JAKARE

Spice Island

Ambon to Ambon | Nusa Laut, Suanggi and the Banda Islands



Hammerhead sharks are the great draw of this Banda Sea route, with schools of them on pinnacles and slopes.

In the Banda Islands, mobula rays and dogtooth tuna join the hammerheads, and the harbour has mandarin fish.

Further out, pinnacles rise in the middle of the Banda Sea with hammerheads and other pelagics.

Slopes and walls with healthy reefs make for superb diving and snorkelling.

On land, the fort and museum of Banda Neira tell the story of the only place where nutmeg grew.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
7 nights	Ambon	Ambon	Banda Islands, Suanggi







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Ambon

Check dive

Pick up at Ambon airport early in the morning and board Jakare at Teluhu.
After an introduction to the boat, the crew, the safety procedures and the itinerary, Jakare leaves for Nusa Laut and stops at Pulau Mamala for a check dive or snorkel (20 NM, 3.5 hours), then heads east to Nusa Laut for the night.

DAY 2

Nusa Laut

Dives

Slopes and walls, with healthy reefs to dive and snorkel.

DAY 3

Pulau Suanggi

Dives

Three dives on slopes and pinnacles, hoping to meet hammerhead sharks.



DAY 4-5

Banda Islands

Dives

The museum and fort of Banda Neira, the Lava Flow, Batu Kapal, Karang Hatta, Tanjung Buton, the Wall and Pulau Run, with hammerheads, mobula rays and dogtooth tuna.

DAY 6

Pulau Manuk

Dives

Pinnacles in the middle of the Banda Sea, with hammerhead sharks and other pelagics.

DAY 7

Pulau Suanggi

Dives

Arrive early at Suanggi for another day with more chances to meet hammerheads, with two or three dives on pinnacles or slopes.
Jakare leaves for Ambon in the early evening.

DAY 8

Ambon

The last day is the return to Ambon, mainly overnight, arriving by mid-day.
Fill in your logbook, have it stamped by the instructor and exchange photos before you leave for the airport or hotel.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Banda Neira

A fort, a museum and nutmeg history.

Suanggi

Hammerhead sharks.

Lava Flow

A dive at Banda Neira.

Mandarin fish

In Banda harbour.

Check in

Guests are met at the airport or at a hotel within 10 km of the port. In Raja Ampat check in is before 10 am, and most guests arrive around 8 am. In Labuan Bajo check in is before 12 noon.

Check out

Check out is between 8 am and 12 noon, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

The last dive is on the penultimate day of the trip. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Air-conditioned cabin with private bathroom
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, tea and coffee
- Guided diving with the dive team
- Snorkelling gear, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- A French and English speaking cruise director
- Welcome drinks on arrival

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and hotels before and after the cruise
- National park fees and the fuel surcharge
- Alcoholic drinks
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Nitrox and rental dive gear
- Massages and other on-board services
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

This is a proposed itinerary for planning only, subject to the weather and the conditions on board and at each site

Good to know

The daily programme is discussed with guests each evening for the following day