

WHITE MANTA

Sangalaki, Kakaban and Maratua

Berau to Berau | Sangalaki, Kakaban and Maratua

Remote islands far from the crowds, where diving is as it was meant to be.

In the lake on Kakaban, millions of non-stinging jellyfish drift around you, and outside the island stunning walls drop away.

Sambit Island has pristine corals, abundant marine life and amazing visibility, with heaps of turtles and sharks in the blue.

Maratua brings chevron barracuda, big-eye jacks and the chance of hammerheads, while Sangalaki has manta rays and a beach where baby turtles race to the sea.

The trip ends at local fishing platforms, where whale sharks come to feed.

LENGTH

8 days / 7 nights

DEPARTURE PORT

Berau

ARRIVAL PORT

Berau

EXPERIENCE

Intermediate to advanced



Your itinerary

DAY
1

Day 1

0-2 dives

3pm trip departure day.

Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Kalimantan Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting White Manta.

DAY
1

Day 1 (continued)

0-2 dives

Warm welcome and briefing while we sail from pier to Derawan.
Check dive(s) can ONLY be made if ALL guests arrive on morning flights or are in Berau already.
The cruise leader's decision is final.

DAY
2

Day 2

3-4 dives

Diving around Sangalaki looking for manta rays, turtles and more!
We also have a chance to visit the beach to watch the baby turtles hatching make their dash to the sea!

DAY
3

Days 3 and 4

4 dives a day

Diving around Maratua island: huge schools of chevron barracudas, and big- eye jacks at the mouth of the channel.
Look out for the shark action with possible sightings of hammerhead sharks too!

DAY
5

Day 5

3-4 dives

Diving around Kakaban with stunning wall dives and visiting the amazing freshwater Jellyfish Lake.

DAY
6

Day 6

4 dives

Diving around Sambit Island with its pristine corals, abundant marine life, and amazing visibility.
Heaps of turtles plus look in the blue for sharks and visiting whale shark!

DAY
7

Day 7

1-2 dives

Looking for whale sharks at local fishing "bagans", then sail back to Tg Batu Port Sailing time 5 hours.
Last night sleeping on White Manta in the harbour.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if needed, 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 Berau Airport.

THE TRIP

Departure, return and timings

- Departure: 3pm, 1st day - Tg. Batu Pier, Indonesia. Or earlier if everyone arrives before. Free pickup upon arrival from Kalimantan Airport, Berau or local hotel* via overland transfer to White Manta on trip departure day (transfer time: 2-2.5 hours).
- Return: 6am, last day - Tg. Batu Pier, East Kalimantan. We arrive back the evening before. On last day after a light breakfast and fond farewells, we will take you to Kalimantan Airport, Berau in time for check-in and flight (transfer time 2-2.5 hours). Note: Latest White Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: midday - 12pm, penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Tg. Batu pier where we spend the last night on board. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.



THE VOYAGE

About this trip

Here you will find both large and small marine life in abundance: potential for thresher sharks, manta rays, white tips and nurse sharks, huge schools of barracuda, many turtles, and even whale sharks! Not to mention plenty of macro life to keep even the most experienced of divers happy. Plus, there is a chance to swim amongst millions of non-stinging jellyfish in the freshwater Lake of Kakaban.

DIVING

Diving days and notes

- Note: All schedules are subject to changes according to weather, sea, diving, and local conditions.
- Diving days: 7 days (22 dives, including substituting dives for island tour)



CONDITIONS

Dive site information

- Water Temp: 28-30 degrees Celsius
- Air Temp: 28-30 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 10-30 metres
- Depth: 10-40 metres
- Currents: Mild to medium
- Level: Intermediate to advanced
- Best Time to Dive: All year around
- What to See/ Highlights? Pelagic: manta rays, hammerheads, barracuda, jacks, tuna, and more. Reef: amazing soft corals, turtles, leopard and reef sharks, harlequin shrimps, pygmy seahorses, frogfish, ribbon eels, cuttlefish, nudis, and usual suspects

GETTING THERE

Getting to and from the boat

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Tg.Batu pier, Indonesia, 2-2.5 hours transfer from Berau Airport (BEJ), East Kalimantan

HOW TO GET TO BERAU (BEJ), INDONESIA

- International arrivals should plan to arrive to Jakarta (CGK) the day / evening before trip departure day. This will allow you to take the direct, early morning onward flight to Berau (BEJ) the next morning. Daily direct flights from Jakarta to Berau by Batik Air and Citilink (recommended Batik Air flight ID 6430 ETD- CGK 04:45 ETA-BEJ 08:20).
- If flying from Singapore (SIN) you may also choose to fly to Balikpapan (BPN) the day before trip departure with Scoot Air and take a same day flight onward to Berau (spending a night in local Berau Hotel* where we can collect you on the morning of trip departure) OR stay the night in Balikpapan and take an onward morning flight to Berau (BEJ) with Batik Air or Wings Air.
- Note: Transfer from Berau to White Manta/ Tanjung Batu pier, 2 hours 30 mins by car.

HOW TO GET FROM BERAU (BEJ)

- From White Manta/ Tanjung Batu pier, Indonesia. 2 hours 30 mins by car to Berau Airport (BEJ)
- Direct flights back to Jakarta on either morning or afternoon direct flights with Batik Air and Citilink (recommended Batik Air flight ID 6431 ETD-BEJ 08:55 ETA-CGK 10:20).
- If flying to Singapore, then can fly to Balikpapan (BPN) with Batik Air or Wings Air, then Scoot Air back to Singapore.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

Land transfer from hotel / airport from destination start and end days (Tg.Batu pier and Berau) 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), 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
