BLUE MANTA

Ambon, Banda and Raja Ampat

Ambon to Sorong | Ambon, the Banda Sea and Raja Ampat

Three seas in one trip, ending in Raja Ampat, one of the most biodiverse diving destinations in the world.

In the remote Ring of Fire, volcanic islands and stunning seamounts hold hammerheads, 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.

West Seram offers wide angle diving with vibrant corals and a profusion of fish life.

The finale is Misool, with manta rays and reef sharks among the big fish favourites.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Ambon

0-2 dives

Boarding from 2pm.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Pattimura Airport, Ambon or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting Blue Manta.
Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive(s) in Ambon Bay before we get underway by 2pm for overnight sail.

DAY 2

Banda Islands (days 2 and 3)

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 4

Ring of Fire (days 4 to 6)

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 7

West Seram

3 dives

West Seram, Pulau Koon a full day of diving.
Wide angle diving with vibrant corals and a profusion of fish life.
Sail to Misool.

DAY 8

Misool (days 8 and 9)

3-4 dives a day

Wayil, Fiabacet, and Boo area.

DAY 10

Misool

2 dives

Misool.
Sail back to Usahamina pier, Sorong where you spend last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, have lunch, rest and relaxation, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Check out in Sorong

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport.
Departure from Sorong to Manado/ Makassar/ Jakarta/ Denpasar.







THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

10 days (28 dives)

Ambon and Banda

Water 26-28°C, however deep-water upwellings and thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. Air 22-31°C. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents medium to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: March, April, and mid-September to early December.

Raja Ampat

Water 27-30°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 15-30 metres. Currents mild to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: October to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

Check in

2pm, 1st day - Laha Bay, Ambon. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and if all trip preparations are completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Pattimura Airport, Ambon or local hotel* (10am) to Blue Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 10 mins).

Check out

5am, last day, Sorong, West Papua. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to the local hotel or Domine Edward Osok Airport, Sorong in time for check-in and flight. 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 Sorong 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 (Ambon/ Sorong) 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