

Dewi Nusantara makes 27 trips a year, and each one is different, even when in the same area (like Raja Ampat or Cenderawasih), since the itineraries are adjusted based on the weather, currents, tides and guests wishes so it is not really possible to give a specific day by day itinerary for each trip but there will be 3-4 dives a day including a night dive if possible each day not including the arrival day visiting all the hot spots during the trip to offer you the best experience possible.

Here is a sample overview of the Banda Sea and the Forgotten Islands

Set in the heart of Indonesia in splendid isolation are the Banda Islands. This group of volcanic islands played an important role in the history of colonial Indonesia. Here is where exotic spices were harvested hundreds of years ago, which made Holland rich and, in its time, a mighty nation.

The islands' isolated location in the wide-open Banda Sea and the low level of human population meant lower fishing pressure, and the islands have maintained a vibrant, natural and healthy reef system. As a result, you can expect reefs bursting with life, huge sea fans and sponges, monumental hard corals, and more fish than your wide-angle lens can catch!

While big fish and pelagics are the usual suspects in the Banda Islands, its true treasure is in the large variety and sheer volume of fish life for both large and small marine life.

Some of the creatures worthy of special attention because they characterise the diving in the Banda Sea are the dogtooth tuna and Mobula rays. You'll see large schools of fusiliers and thousands of red tooth triggerfish at many of the dive sites. There are prolific mandarin fish and the native Ambon scorpionfish at the other end of the size scale.

Cetaceans are frequent visitors, too and sightings of spinner dolphins, orcas, and various whale species, including melonhead, pilot, blue, and humpback whales, are common. You will undoubtedly see plenty of big stuff, and there is no shortage of colourful reef life!

Diving is usually comfortable, with mild currents, good visibility and calm waters, but some dive sites are subject to stronger currents