

Sample itineraries

“ALOR FORGOTTEN ISLANDS BANDA SEA”

THE HIDDEN GEM OF INDONESIA &
JOURNEY OF SPICES ISLAND

12 DAYS 11 NIGHTS

PORT : KALABAHI (ARD) - AMBON (AMQ)

Embark on an extraordinary underwater journey through the mesmerizing expanses from Alor to the Banda Sea. Prepare to explore vibrant marine life, with captivating encounters and breathtaking coral formations. Discover hidden treasures, from schools of hammerhead sharks to secluded Spice Islands rich in unique flora and fauna. This adventure will leave you spellbound as you uncover the secrets of these remote and enchanting waters.



DAY 1 - ALOR (1 DIVE)

All Guests arrive at Kalabahi airport. Airport/Hotel pick up to the pier. Welcome on board, guests can take a rest, Lunch and briefing by our cruise director.

Check Dive at Kalabahi bay, depended on guests arrival time.

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DAY 2 - ALOR (3 DIVES + LAND EXCURSIONS)

Munaseli, Babylon
Bama Wall

Land Excursions: Dugong Observation.

Start your diving adventures at Munaseli, known as Yellow Corner near North Pantar Island, a top dive spot in Alor. Its steep walls and currents attract large fish, sharks, and eagle rays. Keep an eye out for hammerheads passing by, adding excitement to your dive.

Babylon offers incredible visibility, a vast drop-off, and abundant marine life. Watch Babu fishermen setting fish traps and free diving, and observe graceful sea snakes gliding through the azure waters.

Bama Wall, or The Great Wall, near Bama village on Pantar Island, is adorned with vibrant corals and teems with reef fish. Look out for pelagic species like Napoleon Wrasse, Whitetip Reef Sharks, and Dogtooth Tuna.

After third dive, we continue to proceed land excursions to see the Dugong Observations. Meet and greet with Mawar, the star of Alor.



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DAY 3 - REONG THE FORGOTTEN ISLANDS (4 DIVES)

Reong corner, Reong Slope
Reong Wall, Reong Point

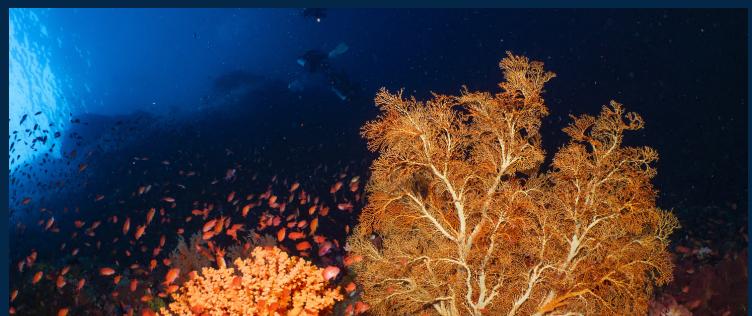
Embark on a journey through Indonesia's Ring of Fire, navigating isolated islands between Alor and Ambon accessible solely by liveaboard.

The Forgotten Islands, in the remote southeast Moluccas, stretch over a 1,000 km chain from Timor to West Papua. Our cruise explores this uncharted region, with the itinerary shaped by weather conditions. Dive sites feature breathtaking reefs and deep walls adorned with soft corals and sea fans. Off Wetar's northwest coast, the limestone island of Reong offers a unique landscape, attracting reef sharks, barracuda, and trevallies, amidst impressive walls teeming with diverse marine life.

DAY 4 - NYATA THE FORGOTTEN ISLANDS (3 DIVES)

Nyata S, Nyata R, Romang

At Nyata, the reefs thrive with vibrant hard-coral formations, particularly in the shallows, attracting incredible fish activity to the dive site. Expect vibrant corals and colorful reef fish, with occasional sightings of larger pelagic species like groupers and reef sharks. Pristine coral gardens provide fantastic opportunities for underwater photography.



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DAY 5 - BANDA SEA DUSBRUGH & NIL DESPARANDUM (3 DIVES)

Dusborgh, Nil Desperandum

As we commence on an overnight voyage, a new adventure begins, guiding us to the extraordinary destination of the Banda Sea. Get ready for exhilarating encounters and immersive experiences that await us in this remarkable locale.

Today we will explore two atolls, Dusborgh and Nil Desperandum, weather permitting, spending two days in this area. Nil Desperandum, meaning "don't despair," possibly alludes to a shipwreck centuries ago. This expansive atoll features deep drop-offs, offering sightings of schooling sharks, including hammerhead, silky, and grey reef sharks.

Dusborgh is an underwater atoll with a reef encircling it, extending to the water's surface before descending sharply into deep walls. Like other areas in the Forgotten Islands, these walls are adorned with massive sponges and sea fans. With exceptional visibility, keep watch for pelagic species in the depths



While cruising in open ocean, keep a vigilant eye on the ocean surface for the chance to encounter sperm whales, pilot whales and pods of dolphins.

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DAY 6 - BANDA SERUA (4 DIVES)

Magic Corners

At the northern tip of Serua Island lies a remarkable dive site where sightings of schools of hammerhead sharks are frequent, making Serua one of the premier locations in the Banda Sea for diving with these majestic creatures.

Surrounding the island, the waters are alive with vibrant coral formations, colossal sponges, and bustling schools of fish such as trevally, surgeonfish, and fusiliers.

The scalloped hammerhead is perhaps the most commonly encountered species in the Banda Sea. It is characterized by the distinctive scalloped edges of its head, and it typically inhabits tropical and warm temperate waters. Scalloped hammerheads are known to form large schools and are often seen patrolling reefs and offshore areas in search of prey.



Encountering these magnificent creatures while diving in the Banda Sea can be an unforgettable experience, offering divers the opportunity to observe these apex predators in their natural habitat. However, it's important to remember to approach them with caution and respect their space.

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DAY 7 - BANDA MANUK (4 DIVES)

Coconut Corner, Manuk Ridge
Hot Bubble Reef, Manuk East



Cruising around these volcanic islands, The Ring of Fire with colonies of seabirds flying above. The next stop is Pulau Manuk known as Snakes islands or the Birds island.

Their name presents two very unique highlights above and below the water. Topside, it is possible to revel in the spectacle of thousands of seabirds, including comical yet beautiful frigate birds and boobies. Underwater, several ridges display extraordinary colors and are populated by sea snakes. Divers can expect to be surrounded by inquisitive olive and banded sea kraits that gather on the reef all round the island. The reefs along this island are pristine, a mix of walls and slopes with corals in all colors and sizes and enormous barrel sponges.



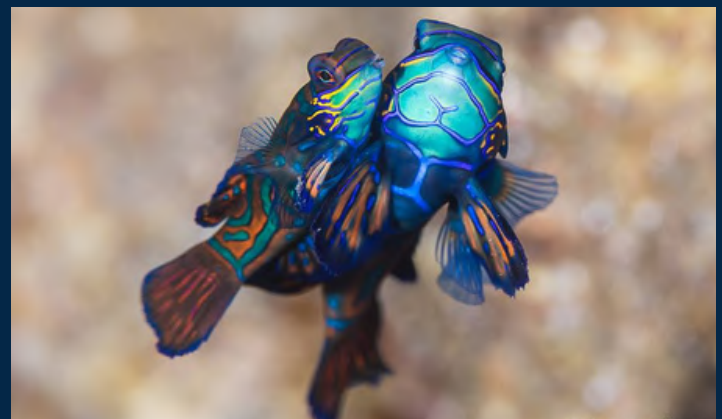
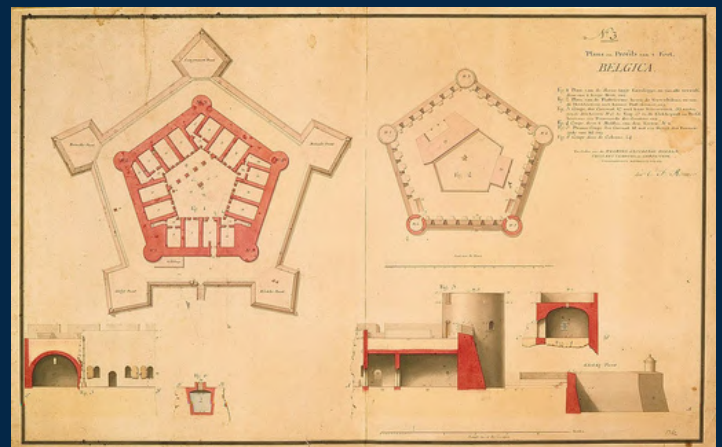
DAY 8 - BANDA NEIRA (4 DIVES + LAND EXCURSIONS)

Karang hatta East and West, Batu Kapal
Mandarin Hotel

Land Excursions : BANDA NEIRA

Located in the southern part of the Banda group, Karang Hatta boasts extraordinary walls teeming with diverse fish life. Batu Kapal, or Boat Rock, renowned for its distinctive boat-shaped rock, is one of the most famous sites in the Banda Sea, featuring massive sponges inhabited by colorful butterflyfish and redtooth triggerfish.

Today guests will have a chance to do cultural visit around Banda Neira as known as "The Spice Island". Explore the Dutch Fort, small museum of colonization history, and see the nutmeg that worth more than its weight in gold at that time. The Banda Neira were once at the heart of the world's biggest and most important trade in spices.



After learning about history of Banda Neira, Let's continue the evening dive at dusk at Mandarin Hotel to witness Mandarin fish mating together with many amazing small creatures.

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DAY 9 - DAY 10 BANDA SEA (8 DIVES) IT'S TIME FOR HAMMERHEADS ADVENTURE

Suanggi (8 dives) for the Hammerheads
JACKPOT, Suanggi Pinnacle, Suanggi Slope
Suanggi East, Suanggi Notth



This emblematic shark species can be seen in few places in the world. Luckily, Banda Sea is one of those place. We will cruising to the northernmost island of the Banda group the Hammerheads Hunting. A group of submerged coral hills with pristine coral, lots of fish and pelagics.

In Banda Sea, the scalloped Hammerhead shark that we will encounter is a critically endangered species and protected by the Indonesian government since 2013.



Peek-a-boo! Sometimes they are just right behind you divers.

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DAY 11 - BANDA SEA (2 DIVES + BBQ ON THE BEACH)

Molana islands (2 dives)
Time to pack and relax

Land Excursions : On Day 11, The BBQ party on the beach will be arrange in the evening and cruising back to Ambon.

DAY 12 - AMBON

FAREWELL, it's not a goodbye
It's see you again !
Guest check out. Transfer to Airport / Hotel

Please kindly note that this is sample itineraries. The plan might have slightly change subject to sea and weather condition, but we will try our best to make trip as enjoyable and memorable as possible.

International Hub
Domestic Port in
Domestic Port out
Current ALOR

Jakarta (CGK)
Kalabahi (ARD)
Ambon (AMQ)
Moderate - Challenging
in some dive sites

Current BANDA SEA
Diving Depth
Visibility
Water Temperature
Suitable for Beginners-Intermediate-Advanced

Gentle - Moderate
5 - 30 mètres
10 - 40 mètres
21 - 29°C

*For all diving routes, Velocean Liveaboard required Advanced Open Water diving Certifications. Diving class is available on board. Please let us know in advance 1 month prior trip departure.


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