

# BANDA SEA - TRITON BAY 11 NIGHTS

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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.

**11 nights itinerary**, going through Ambon, Nusa Laut, Banda Islands, Suanggi, Koon, Momon, Namatote, Triton Bay to Kaimana.

**Route is subject to weather conditions and can be modified.**

**Best period:** November



**Destination** LIVEABOARD  
RAJA AMPAT  
**Activity** LIVEABOARD  
**Duration** 12 days

## ITINERARY

## DATES & PRICES

## PRACTICAL INFO

### 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 wellpreserved hard corals. Flash News: we have seen sperm whales in the area on previous trips, so keep your eyes wide open.

### Days 3 to 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 boobies, 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 3m! 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.

### Days 9 to 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 arrive at an end and we have to say goodbye but we hope to see you again on board.