WHITE MANTA

Lembeh, Halmahera and Lembeh

Manado to Manado | Lembeh and Halmahera



A trip that begins and ends in the macro critter capital of the world, with Halmahera's staggering pristine beauty in between.

Out in Halmahera the underwater landscapes are remote and unspoiled, with an island in the Moluccan Sea where schools of jacks and snappers gather under a massive school of barracuda.

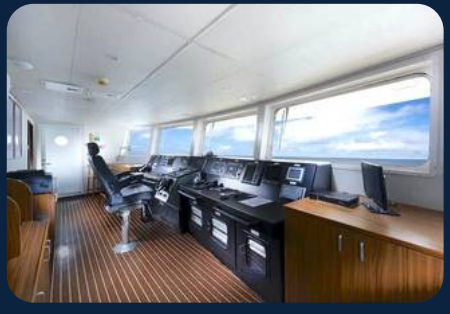
Reef sharks and barracuda sweep along a reef packed with coral and sponges, strong currents bring amazing action to a narrow strait, and a manta cleaning station sits amongst pristine hard coral gardens.

Then it is back to Lembeh for the macro critters, the perfect way to finish.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Manado

1-2 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) in Lembeh.
After critter dive(s) we sail overnight to Pulau Tifore.

DAY 2

Pulau Tifore

3-4 dives

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

DAY 3

Pulau Bacan

4 dives

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

DAY 4

Pulau Kusu

4 dives

Strong currents and amazing action in the Patinti Strait.

DAY 5

Pulau Tolimau and Goraichi

3 dives

Manta cleaning station and fish packed reefs amongst pristine hard coral gardens.
Sail to Pulau Tifore.

DAY 6

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3 dives

Pulau Tifore.
Sail overnight Lembeh.

DAY 7

Lembeh

2 dives

Angels Windows, Nudi Retreat.
Sail to Bitung Port, Manado, where you spend last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 8

Check out in Manado

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, and transfer to airport.
Departure from Bitung Port, Manado to local hotel or transfer to Manado Airport.

THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

7 days (21-22 dives)

Lembeh

Water 26-29°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 10-25 metres. Currents mild. Level beginners to advanced. Best time: April-September (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

Halmahera

Water 27-30°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents mild. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: September 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 - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi. After breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to a local hotel or Sam Ratulangi Airport, Manado in time for check-in and flight (transfer time 1 hour). Note: Latest White Manta check-out, at 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R as we sail back to Bitung Port 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 (Manado) 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 master), 21-22 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