



INDONESIA

# BANDA SEA 12 NIGHTS MAUMERE - AMBON

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Come and discover the fabulous Banda sea, offering one of the most extraordinary diversity of fish and invertebrate species in the world.

**12 nights itinerary**, through Maumere, Alor, Banda to Ambon.  
Route is **subject to weather conditions and can be modified.**  
**Best period** : October to November

# Program



## Day 1 : Maumere

Aurora team will welcome you at the airport and bring you to Aurora for immediate boarding. Depending on the arrival time, we might do the check dive around Maumere and maybe even a night dive.

## Day 2 : East Flores

Tanjung Gedong: northeast Flores. The reef slopes down into a sandy area with large coral heads. The beautiful deep sections are decorated with soft corals and large table corals. Reef sharks, groupers and other encounters are to be expected.



## Day 3 : Komba

We will dive around Komba, an active volcano. The sandy slopes are home to various fish species. On the rocks, nudibranchs and shells.

After the dives, a guaranteed thrill with a tour close to the volcano. Eruptions occur every 20 to 30 minutes!

## Day 4\_5 : Alor Strait

Nusa Tenggara area, Timor. An incredibly rich biodiversity on land and underwater. The place offers all types of dives, from superb muck dives to magnificent drop-offs with sweeping currents.

Pulau Pura and Pulau Ternate: clear and warm water with nice coral gardens and a huge marine wildlife. Superb macro to observe, especially the shy mandarin fish. An unusual and excellent bonus of diving here is the possibility of spotting pilot whales and dolphins from the surface.

We will take you on a land excursion to see a forgotten tribe in a local village. An unforgettable cultural experience!





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## Day 6 : Wetar

Wetar is a large island north of Timor. Untouched landscapes with lush vegetation, the dives are not to be missed. Stunning drop-offs and pelagic life are waiting for you.

## Day 7 : Damar

Terbang Utara / Terbang Selatan, two small islands located south of Damar. Usually, we can expect easy but very fast drifts along marvellous coral drop-offs.

Nuss Leur: several pinnacles with all the colourful life of coral reefs.



## Day 8 : Serua-Nil-Nila

Serua Island and Nil Desperandum takes its name from a ship, stranded on the reef. These are the hot spots to come across hammerhead sharks if you are lucky enough.

## Day 9 : Manuk, Snake Island

Manuk, the 'Snake Island', a volcanic island with lower interest on land. It takes its nickname from the large amount of sea snakes found there. You will surely see a lot! The drop-offs here are amazing and sharks, mackerels, tunas and barracudas are often observed.



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## Day 10-11 : Banda Island

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 and tuna. As a small bonus for bird lovers, many species can be observed around the island: brown boobies, red-footed boobies and frigate birds.

Pulau hatta / Karang hatta: We will dive both sloping reefs and vertical walls. The current attracts many fish: fusiliers, dogtooth tuna, eagle rays, barracudas and sometimes sharks. On the reef: soft corals, leather corals, big eye trevallies and turtles.



## Day 12 : Nusa Laut, Molana

South of Seram, fantastic diving experiences on the reefs of Molana and 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.

We even have seen sperm whales in the area on previous trips, so keep your eyes wide open.

## Day 13 : Ambon

After a nice breakfast on board, our Aurora crew will organize, according to your flight schedules, your transfer to the airport of Ambon.

Unfortunately our trip will arrive at an end and we have to say goodbye but we hope to see you again on board.





# Itinerary



# Green Commitment



## Our partnerships :



Our company is proud to have obtained the "Manta Trust" and "Green Fins" labels, testifying to our commitment to the environment with actions such as:

- Develop education programs for local communities
- Protect manta rays/mobulas through research, education and collaboration
- Participate in beach and ocean cleanups
- Commit to maximizing buoy and non-anchor anchoring to preserve the coral reef.
- Collect data to help understand marine litter.
- Avoid all chemicals and toxic products that could enter the ocean from our boat.

## Our values :

We believe that we have a responsibility to protect the underwater biodiversity and we are determined to do this.

We teach all our divers environmentally responsible diving techniques to minimize our impact on the marine environment. We also educate our guests on environmentally friendly diving practices.

Beyond the marine environment, we are also committed to eco-responsible behavior on our boat, which is partly built with renewable materials. We reduce our water and energy consumption through resource efficient practices. We also offer local and seasonal meals to limit the importation of international products.

By traveling with us, you will be maximizing your contribution to the preservation of the Indonesia environment for future generations. Come and discover the underwater wonders in a responsible way.



# The Boat



## AURORA

### 9 cabins, 18 passengers

- Lower & main deck : 9 cabins = 3 cabins with twin beds ; 3 cabins with a double bed and 3 cabins with a double bed + a single bed

All the cabins are equipped with air-conditioning, hot water shower and toilets. Power outlet 220V

### Description

The Aurora is a 42-meter long Pinisi, that was constructed in Sulawesi (Indonesian island). It offers all the advantages of a modern boat, while keeping his traditional charm. It navigates all year long in the Indonesian archipelago so as to offer his guests the opportunity to discover some spectacular sites.

After your unforgettable diving experiences and all the unique discoveries our experimented guides will share with you, you can just relax on the Aurora, in the areas provided for that.

Our chef will take care of filling your stomachs by preparing some Indonesian, international or vegetarian specialities, in accordance with your preferences.

### Diving equipment

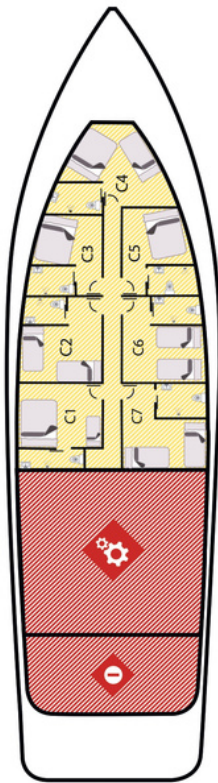
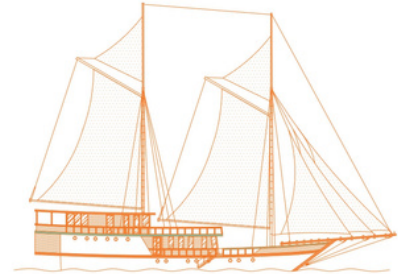
- 2 Tenders
- DIN or International
- 12 L tanks
- 15L tanks available upon request & surcharge
- Free nitrox
- Full equipment rental
- Security equipment, O2, defibrillator
- Hot and cold water
- Silent generator
- Dry camera charging area

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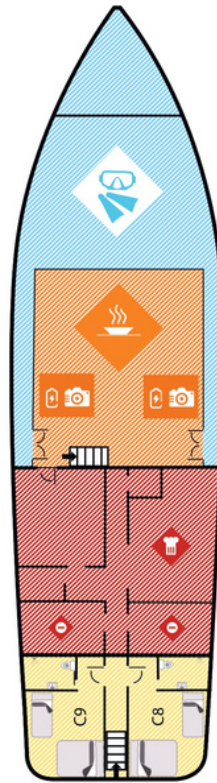




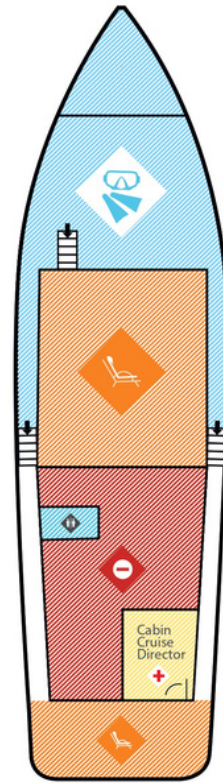
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LOWER DECK



MAIN DECK



UPPER DECK



**ACTIVITY AREA**  
Espace dédié à l'activité

**DIVING AREA**  
Zone de plongée



**FRIENDLY AREA**  
Espace d'échange et de convivialité

**DINING ROOM**  
Restaurant

**COMFORT ZONE**  
Zone de repos



**PRIVATE COMFORT ZONE**  
Espace de confort privée

**CABINS** Cabines



**RESTRICTED TECHNICAL ZONE**  
Espace technique non accessible

**KITCHEN** Cuisine

**ENGINE ROOM** Machines

**STAFF ONLY** Accès interdit hors personnel



**FIRST-AID KIT**  
Trousse de premiers soins



**RESTROOMS**  
Toilettes

# Practical info



## DIVERS' LEVEL

Level 2\* CMAS or Open Water Diver (OWD) with a minimum of 30 logged dives is required.

## FOOD

On board, local cuisine, vegetarian and international menus will be served.

Please let us know if you have any allergy or any specific diet (Diabet, Vegetarian, vegan...)



## ACCOMODATION

Accommodation is based on double shared cabin .

A supplement is charged for single use of a cabin.

Depending on your itinerary, it might be necessary to book a night in a hotel before or after your cruise or before your domestic flights.

We can take care of your hotels' bookings if needed.



## AIRPORT PICK UP & TRANSFERS

Passengers are greeted at the airport by a DUNE Indonesia representative, holding a "DUNE" sign. The meeting point will generally be just outside the arrival hall after the baggage claim and customs clearance area.

**Contact us for early check-in/late departures**





# Practical info



## PRICES INCLUDE

- Pick up and drop off (before and after the cruise) from the nearest airport to Aurora
- Accommodation in a double-bed or twin-bed cabin with en-suite bathroom, toilet and AC
- Meals and all soft drinks on board (excluding beer, spirits, wine, espresso coffee)
- Minimum 25 to 30 dives (including night dives), according to weather conditions and flights schedule
- 12L Tank, belt, weights and diving guide
- **Nitrox**. As a service offered by Dune, Nitrox can't be subject to any complaint or refund in case of a possible failure or malfunctioning of the compressor
- Multilingual guides on board (French, English, Indonesian)
- Land excursions, according to the diving cruise itinerary
- Wifi : subject to network availability - some areas might not be covered

## PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Scuba diving courses
- Rental diving equipment
- **Dive insurance (mandatory)**
- 15L tanks
- Extra excursion requested
- Beer, wine and spirits, Espresso coffee
- Souvenirs, laundry, use of satellite phone
- Tips on board (for crew): 15 USD minimum / person / day - to be paid in cash
- Port fee: 250\$ per trip per person

\*Surcharges: Dune Aurora Liveaboard reserve the right to apply an appropriate surcharge to its prices should economic changes (such as exchange rates, fuel prices, etc) make a material difference to its pricing structure. - A minimum of 14 days' notice will be given before such a surcharge becomes effective. - No surcharge will be applied within 28 days of departure. - If the surcharge results in an increase of 10% or more to the price of the liveaboard, dive package/dive course, then cancellation with a full refund will be allowed. Notification of the intention to cancel must be made in writing within 14 days of the notification or the surcharge.

