

LEMBEH, HALMAHERA & RAJA AMPAT

DIVE *MORE* EXPERIENCE *MORE*

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHT





LEMBEH, HALMAHERA, & RAJA AMPAT HIGHLIGHTS

Chance to see vibrant critters in Lembeh Strait.

Large schools of barricudas, travallies, fusiliers, and groupers.

See vibrant corals.

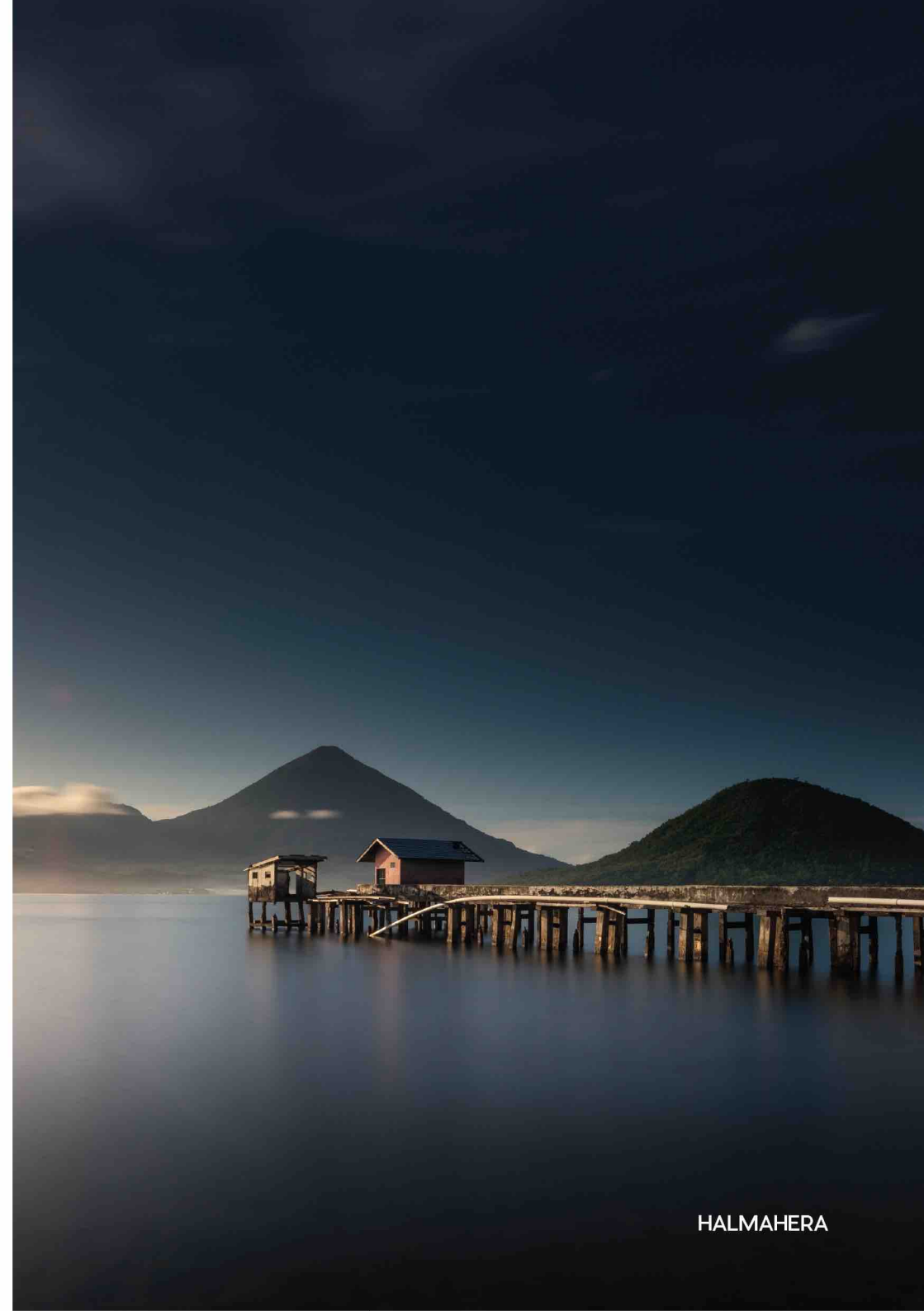
Visit some of the world's best muck diving spots.

Reef Sharks and Manta Rays.

Hike to Piaynemo for the view of Raja Ampat's limestone cliffs.

Visit sites with some of Indonesia's best visibility year round.

Variety of marine life from pelagic sharks to rare Frogfish.



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HOW TO GET TO MANADO



The remote areas of Bangka, Lembah and Halmahera are relatively unvisited. So, how do you get there? Your journey begins with an international flight into Indonesia, followed by a domestic flight to Sam Ratulangi International Airport (MDC) on the Sulawesi Island.

As the capital of Northern Sulawesi, Manado serves as the main gateway for liveaboard dive boats. Though getting to these dive spots requires a bit of extra time and preparation, the rewards are well worth the effort.

Indonesia offers multiple international airports throughout its archipelago. Most international visitors typically arrive via Jakarta or Bali, as both airports provide direct domestic flights to Manado.

Jakarta Soekarno-Hatta International Airport (CGK)
Surabaya Juanda Airport (SUB)
Bali Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS)
Makassar Sultan Hasanuddin Airport (UPG)

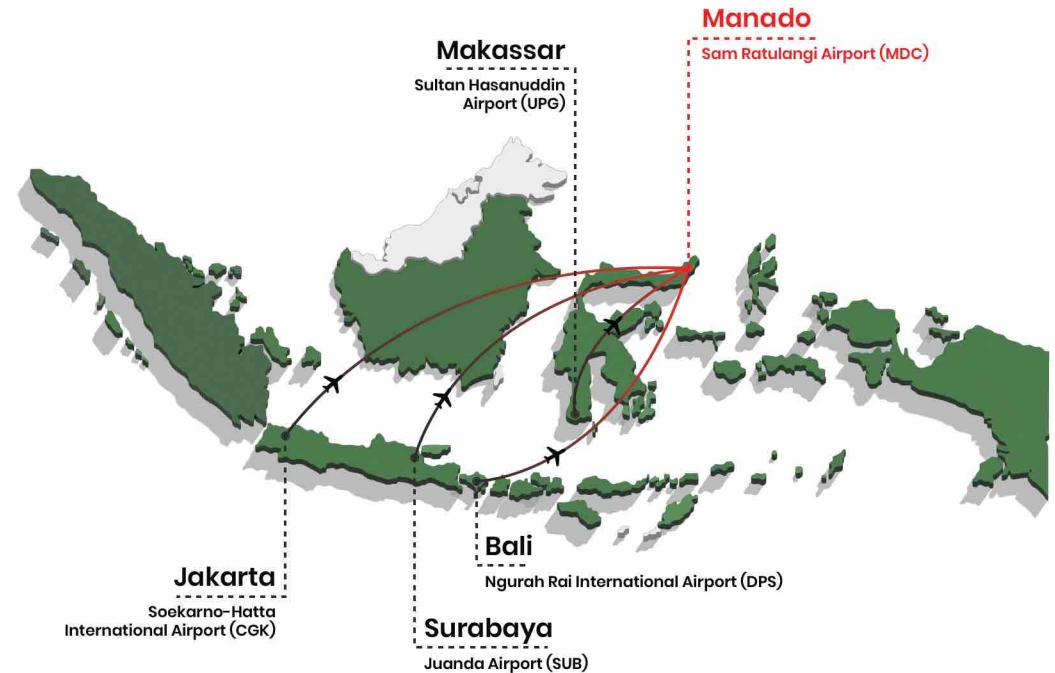
Upon arrival in Indonesia, passengers are required to go through customs and immigration with all the required documents, including a visa, before proceeding to baggage claim to retrieve their belongings.

Most domestic airlines in Indonesia do not have baggage transfer agreements with major international carriers, meaning travelers must collect their luggage and check in for onward domestic flights.

Garuda Airlines – Part of the Skyteam Alliance

Air Asia
Lion Air
Batik Air
Sriwijaya Air

To ensure you don't miss your La Galigo departure, guests must arrive in Manado the day before and book an overnight stay at a Manado hotel. Airport and hotel pick up are between 7:00am and 8:00am the day of departure.



DEPARTURE

MANADO (MDC)

 Pick up at 8.00 AM

 Bitung

 Manado (MDC)

LENGTH OF TRIP

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

EXPERIENCE

Open Water – 40 minimum logged dives required, or
Advanced Open Water – 20 minimum logged dives required

DIVES

Approximately 32 – 33 dives in total

RETURN

SORONG (SOQ)

 Until 11.00 AM

 Sorong

 Sorong (SOQ)

PARK FEES

\$350 USD

The above rates are per person per trip and subject to change.
Please note these fees are in line with third party supplier costs.

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- Prices listed are per person, payable and inclusive of National and Localised taxes.
 - Embarkation is at Bitung harbour. A senior member of our La Galigo crew will meet you at the airport in Manado or Manado hotel for a transfer to the boat.
 - Disembarkation is at Sorong Harbour.
 - La Galigo sails to Lembah Strait for the checkout dive.
 - Before your trip, please check the visa requirements for entering Indonesia.
 - Additionally, all passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country.
 - All guests are required to have valid travel and dive insurance (including Medivac) for the duration of their trip. La Galigo is a recognised DAN partner and can assist you with the purchase of a short-term dive insurance policy.
 - To partake in any scuba diving activity with La Galigo, you must hold a certification from a recognised scuba diving society such as SSI, CMAS, BSAC, PADI or similar. It is the client's responsibility, as a certified diver, to respect and follow the guidelines given by the La Galigo guides and instructors, and to follow the regulations stipulated by their certification agency.
 - All dives are conducted to a maximum depth of 30 metres/100 ft.
 - The water temperatures vary between 27 – 30 Celsius / 80 – 85 Fahrenheit.
 - BYO alcohol policy for spirits only.

INCLUDES

- VAT (11%)
- Transport from your local hotel or local airport to the harbour
- Transport from disembarkation harbour to your local hotel local airport.
- All meals & non-packaged snacks
- Coffee, Tea & drinking water
- Fresh fruit
- Post dive snacks & refreshments
- Diving services including the following for the duration of your trip:
 - 12 litre dive tanks & air fills (up to 4 per day)
 - Weights
 - Mask
 - Fins
 - SMB and Reel
 - Reef Hook (where applicable)
 - Air Fills
 - Dive computer
 - Dive Transport using Tenders
 - Guides
 - Land excursions (where applicable)

EXCLUDES

- Flight tickets
- Mandatory dive insurance which includes medical evacuation (unless booking direct)
- Travel insurance (Strongly advised)
- Visas and associated fees
- Airport taxes and extra baggage fees
- Airport to hotel transfers if arriving the day before your trip
- Port clearances, ranger, anchorage, village and marine park fees
- Dive rental equipment at \$35 per person per day (torch excluded)
- Nitrox at \$25 per person per day, for up to 4 tanks per day
- 15L tanks at \$15 per person per day, for up to 4 tanks per day
- Extra 12 litre tank fills over 4 per day (sidemount)
- Dive courses and certification, (price on application)
- Alcoholic beverages such as Beer and Wine (The selection of wine and spirits in Indonesia is limited and can be expensive; we recommend that you bring your favourite tippie with you)
- Soft drinks and packaged snacks
- Fuel surcharges (may fluctuate with markets, you may be asked to pay an extra fuel allowance up to 30 days prior to departure, of no more than US\$20 per person per day)
- Staff gratuities, many of our guests base their tips calculated at 10% of the list of the trip. (Tipping is optional, but greatly appreciated)
- Merchandise
- Drone Fees



DAY 1

MANADO AND LEMBEH STRAIT

Welcome to La Galigo!

A representative from La Galigo will meet you at your Manado hotel at 7:00 am for the 1-hour transfer to Bitung. After a safety briefing and time to settle into your cabin, we will sail to our first dive site.

Lembeh Strait is a macro photographer's paradise and a must-visit for lovers of critter diving. The welcome dive features a coral wall, adorned with soft corals and sponges. Known arine life highlights include a variety of nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses, flamboyant cuttlefish, frogfish, ghost pipefish, and other exotic critters. At night, the sites transforms into a magical display of bioluminescence and nocturnal creatures.



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DAY 2

LEMBEH STRAIT

Our first dull day will be exploring the Lembeh Strait known for its premier muck diving, macro enthusiasts, and underwater photographers. Marine life highlights include flamboyant cuttlefish, mimic octopuses, Ambon scorpionfish, and a variety of rare nudibranchs. Frogfish, pipefish, and shrimp species are also commonly spotted here, camouflaging themselves in the sand and rubble. Keep an eye out fascinating creatures like stargazers, eels, and tiny crabs hidden in the sand.

The evening reef comes alive with nocturnal animals and perfect for spotting glowing squids, hunting octopuses, and other nighttime critters that make the underwater world magical. It's the perfect way to end a day of exploring these incredible dive sites. After the dive we lift anchor for an overnight sail to Tifore Island.

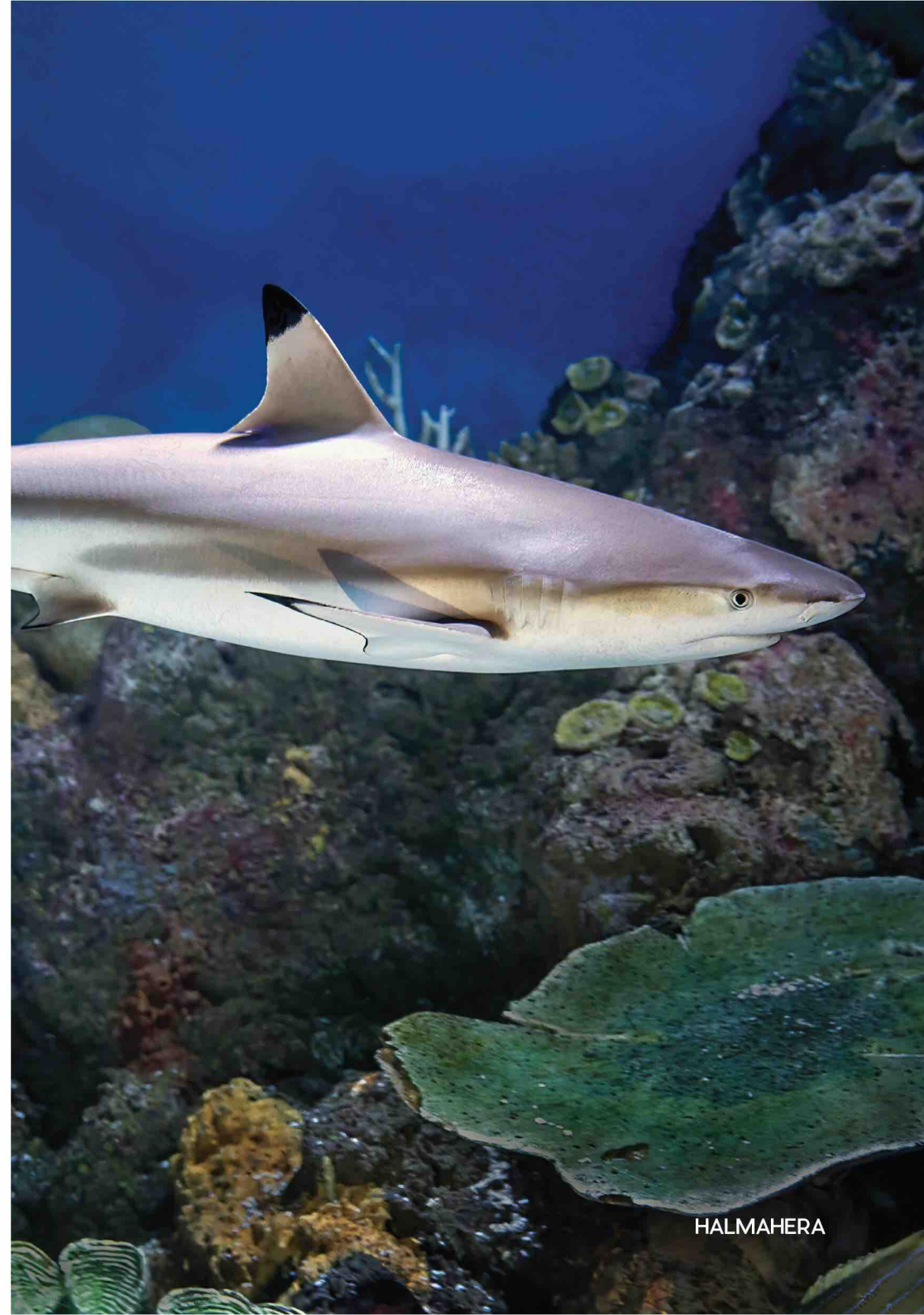


DAY 3

TIFORE ISLAND

Enjoy a leisurely morning as we sail to Tifore Island located in the middle of the Molucca Sea, far from any surrounding land. Positioned between Halmahera and North Sulawesi, it's a popular stop for liveaboards traveling to or from Raja Ampat.

The diving here is breathtaking, thanks to its remote location in open water. The vibrant coral reefs are alive with soft and hard corals, sea fans, and sponges in stunning colors, while reef fish like butterflyfish, angelfish, parrotfish, and lionfish swim nearby. At sunset, don't miss the chance to witness the mandarin fish perform its fascinating mating dance. Larger marine life adds to the spectacle, with barracudas, trevallies, fusiliers, and groupers moving in impressive schools. Sharks, including whitetip, blacktip, and grey reef sharks, are regular visitors, making dives here unforgettable.



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DAY 4

TIDORE & MAKIAN ISLAND

Tidore was once a center of wealth and power in Indonesia, thriving as a major producer of cloves. Its prosperity lasted until the arrival of the Europeans clashed over control of the spice trade.

Today, these historic islands are known for their dive sites, such as Batu Angus, Kora-Kora Bay, Oba Bay, and Gamalama Wall. The underwater world here is alive with reef fish like angelfish, clownfish, butterflyfish, and parrotfish weaving through vibrant corals, sponges, and sea fans. Schools of tuna, barracudas, and trevallies glide through the open water, while whitetip, blacktip, and grey sharks prowl the depths. Occasionally, divers are treated to sightings of dolphins or whales, making every trip beneath the waves an extraordinary adventure.



DAY 5

GOROACHI & TAMOTAMO ISLANDS

Goroachi and the Tamotamo islands are located in the southwestern part of Halmahera. While their white sandy beaches are stunning, it's the underwater world that really steals the show. The walls offer colorful soft and hard corals, sponges, and sea fans, creating an ideal habitat for tiny creatures like pygmy seahorses, shrimp, and crabs. Larger marine life can also be spotted with schools of barracudas and jacks weaving through the reefs, along with angelfish, butterflyfish, clownfish, and parrotfish.





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DAY 6

PATINTIE STRAIT

In the waters north of one of the main islands, a rocky outcrop serves as a gateway to a vibrant underwater world. To the east, a ridge comes alive with untouched coral and schools of colorful fish, creating a dazzling rainbow-like display in the shallows that captivates divers.

Along the coastline, another site offers an exhilarating drift dive, where a sandy slope covered with scattered rocks leads to a stunning coral garden teeming with marine life. In the channel between islands, a rocky pinnacle rises from the depths, surrounded by abundant fish life and dramatic drop-offs. The pristine conditions and diverse marine ecosystems make these sites unforgettable for any diver. drop-offs and untouched beauty, it's a site that promises.

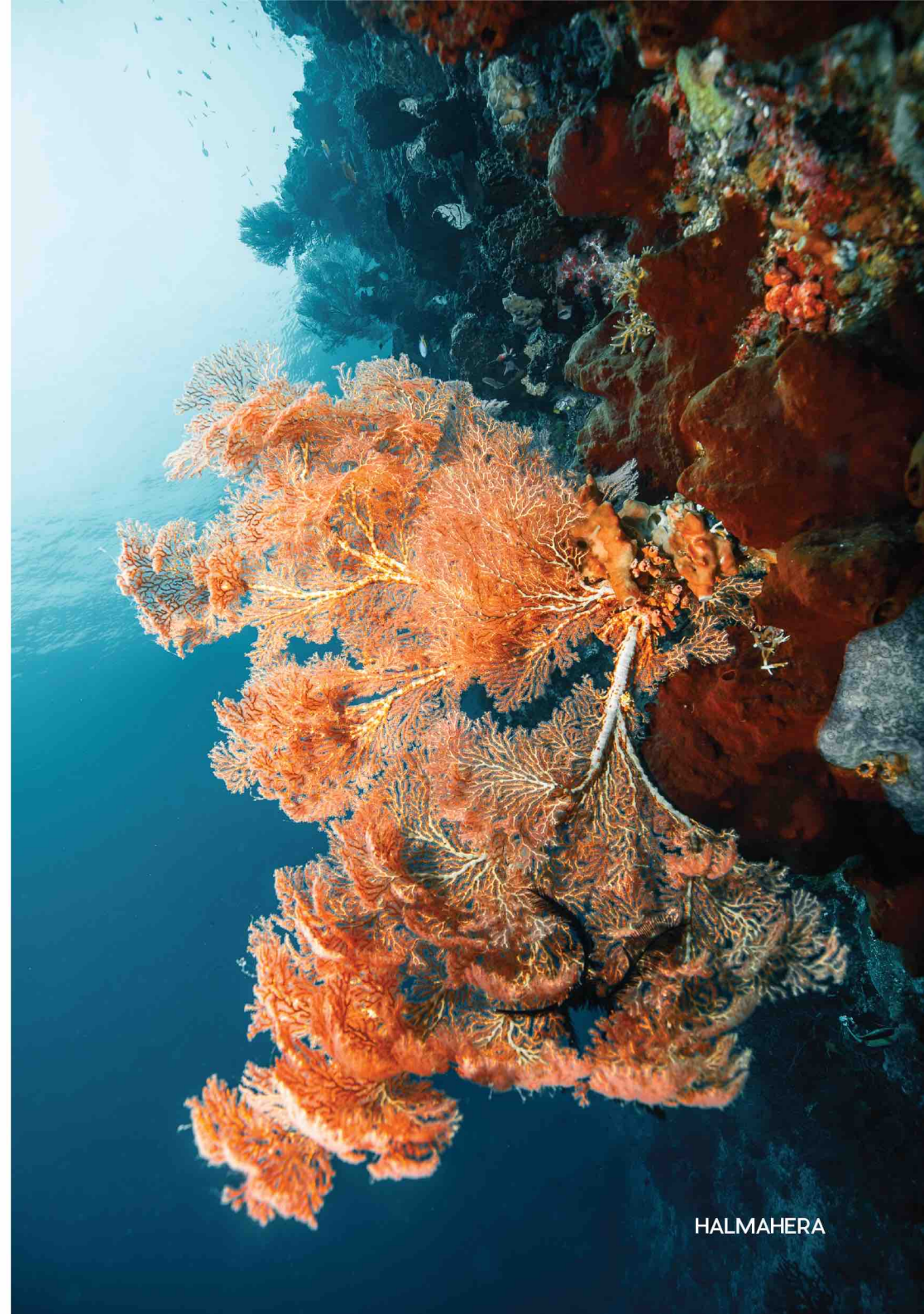


DAY 7

SOUTHERN BACAN ISLANDS

We start the day with a dive at an underwater wreck. This site is alive with marine life, as schools of fish swim through its structure and fascinating creatures hide in its crevices. head to a lively reef bursting with vibrant corals and marine activity. This dive offers a chance to see a variety of reef fish and other creatures thriving in the nutrient-rich waters. It's a fantastic way to experience the beauty and diversity of the underwater world.

After the morning dives, we'll have time to relax on board as we sail to our next location. Upon arrival, gear up for a muck dive just as the day transitions into night. The underwater environment transforms after sunset, revealing a hidden world of tiny critters like shrimp, crabs, and other unique creatures. We lift anchor.



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DAY 8

KOFIAU

After a relaxing morning, we arrive at Kofiau Island, a place renowned for its vibrant coral reefs and bustling marine life. The stunning colorful corals are teeming with lively reef fish and critters. The adventure continues with our next dive at a sloping reef with gentle currents surrounded by a mix of soft and hard corals, while schools of fish and other fascinating marine creatures create an ever-changing display.

The ends with a much dive at a nearby pier where the ocean comes alive with unique critters like shrimp, crabs, and other small creatures emerging from their hiding spots. The dim light adds a magical touch and a hidden world of fascinating marine life. It's a memorable way to wrap up the day.



DAY 9

PIAYNEMO (A.K.A. PENEMU)

Melissa's Garden is easily the top dive in this area, with an impressive variety of coral and fish packed into a small, beautiful reef between three islands. The hard coral garden here is breathtaking and truly needs to be seen to be believed. Another spot we might visit today is Keruo Channel, known for its gentle drift dive along a mini wall and slope at the edge of Keru Island. It's a calm and enjoyable dive, perfect for exploring the underwater landscape.

One of our other favorite dive spots is Batu Rufus, where a dramatic drop-off extends beyond 40 meters into the deep blue. The views are stunning, especially at around 20 meters, where the stark landscape creates a mesmerizing contrast as you float in the open water. And, of course, no trip to this area is complete without visiting the iconic limestone pinnacles. Pianemo Lagoon, with its stunning formations, is one of the best places to hike for a view, especially in the late afternoon when the temperature drops.





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DAY 10

GAM, MANTA SANDY, SAWANDAREK

Start your day with a drift dive where pelagic predators hunt amid schools of baitfish. It's a fast-paced dive filled with action, offering a chance to witness incredible marine. After the excitement of the first dive, head to a beautiful reef covered in vibrant orange and yellow soft corals offering a calm and colorful atmosphere, with schools of colorful reef fish are bustling around the corals.

In the afternoon, we head to view manta rays visiting cleaning stations in calm, sandy waters. Observing the graceful giants is an unforgettable experience. After a break, we head a shore with a visit to Arborek Village, where you'll have the chance to experience the local culture and enjoy the scener of the surrounding area. We'll have a glimpse into the everyday life of the community and the natural beauty that defines this region. As the day winds down, prepare for a night dive at a village site to discover the nocturnal marine life.



DAY 11

KRI - KALI BIRU

Cape Kri is one of Raja Ampat's most dive sites is known for its incredible biodiversity. This site offers vibrant coral gardens and an abundance of marine life, including schools of fish, turtles, and sometimes even reef sharks. The strong currents bring nutrient-rich waters that support a variety of species, making for an exhilarating dive experience right from the start.

We later head to Friwen known for its mix of soft corals, dramatic drop-offs, and a variety of marine life including schools of anthias and snapper. If we're lucky we might even encounter a reef shark or a napoleon wrasse. With its stunning coral formations and the potential for exciting encounters with larger marine species, this dive complements Cape Kri perfectly, offering a deeper look into the area's vibrant underwater world.





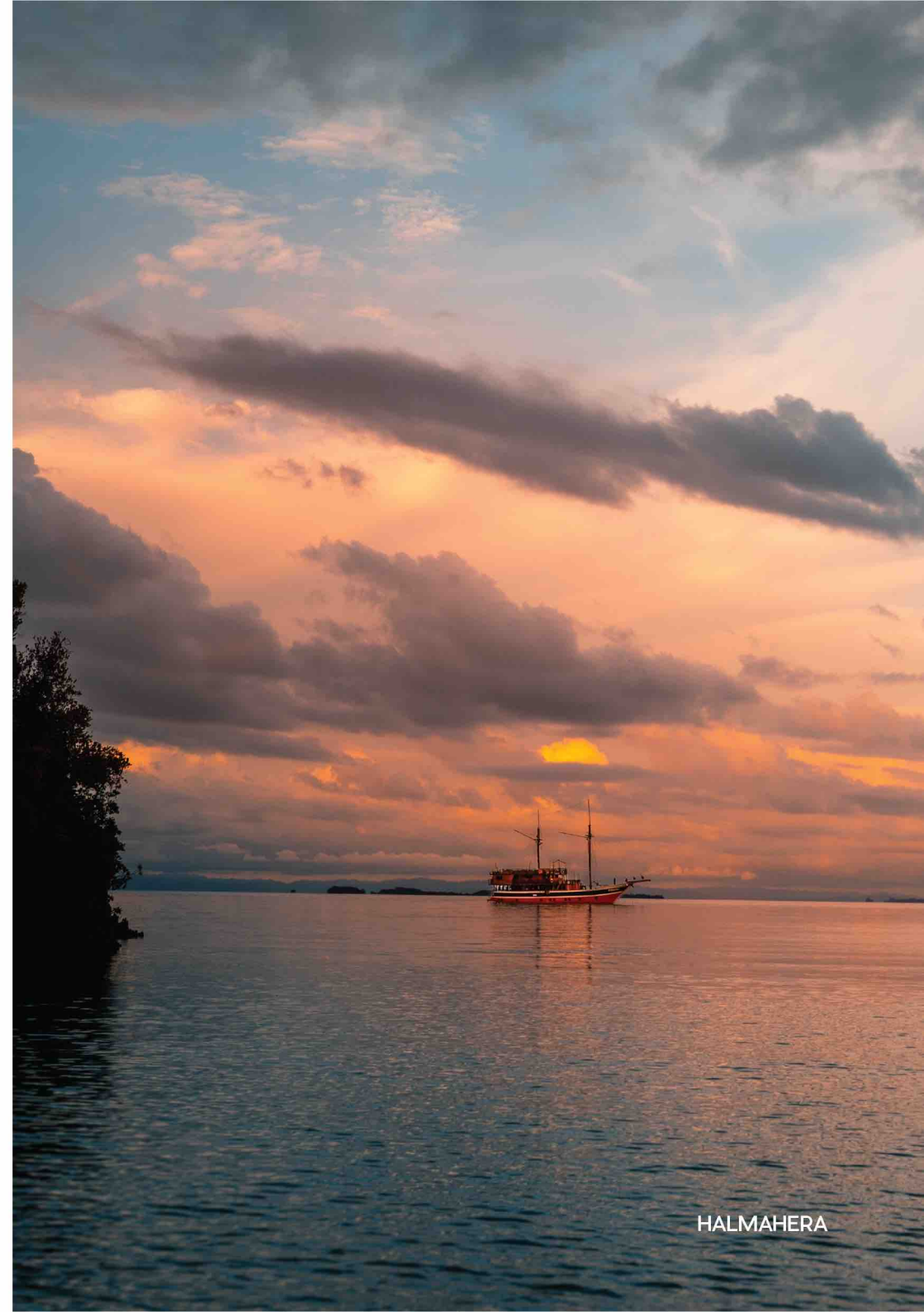
We head ashore to Kali Biru trekking through lush rainforest of vibrant greenery and clear, turquoise waters. The trek takes you to stunning viewpoints with breathtaking views of Raja Ampat's beautiful coastline and islands, offering a perfect break from diving. This peaceful hike is a great way to end your action-packed day, allowing you to soak in the natural beauty of this tropical paradise from above.



DAY 12

SORONG

Today, we say goodbye to the stunning Raja Ampat as we arrive in Sorong around 5:00 AM, giving those plenty of time to catch an early morning flight. For those who prefer a slower pace, you're welcome to stay aboard until 11:00 AM. Our crew will be happy to assist you with transportation to your next destination. After breakfast, take a moment to share photos and exchange contact details with your fellow divers, ensuring you stay in touch with the friends and dive buddies you've made during this unforgettable journey.





THE CABINS



Suite Cabin



Master Cabin



Deluxe Cabin



Manado

Lembeh Strait

Bitung

Tifure

Tidore

Makian

**Goroachi
Island**

**Patintie Strait
Bacan**

Joronga

Penemu

Kofiau

Waigeo

Waisai

Dampier Strait

Sorong

West Papua

Salawati

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ULTIMATE RAJA AMPAT | 12 DAYS | 11 NIGHTS

Molucca Sea

Sagea

Halmahera Sea



LA GALIGO
LIVE ABOARD



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