JAKARE

Spice Island and Raja Ampat

Ambon to Sorong | Nusa Laut, Banda Islands, Koon and Misool



This route crosses the Banda Sea from the spice islands to the south of Raja Ampat, and the diving changes character all the way.

Hammerhead sharks, mobula rays and dogtooth tuna patrol the Banda Islands, where a fort and museum recall the history of nutmeg.

At Koon, fusiliers, surgeonfish, giant trevally, large groupers and sharks gather, and manta or mobula rays sometimes appear.

Then comes Misool, with gorgonian fans, mantas and big fish life.

The final days are among hidden lagoons and limestone mounts, with pinnacles, canyons and drop-offs below.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 nights	Ambon	Sorong	Certified divers







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

Two or three dives on slopes or walls, with healthy reefs that are also good for snorkelling.
Jakare then sails overnight south to Suanggi.

DAY 3

Pulau Suanggi

Dives

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

DAY 4-6

Banda Islands

Dives

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

DAY 7

Pulau Koon

Dives

Three dives at the same site, with fusiliers, surgeonfish, giant trevally, large groupers, sharks and sometimes manta or mobula rays.
Then an overnight sail to Misool.

DAY 8-11

Misool

Dives

Boo, Fiabacet, Wayil, Pele, Balbulol and Farondi, with gorgonian fans, mantas and big fish life.

DAY 12

Misool, Balbulol and Farondi

Dives

Baby Rock, Balbulol Corner and Balbulol Plateau, with hidden lagoons, kayaks and snorkelling.
Jakare leaves for Sorong in the afternoon and sails overnight.

DAY 13

Sorong

The last day is the return to Sorong, mainly overnight.
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.

Koon

Fusiliers, groupers and sharks.

Misool

Boo Window and Four King.

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