

TEMAN

Banda Sea Circle

Ambon to Ambon | Banda Islands, Manuk, Koon and the Lease Islands

A twelve-night circuit from Ambon through the volcanic Banda Islands, the remote sea-snake island of Manuk, the pelagic seamount of Koon, and the reefs of the Lease Islands, returning to Ambon.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 nights	Ambon	Ambon	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Ambon to the Banda Sea

Check dive

Boarding in Ambon with a check dive nearby, then an overnight sail south into the Banda Sea toward the Banda Islands.

DAY 2

Banda Islands, Gunung Api

Up to 3 dives

Diving the black-sand slopes beneath the active volcano of Gunung Api, famous for its dense congregations of sea snakes, then a dive on the surrounding reef for schooling fish and strong coral growth.

DAY 3

Banda Islands, Ai and Hatta

Up to 3 dives

A dive on the steep, current-swept walls of Ai Island, followed by the coral gardens of Hatta Island and a visit ashore to the old Dutch fort of Belgica on Banda Neira.



DAY 4

Banda Islands, Batu Kapal

Up to 3 dives

A dive at Batu Kapal for schooling trevally and the chance of oceanic mantas, with a final reef dive before the long sail east toward Manuk.

DAY 5

Manuk Island

Up to 3 dives

Arrival at the remote volcanic island of Manuk, renowned for its huge numbers of resident sea snakes on an easy, shallow reef.

DAY 6

Manuk Island

Up to 3 dives

A further day exploring Manuk's reef, with time to also look for hammerhead sharks that are occasionally sighted in the surrounding deep water.

DAY 7

Crossing to Koon

A day largely spent sailing north-east from Manuk toward the seamount of Koon, with a sunset or sunrise dive possible depending on timing and conditions.

DAY 8

Koon Island

Up to 3 dives

Diving the famous Koon seamount, known for schooling barracuda, trevally, and the chance of passing pelagics in the strong currents around the island.

DAY 9

Koon Island

Up to 3 dives

A further day at Koon, exploring different sides of the seamount according to current, with excellent macro life on the surrounding slopes.

DAY 10

Nusa Laut and the Lease Islands

Up to 3 dives

A crossing to the Lease Islands group, with diving on the healthy reefs around Nusa Laut for coral cover and reef fish diversity.

DAY 11

Ambon Bay

Up to 3 dives

A day of muck diving in Ambon Bay, one of Indonesia's best-known sites for rare and unusual critters, from frogfish to mimic octopus.

DAY 12

Ambon Bay

Flexible diving

A final flexible day of diving in Ambon Bay or nearby reefs, revisiting favourite sites or searching for species not yet seen.

DAY 13

Back to Ambon

A final breakfast on board, with the chance to share photos and stories, before disembarking in Ambon and transferring to the airport or your hotel.

Check in

Boarding is in Ambon, with a welcome briefing, cabin check-in and dive gear preparation before a check dive in Ambon Bay.

Check out

Disembarkation is in Ambon after a final breakfast on board.

Transfers

Transfer details to and from the boat in Ambon are confirmed with your booking.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- A check dive on the first day for every diver
- Up to 3 guided dives a day, with one dive guide for up to four divers
- One transfer to the boat and one return transfer between the airport or hotel and the boat
- Marine park and local government fees shown with each trip on our schedule

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Dive and travel insurance
- Diving equipment rental
- Crew tips, laundry and extra drinks
- A private guide for a single Open Water diver, charged per day and shared if more than one Open Water diver is on board
- Certification courses, available only on private charters

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive computer, mandatory for every diver
- Torch for night dives
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses

AND ALSO

- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport
- Copy of your travel and dive insurance

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Insurance

Travel and dive insurance covering dive injury, medical evacuation and travel is mandatory

Good to know

Open Water divers are limited to 18 metres and dive with a guide at all times

Good to know

Diving gloves are not permitted, for reef protection

Good to know

Dive sites are never guaranteed in advance; the cruise director decides based on conditions

Flying

There is no diving for 24 hours before a flight