WHITE MANTA

Lembeh and Halmahera

Manado to Ternate | Lembeh and Halmahera



Lembeh Strait is a world-famous critter heaven, and from there the trip travels to Halmahera, where remote, unspoiled and stunning underwater landscapes are made all the more alluring by the lack of crowds.

Schools of jacks and snappers gather around the islands, with a massive school of barracuda.

Strong currents bring amazing action in a narrow strait, and a manta cleaning station sits among fish-packed reefs and pristine hard coral gardens.

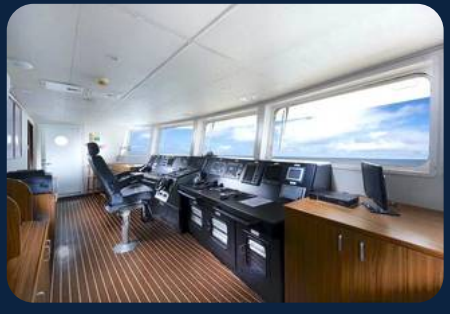
Further on, reef sharks, barracuda and jacks patrol a reef packed with coral and sponges.

The last dives finish at Tidore, followed by a village visit.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Manado	Ternate	Beginners to advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Manado

0-2 dives

Boarding from 1pm.
Our staff will meet you upon arrival to Manado Airport and transfer you to White Manta.
Depending on arrival time, we can do check dive(s) plus night dive in Lembeh.
After critter dive(s) we sail overnight to Pulau Tifore.

DAY 2

Pulau Tifure

3 dives

Amazing dive site island in the Moluccan Sea equidistant from Goraichi and Lembeh, schools of jacks, snappers, and massive school of barracuda.

DAY 3

Pulau Tolimau and Goraichi

4 dives

Manta cleaning station and fish packed reefs amongst pristine hard coral gardens.

DAY 4

Pulau Kusu

3-4 dives

Strong currents and amazing action in the Patintie Strait.

DAY 5

Pulau Bacan (days 5 and 6)

4 dives a day

Shark point, reef sharks, schools of barracuda and jacks along a coral and sponge packed reef.

DAY 7

Pulau Tidore

2 dives

Final dives here, then village visit.
Sail to Ternate, where you spend the last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, have lunch, rest and relaxation, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 8

Check out in Ternate

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, and transfer to local hotel or airport.
Departure from Ternate to Manado/ Makassar/ or Jakarta.

THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

7 days (20 dives)

Lembeh

Water 27-30°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents mild. Level beginners to advanced. Best time: September to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

Halmahera

Water 27-30°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 15-30 metres. Currents medium to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: October to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving.

Check in

1pm, 1st day - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations are completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Sam Ratulangi Airport, Manado (transfer time 1 hour) or local hotel* (10am) to White Manta on trip departure day.

Check out

5am, last day - Ternate, North Maluku. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Sultan Babullah Airport, Ternate in time for check-in and flight (transfer time 20-30 mins). Note: Latest White Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm, penultimate day. Then sail back to Ternate where we spend the last evening onboard. If you have booked an earlier flight, then you may have to skip 1 or 2 dives to allow 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 (Manado/ Ternate) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on White Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towel, 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 masters), 20 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