TIARE

Raja Ampat, Banda Islands and Ambon

Sorong to Ambon | Misool, Koon and the Banda Islands

From the coral gardens of Raja Ampat across the Banda Sea, this route links two great dive regions.

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.

In the Banda Islands the dives are deep walls, sea mounts and drifts where hammerhead sharks have been known to visit, plus a mandarin fish dive.

On land, Banda Neira has Dutch and English period houses, a fort with views over the water and a nutmeg plantation.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong

The crew welcome you at the airport and take you to Tiare.
Once everyone has settled into the cabins and set up the dive gear, Tiare sails to the Dampier Strait.

DAY 2

Cape Kri and Blue Magic

2 dives

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DAY 3

Arborek

4 dives

Dives at Mayhem, Manta Ridge and Arborek, with a visit to Arborek village.
Tiare then sails overnight to Piaynemo.

DAY 4

Piaynemo

4 dives

Dives at My Reef, Melissa Garden and Channel, with a visit to Piaynemo lagoon, a trek and a night dive at Gam Slope.
Tiare then sails overnight to Misool.

DAY 5

Wayil Batan and Farondi

3 dives

Dives at Four King, Nudi Rock and Farondi Cave, with a visit to the Farondi cave and lagoon.

DAY 6

Misool

4 dives

Dives at Karang Bayangan, Boo Window and Tank Rock, with a night dive at Barracuda Rock.
Tiare then sails on to Pisang Island.

DAY 7

Pisang Island

3 dives

Dives at Tanjung Lampu, Channel and Pinnacle.
Tiare then sails on to Koon.

DAY 8

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 9

Hatta

3 dives

Dives at Pohon Miring, Hatta Wall and Karang Hatta.

DAY 10

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 11

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 12

Ambon

3 dives

Dives at Pintu Kota, Hukurila and Batu Lompa, near Ambon.

DAY 13

Disembarkation in Ambon

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





