TIARE

Ambon, Banda Islands and Raja Ampat

Ambon to Sorong | Banda Islands, Koon, Misool and the Dampier Strait

Hammerhead sharks have been known to visit the deep walls, sea mounts and drift dives of the Banda Islands.

Koon lies over a trench deeper than 3,000 metres, with large schools of black snapper, batfish, barracuda and fusiliers, and groupers and sharks in the deep.

Then comes Raja Ampat, with a coral garden of soft corals around Misool, a cave and lagoon to visit, and a trek to the lagoon at Piaynemo.

Night dives and a village visit in the Dampier Strait finish the trip.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Ambon

Check dive

Check in, and a check dive at Laha.

DAY 2

Ambon

3 dives

Dives at Pintu Kota, Hukurila and Batu Lompa.
Then the crossing to Suanggi (around 13 hours).

DAY 3

Suanggi and Banda Neira

4 dives

Dives at Suanggi I, Suanggi II and Batu Kapal.
A visit to Banda Neira and a mandarin fish dive, with the night at Banda Neira.

DAY 4

Banda Neira tour

2 dives

Explore Pulau Neira and its historic little town of Dutch and English period houses, with the well preserved Fort Belgica and its views over the water.
Visit a traditional nutmeg plantation with nutmeg, cinnamon and clove trees, and enjoy plantation tea with nutmeg jam, candies and cake.
After the tour, two more dives in the Banda Islands on deep walls, sea mounts and drift dives, where hammerhead sharks have been known to visit.

DAY 5

Hatta

3 dives

Dives at Pohon Miring, Hatta Wall and Karang Hatta.
Then the crossing to Koon (around 11 hours).

DAY 6

Koon

3 dives

Dives at Too Many Fish (three dives).
Koon lies south east of Seram over a trench deeper than 3,000 metres.
Large schools of black snapper, batfish, barracuda and fusiliers, with groupers and sharks in the deep.

DAY 7

Pisang Island

3 dives

Dives at Tanjung Lampu, Channel and Pinnacle.
Then the crossing to Misool (around 10 hours).

DAY 8

Misool

4 dives

Dives at Karang Bayangan, Boo Window and Tank Rock.
A night dive at Barracuda Rock, and the night at Wayil Batan.

DAY 9

Wayil Batan and Farondi

3 dives

Dives at Four King, Nudi Rock and Farondi Cave.
A visit to the Farondi cave and lagoon.
Then the crossing to Piaynemo (around 12 hours).

DAY 10

Piaynemo

4 dives

Dives at My Reef, Melissa Garden and Channel.
A visit to Piaynemo lagoon with a trek, and a night dive at Gam Slope.

DAY 11

Arborek

4 dives

Dives at Mayhem, Manta Ridge and Arborek.
A visit to Arborek village and a night dive there, with the night at Yenbuba.

DAY 12

Cape Kri and Blue Magic

2 dives

Dives at Cape Kri and Blue Magic.

DAY 13

Disembarkation in Sorong

After breakfast and a group photo with the crew, you are transferred at 9 am to the airport or a local hotel for your onward journey.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Suanggi

Hammerhead sharks.

Banda Neira

Fort Belgica and a nutmeg plantation.

Koon

Too Many Fish.

Melissa Garden

A coral garden with soft corals.

Check in

The crew welcome you at the airport and take you to the boat. Check in is at the latest by 12 noon on embarkation day, and arriving a day early is recommended.

Check out

Check out is at 9 am, 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
- Cabin with private bathroom
- Five meals a day, with soft drinks, tea, coffee, natural juice and local beers
- Up to 4 dives per dive day, with 1 or 2 dives on the final dive day
- Weight belt and weights
- Shore activities and excursions according to the programme
- Light laundry service
- Government taxes

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, and hotels and meals before and after the cruise
- Environmental safety fees, paid in advance with the final balance
- Administration and port clearance fee, and fuel surcharge
- Alcoholic drinks, espresso and cappuccino
- Rental dive gear, other than cylinders and weights
- Nitrox, charged per tank
- On-board purchases, private tours and telecommunications
- Crew tips, which are customary
- 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 flip flops
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport valid for at least 6 months

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





