



BANDA NEIRA

8 DAY 7 NIGHT



BANDA ITINERARY 8D7N

AMBON - AMBON

Trip details:

Length of trip: 8 days 7 nights

Dives: approximately 20 dives in total

Park fees: USD150 per person (subject to change depending on government regulations)

Required experience: Advance Open Water with minimum 30 logged dives

Notes on itinerary Banda Neira:

- 7D6N itinerary Ambon-Suangi-BandaNeira-Ambon only
- 8D7N itinerary Ambon-Suangi-BandaNeira-Hatta-Ambon
- 9D8N possible to go Serua & Nil Desperandum with additional cost of fuel according to the updated fuel price during the trip (whole group must agree first and confirm with marketing team for the pricing)

Diving conditions:

- Water Temp: 27-30 degree celcius
- Visibility: 20 - 30 mtr
- Current: Mild to medium. However, prepared to experience strong current in 1 - 2 dive sites

How to get to Banda :

FLIGHT INFORMATION



AIRPORTS

- Jakarta Airport - CGK ● Ambon Airport - AMQ

VIA JAKARTA

- **Jakarta Airport (CGK) → Ambon Airport (AMQ)**
 - Garuda Indonesia (10.00 - 15.35) requires to stay at least one day in Ambon hotel before the trip
 - Citilink (01.45 - 07.20) Overnight Flight arrive one day before at the airport
 - Batik (01.20 - 06.55) Overnight flight, arrive one day before at the airport
 - Lion Air (Frequent delays and rescheduling without notice)

RETURN FLIGHT

- **Ambon (AMQ) → Jakarta (CGK)**
 - Garuda Indonesia (16.20 - 17.45)
 - Citilink (07.55 - 09.20)
 - Batik (07.50 - 09.10)

Banda Neira trips embark and disembark in Ambon, Moluccas. Amaya Explorer crew will pick you up at the airport on the D-Day or at the hotel.

Verify if baggage check-through is available or if you'll need to collect and re-check your luggage for Ambon when flight domestic flight after an international arrival.

In Jakarta, be aware that some international and domestic flights use different terminals.

AIRPORTS:

Jakarta : Soekarno Hatta International & Domestic Airports

Ambon : Pattimura Domestic Airport

Flight options to Ambon:

Via Jakarta (overnight flights, arrive one day before at the airport)

Jakarta (CGK) → Ambon (AMQ)

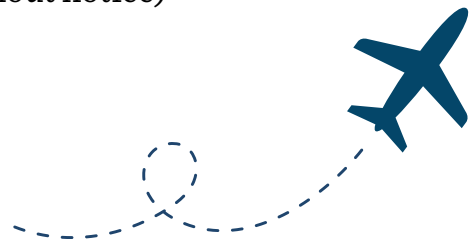
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Flight options from Ambon:

To Jakarta

Ambon (AMQ) → Jakarta (CGK)

- GARUDA INDONESIA (16.20 – 17.45)
- CITILINK (07.55 – 09.20)
- BATIK AIR (07.50 – 09.10)



Flights to Ambon are available from these airports as well: Makassar (UPG Ujung Pandang), Bali (DPS)

Visa & travel permits:

- check the visa and passport requirements well in advance.
- Ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your planned departure date.
- Depending on your nationality, you may need to apply for a visa before your arrival or may be eligible for a visa on arrival.
- Please verify the specific requirements based on your country

Itinerary is subject to change without notice:

Sample itineraries and maps are for illustrative purposes only. The exact route and sites visited are subject to change based on local regulations, guest experience, weather, and logistics and are at the Captain's discretion.

The last dive will be on the penultimate day of the trip. Divers are recommended to wait for 24 hours before flying after the last dive.

In rare circumstances, it is possible that prices may be increased. While all efforts will be made to minimize the implementation of surcharges, circumstances under which this may occur include:

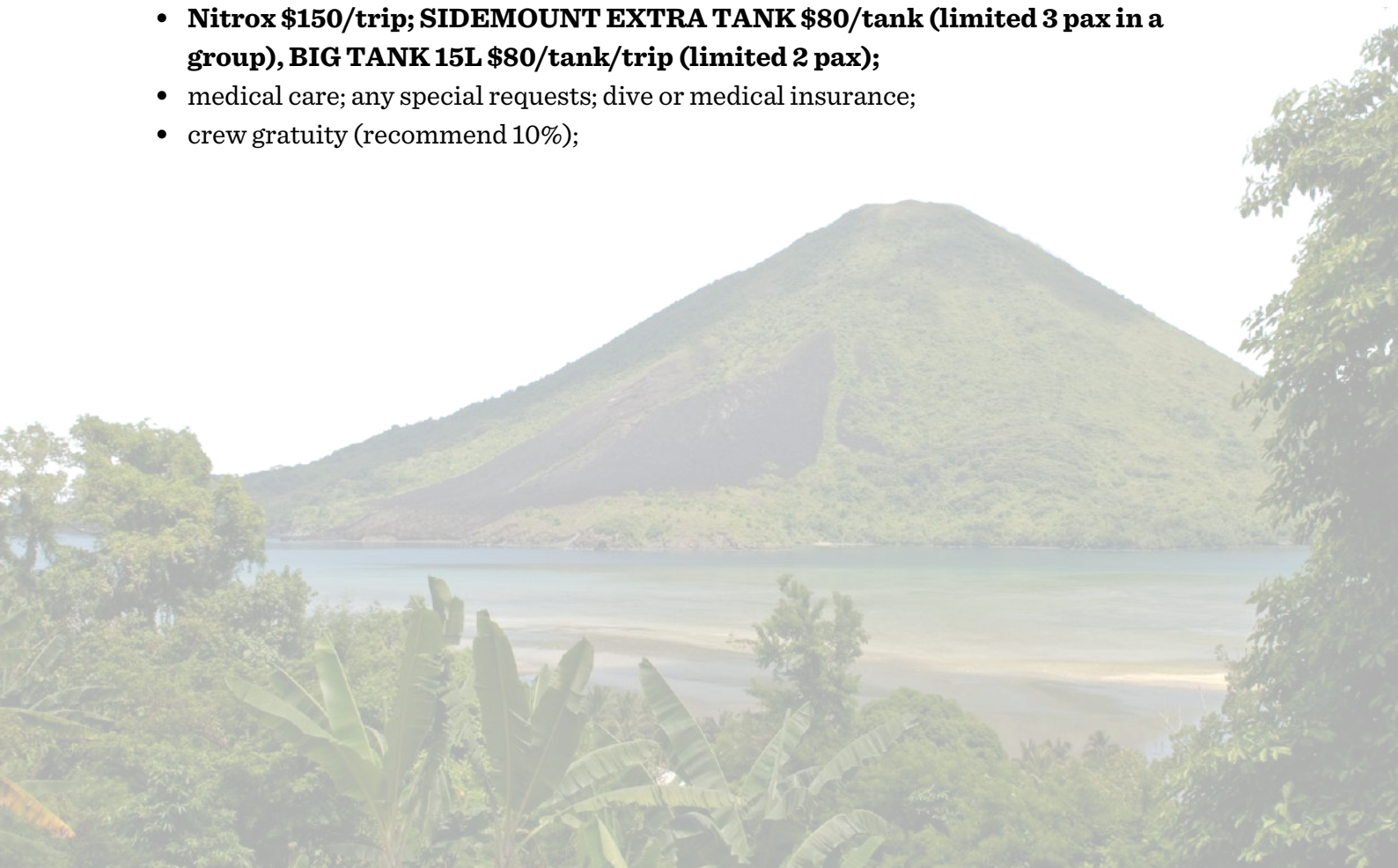
- High sudden increase in fuel cost
- Increase in local taxes and duties
- significant government or park permit price changes

INCLUDE:

- 3-4x dives in a day except for first and last day also depends on itinerary,
- all on board meals, snacks, tea, coffee, mineral water & refreshments (excluding alcohol),
- shore excursions as outlined on the itinerary;
- transfers to/from shore to the ship during check in date and check out date;
- services of English-speaking cruise director; service of the crew;
- use of all onboard water sports equipment including sea kayaks, stand-up paddle boards (where permissible by local regulation);
- Sensatia organic amenities; in room aromatic diffuser and organic essential oils.

EXCLUDE:

- **National park and retribution fee**, all government taxes
- entry permits, ports and handling fees outside our seasonal bases; repositioning fees;
- En-route accommodations at stopover cities at the beginning and end of your trip;
- aircraft charter fees; international airfare; domestic airfare; excess baggage fees; passport, visas or airport departure fees;
- **Starlink access \$50/device/trip**, telecommunication costs for satellite phone & internet charges;
- alcoholic beverages;
- land expedition and cultural program costs outside itinerary;
- **TRANSPORTATION COST FOR REQUIRING REQUESTED ITEMS;**
- PADI dive certification courses;
- Dive / Snorkeling gear rental;
- private dive master with ratio 1:1;
- **Nitrox \$150/trip; SIDEMOUNT EXTRA TANK \$80/tank (limited 3 pax in a group), BIG TANK 15L \$80/tank/trip (limited 2 pax);**
- medical care; any special requests; dive or medical insurance;
- crew gratuity (recommend 10%);



WHAT TO EXPECT IN BANDA NEIRA

Marine Life: Diver can expect a wide range of topography from shallow reefs, fringing reefs, drop off and wall, pinnacle, cave and swim through with a variety of hard coral, soft coral, sea fans, and sponges. Hammerhead sharks, sea turtles, barracuda, cuttlefish, pipefish, various seahorse species, and massive school of reef fishes are norm.



Day 1 - Ambon sailing to Suanggi Begin your adventure by embarking from Laha, Ambon Harbour and boarding the vessel. The cruise leader will brief on boat safety, an overview of the trip, equipment set up and then settle into your accommodations.

Afterwards, we will sail to Suanggi for approximately 16+ hours. Due to the long hours to reach Suanggi island, guests flying to Ambon are expected to arrive before 8 am or recommended to stay a night before in Ambon to avoid flight delays. As part of the sailing experience, expect a range of delightful boat movements from a small wobble to more adventurous waves.

Upon arrival at the check dive site, the dive crew will outline the upcoming dive sites and safety protocols. This dive is designed to refresh your skills and ensure your comfort in the water. You'll explore a nearby dive site, assessing your gear and diving proficiency.

Day 2 - Suanggi Island

After an overnight of sailing we welcome you to Suanggi Island, located 20 km northwest of Banda Neira. The boat will only go when the conditions are right. Currents can be strong yet we will be rewarded with dozens of fish and large predators such as Hammerheads, barracudas and dogtooth tuna.

Possible dive sites:

- Jackpot
- Suanggi Ridge
- The Wall



Day 3 & 4-Banda Neira

Banda Neira, a gem in Indonesia's Maluku Islands, is a dreamy destination for travelers seeking pristine natural beauty, fascinating history, and rich marine life. Known as part of the famous Banda Islands, this small, tranquil island boasts white sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant coral reefs, making it a haven for snorkeling and diving enthusiasts. Visitors can explore historical landmarks such as Fort Belgica, a Dutch colonial relic, or walk around the traditional market for breathtaking views of the surrounding islands.

Possible dive sites:

- **Pohon Miring**
- **Lava Flow**
- **Batu Kapal Lighthouse**
- **Mandari night dive**
- **Karnopol**

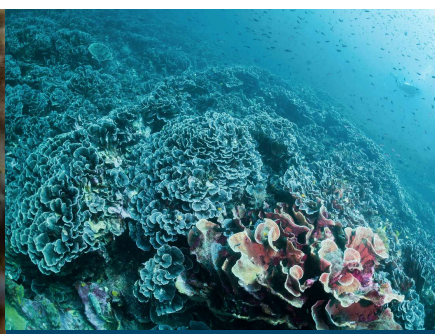
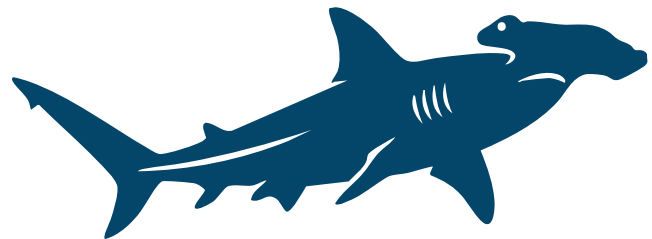


Day 5-Hatta

Hatta Island, is renowned for its untouched whitesand beaches and vibrant dive sites. The island's crystal-clear waters host thriving coral reefs teeming with marine life, making it a dream destination for diving and snorkeling enthusiasts. Popular dive spots like Karang Hatta offer stunning underwater landscapes filled with colorful corals, reef sharks, humphead, and countless tropical fish.

Possible dive sites:

- **Karang Hatta**
- **Tanjung Buton**
- **Goa Hatta**



Day 6-Manuk

Manuk is located in south Banda. The island is truly unique and famous around the world due to its incredibly large population of sea snakes. Most commonly seen is the banded sea krait.

Possible dive sites:

- **Manuk ridge**
- **Bubble reef**
- **Manuk**



Day 7-Laha

Diving in Laha, Ambon, is internationally acclaimed for its outstanding muck diving experiences, featuring rare and camouflaged creatures such as Rhinopias (scorpionfish), frogfish, ghost pipefish, and a variety of octopus species (including mimic, blue-ringed, and wonderpus). The site showcases sandy slopes and jetty debris, making it a macro paradise perfectly suited for underwater photographers. The dives are shallow, rich in critters, and have minimal current, all while being part of the larger, nutrient-dense Ambon Bay, which is celebrated for its diverse macro life.

Day 8 – Ambon Harbour

Disembark in Laha, Ambon Harbour. After breakfast we will assist guests to the airport depending on flight schedule or we will transfer to a hotel. For those staying in hotels, are able to relax on the boat until 10.00am.

