

CARPE DIEM PHINISI

# Molucca Sea plus Manado: Ternate to Bitung

*Ternate to Bitung | Goraici, Tifore, Bunaken and Lembeh*

Beautiful coral reefs full of life ring the Goraici islands, with a coral-covered wall of blacktip sharks, good macro and night spots and white beaches.

A huge seamount at Tifore holds schools of fish and a school of barracuda, and where the current hits its southeast face the hard and soft corals are packed with huge shoals.

Bangka and Bunaken offer a wide range of topographies and rich biodiversity.

The trip ends in Lembeh Strait with cameras ready for the mimic octopus, flamboyant cuttlefish, harlequin shrimps, ghost pipefish, countless nudibranchs and the endemic Banggai cardinalfish.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 10 days / 9 nights | Ternate | Bitung | Advanced Open Water or better |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Ternate

Check dive

Airport or hotel pick up, then a check dive before sailing to the Goraici islands.

DAY 2-3

## Goraici

Dives

A small archipelago with beautiful coral reefs full of life around the islands, including a coral-covered wall with blacktip sharks, good macro and night spots, and white beaches.

DAY 4

## Tifore

3 dives

Three dives on a huge seamount, with schools of fish.
On the south side, Pantai Sago is known for a school of barracuda.
The southeast face, where the current hits the reef, has hard and soft corals and huge shoals of fish.



DAY 5-6

## Bangka and Bunaken

3 to 4 dives a day

Dive sites such as Batu Gosok, Batu Mandi, Batu Pendeta, Peter Sponge, Sahuang, Bunaken Timur and Lekuan I, II and III, with a wide range of topographies and rich biodiversity.

DAY 7-8

## Lembeh Strait

Dives

Cameras ready.
A place with a great chance to see shy critters such as the mimic octopus, flamboyant cuttlefish, harlequin shrimps, skeleton shrimps and countless nudibranchs, along with Ambon scorpionfish, snake eels, stonefish, stargazers, pygmy seahorses, mandarin fish, ghost pipefish and the endemic Banggai cardinalfish.

DAY 9

## Lembeh Strait

Dives

A last day of macro diving in Lembeh Strait.

DAY 10

## Bitung

After breakfast the crew takes you 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

### Lembeh Strait

Macro critters.

### Bunaken

Walls and biodiversity.

### Tifore

A seamount.

### Goraici

White beaches.

### 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