WHITE MANTA

Ambon, Banda and Ambon

Ambon to Ambon | Ambon and the Banda Sea



Remote, almost untouched islands, wonderful reefs and stunning drop-offs, reached by crossing the Banda Sea after a start with muck diving in Ambon.

Around the Banda Islands the visibility is excellent, the coral coverage fantastic and the fish tremendous in number, with the chance of scalloped hammerheads.

Untouched, vibrant coral gardens on dramatic drop-offs bring huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tuna and other pelagic superstars.

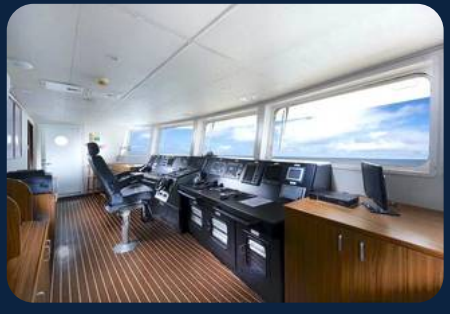
One reef has a hole that leads to a coral-covered bridge hung with gorgonian fans and pygmy seahorses.

Pristine hard coral gardens and turtles finish the crossing.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
6 nights	Ambon	Ambon	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Ambon

1-2 dives

Boarding from 2pm.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Pattimura Airport, Ambon or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting White Manta.
Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive(s) in Ambon Bay before we get underway by 2pm for overnight sail.

DAY 2

Pulau Suanggi, Diving around dramatic drop-offs

4 dives

Diving around dramatic drop-offs, untouched vibrant coral gardens in search of hammerheads, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas, and other pelagic superstars.

DAY 3

Banda Islands

3-4 dives

Diving around Banda Islands with excellent visibility, fantastic coral coverage and tremendous numbers of fish along with potential Hammerhead sightings, plus a visit to one of the Spice Islands.

DAY 4

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3 dives

Hatta Reef known for sightings of large pelagic species like trevally, barracuda, and hammerhead sharks, as well as a unique hole in the reef at the west coast beach that leads to a coral- covered "bridge" with gorgonian fans and pygmy seahorses.

DAY 5

Pulau Suanggi, Back again

4 dives

Back again for more amazing action.

DAY 6

Pulau Nusa Laut

2 dives

Offers pristine, healthy hard coral gardens, clear visibility, and rich marine biodiversity, including reef sharks, turtles, and diverse reef fish.
Sail back to Ambon where you spend last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if needed, an early flight the next day.

DAY 7

Check out in Ambon

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport.
Take your pre-booked flight to Ujung Pandang (aka Makassar), Jakarta, or Singapore.

THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

6 days (18 dives)

Ambon, Banda and Ring of Fire

Water 26-28°C, however deep-water upwellings and thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. Air 22-31°C. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents medium to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: March, April, and mid-September to early December.

Check in

2pm, 1st day - Laha Bay, Ambon. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and if all trip preparations are completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Pattimura Airport, Ambon or local hotel* (10am) to White Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 10 mins).

Check out

5am, last day - Laha Bay, Ambon. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Pattimura Airport, Ambon in time for check-in and flight (transfer time 10 mins). Note: Latest White Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm, penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Ambon where we spend the last night on White Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Ambon) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on White Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services
- Free replacement if equipment breaks down
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 18 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

All schedules are subject to change according to weather, sea, diving and local conditions

Good to know

3-4 dives are scheduled per diving day*. This is due to deeper dives distances covered between islands. Where possible a bonus night dive may be scheduled at the discretion of the Cruise Leader. *Except trip departure day and trip return day