

TIARE

Triton Bay & Banda Neira

Kaimana to Ambon | Triton Bay, Koon and the Banda Islands

Whale shark encounters in Triton Bay open a journey that runs on through the Spice Islands.

Koon lies over a trench deeper than 3,000 metres, with large schools of black snapper, batfish and barracuda, and sharks in the deep.

The Banda Islands bring big ocean pelagics, hard coral beneath the Gunung Api volcano, deep walls where hammerheads have been known to visit, and a sunset dive for mandarin fish.

At Nusa Laut, eagle rays, a huge school of jacks, hammerheads and even a dugong have been seen.

The finale is muck diving in Ambon Bay, with rhinopias, frogfish, ghost pipefish, ribbon eels and the mimic octopus.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 days / 11 nights	Kaimana	Ambon	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Kaimana

Once all guests have settled into the cabins and set up their dive gear, Tiare sails to Aiduma in Triton Bay.

DAY 2

North Aiduma

4 dives

Dives at Bo's Rainbow, Little Komodo, Larry's Heaven and Macro Rock.

DAY 3

Bitsjara Bay

4 dives

Dives at Whale Shark Encounter (twice), White Rock and Bo's Rainbow.



DAY 4

South Aiduma

4 dives

Dives at La Ultima Frontera, 7th Heaven, Batu Jeruk and Tim's Rock.

DAY 5

Momon

2 dives

Dives at Fak Fak Me Too and Mike's Mount, with a swim at the waterfall.
Tiare then sails on to Koon.

DAY 6

Koon

3 dives

Dives at Too Many Fish (three dives).
Koon lies south east of Seram over a trench deeper than 3,000 metres.
Large schools of black snapper, batfish, barracuda and fusiliers, with groupers and sharks in the deep.



DAY 7

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 8

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, before heading north to Nusa Laut.

DAY 9

Suanggi

3 dives

Dives at Suanggi I, Suanggi II and Batu Kapal.



DAY 10

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 11

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 12

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

Bitsjara Bay

Whale shark encounters.

Koon

Too Many Fish.

Banda Neira

Fort Belgica and a nutmeg plantation.

Ambon Bay

Muck diving.

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