WHITE MANTA

# Lembeh, Morotai and Ternate

*Manado to Ternate | Lembeh, Morotai and Ternate*

Remote Morotai is where the marine life lives up to the name, with sharks, manta rays, macro, WWII wrecks and even the chance of a dugong.

The trip starts in the world-famous critter heaven of the Lembeh Strait, then crosses the Molucca Sea to imposing walls, canyons, sloping reefs with vibrant coral and solid drift dives.

Reef slopes, steep walls, tunnels and overhangs are covered in a vast variety of soft corals, with regular blacktip sharks, tuna, barracuda and jacks.

Morotai alone has over forty mapped dive sites, and the coast of Halmahera is remote and less visited.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 days / 11 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 Tifore: Amazing dive site island in the Moluccan Sea equidistant Halmahera and Lembeh, schools of jacks, snappers, and massive school of barracuda.
Sail to North Ternate.

DAY 3

## Day 3

3 dives

Pulau Hiri, North Ternate: This rocky island just north of Ternate is a haven for marine life and colourful coral reefs, a great spot for both beginner and experienced divers.
Sail north overnight.

DAY 4

## Days 4 and 5

3-4 dives a day

Loloda Bay and Kahatola: Reef slopes, steep walls, tunnels, overhangs, all covered with a vast variety of soft corals, regular encounters with black tip sharks, tuna, barracuda, jacks and more.

DAY 6

## Day 6

3-4 dives

Pulau Bau and Morotai: Imposing walls, canyons, sloping reefs with vibrant coral, and solid drift dives provide a stunning backdrop to encounter manta rays, sharks and more, you may even spot the dugongs!
There are also some amazing macro dives plus the possibility of exploring a WWII wreck.

DAY 7

## Days 7 and 8

4 dives a day

Pulau Morotai and Metita: With over 40 mapped dive sites there is something here for everyone.

DAY 9

## Day 9

3-4 dives

Pulau Doi/ Dagasuli: Exploration dives south of Morotai Island.

DAY 10

## Day 10

3 dives

Tracing the northern coast back towards Ternate.
A chance to explore this remote and less visited destination where more and more operators are reporting some amazing dive sites to explore.

DAY 11

## Day 11

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 needed, an early flight the next day.

DAY 12

## Day 12

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: 11 days (30 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: April to October (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

### HALMAHERA-MOROTAI

- 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: March to November (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

- To Manado (MDC): Daily flights around just 1 hour, with Sriwijaya Air or Wings Air (part of Lion group)
- To Jakarta (CGK): Daily flights around 3.5 hours, with Garuda Indonesia / Batik Air / Lion Air / Super Air Jet.
- 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), 30 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