INDO MASTER

Lembeh and Halmahera

Bitung to Bitung | Molucca Sea, Halmahera Sea and Lembeh Strait



A 10 night loop out of Bitung through the Molucca and Halmahera Seas, finishing with the famous muck diving of the Lembeh Strait.

The route takes in remote reefs around Tifore Island, the Patanti Strait and Bacan Island before returning to Lembeh for some of the best macro diving in the world.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Bitung	Bitung	Advanced, 30 dives







Your route

STOP 1

Embarkation

No diving today

Embarkation at Bitung Harbour, North Sulawesi is between 13:00 and 13:30.
Once everyone is on board there are introductions and boat and safety briefings, and you settle into your cabin.
The boat usually leaves port in the evening.

STOP 2

Bitung area

Up to 3 dives

A check dive followed by up to 3 more dives, getting the group used to the boat and the dive team before heading out to sea.

STOP 3

Tifore Island and the Molucca Sea

Up to 4 dives a day

Days of diving around remote volcanic seamounts, with up to 4 dives a day: 3 day dives plus a sunset or night dive where possible.

STOP 4

Sago Sago and Renne's Rock

Up to 4 dives a day

Pinnacles and walls rising from deep water, known for pelagic activity and healthy coral growth.

STOP 5

Bacan Island and the Patanti Strait

Up to 4 dives a day

Sheltered channel diving through the Patanti Strait, with strong currents and big schools of fish.

STOP 6

Bangka Island

Up to 4 dives a day

Coral gardens and reef slopes off North Sulawesi, a good staging point before Lembeh.

STOP 7

Lembeh Strait

Up to 4 dives a day

Several days of the muck diving the Lembeh Strait is famous for, hunting out frogfish, mandarinfish, ghost pipefish and other rare critters on the black sand slopes.

STOP 8

Last full day

2 morning dives

Two morning dives before the boat cruises back to Bitung, where it stays at anchor overnight.

STOP 9

Disembarkation

No diving today

Breakfast on board, then disembarkation at Bitung Harbour between 06:00 and 10:00.

Check in

Embarkation is at Bitung Harbour, North Sulawesi, between 13:00 and 13:30.

Check out

Disembarkation is at Bitung Harbour, North Sulawesi, between 06:00 and 10:00.

Transfers

Transfers between the nearest airport or a local hotel and the boat are included on embarkation and disembarkation days only.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers between the nearest domestic airport or local hotel and the boat on embarkation and disembarkation days only
- En-suite air-conditioned cabin with towels, bed linen and shower gel
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, fruit juices, tea and coffee
- Up to 4 guided dives a day
- 11 litre cylinder, weights and air fills
- Deck towels
- Land visits as described in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, and hotel stays or day rooms
- Marine park and port fees, paid on board
- Travel and dive insurance, which is compulsory
- Alcoholic drinks, with beer, wine and spirits sold on board
- Equipment rental and 13 litre cylinders
- Nitrox up to 32%, at an extra charge
- Wi-Fi and laundry, at an extra charge
- Crew and dive guide gratuities

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card, Advanced Open Water or equivalent, and logbook
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory and must cover evacuation and recompression
- Marine park entry card, if you already have one
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- 3 mm wetsuit, or a 5 mm suit if you feel the cold
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Passport and personal medication

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary is an example, and the route and dive sites depend on weather, tides, currents and sea conditions, as decided by the Cruise Manager

Good to know

The number of dives depends on the weather and on how far the boat has to cruise

Good to know

Marine park and port fees are paid on board and can change without notice





