

SOLITUDE ADVENTURER

Ambon / Banda

Ambon to Ambon | Laha, Banda Sea and the Forgotten Islands

A round trip into the Banda Sea, with real chances of hammerhead sharks.

The reefs and walls are packed with fish, with healthy corals and giant sponges, and impressive fish schools and predatory action.

Shallow reef tops give way to walls that plunge into the deep, with schooling trevally, surgeonfish and fusiliers, sea snakes on most dives and strong currents.

Manuk, also called Snake Island, is an active volcano in the middle of nowhere, with sea birds circling overhead.

The trip opens with the black sand slopes of Laha, full of marine critters.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
9 days / 8 nights	Ambon	Ambon	Banda Sea, Manuk, Serua







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Ambon

Check dive

The crew meets you at Pattimura Airport.
After you settle in and register there is a safety and orientation briefing.
After lunch, schedule allowing, there is a check dive at Laha, a famous macro site with black sand slopes full of marine critters.
Overnight Solitude Adventurer sails to the Banda Sea.

DAY 2-3

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 4

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 5

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 6-7

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

Back to Ambon

2 morning dives

Two morning dives, then Solitude Adventurer sails back to Ambon.

DAY 9

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