

CARPE DIEM PHINISI

Manado: Bitung to Bitung

Bitung to Bitung | Bunaken, Ruang, Mahengetang, Siau and Lembeh

North Sulawesi has one of the only active underwater volcanoes in the world, where sulphur-covered rocks give off small bursts of volcanic gas among humphead parrotfish and giant sponges.

Nearby walls are hung with gorgonian fans, with hammerhead sharks, eagle rays and schools of tuna passing, and Bunaken adds barracuda, Napoleon wrasse, turtles and reef sharks.

Ruang has hawksbill turtles, manta rays, reef sharks and schools of jacks, while a flooded caldera open to the sea has coral-covered slopes with ribbon eels and pygmy seahorses.

The trip ends in Lembeh Strait, critters galore, with frogfish, mimic octopuses, rhinopias and hairy frogfish.

At night the Karangetang volcano glows above Siau.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Bitung	Bitung	Advanced Open Water or better







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Bitung

Check dive

Meet and greet, then onboard for a check dive in Lembeh Strait.

DAY 2

Bunaken

Dives

Potential sites include Lekuan Wall, with barracuda, Napoleon wrasse, turtles and reef sharks, Fukui Point, with giant clams, pygmy seahorses and eagle rays, Sachiko's Point, a fine example of Bunaken's walls, and Celah Celah, a good night dive.

DAY 3

Ruang and Tagulandang

Dives

Ruang Reef, with hawksbill turtles, manta rays, reef sharks and schools of jacks, and Tagulandang Island, with coral gardens, nudibranchs, frogfish and pygmy seahorses, on black sand and coral blocks.



DAY 4

Mahengetang and Sangihe

Dives

Mahengetang has one of the only active underwater volcanoes in the world, where sulphur-covered rocks give off small bursts of volcanic gas, among humphead parrotfish and giant sponges.
At Sangihe there is another volcano, with a chance of hammerheads, rays, reef sharks and dolphins, and the Lost City site.

DAY 5

Siau

Dives

Dives around Siau, where the Karangetang volcano can be seen glowing at night, with Eddy Point and Batu Lehi, a wall dive with a beach hot spring.
Mahengetang walls have gorgonian fans, hammerhead sharks, eagle rays and schools of tuna, and Mahoro has Napoleon wrasse, whitetip reef sharks and turtles.

DAY 6

Biaro

Dives

A flooded caldera open to the sea, with Lamango, a shallow night dive, The Labyrinth, Sweetlip City, Bomb and Zaccharias Rocks and Kalokoki, with coral-covered slopes, pygmy seahorses, nudibranchs and ribbon eels.



DAY 7

Lembeh Strait

Dives

Critters galore, with frogfish, nudibranchs, mimic octopuses, rhinopias and hairy frogfish at sites such as Nudi Falls, with seahorses, ribbon eels and skeleton shrimp.

DAY 8

Bitung

The crew arranges your transfer to the airport or your hotel.
Check out is between 7 am and 11 am, depending on your flight.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Bunaken

Walls and turtles.

Mahengetang

An active underwater volcano.

Karangetang

A glowing volcano seen at night from Siau.

Lembeh

Macro critters.

Check in

Guests are met at the airport or where they are staying. The ideal check in time is 9 am, the earliest is 7.30 am and the latest is 10 am. The check dive is normally on the day of boarding.

Check out

Check out is between 7 am and 11 am, depending on your destination and flight times, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

Diving finishes at about 11 am on the day before check out, with two morning dives. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport, ferry terminal or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin with hot shower, towels and toiletries
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, tea and coffee
- PADI divemaster dive guides and all diving equipment
- Sea kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- A multi-lingual cruise director
- Welcome drinks on arrival

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, ferries and hotels before and after the cruise
- National park fees, paid on board
- Wine, spirits and beer
- Scuba courses
- Satellite phone use and crew tips
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

This is a proposed itinerary for planning only, subject to the weather and the conditions on board and at each site

Good to know

The daily programme is discussed with guests each evening for the following day

Good to know

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel