BLUE MANTA

Alor, Banda and Ambon

Alor to Ambon | Alor, the Banda Sea and Ambon



The Ring of Fire is remote and almost untouched, a chain of volcanic islands and stunning seamounts rising from deep water.

Scalloped hammerheads are the prize, along with many sea snakes, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas and other pelagic superstars.

The Banda Islands bring excellent visibility, fantastic coral coverage and tremendous numbers of fish, plus a visit to one of the Spice Islands.

Around Alor, pristine coral reefs, fantastic macro life and schooling fish make for amazing diving far from the crowds, and pilot whales or dolphins may appear at the surface.

The trip finishes with muck diving in Ambon Bay.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Alor	Ambon	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Alor

0-2 dives

Boarding from 1pm.
Our staff will meet you in Mali Airport or local hotel and transfer you to Blue Manta at Kalabahi Port.
Depending on arrival time, we do local check dive plus night dive.

DAY 2

Alor

4 dives

Diving around the best sites: Karl's Dream and Critters diving.
Beautiful reefs in (sometimes cold!) clear blue waters, great macro, and fish life.
Sail to Pulau Wetar.

DAY 3

Wetar

3 dives

Excellent wall, pelagic life, and fantastic drop-offs.
Sail towards Ring of Fire overnight.

DAY 4

Ring of Fire (days 4 to 7)

3 dives a day

Diving around Volcanic Islands and stunning seamounts in search of hammerheads, encounter many sea snakes, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas, and other pelagic superstars.

DAY 8

Banda Islands (days 8 and 9)

3 dives a day

Diving around Banda Islands with excellent visibility, fantastic coral coverage, and tremendous numbers of fish along with potential Hammerhead sightings, plus a visit to one of the Spice Islands.

DAY 10

Ambon Bay and Nusa Laut

2 dives

Muck dives in Ambon Bay or Nusa Laut.
Sail back to Ambon where you spend last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Check out in Ambon

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport.
Take your pre-booked flight to Ujung Pandang, Jakarta, or Singapore.

THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

10 days (28 dives)

Alor, Ring of Fire, Banda and Ambon

Around Alor the water is 22-26°C, it can be cold in the waters around Alor and we do recommend you bring extra exposure suit for this section of the cruise. Water 26-28°C, however deep-water upwelling and thermoclines especially in Sep- Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. Air 22-31°C. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents mild to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: March, April, and mid-September to early December.

Check in

1pm, 1st day - Alor, East Nusa Tenggara. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Mali Airport, Alor or local hotel (10am) to Port (transfer time around 1 hour) to Blue Manta on trip departure day.

Check out

5am, last day - Ambon. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel* or Pattimura Airport, Ambon in time for check-in and flights (transfer time 10 mins). Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm (midday), Penultimate Day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Ambon where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Alor/ Ambon) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on Blue Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services
- Free replacement if equipment breaks down
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 28 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

All schedules are subject to change according to weather, sea, diving and local conditions

Good to know

3 dives are scheduled per diving day*. This is due to deeper dives and long distances covered between islands. Where possible a bonus night dive may be scheduled at the discretion of the Cruise Leader. *Except trip departure day and trip return day

Good to know

Alor is served by a small regional airport and airline delays and even cancellations are possible. For this reason, we strongly recommend all guests arrive to Alor the day before trip departure and spend one night in Kalabahi area hotel where we will collect you on the morning of trip departure





