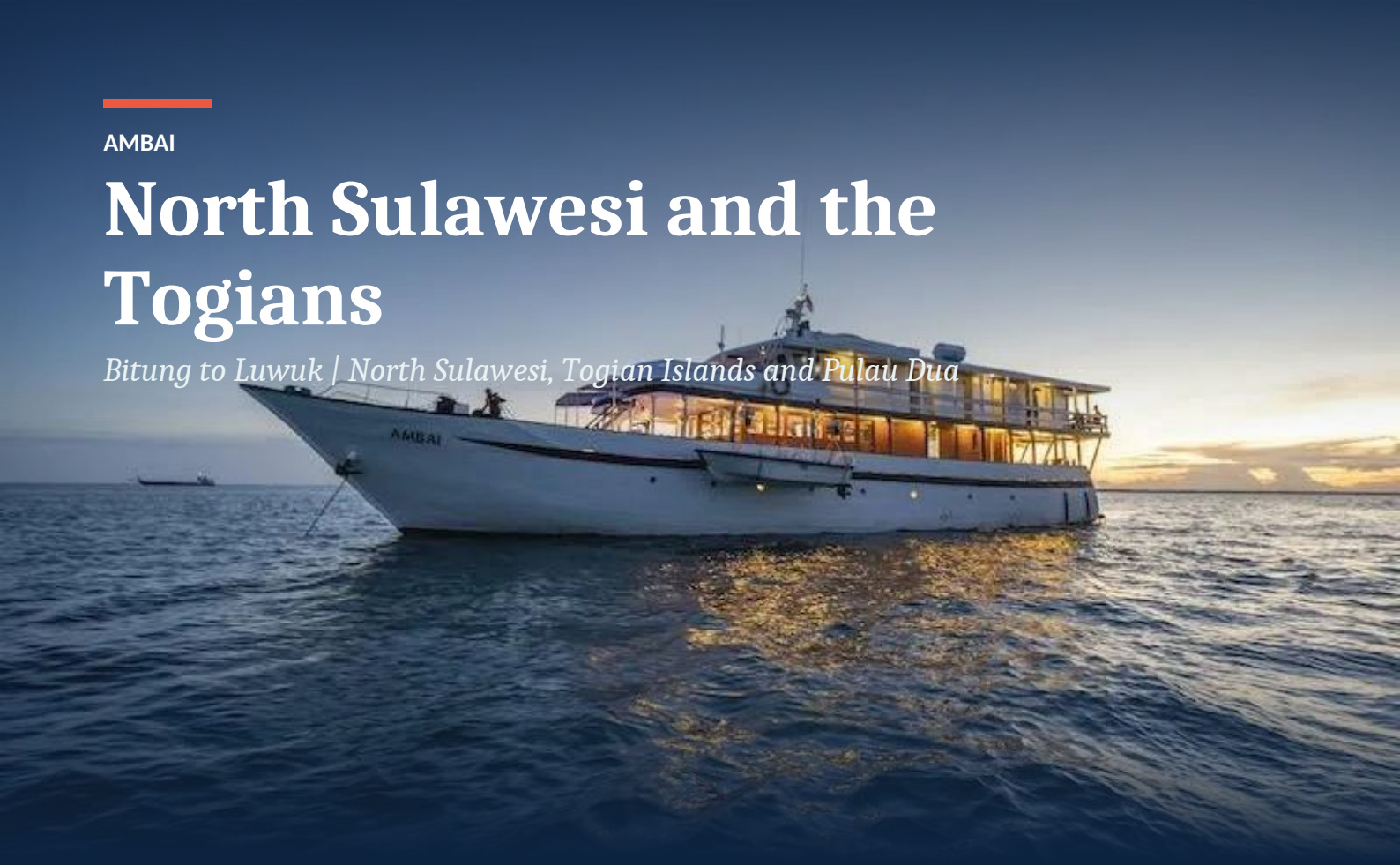
AMBAI

North Sulawesi and the Togians

Bitung to Luwuk | North Sulawesi, Togian Islands and Pulau Dua



This trip along the east coast of Sulawesi, from Bitung to Luwuk, visits areas seldom visited by divers.

It offers outstanding diving and is a perfect itinerary for both fish life and critters.

Close to Gorontalo the walls and slopes are very colourful, with a great variety of corals, and there is even a spot with resident whale sharks.

Around the volcanic island of Una-Una, some of the biggest sponges in Indonesia come in every shape and colour, and a huge school of barracudas gathers.

Further on, sea mounts, pinnacles, gorgonians and soft corals bring schools of surgeonfish, trevallies and reef sharks.

For macro lovers there are frogfish, ghost pipefish, mimic and blue-ringed octopus, flamboyant cuttlefish and pygmy seahorses.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Bitung	Luwuk	30 dives, Advanced







Your route

STOP 1

Leaving Bitung

The boat departs directly from Bitung, no dives are planned in the Lembeh Strait.

STOP 2

North Sulawesi, Bolsel and Gorontalo

A mix of rocky sea mounts, walls diving and critter dives.
Schools of barracudas and trevallies.
Bolsel is a very fishy area while close to Gorontalo the dive sites are very colorful walls and slopes with a great variety of corals and the famous “Dali Sponge”.
There is also a spot with some resident whale sharks.

STOP 3

Togians and Una-Una

Togians / Una-Una: In the Togean islands we essentially dive around the island of Una-Una.
This volcanic island that experienced its last eruption in 1984 offers fantastic diving.
The sponges, of all shape and colors, are among the biggest of Indonesia.
The fish life is very intense, with a huge school of barracudas on the famous dive site of Apollo.



STOP 4

Pulau Dua

This is where we did set up our dive resort, the Tompotika Dive Lodge: sea mounts, high voltage pinnacles, gorgonians, soft corals, and an intense fish life, combined with great critter dives make this area one of the finest diving area of Indonesia.

STOP 5

Pulau Dua, continued

A perfect blend between critters and reef dives including walls, pinnacles, and great soft corals bommies, schools of fishes and reef sharks.

STOP 6

Sailing to Luwuk

From Pulau Dua, the boat sails to Luwuk where the trip ends.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Ashore

On Una-Una you walk through the main village and around, and at Pulau Dua you visit the village, stop on beautiful beaches and can trek into the hills. The team of the Tompotika Foundation presents its marine conservation and community work.

How the diving works

Divers go in groups of up to four with a dive guide, with a briefing before every dive. Nitrox is free for certified divers, and divers are asked to stay within no deco limits, to a maximum depth of 35 metres.

Snorkelling

The trip is open to snorkellers, with specific guidance, but some dive sites on this itinerary, such as sea mounts, pinnacles and muck dives, are not ideal for snorkelling.

Visibility and water

Generally good in North Sulawesi, Bolsel and Gorontalo, excellent in the Togian islands, and good to average at Pulau Dua. The water is between 27 and 30°C.

Currents

Some of the dives can have consistent currents. The guides check the current before each dive and brief you on the conditions, and the crew picks the right place at the right time.

Check in

You are welcome on board in Bitung up to 3 pm, the first dive is at 4 pm on the arrival day, and the boat leaves at 5 pm. Ambai can arrange pick up from the airport or your hotel.

Check out

The cruise ends in Luwuk and you disembark before 12 noon. Ambai can arrange the drop off at the airport or your hotel. The last dive is at 10 am on the penultimate day.

Airports

Manado (MDC) at the start and Luwuk (LUW) at the end of the trip.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers between the boat and the closest airport
- Accommodation in a shared twin or double bed cabin
- All meals and snacks, drinking water, soft drinks and hot drinks
- All guided dives, with one guide for up to four divers
- Aluminium 12 litre tank, weights and belts
- Free nitrox for certified divers
- Four complimentary kayaks on board

NOT INCLUDED

- Park and port fees and fuel surcharge, paid in cash on board
- International and domestic flights
- Alcoholic beverages, which you can bring yourself
- Diving equipment rental and 100 cf (15 litre) tank
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Massages and laundry

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook (PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent with at least 30 logged dives)
- Dive insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents, which is highly recommended

AND ALSO

- Your own dive equipment, or rental booked before the cruise, as not all sizes are on board
- Cash for park and port fees, fuel surcharge, tips and extras, as credit cards are not accepted on board

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The route can vary slightly with weather, currents, visibility and tides

Good to know

Payments on board are in cash only, in euros, US dollars, Australian dollars, Swiss francs or Indonesian rupiah, and prepayment by wire transfer can be arranged

Good to know

Divers with less experience can join with special supervision, arranged before the cruise

Good to know

Prices and trip dates are shown on our trip listings