

ONDINA

# All Banda Sea

*Ambon to Kalabahi | Ambon, the Forgotten Islands and the Banda Islands*

A long crossing of the Banda Sea, the deepest of the inner seas of Indonesia, brings walls hung with giant sea fans and barrel sponges.

The Forgotten Islands are remote reefs far from the usual routes, where the currents can run strong.

Muck diving in Ambon starts the trip, with night dives among the small creatures of the sand and rubble.

The Banda Islands then bring the historic Spice Islands above water and more remote walls below.

This route only runs in October and November, between the monsoons.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 12 days / 11 nights | Ambon | Kalabahi | Open Water, 50 logged dives |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Ambon

Check dive + night dive

Pick up at Ambon airport and transfer to the boat, with a welcome drink and time to settle into your cabin.
Check dive and night dive at the Twilight Zone, a muck site in Ambon.

DAY 2-3

## Ambon and Pulau Suanggi

Dives

Muck dives at Pantai Nama, the Pertamina jetty and Mucky Mosque, and three day dives at Pulau Suanggi.

DAY 4-6

## Forgotten Islands

Dives + overnight sails

Remote dive sites in the Forgotten Islands: Serua, Duisburgh, Nil Desperandum, Gili Manuk, Pulau Teun, Nus Leur, Terbang Utara and Selatan, Wetar, Reong and Manuk.



DAY 7-10

## Banda Islands

Dives + cultural visit

Karang Hatta, Banda Neira, Ai, Run, the Lava Flow, Gunung Api, Batu Kapal and Pohon Mirin, with a cultural visit in the Spice Islands.

DAY 11

## Last diving day

Two dives

The last two dives are in the morning, and then the boat sails into port in the afternoon, so you can prepare for departure the next morning.
Keep to the no-flying rule and pack your gear.

DAY 12

## Disembark

After breakfast there is a transfer to the airport or your hotel.
Check out is at 9 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Forgotten Islands

Remote reefs far from the usual routes.

### Banda Islands

The historic Spice Islands.

### Pulau Suanggi

Three day dives.

### Mucky Mosque

Muck diving in Ambon.

### Check in

The crew pick you up from the airport and take you to the boat for a welcome drink. Check in is at 11 am, and the transfers from the airport or your hotel are included.

### Check out

The boat is in port the evening before, so you can prepare for departure. Check out is at 9 am, after breakfast, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

### Last dive

The last dive is on the penultimate day of the trip. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.





INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

## INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Full board, with tea, coffee, snacks and a soft drink at lunch and dinner
- An average of 3 or 4 dives a day
- Land excursions where the plan includes them
- Tanks and weights for divers, and snorkelling gear for non-divers
- Library and music on board

## NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Alcoholic drinks and tips
- Police or diving permits, tourist tax, harbour fees and fuel increases
- Marine park fees and port clearance fee
- Nitrox, charged per day for the full trip
- Rental dive gear and other on-board services
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

# What to bring

## ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

## AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

# Key notes

### Good to know

Itineraries are only an orientation and can be modified because of the weather, sea conditions and other external causes

### Good to know

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

### Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel

### Good to know

This is an outline of the route. The day-by-day plan depends on the weather and sea conditions

### Good to know

The Banda Sea routes only run in October and November, between the monsoons. Most nights are spent sailing