AMIRA

Misool and Banda Sea

Ambon to Sorong | Ambon, Nusa Laut, Banda Islands and Misool

Some of the best diving between the Moluccas and Raja Ampat, from the muck of Ambon to the Banda Islands and Misool.

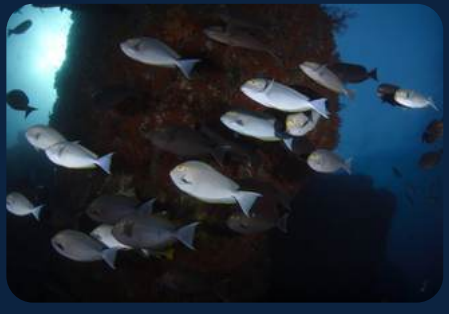
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The Banda Islands bring one of the best mandarin fish dives, a lava flow with fast-growing corals and an exceptionally beautiful underwater landscape.

Misool finishes the trip with colourful reefs, macro creatures, sharks and wobbegongs.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 nights	Ambon	Sorong	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

Ambon and Pulau Tiga

3 to 4 dives a day

Ambon has a reputation as a great muck diving destination but also has beautiful reef dives. Sites such as Air Manis and Laha always have extraordinary and rare marine creatures, and at Pulau Tiga there are beautiful reefs with diverse fish life.

DAY 4

Nusa Laut

3 to 4 dives

Nusa Laut has an abundance of fish, strong currents and magnificent underwater scenery, a treat even for spoiled divers.

DAY 5-7

The Banda Islands

3 to 4 dives a day

One of the best mandarin fish dives, a lava flow with fast-growing corals and an exceptionally beautiful underwater landscape are all part of diving the Banda Islands, with many sites full of fish.
There is also a shore excursion to visit the historic forts of the Dutch occupiers.

DAY 8-9

Crossing to Misool

2 to 3 dives a day

A long crossing takes you to the island of Misool, with fewer dives while you cruise.

DAY 10-11

Misool

3 to 4 dives a day

At Misool you find a colourful mix of beautiful reefs, macro creatures, many fish, sharks and wobbegongs, sometimes with strong currents.
Dive sites such as Fiabacet and Gorgonian Passage make every diver's heart beat faster.

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

Banda Islands

The mandarin fish dives, the lava flow and the historic Dutch forts.

Ambon

Muck diving at Laha and Air Manis.

Nusa Laut

Fish, current and scenery.

Misool

Fiabacet and Gorgonian Passage.

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 Ambon to Sorong. The same trip can also be sailed in reverse, from Sorong to Ambon