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Raja Ampat and the Banda Sea

Ambon to Sorong | Banda Islands and Raja Ampat



A cruise between Ambon and Sorong is so special because it takes in two magnificent regions in one trip.

Starting in Ambon, you head first to the Banda Islands, the original Spice Islands, before rounding the east coast of Seram and rejoining the south and central sections of Raja Ampat.

Set in splendid isolation, the Banda Islands are blessed with some of the finest scuba diving in Indonesia and offer the opportunity for some incredible pelagic action.

On Banda Neira there is a visit to the nutmeg plantation, the historic forts and the small Maritime Museum.

Then comes what is undoubtedly one of the best dive locations worldwide, South Raja Ampat.

In the centre of the Coral Triangle, there is a chance to see mantas and other pelagic action, combined with colourful pristine reefs.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 nights	Ambon	Sorong	50 dives, Advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding in Ambon

Meet the crew, join the safety briefing, complete your dive paperwork and settle into your cabin.

DAY 2

Check dive

Up to 3 dives

Your first dive is a check dive to settle your kit and buoyancy.
Then the boat heads for the Banda Islands.

DAY 3

To the Banda Islands

The boat sails toward the Banda Islands, the original Spice Islands.

DAY 4

Banda Islands

Up to 3 dives

Dive Pohon Miring, Batu Kapal and Batu Kapal Pinnacle, with pelagic action and hopefully hammerheads.

DAY 5

Banda Neira

Up to 3 dives + land visit

A half day visit to the nutmeg plantation, the historic forts and the small maritime museum, plus dives at Banda Neira Jetty and Lava Flow.
At sunset, dive for mandarin fish.

DAY 6

Banda Islands

Up to 3 dives

More dives around the Banda Islands before the boat turns east.

DAY 7

Around Seram

The boat rounds the east coast of Seram and rejoins south and central Raja Ampat.

DAY 8

South Raja Ampat

Up to 3 dives

Dive Daram and Wayilbatan, arguably some of the best dive locations anywhere in the world.

DAY 9

South Raja Ampat

Up to 3 dives

Fiabacet and Pelee, with colourful pristine reefs and abundant fish life.

DAY 10

Central Raja Ampat

Up to 3 dives

Gam and Penemu, with a chance of manta rays and pelagic action.

DAY 11

Central Raja Ampat

Up to 3 dives

Arborek and the Cape Kri area, with copious fish life and mysterious critters.

DAY 12

Last diving day

2 dives

Two morning dives, keeping to the no-flying rule.
The boat returns to port around 13:00 and moors overnight, so you can pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 13

Check out in Sorong

After a final breakfast you transfer to the airport or your hotel.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Banda Neira

A half day visit to the nutmeg plantation, the historic forts and the small maritime museum.

Mandarin fish

A sunset dive at Banda Neira to watch mandarin fish.

Spice Islands

The Banda Islands were once the only source of nutmeg and mace in the world.

Check in

Boarding is usually in the morning at Ambon or Sorong. Your exact time and meeting point are confirmed with your booking.

Check out

Check out is after breakfast on the last day, by around midday, with transfers to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

Two morning dives on the last diving day.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals and snacks
- Water, tea and coffee
- Guided diving from zodiac tenders, with a dive guide
- Nitrox for certified divers
- Marine park and port fees
- Fuel surcharge
- Airport and hotel transfers
- Land excursions
- Cabin and deck towels
- Wi-Fi on board

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Soft drinks, juices and alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment rental
- Dive courses, including Nitrox
- Government tax on onboard charges
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Personal expenses
- Travel and dive insurance (mandatory)







BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy (needed on every dive)
- Torch for night dives
- Wetsuit suited to your area (see notes)
- Reef-safe sunscreen

AND ALSO

- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Travel adaptor (220V)
- Passport and copy of your insurance

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Insurance

Travel and dive insurance covering dive injury, medical evacuation and travel is mandatory

Experience

Minimum of 50 logged dives and Deep Diver or Advanced Open Water (or equivalent). Currents can range from medium to extremely strong

Good to know

Diving is from zodiac tenders, which gives precise entry and exit points. Many dives go below 18 m

Good to know

You need a dive computer and surface marker buoy on every dive

Respect the reef

Please do not touch or collect marine life, and keep to the guide's briefing at every site

Flying

There is no diving for 24 hours before a flight