New White Manta
7 day/ 6 nights & 16 dives
Ambon-Banda-Ring of Fire
Itinerary

White Manta Trip Schedule

- **Departure; 2pm, 1st Day - Laha Bay, Ambon**. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and if all Trip Preparations are completed. Free transfer from local hotel or Pattimura Airport, Ambon to White Manta on Trip Departure day (transfer time 10 mins).
- **Return; 5am, Last Day - Laha Bay, Ambon.** After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Pattimura Airport, Ambon in time for Check-in & flight (transfer time 10 mins). **Note**; latest WM Check-out midday, Trip Return day.
- **Last dive ends; 12pm, Penultimate Day**, then sail back to Ambon where we spend 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 next day.

Starting with muck diving in Ambon and then crossing the Banda Sea, tracing the perimeter of islands. Let our experienced crew show you these remote and almost untouched locations with wonderful reefs and stunning drop offs. Marine life here is in abundance from macro critters, sea snakes and schooling fish to the 'big fish' favorites such as manta rays, reef sharks and even the chance to encounter Scalloped Hammerheads

Sample Itinerary

- **Note**; all schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- **Day 1.** (2 dives) 2pm. Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Pattimura Airport, Ambon or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting White Manta. Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive(s) in Ambon Bay before we get underway by 2pm for overnight sail.
- **Day 2**. (3 dives) Diving around Banda Islands with excellent visibility, fantastic coral coverage and tremendous numbers of fish along with potential Hammerhead sightings, plus a visit to one of the Spice Islands.
- **Day 3-5.** (3 dives x3 days) Ring of Fire; diving around Volcanic Islands and stunning seamounts in search of hammerheads, encounter many sea snakes, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas, & other pelagic superstars.
- **Day 6.** (2 dives) Hukurila Cave & Molana. Sail back to Ambon where you spend last night on board. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, rest & relaxation, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.
- **Day 7.** (0 dives) 5am-12pm. Check out after light breakfast & farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport. Take your pre-booked flight to Ujung Pandang (aka Makassar), Jakarta or Singapore

- **Diving days**: 6 days (16 dives)
- **Note:** 3 dives are scheduled per diving day*. This is due to deeper dives and long distances covered between islands. Where possible a bonus night dive may be scheduled at the discretion of the Cruise Leader. *Except Trip Departure day & Trip Return day.

Dive Site Information

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- **Water Temp**; 26-28 degrees Celsius, however deep-water upwelling's & thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. **Air Temp**; 22-31 degrees Celsius
- **Visibility**; 20-30 meters, **Currents**; medium to strong, **Level**; intermediate to advanced,
- **Best Time to Dive**; March, April, & mid-September to early December

Embarkation / Disembarkation

- Ambon (AMQ) / Ambon (AMQ)

How to get to & from Ambon (AMQ)

- Lion Air daily flights from Bali via Makassar or Manado, Garuda Indonesia, Sriwijaya Air, Lion Air, or Express Air from Jakarta via Makassar to Ambon. On the return, same airlines offer early morning flight from Ambon to give you good chance to catch connecting International flight.

What's included?

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Ambon) to boat, all nights' accommodation on White Manta, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages; coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services, FOC replacement if equipment breakdown, 12-liter air tanks, weights & belt, warm towel & drink after every dive, 5 dive guides (1x Instructor, 4x Dive Master), 16 dives

What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start & end dates fee applies per car, Marine Park & Harbour fee (**USD250/ pax**), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD35/ hour), laundry services (USD5/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD30 for trip per person)
- Diving Gear; Full Set USD50/ diving day (except Large tank) or if individual items then; BCD (USD12), Regulator (USD12), wetsuit (USD8), fins (USD5), mask (USD5), torch (USD12), dive computer (USD12), 15L tank rental (USD12)
- Nitrox Enriched Air fills (USD15/ diving day or USD5/ fill).
- **Note**: Nitrox & Diving Gear Items priced per diving day and is subject to availability
- **Note**: Exposure suits; 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.

Additional Trip Information

- For more regional Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's, please find our Banda Sea Fact Sheet
- For more Vessel Information, please find our New White Manta Info Pack
- **Note**; late receipt of Passport details may very likely lead to delayed departure & significant changes to the itinerary. We **MUST** receive guest's details well in advance in the trip.