**On Destination** 

# AMBON TO SORONG

### 12 Days & 11 Night - Diving and Discovery Cruise





**STANDOUT** POINT



## DAY • 01

#### AMBON

Pick up the guests at Ambon Airport early morning and then boarding Jakare at Teluhu. After introduction to our boat, our crew, safety procedures and presentation of the itinerary Jakare will leave for Nusa Laut and stop over at Pulau mamala for a check dive/snorkelling (20NM – 3.5hr). After the check dive Jakare will head East toward Nusa Laut where we will stay overnight.

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## 02

### NUSA LAUT

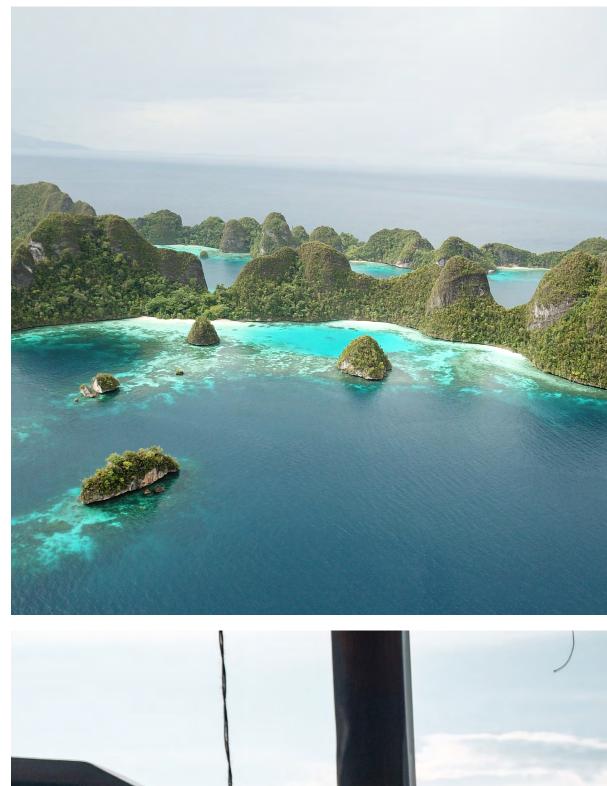
We will plan two or three dives out of a reef, either slope or wall diving. Snorkeling sessions are also amazing there with healthy reefs full of life. After the dives and snorkeling sessions, Jakare will sail overnight southward, toward Banda Island (80NM).

### 03

### PULAU SUANGGI

akare will arrive in Suanggi early morning. The Island is located approximately 70 NM South-West from Nusa Laut. We are planning 3 dives there on slopes and pinnacles and hope to encounter Hammerhead sharks. The place is also great for snorkeling. Latest by mid-afternoon, Jakare will sail to Banda Neira to arrive at sunset and more in the harbor for the night (16NM – 2.5h)







### DAY

### 04 - 05 **BANDA ISLAND**

This group of islands around Banda Neira is famous for its history (famous for being the only place where Nutmeg grew) and also its spectacular and exceptional diving. The two days stay around Banda Island will be dedicated to visit historical places (museum and fort) and dive/snorkel various exceptional dive sites including in Pulau Hatta. Sea live if abundant there and the chances of encountering large pelagic are high, including the famous schools of Hammerhead sharks, mobula rays, dogtoooth tunas and enormous schools of fusiliers. We will also show you the famous mandarin fish and other small critters in the port of Banda.

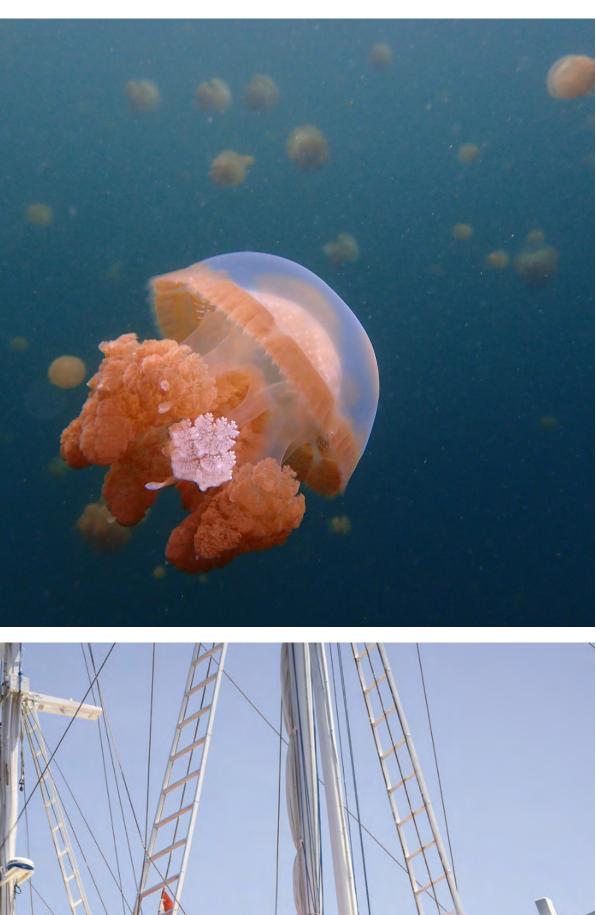
After the exploration of Banda Islands, we will sail overnight north easterly toward the south-eastern point of Seram island namely a small island called Pulau Koon (85NM).

### **DAY** • 06

#### PULAU KOON

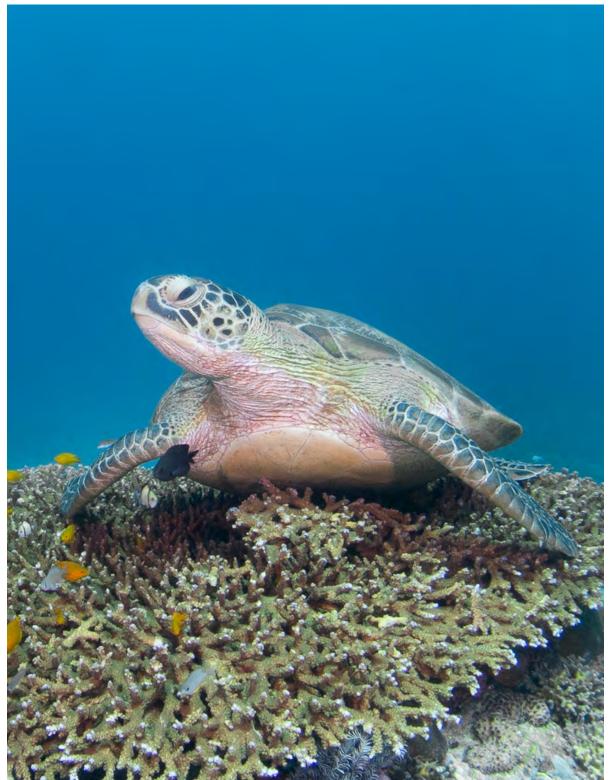
We will reach Pulau Koon in the early morning and plan our dives and snorkelling sessions according to the tides and currents. The snorkelling/dives there offer plenty of marine life, from big fishes to small reef creatures. The all food chain is on open display, from reef fishes feeding on rich waters full of nutrients to big pelagic creatures, including schools of fusiliers and surgeon fishes, giant trevallies, large groupers but also sharks and sometime manta or mobula rays.

After three dives at Pulau Koon, around the same dive site, Jakare will sail overnight to Misool (112NM).









### DAY

### **07 - 11** Misool

We will arrive by midday in the Misool Boo & Juliet Area and will start the discovery of underwater and above water wonders in coordination with the local authorities and hotels. Hence the locations and dive sites below may be explored in a different sequence depending on the situation at the time of the cruise.

#### MISOOL BOO AREA

In the Boo area, we will dive Boo Window, a reference dive site with extraordinary tunnels or openings piercing the rock from the surface to underwater below. Other dive sites include Bo West, Magic Mountain and/or Yiliet Kecil, both sites knowns for their huge gorgonian sea fans and lots of reef fishes and sea life including turtles, reef sharks and barracudas and even some mantas if we are lucky.

#### **MISOOL FIABECET**

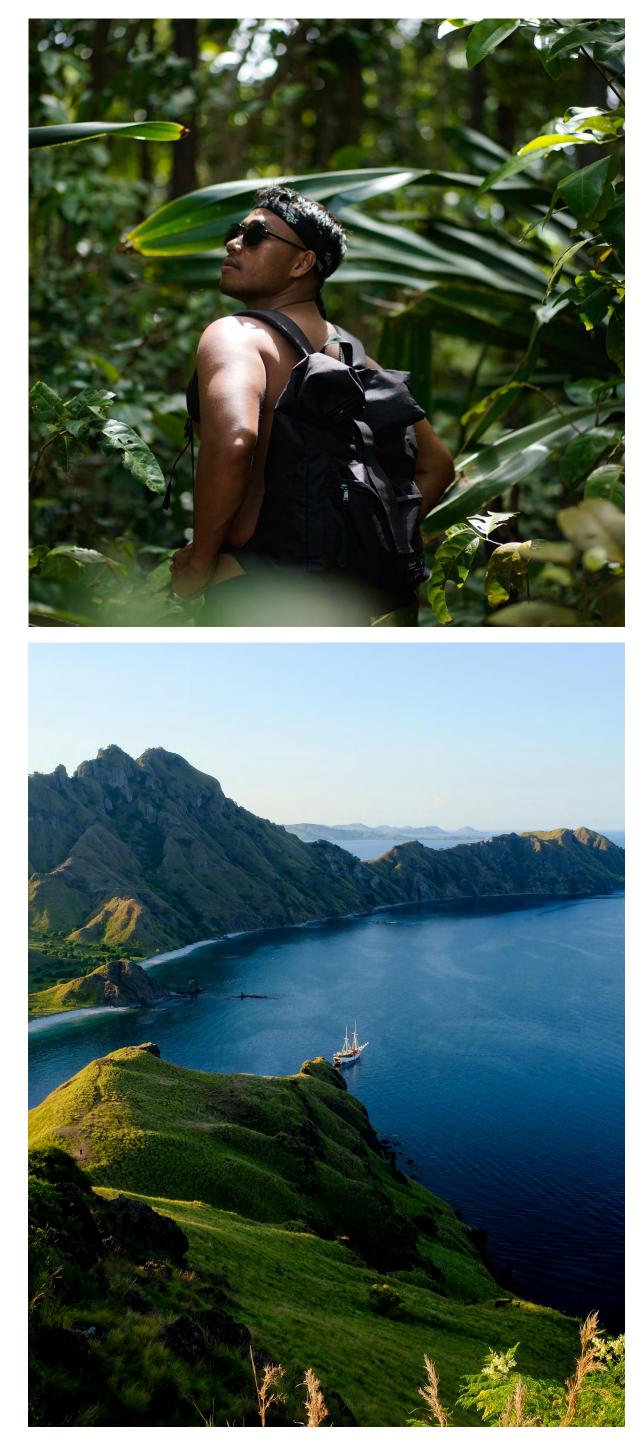
In the Fiabecet area, we will dive a well-known and famous Fiabacet Ridge where pelagic fishes and turtles can be seen. This site offers great underwater ridges connecting Tank Rock and Nudi Rock sites. Fiabacet Pinnacle and Whale Rock offer great soft corals and are rich in healthy fish life including small creatures like seahorse Barbiganti and Denise pygmy.

#### MISOOL WAYIL AREA

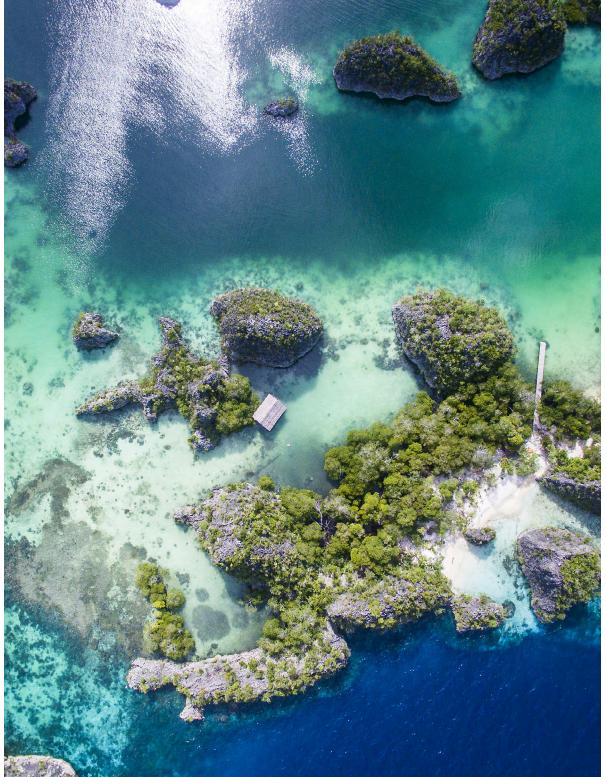
We will dive in the breath-taking Neptune Fan Sea channel and its profusion of big gorgonians sea fans. We will also dive Four King where a very healthy fish life (both pelagic and coral fishes) can be observed in a very specific underwater topography made of four pinnacles. Other nice dive sites include Barracuda point, wedding cake and dunia Kecil.

#### **MISOOL PELE**

Pele's Playground, the most westerly site of the Waaf's island group delivers often a spectacle with schools of anchovies and pelagic predators. Kaleidoscope, on Pele North West side, is well known for its black coral and multi colors soft corals and gorgonian fans. Manta rays have been spotted in this area where again very healthy fish live can be observed in shallow and deeper parts.







#### MISOOL BALBULOL AND FARONDI

Balbulol offers not only excellent diving sites but also amazing landscape above water with crystal clear water, limestone mounts and small hidden lagoons. The dive sites include Baby Rock, Balbulol Corner, Balbulol plateau and many others. Drop off, canyon, pinnacle and a healthy fish life with beautiful hard and soft corals in shallow waters.

Guest may enjoy discovery of the surrounding with Kayaks and SUP as well as superb snorkelling. Jakare will leaves for Sorong in the afternoon and will sail overnight (80NM).

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### 12

#### SORONG

The last day will be dedicated to travel back to Sorong (mainly overnight) and get ready for the end of the cruise. Filling the diving log books, stamping the logbook by the Diving Instructor / dive master and exchanging addresses and photos from the wonderful time spent together. A small ceremony will be organized on board the Jakare before leaving the boat to the airport or hotel.

### NOTES

