GAYA BARU INDAH

Ambon, Banda Sea and Raja Ampat

Ambon to Sorong | Banda Islands, Koon, Hatta, Nusa Laut and Misool



Two of Indonesia's great dive regions in one journey, the Banda Sea and the coral gardens east of Misool.

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Around Banda Neira the reefs sit beside Portuguese and Dutch fortresses and a nutmeg forest.

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Night dives are made at suitable places.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 days / 11 nights	Ambon	Sorong	Advanced, 30 dives







Your route

STOP 1

Day 1: Ambon

Check in on board in Ambon harbour between 8:00 and 10:00, with a welcome drink, your cabin and a check of your dive gear.
The boat leaves Ambon and reaches the first dive site in the afternoon.

STOP 2

The Banda Sea

3 dives a day

Banda Neira, with its Portuguese and Dutch fortresses and nutmeg forest, and the reefs around it.
Other places visited are Nusa Laut, Pulau Suanggi, Pulau Hatta and Pulau Koon.
In October and November and April and May, large schools of hammerhead sharks gather around the Ring of Fire in the Banda Sea, and whales and large pelagics such as mola mola, dogtooth tuna and sailfish are often seen.

STOP 3

Misool

3 dives a day

The coral gardens of extreme biodiversity east of Misool, with Magic Mountain and the Daram group, where dives include Andiamo and the Candy Store.
The reefs offer pristine hard and soft coral, and you may share them with mantas, sharks, schools of jacks, tuna and fusiliers.
Night dives are made at suitable places.

STOP 4

Last day: arrival in Sorong

No diving

There is no diving on arrival day.
The boat reaches Sorong harbour at 14:00.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

A typical diving day

6:00 wake up call, coffee, tea and a snack. 6:30 dive briefing. 7:00 first dive. 9:00 breakfast. 10:30 briefing. 11:00 second dive. 13:00 lunch. 14:30 briefing. 15:00 third dive. 17:00 snacks. 19:00 dinner. On two or three evenings there is a night dive at 19:00 and a later dinner.

Who can join

You need to be Advanced diver certified with 30 logged dives to join these trips.

No-fly time

Allow 24 hours between your last dive and boarding an aircraft, and plan your onward travel to suit.

Check in

Check in on board in Ambon harbour is between 8:00 and 10:00, with a welcome drink, your cabin and a check of your dive gear. The boat leaves at 10:00.

Transfers

Transfers from Ambon airport or a hotel in Ambon on the departure day are free of charge, with hotel pick up at 8:00 and airport pick up for flights landing by 8:00. In Sorong the transfer to a hotel or the airport is also free.

Check out

The boat reaches Sorong harbour at 14:00 on the last day, and disembarkation starts straight away.





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- A bed in a double or twin cabin, with fresh towels and linen
- Full board accommodation
- Typically 3 dives a day, plus a night dive twice a week
- Free Nitrox on all dives, with tanks and weights
- Land excursions as offered
- Self-service drinking water, coffee and tea
- Government taxes and port clearance fees

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, and transport and accommodation before and after the cruise
- National and marine park entry fees, and the fuel surcharge, shown on our trip listings
- Excess luggage fees
- Diving courses, limited to Nitrox Diver and only on request
- Rental diving gear, with a price list on request
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Alcoholic drinks and canned soft drinks, offered at reasonable prices on board
- Tips for dive guides and crew, with 5 to 20% of the cruise rate recommended
- Guided transfers between Sorong and Waisai, bookable one way

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Passport
- Dive certification card, Advanced or higher, with Nitrox if you use it
- Proof of dive insurance, such as DAN or similar, which is mandatory
- Raja Ampat marine park ticket, if you already have one
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy

AND ALSO

- Torch for night dives
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

All itineraries and dive sites can change with the weather and with local and national government approval

Good to know

Dives are cut to 1 or 2 a day on long passages

Good to know

Marine park fees and the fuel surcharge are paid in addition to the cruise price

Good to know

All payments on board are in cash, preferably Indonesian Rupiah, and USD and Euro are accepted in new, clean banknotes