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Ambon, the Banda Islands, Koon and Misool

Ambon to Sorong | Laha (Ambon), Nusa Laut, The Historic Banda Islands and more

Laha's sand and gravel slopes, piers and coral heads are home to some of the planet's most sought-after photographic subjects, and it was here that the psychedelic frogfish was first found.

Nusa Laut has spectacular walls and a vibrant reef, and schools of majestic hammerhead sharks sometimes appear in the deep blue beyond.

The remote Banda Islands are a sparkling oasis rising out of the deep blue Banda Sea, with critter havens in the harbour and magnificent walls.

The route closes in Misool and Central Raja Ampat, with enormous schools of fish and wonderful critter sites.

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







Your route

Areas are shown in the order visited. Sites and dives change with the weather, the sea conditions and the captain's decisions.

STOP 1

Laha (Ambon)

Not far from Ambon airport, along the northern shore of the Ambon Inlet, the village of Laha is renowned for hosting some of the most extraordinary muck diving sites in the world.
Most of the dive points are clustered fairly close together, with names such as Middle Point, Mandarin City, Rhino City, and the one that started it all, the aptly named Twilight Zone.
Dive sites include Duke of Sparta, Ambon City, Ambon Airport.

STOP 2

Nusa Laut

Nusa Laut, the easternmost jewel in the Lease Islands archipelago, which also includes Saparua, Haruku, and Ambon, offers an unspoiled paradise both above and below the sea's surface.
The island's landscape is lush with a high-rising interior, fringed by picturesque bays and dotted with small fishing villages that exude charm and tranquillity.
Dive sites include Ameth Slope, Nahalia Slope, Amed, Nahalia Village, Ameth Village, Akon Arch.

STOP 3

The Historic Banda Islands

A Timeless Treasure.
Far out in the remote, shimmering expanse of the Banda Sea, nestled to the south of the great island of Ceram, lies a small but remarkable cluster of islands: the Banda Islands.
Scattered like emeralds across the deep blue waters, this archipelago once stood at the very heart of the global spice trade, fiercely contested by empires for its precious nutmeg and mace.
Dive sites include The Banda Islands.

STOP 4

Banda Neira

During our time in the Banda Islands, Dewi Nusantara has explored the outer island of Hatta and the magnificent reef plateau of Skaru.
Now, it's time to venture into the heart of this stunning archipelago.
A variety of diverse dive sites await, beginning with the remarkable critter dive at Mandarin Hotel.
Dive sites include Batu Kapal, Lava Flow, Pohon Miring.

STOP 5

The Koon Archipelago

The remote, sandy isles of the Koon Archipelago are dotted with sparse vegetation and just a handful of small villages, offering a secluded and untouched paradise for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike.
Koon Island is the easternmost of a collection of three small, sandy coral cays, along with Nukus and Grogus, that stretch nearly eight nautical miles from west to east.
Dive sites include Koon Wall, Too Many Fish.

STOP 6

Fiabacet and Boo

The dive sites in and around Fiabacet and Boo are, without exaggeration, among the most exceptional not only in Raja Ampat and Indonesia, but arguably across the entire planet.
This remote corner of the Coral Triangle offers a truly world-class underwater experience that continues to captivate even the most seasoned divers.
Dive sites include Nudi Rock, Tank Rock Boo West, Whale Rock (Fiabacet), Heart of Glass, Boo Rocks (Boo Windows), Boo East.

STOP 7

Jef Pele, Lili and Kepotsol

The large island of Jef Pele, as well as the nearby Lili and Kepotsol groups, do not suffer from the concentration of divers and yachts that now visit the anchorages and marine attractions further east.
However, they do feature some excellent diving opportunities.
The north-western edge of Jef Pele is home to Kaleidoscope Ridge, the anchorage's signature site.

STOP 8

The Lili and Kepotsol Island Groups

Dive sites include Lili, Toblerone, Kaleidoscope Ridge, Netted Corner, Blue Hole.

STOP 9

Wayil

The Wayil dive sites are mostly clustered around the western end of Wayilbatan Island.
Comprising multi-peaked seamounts, karst island ridges, and exciting passages, they all feature abundant coral growth and a wealth of both pelagic and reef-dwelling marine life.
At Wayil, there is something for every level of diver.
Dive sites include Dogleg Ridge, Barracuda Rock, Layer Cake, Elephant Wall, The Four Kings, Gamechanger.

STOP 10

Daram

The large island of Daram marks the easternmost boundary of the Misool region.
The vast majority of the dive sites are not located around the island itself, but rather a short distance to the north-west.
They are undoubtedly some of the most astonishing and colourful in the entire area.
Dive sites include Andiamo, Warna Berwarna, Candy Store, Fish Finger.

STOP 11

Penemu

Lying just under 15 nautical miles west of Arborek Island, the Penemu Group is a big favourite with visiting yachts.
With numerous exciting land and watersports activities, this island collection has a lot to offer.
Penemu's varied dive sites all feature dazzling, colourful reefs teeming with marine life.
Dive sites include Barracuda Ridge, Galaxy, Batu Rufus, Melissa's Garden, Keruo Channel, Rocky Mountain Way.

STOP 12

Yangello

Scuba diving around Yangello is very popular with visiting divers.
The coral-covered ridges, reefs, and seamounts around the island create a number of excellent and exciting dive sites.
One of the most popular seamounts to dive at Yangello is called Mayhem, close to the west side of the island.
This is a Dive sites include Citrus Ridge, Mayhem, Batu Dalam, Mangrove Ridge.

STOP 13

Mioskon and Kri

Mioskon and Kri are just two among the many idyllic islands that lie scattered off the shores of Gam and Waigeo in the heart of the Dampier Strait, one of the most biologically diverse marine environments on Earth.
This area is a true highlight of Raja Ampat, offering some of the most awe-inspiring scuba diving experiences found anywhere on the planet.
Dive sites include Tapokreng Pier, Batu Lima, Frewin Bonda Channel, Mioskon, Lau Lau, Blue Magic.







ROUTE MAP

Ambon, the Banda Islands, Koon and Misool route



GOOD TO KNOW

Cruise notes

Flexible itineraries

Our cruise routes are intentionally adaptable. Throughout the journey, the captain and cruise director continuously assess sea conditions, weather, and tides to ensure the best possible experience.

More than is listed

The locations featured in these itineraries represent only a portion of what's possible. Numerous additional anchorages and activity options are available along the way, making each voyage truly unique.

Extended stays

If a particular anchorage offers exceptional experiences, guests may opt to linger a bit longer.

Overnight passages

To maximize daylight hours at our most spectacular destinations, longer transits between anchorages are typically conducted overnight.

Away from the crowds

With the exception of embarkation and disembarkation points, our itineraries are carefully crafted to avoid congested areas and busy commercial ports, allowing for a more tranquil and immersive experience.

Beyond the dive

Many of our anchorages offer more than just diving and snorkelling. Guests can enjoy kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and occasional visits to local villages and cultural sites — adding even more richness to the journey.