

SOLITUDE ADVENTURER

Alor, Forgotten Islands & Banda Sea

Maumere to Ambon | Alor, Forgotten Islands and Banda Sea

Across the Forgotten Islands and the Banda Sea, the walls plunge into the deep and the water is clear.

Around Alor and Pantar come excellent visibility, strong current drifts, hard and soft coral gardens and world class muck diving.

Reefs with impressive fish schools, predatory action and very large sponges bring a chance of hammerhead sharks.

Sea snakes are on most dives, and an active volcano in the middle of nowhere gives off the occasional smell of sulphur and smoke.

The last dives are on the black sand macro slopes of Laha.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
13 days / 12 nights	Maumere	Ambon	Alor, Serua, Banda Sea







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Maumere

Check dive if possible

The crew meets you at the airport and takes you to Solitude Adventurer.
After a welcome and a safety briefing there is lunch, and a check dive is possible, schedule allowing.

DAY 2-3

Alor and Pantar

3 to 4 dives a day

The dive sites between Pantar and Alor island, with excellent visibility, strong current drift dives, hard and soft coral gardens and world class muck diving.

DAY 4

Wetar and Reong

3 to 4 dives

Beautiful walls and reefs around Wetar and Reong islands, with clear water and an abundance of marine life.



DAY 5

Nyata Island

3 to 4 dives

Walls and reef around the small island of Nyata, with beautiful corals and abundant marine life.
A white sand beach may be visited, depending on the tide.

DAY 6

Terbang Islands

3 to 4 dives

The Terbang north and south islands, with steep walls, abundant coral, clear water and plenty of fish.
Currents can be strong and most dives are wall drift dives.

DAY 7

Nil Desperandum

3 to 4 dives

An extensive submerged reef with a shallow top and walls dropping to the depths, with impressive fish schools, predatory action, very large sponges and a chance of hammerhead sharks.
If conditions allow, the day can end at Dusborgh reef, around a small island.



DAY 8

Serua Island

3 to 4 dives

Searching for hammerhead sharks around Serua.
Shallow reef tops give way to sloping reef and walls that plunge into the deep, with abundant coral, giant sponges and schooling trevally, surgeonfish and fusiliers.
Sea snakes on most dives, and strong currents.

DAY 9

Manuk Island

3 to 4 dives

A volcano in the middle of nowhere, with sea birds circling overhead.
Beautiful corals and many fish species, and dives with many sea snakes, as Manuk is also called Snake Island.
The occasional smell of sulphur and smoke rise from this active volcano.

DAY 10-11

Suanggi and Banda Neira

3 to 4 dives

The Banda Sea, with its healthy corals and giant sponges.
The reefs and walls are packed with fish, with a chance to meet hammerhead sharks, around the islands of Suanggi and Banda Neira.
A land tour is also possible.



DAY 12

Laha, Ambon

Dives

The last dives are on the black sand macro slopes of Laha, then Solitude Adventurer returns to port.

DAY 13

Ambon

After a small breakfast the crew takes you to the airport. Check out is by 11 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Banda Neira

A possible land tour.

Manuk

Snake Island, an active volcano.

Alor

Muck diving and drift dives.

Laha

Black sand macro diving.

Check in

The crew meets you at the airport and check in is from 8 am, with embarkation between 8 am and 11 am. A check dive is possible, schedule allowing.

Check out

Check out is by 11 am on the last day, with a transfer to the airport.

Last dive

There are no dives on the disembarkation day. The boat asks divers to keep a minimum 18 hour gap after their last dive before flying, so please check this when you book your flight home.





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin in your chosen category
- Full board, with snacks and all non-alcoholic drinks
- Three or four guided boat dives a day, including a night dive
- Check in from 8 am, with dinner included on the first day

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and hotels before and after the cruise
- Marine park fee, port clearance and diving permit, paid on board
- Alcoholic drinks and gratuities
- Rental dive equipment
- Nitrox, at an extra charge per day
- A fuel surcharge, payable on board, if it applies
- 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

This is a proposed itinerary for planning only, subject to the weather and the conditions on board and at each site

Good to know

The daily programme is discussed with guests each evening for the following day

Good to know

Divers should keep the 18 hour no-fly gap after their last dive

Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel