SOLITUDE ADVENTURER

Banda Sea, Forgotten Islands and Alor

Ambon to Maumere | Banda Sea, Forgotten Islands and Alor



Hammerhead sharks are the headline here, in the Banda Sea and beyond.

The reefs and walls are packed with fish, with healthy corals, giant sponges and a chance of meeting hammerheads.

The Terbang islands bring steep walls, abundant coral and clear water, with most dives wall drifts, and Alor ends the trip with excellent visibility, strong current drifts and world class muck diving.

Sea snakes are on most dives at Serua, and Manuk is an active volcano in the middle of nowhere.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Ambon	Maumere	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Ambon

Check dive

The crew meets you at Pattimura Airport.
After you settle in and register there is a safety and orientation briefing.
After lunch, schedule allowing, there is a check dive at Laha, a famous macro site with black sand slopes full of marine critters.
Overnight Solitude Adventurer sails to the Banda Sea.

DAY 2

Suanggi and Banda Neira

3 to 4 dives

The Banda Sea, with its healthy corals and giant sponges.
The reefs and walls are packed with fish, with a chance to meet hammerhead sharks, around the islands of Suanggi and Banda Neira.
A land tour is also possible.

DAY 3

Manuk Island

3 to 4 dives

A volcano in the middle of nowhere, with sea birds circling overhead.
Beautiful corals and many fish species, and dives with many sea snakes, as Manuk is also called Snake Island.
The occasional smell of sulphur and smoke rise from this active volcano.

DAY 4

Serua Island

3 to 4 dives

Searching for hammerhead sharks around Serua.
Shallow reef tops give way to sloping reef and walls that plunge into the deep, with abundant coral, giant sponges and schooling trevally, surgeonfish and fusiliers.
Sea snakes on most dives, and strong currents.

DAY 5

Nil Desperandum

3 to 4 dives

An extensive submerged reef with a shallow top and walls dropping to the depths, with impressive fish schools, predatory action, very large sponges and a chance of hammerhead sharks.
If conditions allow, the day can end at Dusborgh reef, around a small island.

DAY 6

Terbang Islands

3 to 4 dives

The Terbang north and south islands, with steep walls, abundant coral, clear water and plenty of fish.
Currents can be strong and most dives are wall drift dives.

DAY 7

Nyata Island

3 to 4 dives

Walls and reef around the small island of Nyata, with beautiful corals and abundant marine life.
A white sand beach may be visited, depending on the tide.

DAY 8

Wetar and Reong

3 to 4 dives

Beautiful walls and reefs around Wetar and Reong islands, with clear water and an abundance of marine life.

DAY 9-10

Alor and Pantar

3 to 4 dives a day

The dive sites between Pantar and Alor island, with excellent visibility, strong current drift dives, hard and soft coral gardens and world class muck diving.

DAY 11

North coast of Flores

2 morning dives

The last day of diving, with two morning dives along the north coast of Flores.
The crew washes your equipment and hangs it to dry as Solitude Adventurer continues to Maumere.

DAY 12

Maumere

After a small breakfast the crew takes you to the airport.
Check out is by 11 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Banda Neira

A possible land tour.

Manuk

Snake Island, an active volcano.

Alor

Muck diving and drift dives.

Laha

Black sand macro diving.

Check in

The crew meets you at the airport and check in is from 8 am, with embarkation between 8 am and 11 am. A check dive is possible, schedule allowing.

Check out

Check out is by 11 am on the last day, with a transfer to the airport.

Last dive

There are no dives on the disembarkation day. The boat asks divers to keep a minimum 18 hour gap after their last dive before flying, so please check this when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin in your chosen category
- Full board, with snacks and all non-alcoholic drinks
- Three or four guided boat dives a day, including a night dive
- Check in from 8 am, with dinner included on the first day

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and hotels before and after the cruise
- Marine park fee, port clearance and diving permit, paid on board
- Alcoholic drinks
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Rental dive equipment
- Nitrox, at an extra charge per day
- A fuel surcharge, payable on board, if it applies
- 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

Good to know

Divers should keep the 18 hour no-fly gap after their last dive





