

## **Banda Sea -Triton Bay 11-night Ambon to Kaimana**

### **Day 1 Ambon**

Our staff will pick you up at the airport for immediate boarding. Depending on the arrival time, we might do the check dive around Laha or Tulehu Bay and maybe even a night dive. Laha or Tuleu Bay: area known for its fabulous muck dives, probably among the best in the world for the macro dive. Only the Lembeh Strait in Indonesia can compete.

### **Day 2 Nusa Laut**

South of Seram, fantastic diving experiences on the reefs of Nusa Laut. These rather picturesque islands of Maluku are popular dive destinations due to their diversity of reef fish species, ghost pipefish, frogfish, and the variety of well-preserved hard corals. Flash News: we have seen sperm whales in the area on previous trips, so keep your eyes wide open.

### **Day 3 & 4 Banda Neira**

We will dive some sloping reefs and vertical walls that the area has to offer around the Banda Sea archipelago. Here the current attracts many fish: fusiliers, dogtooth tuna, eagle rays, barracudas and sometimes sharks. On the reef: soft corals, leather corals, bigeye trevallies and turtles. In front of Banda Neira village, a sunset dive to observe, especially the shy mandarin fish, will be possible. We will take you on a land excursion to see Banda Neira local village. An unforgettable cultural experience!

### **Day 5 Suanggi**

You will now arrive at the northern end of the outer reefs of the Banda Sea: Pulau Suanggi. The waters here are full of fish, reef sharks, tuna and sometimes hammerhead sharks. As a small bonus for bird lovers, many species can be observed around the island: brown and red-footed boobies and frigate birds.

### **Day 6 Koon**

The small island of Koon has a vertical wall and a slope where the current curls, pushing schools of trevallies, batfish, and barracuda in. Reef sharks are common, but the stars of the show are the giant groupers, the largest of which reaches a size of 10 feet! Quite exciting dives!

### **Day 7 Momon**

Early morning, we arrive in West Papua's Momon reef where we will make three dives on this large hard coral seamount, with some of the healthiest fish life in the area. Large schools of Bigeye Trevally, schools of batfish, napoleon wrasse, Barracuda, and Giant Trevally resides here. Afternoon we will visit the beautiful Kita Kita waterfalls where a freshwater river runs right straight into the sea!

### **Day 8 Namatote**

The islands of Namatote and Sagin are rich with diverse fish life and beautiful hard and soft corals, these islands are great for macro and pelagic species. Soft coral wall, schools of jacks, barracuda, turtles, wunderpus octopus, and all kinds of critters make it great diving for both wide-angle and macro enthusiasts.

### **Day 9-11 Triton Bay**

This still relatively unknown destination is full of treasures and fast becoming legendary for its beautiful corals filled with small creatures and huge schools of fish and migrating whale sharks. The area has been protected since 2008.

### **Day 12 Kaimana**

After a nice breakfast on board, our Aurora crew will organize, according to your flight schedules, your transfer to the airport of Kaimana. Unfortunately, our trip will end, and we have to say goodbye, but we hope to see you again onboard.