AURORA

Banda Sea and Triton Bay

Ambon to Kaimana | Banda Neira, Koon, Momon, Namatote and Triton Bay



Set sail on an unforgettable adventure aboard Aurora and dive into the mesmerising beauty of the Banda Sea.

Known for its pristine water, vibrant marine life and historical charm, it is the ideal mix of exploration and calm.

Slip into the clear water to snorkel over stunning coral reefs and meet a wide variety of marine life, or paddle through quiet bays and hidden coves to the soothing sounds of nature.

On Banda Neira, guided land tours reveal the rich heritage, lush landscapes and captivating history of the island.

The eleven nights run from Nusa Laut and Banda Neira through Koon to the reefs of Momon, Namatote and Triton Bay.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Ambon	Kaimana	Open Water, 30 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Ambon

The crew welcome you at the airport for immediate boarding, and depending on the arrival time there may be a check dive in Laha or Tulehu Bay, famous for muck diving that only the Lembeh Strait can compete with.
Check-in is from 6 am, with free airport pick-up from 06:00, and pick-up in the city centre on request.

DAY 2

Nusa Laut

South of Seram, the reefs of Nusa Laut are popular for their diversity of reef fish, ghost pipefish, frogfish and well-preserved hard corals.
Sperm whales have been seen in the area on previous trips, so keep your eyes open.

DAY 3-4

Banda Islands

Sloping reefs and vertical walls around the Banda archipelago draw fusiliers, dogtooth tuna, eagle rays, barracuda and sometimes sharks, with soft corals, leather corals, bigeye trevallies and turtles on the reef.
A sunset dive in front of Banda Neira looks for the shy mandarin fish, and a land excursion visits Banda Neira village, an unforgettable cultural experience.

DAY 5

Suanggi

Pulau Suanggi, at the northern end of the outer reefs of the Banda Sea, has water full of fish, reef sharks, tuna and sometimes hammerhead sharks.
Bird lovers can watch brown boobies, red-footed boobies and frigate birds around the island.

DAY 6

Koon Island

The small island of Koon has a vertical wall and a slope where the current curls, pushing in schools of trevallies, batfish and barracuda.
Reef sharks are common, but the stars of the show are the giant groupers, the largest of them 3 metres long.

DAY 7

Momon

Momon Reef in West Papua is a large hard coral seamount with some of the healthiest fish life in the area: big schools of bigeye trevally and batfish, Napoleon wrasse, barracuda and giant trevally.
In the afternoon you visit the Kita Kita waterfalls, where a freshwater river runs straight into the sea.

DAY 8

Namatote

Namatote and Sagin are rich in fish life and beautiful hard and soft corals, with soft coral walls, schools of jacks, barracuda, turtles, octopus and all kinds of critters, great diving for both wide-angle and macro.

DAY 9-11

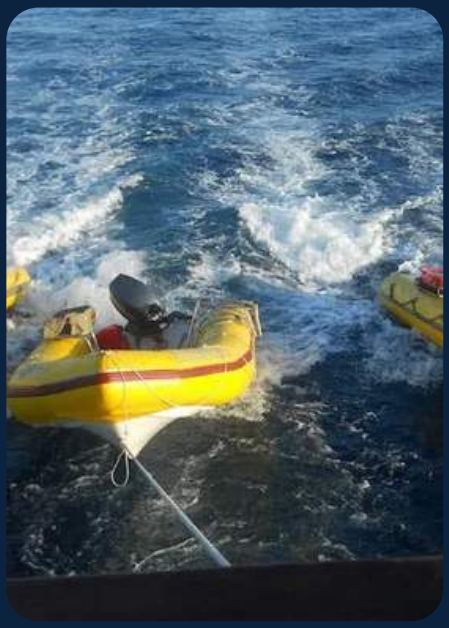
Triton Bay

Triton Bay, still relatively unknown and protected since 2008, is fast becoming legendary for its corals full of small creatures, huge schools of fish and migrating whale sharks.

DAY 12

Kaimana

After breakfast the crew organise your transfer to the airport in Kaimana to suit your flight. Check-out is at 12 noon.







ROUTE MAP

Banda Sea and Triton Bay route



GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Safety

The boat carries oxygen therapy, an AED, first aid kits, life jackets, a satellite phone and a fire alarm system.

Eco commitment

The boat holds the Manta Trust, Green Fins and Sulubaai labels, and uses mooring buoys instead of anchoring wherever it can.

Check in

A representative holding a sign meets you at the airport, just outside the arrival hall after baggage claim and customs.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day the crew organise your transfer to the airport, according to your flight schedule.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport pick-up and drop-off, before and after the cruise, from the nearest airport
- Double or twin air-conditioned en-suite cabin
- Meals and all soft drinks on board, excluding beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- A minimum of 20 to 25 dives, including night dives, depending on the weather and flight schedules
- 12 litre tank, weight belt and weights, and a diving guide
- Nitrox, offered as a service on board
- Multilingual guides on board, speaking French, English and Indonesian
- Land excursions according to the itinerary
- Free Starlink Wi-Fi for WhatsApp, email and basic web browsing
- Marine park and port fees, shown as included in the price on our trip listings

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights and visas
- Scuba diving courses and rental dive equipment
- 15 litre tank
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Extra excursions on request
- Beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- Souvenirs, laundry and use of the satellite phone
- Full-access Starlink Wi-Fi, charged by data package
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Balinese massage
- A single-use supplement if you want a cabin to yourself

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook, showing at least 30 logged dives
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive insurance, which is mandatory
- 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 and cash for crew tips

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The route is an example and may change with the weather

Good to know

Divers need a Level 1 CMAS or Open Water certificate with at least 30 logged dives

Good to know

A fuel or exchange rate surcharge may be applied, with at least 14 days notice and none within 28 days of departure