WHITE MANTA

Lembeh, Halmahera and Raja Ampat

Manado to Sorong | Lembeh, Halmahera and Raja Ampat

Raja Ampat is truly at the epicentre of marine biodiversity, with 580 kinds of coral and 1,397 species of fish, and this trip arrives there after the critter heaven of Lembeh and the unspoiled reefs of Halmahera.

In Halmahera there are schools of jacks, snappers and a massive school of barracuda, reef sharks, strong currents and a manta cleaning station among pristine hard coral gardens.

Pulau Pisang has healthy, species rich reefs in aquarium-like conditions.

In Raja Ampat the diving runs from the mangroves to the Dampier Strait, with a muck night dive among the highlights.

On land there is a viewpoint hike and a visit to an island village.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Manado	Sorong	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 Tifore

3 dives

Amazing divesite 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 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

4 dives

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

DAY 6

Pulau Pisang

3 dives

Healthy, species rich coral reefs, in aquarium like conditions.
Sail to Raja Ampat.

DAY 7

Pianemu area

3 dives

Including famous Melissa's Garden and stunning Viewpoint hike.

DAY 8

Day 8

4 dives

Yangeffo and Airborek areas to dive amongst the mangroves and visit an island village.

DAY 9

Dampier Strait

4 dives

Sawandarek Jetty, Cape Kri, Sardine Run, and excellent muck night dive at Sapokren.

DAY 10

Misokon Island

2 dives

Including Blue Magic and Yellow Fever.
Sail back to Pelabuhan Perikanan Sorong (harbour) where you spend your 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 11

Check out in Sorong

No diving

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

THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

10 days (28 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 and Raja Ampat

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, Sorong, West Papua. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to the local hotel or Domine Edward Osok Airport, Sorong in time for check-in and flight. Note: Latest White Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Sorong 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/ Sorong) 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), 28 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