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West Halmahera - Teluk Loloda and the Spice Islands

Ternate to Ternate | Teluk Jailolo, Teluk Loloda, The Halmahera Spice Islands and more

West Halmahera is pristine and untouched, with reefs largely free of mass tourism.

Jailolo Bay is shaped by volcanoes, with black sand slopes and geothermal vents, ghost pipefish by day, and bobtail squid, frogfish and hunting octopuses at night.

Teluk Loloda has swim-throughs and current-swept channels, with barracuda, trevally and reef sharks patrolling.

Around the Spice Islands, drift dives bring reef sharks and manta rays, with World War II shipwrecks.

At the Goraici Archipelago, walls and seamounts bring manta cleaning stations and swirling schools of tuna, wahoo and fusiliers.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Ternate	Ternate	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

Teluk Jailolo

Jailolo Bay, nestled along the western coast of North Halmahera, is an emerging hotspot for scuba diving, offering a blend of vibrant coral reefs, volcanic seascapes, and diverse marine life. This lesser-explored region boasts pristine underwater ecosystems, making it an enticing destination for divers seeking unspoiled beauty and unique encounters beneath the waves.
Dive sites include Gorport, Unauna Pelabuhan, Babua Seamount, Babua Rock, Gueira Slope.

STOP 2

Teluk Loloda

Teluk Loloda, located along the western coastline of North Halmahera, is a breathtaking bay dotted with islands and intricate waterways, offering exceptional anchorages for scuba diving and exploration.
Dive sites include Tutu Drive-Thru, Poroco Beehive, Liga Liga, Hole In The Rock, Kahatola Channel, Sidanga Flyer.

STOP 3

The Halmahera Spice Islands

Scuba diving around the original Spice Islands of Halmahera, Indonesia, offers an exceptional experience in one of the world's most biodiverse marine ecosystems.
Located within the Coral Triangle, these waters are home to pristine coral reefs, abundant marine life, and unique volcanic underwater landscapes.
Dive sites include Tomajiko, Ternate Lava Flow, Takome, Maitara Sand Bank, Pulau Pilongga, North-West Mare.

STOP 4

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 5

West Bacan

Located in the Halmahera region of North Maluku, Indonesia, Bacan Island offers world-class diving in a pristine and remote setting.
Its crystal-clear waters, thriving coral reefs, and diverse marine life make it an ideal destination for divers seeking an off-the-beaten-path adventure.
Dive sites include Samo, Kasiruta, Pasir Karo, North-East Mandiolie, Obit Reef, Penambuhan.

STOP 6

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 southeastern 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.
Dive sites include Damoromatodo Wall, Tadoku, Telor Point, Jikula Point, Karang Batu Anyer.

STOP 8

Ganone

The tiny island of Ganone lies on the north-west side of the Orang Kaya group of islands and waterways, close to the south-eastern tip of Halmahera.
Surrounded by deep water, the dive sites around the island feature a mix of coral gardens, steep walls, and sandy slopes teeming with marine biodiversity.
Dive sites include Loleojaha Besar, Pulau Tapa, Joronga Nine, Ganone, Joronga Seven.

STOP 9

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 10

Makian Volcano

Critter diving at Makian Island, 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.

ROUTE MAP

Your route



Cruise Route: West Halmahera

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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.





