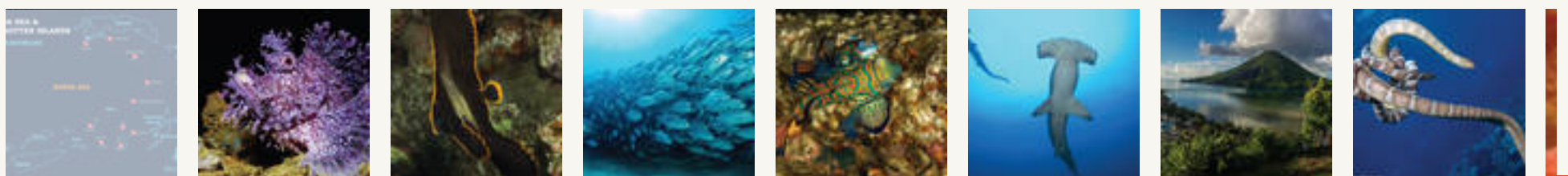


Banda Sea / Forgotten Islands



Do some critter hunting in the world class muck diving destination of Ambon harbor. Visit the chain of islands where the spices trade took place: sheer walls, and unique encounters of Banda Sea. Go into the microenvironment fed by currents of the Indian and the Pacific oceans of Alor. Dive in the incredibly rich waters and the area is typified by crystal clear water, deep walls and pinnacles, awesome overhangs and swim-throughs, beautiful pristine corals, huge barrel sponges and large schools of fish of the Forgotten Islands. Below will be the draft itinerary when you are onboard of Damai:

Day 1: Arrive into Ambon

Guests will arrive in Ambon and have time to get comfortable on the boat. We will do a couple of dives in the mucky Bay of Ambon, a heaven for critter hunters: Rhinopias, Frog fish. Ghost pipe fish, Seahorses, pretty much the whole collection can be found in these waters.

No. of 2
Dives:

Day 2: Nusa Laut

There are two distinct dive sites at Nusa Laut. Akon Wall is beautiful drop off with a natural limestone swim through in the wall. There are clouds of colorful Anthias and Damselfish hanging off the wall. Amed Slope is a sloping reef with excellent hard corals and schooling fish.

No. of 4
Dives:

Day 3: Banda Neira

Spend some quality time around the Spice Islands in the shadow of Gunung Api volcano. There are a selection of unique dive sites including the hard coral at Lava Flow and the very fishy underwater pinnacles at Batu Kapal.

Tour the island in the afternoon, visit its historical buildings, Banda was the center of the spice trade and of capital importance at the time. Late in the afternoon, we will go back in the water for a world class mandarin dive experience.

No. of 4
Dives:

Day 4: Manuk

The island of the snakes is a smoking volcano in the middle of the Banda Sea. There is the opportunity to see both Olive Sea Snakes and the more common Banded Sea Krait which can lead to quite an exhilarating dive. There are a couple of Mobula Ray cleaning stations nestled in the black sand shallows and always the possibility of cruising sharks.

No. of 3
Dives:

Day 5 and 6: Nils Desperandum & Sika

The best place in Indonesia to have a chance to spot school of Hammerheads. An atoll with walls all around it, large pelagic patrol the reefs, and the ridges in the corners are teeming with life, schooling fish, large barrel sponges and fans. Great diving experience.

No. of 4
Dives:

Day 7: Damar

Just south are the Terbang islands with their steep walls and passing pelagics. Another chance to spot hammerheads and bigger fish: bump head Parrot fish, Napoleon fish swimming among extremely healthy corals.

No. of 4
Dives:

Day 8: Moora

Adrenaline diving when the current sweeps over the ridge on the north west of the island. There are big schools of Bumphead parrotfish, trevally, longfin spadefish, blackfin barracuda, whitemouth unicornfish and some cool critters to find when you can catch your breath.

No. of 4
Dives:

Day 9: Babar

Seamount on the southwest of Babar, great hard corals in the shallows and sloping reefs with giant barrel sponges. Large schooling of fusiliers that will attack tunas, wahoos and other pelagic. Good chances to see reef sharks.

No. of 4
Dives:

Day 10: Dai

Tertuti Wall is a beautiful wall carpeted in vibrant orange and yellow softcorals and huge seafans. There are schools of butterflyfish and anthias hanging just off the wall and larger schools further out. With plenty of ledges and overhangs to make the dive interesting, there is even an arch for photo opportunities.

No. of 4
Dives:

Day 11: Pulau Dawera

Some of the healthiest and balanced coral reef. Abundant life which consists of school of bigeye trevally, fusiliers, enormous Napoleon Wrasse, patrolling Dogtooth Tuna and a series of Sharks. A perfect way to complete the trip with the last 2 dives here to enjoy the beautiful reef and amazing fish life.

No. of 2
Dives:

Day 12: Departure

Guests will be escorted to the airport in Saumlaki and assisted with check in procedures, no doubt full of talk about the wonders of the most popular dive destination in the world.

DISCLAIMERS

The trip will be weather dependent and there might be long crossing required throughout. We will, try to adjust the best we can to the conditions and fulfil all itinerary briefed when you're on the boat.

Due to the need to report to the local village, divers will need to be flexible with the start time of the first dive at some of the dive sites. We will ensure that you're given timely update on this during the trip, however your understanding on last minute changes would be appreciated. This is because divers are only allowed in the water once permission is granted by the local villages and officers.

Damai are flexible to change itinerary suggested based on customer's preference in the event that weather and time allow us to do so and if changes are agreeable by all participants on board