WHITE MANTA

Lembeh and Halmahera

Manado to Ternate | Lembeh and Halmahera

Lembeh Strait is a world-famous critter heaven, and from there the trip travels to Halmahera, where remote, unspoiled and stunning underwater landscapes are made all the more alluring by the lack of crowds.

Schools of jacks and snappers gather around the islands, with a massive school of barracuda.

Strong currents bring amazing action in a narrow strait, and a manta cleaning station sits among fish-packed reefs and pristine hard coral gardens.

Further on, reef sharks, barracuda and jacks patrol a reef packed with coral and sponges.

The last dives finish at Tidore, followed by a village visit.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Manado	Ternate	Beginners to advanced

Your itinerary

DAY 1

Day 1

0-2 dives

1pm.
Our staff will meet you upon arrival to Manado Airport and transfer you to White Manta.
Depending on arrival time, we can do check dive(s) plus night dive in Lembeh.
After critter dive(s) we sail overnight to Pulau Tifore.

DAY 2

Day 2

3 dives

Pulau Tifure: Amazing dive site island in the Moluccan Sea equidistant from Goraichi and Lembeh, schools of jacks, snappers, and massive school of barracuda.

DAY 3

Day 3

4 dives

Pulau Tolimau and Goraichi: Manta cleaning station and fish packed reefs amongst pristine hard coral gardens.

DAY 4

Day 4

3-4 dives

Pulau Kusu: Strong currents and amazing action in the Patintie Strait.

DAY 5

Days 5 and 6

4 dives a day

Pulau Bacan: Shark point, reef sharks, schools of barracuda and jacks along a coral and sponge packed reef.

DAY 7

Day 7

2 dives

Pulau Tidore: Final dives here, then village visit.
Sail to Ternate, where you spend the last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, have lunch, rest and relaxation, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 8

Day 8

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, and transfer to local hotel or airport.
Departure from Ternate to Manado/ Makassar/ or Jakarta.

THE TRIP

Departure, return and timings

- Departure: 1pm, 1st day - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations are completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Sam Ratulangi Airport, Manado (transfer time 1 hour) or local hotel* (10am) to White Manta on trip departure day.
- Return: 5am, last day - Ternate, North Maluku. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Sultan Babullah Airport, Ternate in time for check-in and flight (transfer time 20-30 mins). Note: Latest White Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm, penultimate day. Then sail back to Ternate where we spend the last evening onboard. If you have booked an earlier flight, then you may have to skip 1 or 2 dives to allow for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.

DIVING

Diving days and notes

- Note: All schedules are subject to changes according to weather, sea, diving, and local conditions.
- Diving days: 7 days (20 dives)
- Note*: If staying in Manado, the included pickups are for local hotels in Bitung area or Sam Ratulangi Airport, Manado (transfer time 1 hour). Manado City hotels are NOT included in our free pickups. If NOT local, then OWN way from hotel to Manado Airport or Bitung Port.

CONDITIONS

Dive site information

LEMBEH

- Water Temp: 27-30 degrees Celsius
- Air Temp: 27-32 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 20-30 metres
- Currents: Mild
- Level: Beginners to advanced.
- Best Time to Dive: September to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

HALMAHERA

- Water Temp: 27-30 degrees Celsius
- Air Temp: 27-32 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 15-30 metres
- Currents: Medium to strong
- Level: Intermediate to advanced
- Best Time to Dive: October to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving

GETTING THERE

Getting to and from the boat

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Manado (MDC), North Sulawesi / Ternate (TTE), North Maluku

HOW TO GET TO MANADO (MDC), NORTH SULAWESI

- From Bali: Direct flights with Lion Air daily flights, Citilink or Garuda Indonesia, via Jakarta/ Makassar/ Surabaya.
- From Jakarta: Direct flights with Batik Air and Citilink, or with Lion Air, via Surabaya.
- International from Singapore, direct flights with Scoot if you arrive the day before trip departure day. Or fly to Jakarta, stay 1x night, and catch an early morning domestic flight to Manado.

HOW TO GET FROM TERNATE (TTE), NORTH MALUKU

- Daily flights Manado (MDC), less than one hour, or daily flight to Jakarta (CGK) around 3.5 hours expect Sriwijaya Air who make a stopover 5+ hours in Makassar.
- Domestic Airlines: Garuda Indonesia / Sriwijaya Air / Lion Air.
- International: Fly to Manado and connect with Scoot, or Jakarta with Garuda Indonesia for connecting flights direct to Singapore.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Manado/ Ternate) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on White Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services
- FOC replacement if equipment breakdown
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive masters), 20 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates (a fee applies per car)
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip))
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills