



# New White Manta

## 10 day/ 9 nights & 26 dives

### Lembeh-Halmahera-Raja Ampat

## Itinerary

#### White Manta Trip Schedule

- **Departure; 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Day - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi.** Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations completed. Free transfer from local hotel or [Sam Ratulangi Airport](#), Manado to White Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 2 hours).
- **Return; 5am, Last Day - Sorong, West Papua.** After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or [Domine Edward Osok Airport](#), Sorong in time for Check-in & flight (transfer time 20-30 mins). **Note;** latest WM Check-out, midday.
- **Last dive ends; 12pm (midday), penultimate day.** Plenty of time for R&R as we sail back to Sorong where we spend the last night on White Manta. This allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying next day.

Starting in the world-famous critter heaven of the Lembeh Straits, we to travel Halmahera where remote, unspoiled and stunning underwater landscapes await, Halmahera's pristine beauty is staggering and made all the more alluring by the lack of crowds. Crossing from Halmahera to Raja Ampat we conclude the cruise in some of the world's most bio-diverse waters. 580 kinds of coral, 1,397 species of fish including 23 endemics, are just a few of the numbers used to define this area, Raja Ampat is truly at the epicenter of marine biodiversity and should be on every scuba diver 'bucket list.'

#### Sample Itinerary

- **Note;** all schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- **Day 1.** (0-2 dives) 5pm. Our staff will meet you upon arrival to Manado Airport & 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.** (3 dives) Pulau Tifore; amazing divesite island in the Moluccan Sea equidistant from Goraichi & Lembeh, schools of jacks, snappers and massive school of barracuda. Sail to Halmahera.
- **Day 3.** (4 dives) Palau Tolimau & Goraichi; Manta cleaning station & fish packed reefs amongst pristine hard coral gardens.
- **Day 4.** (3-4 dives) Palau Kusu; strong currents & amazing action in the Patintie Strait.
- **Day 5.** (4 dives) Palau Bacan; shark point, reef sharks, schools of barracuda & jacks along a coral & sponge packed reef.
- **Day 6.** (3 dives) Pulau Pisang; healthy, species rich coral reefs, in aquarium like conditions. Sail to Raja Ampat.
- **Day 7.** (3 dives) Raja Ampat; Pennemu & Fam Islands; Melissa's Garden, My Reef, Keruo channel.
- **Day 8.** (4 dives) Raja Ampat; Yangeffo Island; Dive amongst the mangroves then Big fish action at Mayhem or Manta Sandy.
- **Day 9.** (2 dives) Raja Ampat; last two dives in Dampier Strait. Sail back to [Usahamina pier](#), Sorong where you spend last night on board. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, have lunch, rest & relaxation, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.
- **Day 10.** (0 dives) 5am-12pm. Check out after light breakfast, farewells, and transfer to local hotel or airport. Departure from Sorong to Manado/ Makassar/ Jakarta/ Denpasar.
- **Diving days:** 9 days (26 dives)

## Dive Site Information

### Lembeh

- **Water Temp;** 27-30 degrees Celsius, **Air Temp;** 27-32 degrees Celsius,
- **Visibility;** 20-30 meters, **Currents;** mild, **Level;** beginners to advanced.
- **Best Time to Dive;** September to April (less rain & much less wind; perfect for diving)

### Halmahera-Raja Ampat

- **Water Temp;** 27-30 degrees Celsius, **Air Temp;** 27-32 degrees Celsius,
- **Visibility;** 15-30 meters, **Currents;** medium to strong, **Level;** intermediate to advanced,
- **Best Time to Dive;** October to April (less rain & much less wind; perfect for diving)

## Embarkation / Disembarkation

- Manado (MDC), North Sulawesi / Sorong (SOQ), West Papua

## How to get to Manado (MDC), North Sulawesi

- From Bali [Lion Air](#) daily flights via Makassar/ Surabaya. From Jakarta, direct with [Garuda Indonesia](#)
- International, from Singapore direct flights with [Silk Air](#). Or fly to Jakarta and catch early morning Domestic flight

## How to get from Sorong (SOQ), West Papua

- It is easiest to fly from Sorong (SOQ) via Jakarta (CGK), Makassar (UPG Ujung Pandang), Bali (DPS, Denpasar), or Singapore (SIN).
- Domestic Airlines; [Garuda Indonesia](#) / [Sriwijaya Air](#) / [Lion Air](#) / [Express Air](#)

## What's included?

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Manado/ Sorong) 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), 26 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, find our [Molucca & Celebes Sea Fact Sheet](#)
- For more regional Trip & Travel information & FAQ's, please find our [Raja Ampat 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.