AMIRA

Forgotten Islands Long

Saumlaki to Maumere | Forgotten Islands, Banda Sea and Alor



The Forgotten Islands are a remote chain of islands spanning more than 1,000 km, with some of the best and still largely unexplored dive sites in Indonesian waters.

Massive sponges in big numbers are what make the reefs of the Forgotten Islands special, and with luck you may see them spawning.

Around them the water is deep blue and clear, and the reefs run on endlessly with soft and hard corals and schooling fish in abundance.

The reef tops, with plenty of leather corals and healthy hard coral gardens, are some of the best.

After roughly 800 nautical miles of remote diving across the Banda Sea, Alor offers muck diving and walls.

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







Your itinerary

This is the 11 night Forgotten Islands itinerary; the 12 night trip spends a little longer in the hotspots.

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 2-7

Forgotten Islands

3 to 4 dives a day

The trip starts in the very far east of Indonesia, in the remote Forgotten Islands, which can only be reached by liveaboard.
The Banda Sea sites have deep blue clear water, endless reefs with soft and hard corals and schooling fish in abundance.
The massive sponges are what make these reefs special, and if you are lucky you may see them spawning.
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DAY 8-9

Crossing the Banda Sea

2 to 3 dives

A journey of roughly 800 nautical miles takes you through the Banda Sea.
This is a crossing tour, so there are very few night dives and hardly any land excursions.

DAY 10

Alor

3 to 4 dives

Alor offers muck diving and walls.
There may be one cold day here, with water down to 20 C.

DAY 11

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 12

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

Forgotten Islands

A chain of more than 1,000 km from Timor to West Papua.

Sponges

Massive sponges in big numbers, and healthy reef tops.

Alor

Muck diving and walls.

Banda Sea

About 800 nautical miles of remote diving.

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

Good to know

This itinerary runs from Saumlaki to Maumere. It can also be sailed in reverse, from Maumere to Saumlaki

Good to know

The current is mild to strong, and the water is mostly 27 to 29 C, apart from Alor