AMIRA

Banda Sea Adventure

Saumlaki to Ambon | Gunung Api, Lucipara and Ambon



This is an extraordinary trip, with the sea snakes of Gunung Api, the snake island, then Lucipara and the muck diving of Ambon.

A small volcanic island, little more than a rock, rises from an abyss 4,000 metres deep, and no other place is home to so many different sea snakes.

They are met in large numbers at every dive site, and a large colony of sea birds nests above.

A small group of sand islands has lush cliffs with caves and grottos, large gorgonians, giant sponges and whip coral, many turtles and an abundance of fish, including sharks.

The adventure ends in the bay of Ambon, with fascinating muck diving and a beautifully overgrown wreck.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 nights	Saumlaki	Ambon	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding

No dives

The Amira crew pick you up from the airport or hotel.
After a welcome drink you check in to your cabin, then have breakfast or lunch, depending on the time you arrive.
Once everyone is on board, the cruise director gives a detailed boat and safety briefing, and in the afternoon a general diving briefing explains how the diving is organised.
Usually there are no dives on the first day.

DAY 2-3

Crossing the Banda Sea

2 to 3 dives a day

The trip starts with a crossing into the Banda Sea, so there are fewer dives while the boat cruises towards the Banda Islands.

DAY 4-6

Gunung Api

3 to 4 dives a day

The dives at the snake island Gunung Api are a lasting memory.
This small volcanic island is little more than a rock, surrounded by an abyss 4,000 metres deep.
No other place is home to so many different sea snakes, which you meet in large numbers at every dive site.
The island is also home to a large colony of sea birds, and in calm seas it is possible to explore it on foot.

DAY 7-8

Lucipara

3 to 4 dives a day

Lucipara is a small group of sand islands, with dives on lush cliffs with caves and grottos.
Around Lucipara there are large gorgonians, giant sponges and whip coral, many turtles and an abundance of fish, including sharks.

DAY 9-11

Ambon Bay

3 to 4 dives a day

The tour ends in the bay of Ambon with fascinating muck diving.
Sites such as Laha and Air Manis have surprised many divers, and a beautifully overgrown wreck in the bay is waiting to be explored.

DAY 12

Last diving day

Up to 2 dives

The last diving day has a maximum of 2 dives, then the boat cruises to the disembarkation harbour.
Keep to the no-flying rule, pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 13

Check out

Check out and transfer to the airport or your hotel, accompanied by the crew.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Gunung Api

The snake island, with sea snakes at every dive site.

Lucipara

Cliffs, caves, giant sponges and whip coral.

Ambon

Muck diving at Laha and Air Manis, and a wreck.

Sea birds

A large colony on Gunung Api.

Check in

The Amira crew pick you up from the airport or hotel, welcome you with a drink and show you to your cabin. Check in is possible early in the morning after the first flights arrive, and the latest check in is 11:30 am. If no flight arrives before noon, fly to the port the day before and stay in a hotel.

Check out

The boat arrives in the disembarkation port late the evening before, so check out is possible from midnight until 10:30 am at the latest. The crew take you to the airport or your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, they can drop you at a hotel and collect you in time for check in at the airport.

Last dive

The last dive is on the second to last day, with a maximum of 2 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

- Full board, with five meals a day
- Water, tea and coffee
- Diving with up to 4 dives a day
- Cylinders, weights and weight belts
- Multilingual dive guides and cruise directors
- Transfers between the airport or hotel and the boat
- Land excursions
- ENOS GPS rescue beacon
- Free nitrox for certified EANx divers

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- 15 litre tanks
- Dive courses
- Rental dive gear
- Port clearance and harbour tax
- National park fee and local fee
- Fuel surcharge or distance fee
- On-board purchases
- Alcohol and soft drinks
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Laundry service
- Wi-Fi and telecommunications
- Dive, travel and medical 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

Sites and timings are an example of the route and are not guaranteed. The captain and cruise director decide the final route, depending on the weather and sea conditions