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Ambon to Ambon

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Hammerhead sharks patrol the waters off Suanggi, and in the Banda Islands deep walls, sea mounts and drift dives have been known to draw them too.

Run and Hatta have big ocean pelagics and great fish life, with the Gunung Api volcano rising over the Spice Islands.

Off Nusa Laut, eagle rays, a huge school of jacks, hammerhead sharks and even a dugong have been seen.

Ambon Bay is superb muck diving, with rhinopias, frogfish, ghost pipefish, leaf fish and ribbon eels, and at night the coconut, starry night and mimic octopus.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 days / 8 nights	Ambon	Ambon	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Ambon

Check dive

Check in, and a check dive at Laha.

DAY 2

Ambon

3 dives

Dives at Pintu Kota, Hukurila and Batu Lompa.
Then the crossing to Suanggi (around 13 hours).

DAY 3

Suanggi and Banda Neira

4 dives

Dives at Suanggi I, Suanggi II and Batu Kapal.
A visit to Banda Neira and a mandarin fish dive, with the night at Banda Neira.

DAY 4

Banda Neira tour

2 dives

Explore Pulau Neira and its historic little town of Dutch and English period houses, with the well preserved Fort Belgica and its views over the water.
Visit a traditional nutmeg plantation with nutmeg, cinnamon and clove trees, and enjoy plantation tea with nutmeg jam, candies and cake.
After the tour, two more dives in the Banda Islands on deep walls, sea mounts and drift dives, where hammerhead sharks have been known to visit.



DAY 5

Hatta

3 dives

Dives at Pohon Miring, Hatta Wall and Karang Hatta.

DAY 6

Run, Hatta and the Banda Sea

4 dives

First the island of Run, then Hatta, both with big ocean pelagics and great fish life.
After the first two dives Tiare spends time around the Spice Islands in the shadow of the Gunung Api volcano, with the hard coral at the Lava Flow and the fishy pinnacles of Batu Kapal.
Late in the afternoon there is a sunset dive for a world class mandarin fish experience.

DAY 7

Nusa Laut

Dives

A small island close to Ambon, where the village protects the fantastic dive site of Amet Reef. Eagle rays, a huge school of jacks, hammerhead sharks and even a dugong have been seen here, and bumphead parrotfish feed in the shallows.

DAY 8

Ambon Bay

Dives

The rest of the adventure is spent muck diving in Ambon Bay, a world class destination. Look out for rhinopias, frogfish, ghost pipefish, nudibranchs, leaf fish, mandarin fish, ribbon eels and, at night, the coconut, starry night and mimic octopus.

DAY 9

Disembarkation in Ambon

After breakfast and a group photo with the crew, you are transferred at 9 am to the airport or a local hotel for your onward journey.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Suanggi

Hammerhead sharks.

Banda Neira

Fort Belgica and a nutmeg plantation.

Koon

Too Many Fish.

Melissa Garden

A coral garden with soft corals.

Check in

The crew welcome you at the airport and take you to the boat. Check in is at the latest by 12 noon on embarkation day, and arriving a day early is recommended.

Check out

Check out is at 9 am, 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
- Cabin with private bathroom
- Five meals a day, with soft drinks, tea, coffee, natural juice and local beers
- Up to 4 dives per dive day, with 1 or 2 dives on the final dive day
- Weight belt and weights
- Shore activities and excursions according to the programme
- Light laundry service
- Government taxes

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, and hotels and meals before and after the cruise
- Environmental safety fees, paid in advance with the final balance
- Administration and port clearance fee, and fuel surcharge
- Alcoholic drinks, espresso and cappuccino
- Rental dive gear, other than cylinders and weights
- Nitrox, charged per tank
- On-board purchases, private tours and telecommunications
- Crew gratuities
- 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 flip flops
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport valid for at least 6 months

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 wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel