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Maluku - The Spice Islands: Halmahera and Ambon

Ternate to Ambon | Makian Volcano, The Goraici Archipelago, The Pantinti Strait and more

Halmahera has some of the best coral gardens in Indonesia, in waters few boats have ever visited.

Around the volcano island of Makian, dark volcanic sand is the backdrop for flamboyant cuttlefish, mimic octopuses and hairy frogfish.

Coral-covered walls in the Goraici Archipelago bring manta ray cleaning stations and seamount drifts, where reef sharks patrol and vast schools of tuna, wahoo and fusiliers swirl in the current.

The Pantinti Strait is a mini Komodo or Alor, and Laha finishes as one of the ultimate critter destinations.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Ternate	Ambon	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

Makian Volcano

Critter diving at the volcano island of Makian, located on the western seaboard of Halmahera Island, offers an incredible experience for macro photography enthusiasts and underwater explorers.
Unlike traditional coral reef diving, critter (or muck) diving focuses on the sandy, silty, or rubble-strewn seabed, where bizarre and cryptic marine creatures thrive.
Dive sites include Hot Spring Slope, New Beginning, Mailoa Rhino.

STOP 2

The Goraici Archipelago

The Goraici Archipelago, a secluded island group 30 nautical miles west of Halmahera, boasts crystal-clear waters, pristine beaches, and vibrant coral reefs.
Straddling the equator, this remote diver's paradise offers an unparalleled mix of adventure, conservation, and biodiversity.
The islands stand as a model for sustainable marine stewardship.
Dive sites include Pulau Adu, Goweba Pinnacle Siko Ridge, Kayoa Point, Tamo Tamo, Gumergo Rock Crystal Ball, Blue Flash.

STOP 3

The Pantinti Strait

Diving in the Pantinti Strait, Indonesia, is an extraordinary experience for those seeking vibrant marine biodiversity, strong currents, and dramatic underwater landscapes.
Located in North Maluku, the strait separates the islands of Halmahera and Bacan, creating a dynamic marine environment shaped by the powerful flow of nutrient-rich waters.
Dive sites include Semola Bay, Batu Mangga, Proco, Pulau Nanas, Proco Pinnacle, Saleh Kecil.

STOP 4

Ganone

Tucked away on the north-western edge of the Orang Kaya island group, near the south-eastern tip of Halmahera, lies the tiny but captivating island of Ganone.
Deep, pristine waters surround Ganone, despite its small size, providing some of the region's most memorable diving experiences.
Dive sites include Loleojaha Besar, Pulau Tapa, Joronga Nine, Ganone, Joronga Seven.

STOP 5

Orang Kaya

Scuba diving at the Orang Kaya island collection, is a rare and exhilarating experience for divers looking to explore untouched waters filled with vibrant marine life.
Located close to the south-eastern corner of Halmahera, this group of islands and reefs remain largely undiscovered, making it an ideal destination for those seeking pristine underwater environments.

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hiding among the corals.
The island's nutrient-rich currents attract migratory species, offering divers a chance to encounter rare marine life in its natural habitat.
For divers interested in adventure and exploration, a short distance to the south-east of Orang Kaya is Karang Batu Anyer.
At first glance this looks much like any other remote offshore reef in the seas of Indonesia.
Dive sites include Damoromatodo Wall, Tadoku, Telor Point, Jikula Point, Karang Batu Anyer.

STOP 7

Pisang

Surrounded by crystal-clear waters teeming with marine life, Pisang Island is located out in the Halmahera Sea midway between Misool and Orang Kaya.
The island has a circumference of nearly five nautical miles and rises steeply from deep water to an elevation of nearly 400 metres.
It is richly coated in dense forest, uninhabited, and features a few small, isolated sandy coves.
Dive sites include Lampu Mala, Ayu Intan, Big Banana Bay, Small Banana, Lighthouse.

STOP 8

The Lawin Islands

The Lawin Islands are a remote group set deep in the Halmahera Sea, between Halmahera and the island of Ceram.
The group includes Kekeh, Waringer, the smaller shallow reef islands of Lawin Sendiri and Laliolo, and Lawin itself.
Dive sites include Lonely Rock, Kekeh Reef, Lawin Utara, Blow Hole, Waringer North Point, Laliola Point.

STOP 9

Gomumu

Measuring just five nautical miles from west to east, Gomumu Island is a remote outpost in the Buru Sea, lying directly south of the larger island of Obi.
Isolated and little-visited, it invites a sense of discovery from the moment you arrive.
Dive sites include Exploration Point.

STOP 10

Boano

Just off the north-western tip of Ceram lies Boano, a remote island that has quickly become one of the most captivating new destinations for adventurous divers.
Far from the bustle of more familiar tourist spots, Boano offers a rare combination of pristine reefs, remarkable visibility, and a sense of seclusion that makes every dive feel like a personal discovery.
Dive sites include Tanjung Hatanua, Sunken Reef, West Pua, Marsegu Utara, Serani Wall, Tanjung Hanapu h.

STOP 11

Ambelau

Embark on an unforgettable journey to Ambelau Island, the newest addition to Dewi Nusantara's pioneering collection of dive destinations.
Hidden away in Indonesia's Maluku province, just off the south-eastern coast of Buru, Ambelau is a place where time seems to stand still.
Dive sites include Ambelau Harbour, Dive Site, Waesi, Pulame.

STOP 12

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.







ROUTE MAP

Your route



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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.