

# Discover Banda Sea

## Overview



### Marine Life

Hammerheads (Sep–Nov), pelagics



### Dive Info

Advanced AND minimum 75 logged dives



### Reefs

Pinnacles rising from the deep



### Scenery & Beach

Remote & challenging area. No connection to the rest of the world for several days



### Currents

Strong currents can occur



### Water Temperature

27° – 29°C

The **Banda Sea** is spectacular as it is very remote due to its location and possibility of rougher seas. Crystal clear waters, **bottomless dropoffs**, **colorful coral pinnacles** and so much more. After the eruption (1988) of **Gunung Api** close to **Banda Neira**, the lava flowed into the sea covering and over throwing the coral below.

You will be amazed by the fast recovery of the **hard-coral garden** that grew in its place. For the night/dusk dive we can see the mating dance of the very colorful **mandarin fish**, search for **frogfish, seahorses, razorfish and octopus**.

We offer you the opportunity to visit the old historic town of **Banda Neira**. Here you will find many remains of the Dutch and English **spice trade**. We will visit an old **nutmeg plantation** and have a little taste of how you can make great use of this famous spice that once was believed to cure the plague.

The **fort Belgica** offers great views of the port and **Gunung Api**.

**Manuk** is another **active volcano** with many seabirds and sea snakes, very similar to Gunung Api only a little smaller. **Hundreds of sea snakes** will accompany you on this dive while you enjoy the **lava ridges covered in coral**. Keep your eyes open for big pelagic.

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