WHITE MANTA

Lembeh, Morotai and Ternate

Manado to Ternate | Lembeh, Morotai and Ternate



Remote Morotai is where the marine life lives up to the name, with sharks, manta rays, macro, WWII wrecks and even the chance of a dugong.

The trip starts in the world-famous critter heaven of the Lembeh Strait, then crosses the Molucca Sea to imposing walls, canyons, sloping reefs with vibrant coral and solid drift dives.

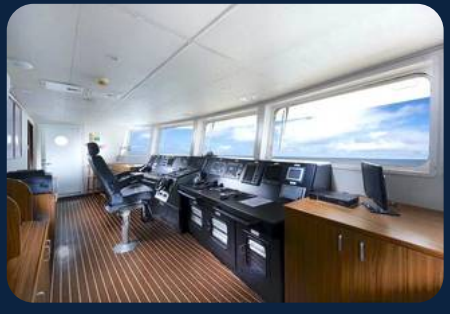
Reef slopes, steep walls, tunnels and overhangs are covered in a vast variety of soft corals, with regular blacktip sharks, tuna, barracuda and jacks.

Morotai alone has over forty mapped dive sites, and the coast of Halmahera is remote and less visited.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 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 Tifore

3 dives

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

DAY 3

Pulau Hiri, North Ternate

3 dives

This rocky island just north of Ternate is a haven for marine life and colourful coral reefs, a great spot for both beginner and experienced divers.
Sail north overnight.

DAY 4

Loloda Bay and Kahatola (days 4 and 5)

3-4 dives a day

Reef slopes, steep walls, tunnels, overhangs, all covered with a vast variety of soft corals, regular encounters with black tip sharks, tuna, barracuda, jacks and more.

DAY 6

Pulau Bau and Morotai

3-4 dives

Imposing walls, canyons, sloping reefs with vibrant coral, and solid drift dives provide a stunning backdrop to encounter manta rays, sharks and more, you may even spot the dugongs!
There are also some amazing macro dives plus the possibility of exploring a WWII wreck.

DAY 7

Pulau Morotai and Metita (days 7 and 8)

4 dives a day

With over 40 mapped dive sites there is something here for everyone.

DAY 9

Pulau Doi/ Dagasuli

3-4 dives

Exploration dives south of Morotai Island.

DAY 10

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3 dives

Tracing the northern coast back towards Ternate.
A chance to explore this remote and less visited destination where more and more operators are reporting some amazing dive sites to explore.

DAY 11

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 needed, an early flight the next day.

DAY 12

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

11 days (30 dives)

Lembeh

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

Halmahera and Morotai

Water 27-30°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 15-30 metres. Currents medium to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: March to November (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), 30 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