

WHITE MANTA

Lembah, Halmahera and Lembah

Manado to Manado | Lembah and Halmahera

A trip that begins and ends in the macro critter capital of the world, with Halmahera's staggering pristine beauty in between.

Out in Halmahera the underwater landscapes are remote and unspoiled, with an island in the Moluccan Sea where schools of jacks and snappers gather under a massive school of barracuda.

Reef sharks and barracuda sweep along a reef packed with coral and sponges, strong currents bring amazing action to a narrow strait, and a manta cleaning station sits amongst pristine hard coral gardens.

Then it is back to Lembah for the macro critters, the perfect way to finish.

LENGTH

8 days / 7 nights

DEPARTURE PORT

Manado

ARRIVAL PORT

Manado

EXPERIENCE

Beginners to advanced



Your itinerary

DAY
1

Day 1

1-2 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) in Lembah. After critter dive(s) we sail overnight to Pulau Tifore.

DAY
2

Day 2

3-4 dives

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

DAY
3

Day 3

4 dives

Palau Bacan: Reef sharks, schools of barracuda and jacks along a coral and sponge packed reef.

DAY
4

Day 4

4 dives

Palau Kusu: Strong currents and amazing action in the Patinti Strait.

DAY
5

Day 5

3 dives

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

DAY
6

Day 6

3 dives

Pulau Tifore.
Sail overnight Lembeh.

DAY
7

Day 7

2 dives

Lembeh: Angels Windows, Nudi Retreat.
Sail to Bitung Port, Manado, where you spend last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, 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 airport.
Departure from Bitung Port, Manado to local hotel or transfer to Manado Airport.

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 - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi. After breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to a local hotel or Sam Ratulangi Airport, Manado in time for Check-in and flight (transfer time 1 hour). Note: Latest White Manta check-out, at 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R as we sail back to Bitung Port where we spend the last night on White Manta. This also allows 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 (21-22 dives)
- Note*: If staying in Manado, the included pickups are for local hotels in Bitung area, mainland 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: 26-29 degrees Celsius
- Air Temp: 27-32 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 10-25 metres. Currents: Mild
- Level: Beginners to advanced.
- Best Time to Dive: April-September (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

HALMAHERA

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

GETTING THERE

Getting to and from the boat

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Manado (MDC) / Manado (MDC), North Sulawesi

HOW TO GET TO MANADO (MDC), NORTH SULAWESI

- From Bali, direct flights with Lion Air, 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 MANADO (MDC), NORTH SULAWESI

- To Bali, direct flights with Lion Air daily flights, Citilink or Garuda Indonesia, via Jakarta/ Makassar/ Surabaya.
- To Jakarta, direct flights with Batik Air, Citilink and Garuda Indonesia, or with Lion Air, via Surabaya.
- International to Singapore, direct flights with Scoot.
- Note: Departing flight on trip return day should be no earlier than 9am to allow for early morning departure and transfer from the boat with plenty of time for check-in and flight.



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) 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 master), 21-22 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
