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Banda Islands

Ambon to Ambon | Ambon, Pulau Suanggi, Banda Neira and Nusa Laut



The Banda Islands are the treasure of the Spice Islands, with hard coral reefs that usually end in walls covered with soft coral, sea fans and barrel sponges.

The main attraction at Pulau Suanggi is the chance to see a group of hammerhead sharks, over a reef full of trevallies, snappers and fusiliers.

Around Banda Neira, colonies of unicorn fish, fusiliers, jacks and rainbow runners gather with whitetip sharks almost two metres long, Napoleon wrasse, dogtooth tuna and turtles.

Nusa Laut has some stunning hard coral seascapes, with a myriad of reef fish and a few reef sharks.

Ashore, a land tour visits the old Dutch fort of Benteng Belgica.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
6 nights	Ambon	Ambon	Open Water, 20 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Ambon and Laha

1 dive

Ambon lies in the central part of the Moluccas (Spice Islands) and is connected by a narrow neck of land.
Underwater it offers large schools of small fish and juvenile batfish between columns covered with sponges, and on the sand you will find small critters like nudibranchs, moray eels and lionfish.
The check dive is in Laha.
Meals: lunch, dinner.
Visibility: usually 10 to 25 metres except in some muck sites.
Water temperature: 20 to 27 °C.

DAY 2

Pulau Suanggi

4 dives

Suanggi is located at the northern end of the outer reefs of Banda Neira.
The reef is full of fish such as trevallies, snappers, fusiliers, sweetlips, butterflyfish, cardinalfish, angelfish, groupers, damselfish, anthias, batfish, wrasse, parrotfish and surgeonfish.
The main attraction is the chance to see a group of hammerhead sharks.
Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.
Visibility: usually 15 to 25 metres in calm water.
Water temperature: 26 to 29 °C.

DAY 3-5

Banda Neira

11 dives + trekking

The islands visited are Pulau Banda, Pulau Hatta, Pulau Run, Pulau Ai and Pulau Naira.
They offer a number of beautiful coral dive sites, with hard coral reefs that usually end in a wall covered with soft coral, sea fans and barrel sponges.
Expect colonies of unicorn fish, fusiliers, jacks and rainbow runners, whitetip sharks measuring almost two metres, Napoleon wrasse, dogtooth tuna and turtles.
There is also a land tour to Benteng Belgica and to the old church, the Hollandische Kerk.
Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.
Visibility: usually 15 to 25 metres in calm water.
Water temperature: 26 to 29 °C.
Bring for the trek: sunscreen, hat, hiking shoes and a camera.



DAY 6

Nusa Laut

2 dives

Nusa Laut lies to the east of Ambon and offers some stunning hard coral seascapes.
Its reef is home to a myriad of reef fish, a few reef sharks and some pelagic visitors, with several species of triggerfish, butterflyfish and angelfish.
Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner.
Visibility: usually 15 to 25 metres in calm water.
Water temperature: 26 to 29 °C.

DAY 7

Ambon

The vessel reaches Ambon in the morning.
After breakfast, it is time to disembark.
Meals: breakfast.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Kayaks
- Fishing

AND ALSO

- Land excursions

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

Open Water divers with at least 20 logged dives in the past year can join the dives, and divers without that experience need a private dive guide.

Good to know

The total number of dives and the dive areas depend on the weather and current conditions, and the captain and dive master can change the dive area for safety reasons.

Good to know

Nitrox is available for certified divers and sidemount diving is possible, and non-divers are welcome, with a snorkelling guide.