'll start the exploration by checking out Peleng Island visiting the famous of Paisupaak Lagoon, hypnotizing us with crystal clear water.
Following that, we'll proceed to a stunning white sand beach where you can indulge in swimming, kayaking, or snorkelling activities.

STOP 3

In the morning, we'll check out the Vinisius atolls, which are perfect for snorkelling.
The reefs there are full of colourful coral, sponges, and lots of different kinds of fish, like anthias and fusiliers.
We might even meet some local Bajau fishermen who spend a few days fishing in the area.
After lunch, we'll hop on our zodiac boat to explore more lagoons and visit a Bajau village.

STOP 4

In the morning, we'll reach a small island surrounded by beautiful white-sand beaches and turquoise waters.
Our day will be filled with snorkelling, swimming, and a barbecue on the lovely beach but first we will go onshore to meet the local fisherman to buy some sea food for our barbecue.
In the afternoon, we'll take a short sail to a tiny island to meet a small Bajau community to enjoy a bonfire with them on the beach as the sun sets.

STOP 5

This day promises exciting exploration with visits to "Bajo" villages, where you'll likely be the center of attention as it's a place rarely visited by foreigners.
In the early morning, weather permitting, we'll be on Toropot Island to explore two picturesque Bajau villages.
These communities primarily sustain themselves through the octopus trade and seagrass.
The highlight of the day will be snorkelling near the mangroves, offering a chance to spot the endemic "Banggai cardinal fish." We'll also go ashore and visit a traditional village in the interior, witnessing fishermen trading their daily catch.

STOP 6

In the northeastern part of Banggai Island, we'll find the most breathtaking beaches in the archipelago.
Though we might not get to explore all of them, we'll definitely make a stop under the shade of a tree along the fine sandy shoreline.
Here, we can enjoy snorkelling around the superb reef.
Additionally, we'll embark on a Zodiac raid to meet the local fishermen.
As the sun sets, we'll raise the anchor and head to our final destination, Luwuk.

STOP 7

We will arrive at Luwuk Harbour early in the morning.
After breakfast, we will bid farewell to the crew before transferring you to the airport for your onward journey.

THE ROUTE

Route map



Meet the Bajau ‘Sea Nomads’ Known for their impressive ability to hold their breath underwater for an impressive period of time due to their larger spleens, the Bajau also possesses a unique traditional way of life. These communities still live a very traditional lifestyle in small villages with houses built on stilts over the sea, and their livelihood depends

entirely on the sea. Our Banggai cruise will mostly call at small and remote islands where the Bajau people form the majority of the population. We will take you to some of their villages throughout your trip so that you can get up close and personal with these seafarers, watch them as they demonstrate their supernatural freediving ability, and see how they make their living from the sea. Be prepared for a once-in-a-lifetime experience with the Bajau!

BANGGAI ARCHIPELAGO

We propose the following itinerary, which aligns with our "slow travel" philosophy, focusing on local fishing communities, snorkelling in beautiful reefs, and relaxing on lovely beaches. A lot of these little islands are surrounded by a lagoon, and some of them can't be reached when the tide is low. So, the plan might change depending on the tide level.

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights

- The warm hospitality of the Bajau communities
- White sandy beaches and Exceptional snorkelling
- Paisupaak Lake
- Highly recommended for photographers







ACTIVITIES

Activities on board

- Scuba diving
- Snorkelling
- Kayaking
- Stand-up paddleboards
- Beach BBQ
- Fishing
- Alcoholic beverages
- Yoga
- Board games

Scuba diving and alcoholic beverages carry additional charges, and diving is only available on a private cruise.





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board accommodation on a shared cruise
- Stand-up paddle board
- Kayak
- Yoga Mat
- Snorkelling gears
- Land excursions according to the safari program
- Three meals/day and snacks
- Water, Tea, Coffee, Softdrink
- Multilingual guides on board (English and Indonesian)
- Transfer from/to embarkation/disembarkation airport

NOT INCLUDED

- Harbour and park fees
- Alcoholic Beverage
- Travel Insurance
- Diving Insurance (on Private Cruise)
- Onboard or local purchases
- Fuel surcharge (if any)
- Diving equipment (on Private Cruise)
- Diving session (on Private Cruise)
- Passenger surcharge (on Private Cruise)
- Crew and Cruise Director gratuities
- 5%-10% is suggested
- Pick up from / to out laying hotel
- Domestic flights