



SANGIHE ARCHIPELAGO, BANGKA & LEMBEH

DIVE *MORE* EXPERIENCE *MORE*

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

 **LA GALIGO**
LIVEABOARD
MALINDANG DIVING RESORT



BANGKA, LEMBEH, & SANGIHE HIGHLIGHTS

World renowned Lembeh Strait famous for its unique macro life.

Explore the remote Sangihe Archipelago.

Karangetang Volcano, one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes. If we are lucky, we'll have a view of its fiery glow from the safety of the boat.

One of the world's most active underwater volcanoes, Mount Mahengetang, offers a unique diving experience.

Ruang Island's lava flow creates an otherworldly dive experience.

Dive a shipwreck on Ruang and plane wreck on Bangka.

We'll trek Tangkoko National Park known for its unique wildlife and birds.



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.

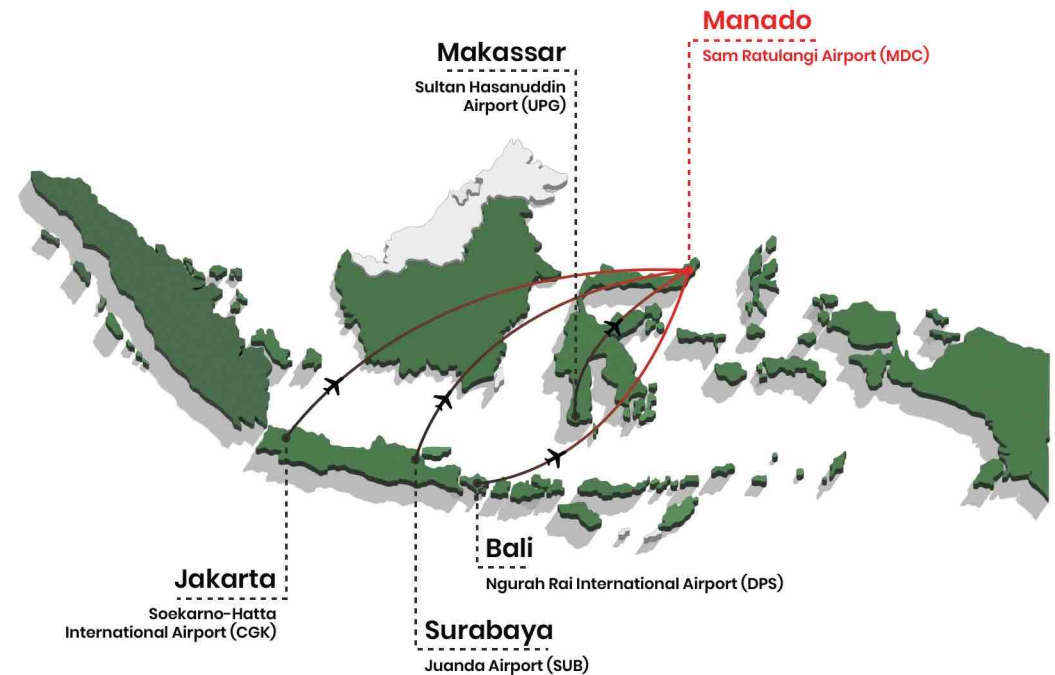
Jakarta Soekarno-Hatta International Airport (CGK)
Surabaya Juanda Airport (SUB)
Bali Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS)
Makassar Sultan Hasanuddin Airport (UPG)

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 7.00 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 34 – 35 dives in total

RETURN

MANADO (MDC)

 Until 11.00 AM

 Bitung

 Manado (MDC)

PARK FEES

\$110 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 Bitung harbour.
 - La Galigo sails to Lembeh 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 tipples 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.

We start the day with a check-dive in the world's top macro location, the **Lembeh Strait**. We pick a calm and colorful spot to start, ideal for easing into the water. Divers can explore vibrant coral gardens while spotting turtles, reef fish, and smaller critters like nudibranchs. After a short break and some refreshments on board, we head for the second dive. Today we will also include a night dive. As the day turns to night and we set off for our night dive, expect to spot octopuses, cuttlefish, and tiny, glowing bioluminescent life. Afterward, we return to the boat for a relaxing night in the calm waters of the Strait.



LEMBEH



DAY 2

LEMBEH STRAIT

We will spend day 2 in the Lembeh Strait again and awake to the beautiful morning sun over the ocean. On today's dives you can look forward to diving on sites with nice sloping reefs full of soft corals and tiny marine life. Divers can spot colorful nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses, and frogfish in the gentle current. After a light breakfast on board, head to the second dive. We will mix the day up by moving from reef to the iconic black sands of the Lembeh muck diving, perfect for finding unique critters like flamboyant cuttlefish, hairy frogfish, and mimic octopuses. The dark sand makes it easy to spot these fascinating creatures, making it a favorite for macro enthusiasts.

In the afternoon, we explore sandy slopes with hidden treasures like ghost pipefish, blue-ringed octopuses, and Ambon scorpionfish. Exciting sites for photographers and critter lovers alike. We end the day with a night dive looking out for stargazers, decorator crabs, and other bizarre creatures.



DAY 3

BANGKA

We start the day waking up in Bangka and diving in some calm waters and **coral gardens**, a nice easy start to the day with a briefing around 7am. Watch for turtles, reef fish, and the occasional blacktip reef shark.

After a relaxing breakfast, we head for a mid-morning dive at 10:30. For the rest of the day you can expect sites with soft corals and towering underwater pinnacles, schooling fish, like fusiliers and snappers, often surround the area, making it a great spot for wide-angle photography. We will also visit some more rocky sites with beautiful sea fans and a mix of larger marine life, like moray eels, and smaller critters hidden in the coral. After some downtime, we will end the day with another spectacular night dive.



LEMBEH



DAY 4

BIARO ISLAND (BUANG)

While you slept, we sailed further north to Biaro Island, the first in the Sangihe Archipelago. This area features crystal-clear waters, primal volcanoes, and rainforest-covered islands with tall white church spires. We'll start our diving day exploring coral-covered overhangs, encountering reef sharks, schools of fusiliers, and colorful anthias. After a hearty breakfast, we'll head to another spot up the coast to see large schools of sweetlips and snappers along coral slopes, along with diverse marine life, from turtles to nudibranchs. In the afternoon, we'll visit beautiful beaches before returning to the water for a night dive in search of nocturnal creatures like cuttlefish and crabs.



DAY 5

WEST SIAU ISLAND & MAKALEHI ISLAND

Today, you wake up to the impressive sight of **Karangangetang volcano** smoking over Siau Island. The diving here is thrilling, with the unique experience of hearing volcanic rumblings underwater. We're now in the center of the Sangihe archipelago, exploring beautiful coral gardens and rock formations, perfect for spotting fish, turtles, and occasional reef sharks. We'll sail west to Makalehi Island, known for massive schools of barracuda. Highlights include sharp coral pinnacles, lively marine life like moray eels and giant clams, and vibrant coral gardens filled with wrasse and clownfish. We'll also visit a cove with hot springs. There will be no night dive tonight, as we have a big sail ahead to Kahakitang Island, where we will anchor in the bay.





LEMBEH



DAY 6

SOUTH SANGIHE & MAHENGETANG

Today, we reach the northernmost point of our journey, Sangihe Island, known for its coral gardens and abundant marine life, including turtles and reef fish, in warm, clear waters. Our morning dive offers adventure with strong currents and the chance to see large fish like barracudas and trevallies, blending challenge with underwater beauty.

In the afternoon, we'll explore Banua Wuhu (Mahengetang), an **underwater volcano** renowned for its dramatic features, hard corals, large clams, and the possibility of spotting pelagic sharks, including Mako. Our safety stop will feature eerie yellow sulfur-covered rocks with visible thermoclines and gas bubbles from the active volcano below, a unique recreational dive experience. The day concludes with a night dive at Kahakitang Island Bay, where nocturnal creatures like octopuses, crabs, and nudibranchs come to life.



DAY 7

EAST SIAU ISLAND & MAHORO ISLAND

This morning, we have started cruising back south and our first stop is back to Siau island, but this time we will explore the dive sites on the east coast and out to nearby Mahoro island.

The morning dives are known for their strong currents which attract schools of jacks and barracudas. The coral reefs here are vibrant and full of life - a great place to start the day. After taking a break and having some breakfast, we visit our next site which features coral-covered slopes and plenty of marine life. It's time for a break with our visit to nearby volcanic hot springs on the beach to relax in warm, natural pools surrounded by beautiful views.





LEMBEH



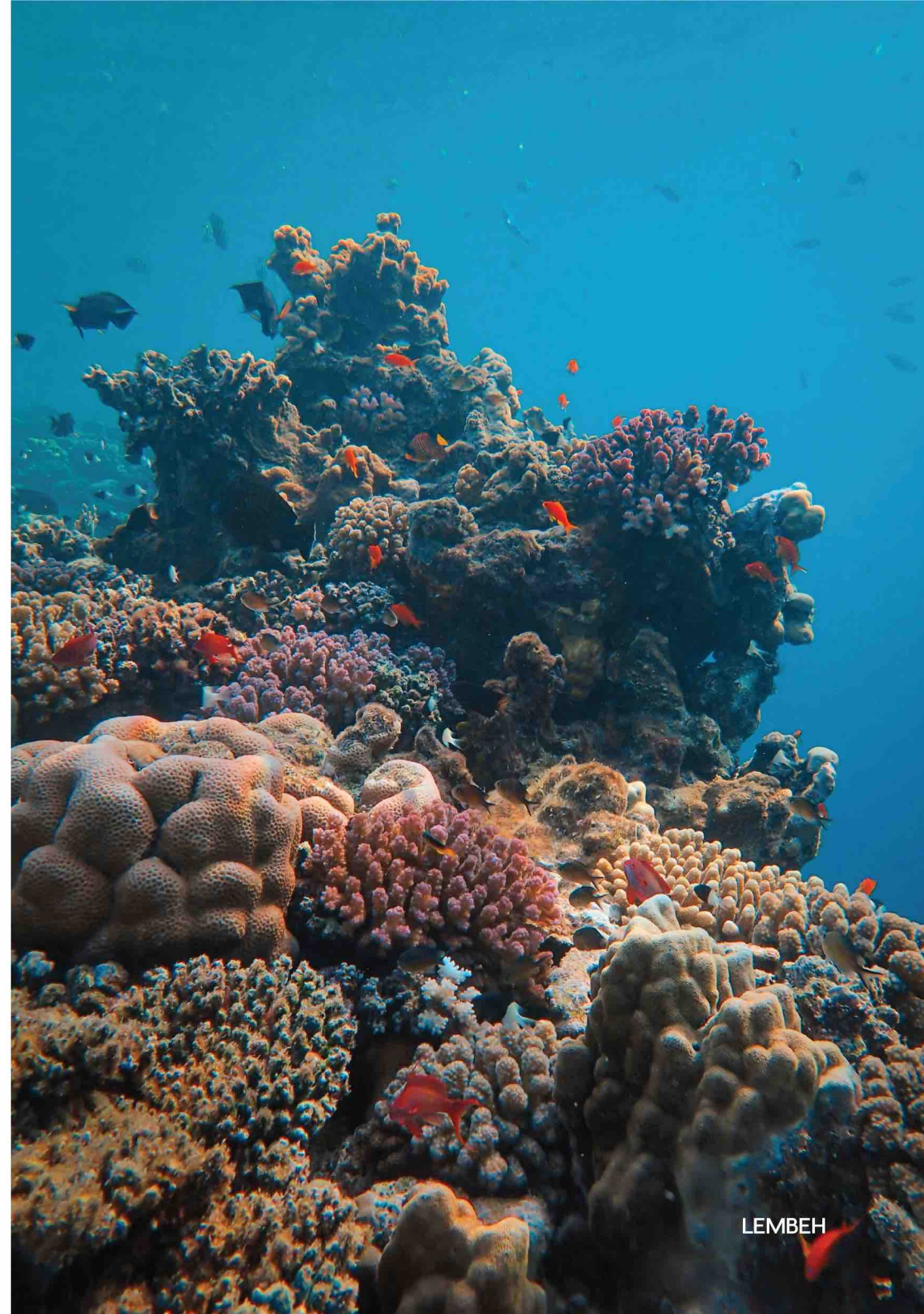
The afternoon dive is across to Mahoro island, known for its striking rock formations and schools of barracuda. After the dive we have something else special planned for you. It's a beach visit, but unlike the others this beach is rated as number 3 in the best beaches in all of Indonesia. Given that Indonesia is a country of more than 17,500 islands, that's a pretty impressive boasting rite. We have a night dive tonight also back over towards Ulu bay. This is a prime spot for not only finding amazing macro creatures, but if you are lucky enough when you pop up after the night dive you are in prime viewing position to see the red lava glow coming down the side of Karangetang volcano.



DAY 8

THULANDAG & RUANG

Having moved further south again we wake up at the Thulandag and Ruang islands. We start the day with a dive which showcases the dramatic underwater landscape of hardened lava from past volcanic eruptions, now covered with colorful coral and lively marine life. This is one of the most active volcanos in Indonesia and last erupted in early 2024. You'll see angelfish, butterflyfish, and maybe groupers and reef sharks cruising through the area. Later in the morning, the new lava flow area offers a unique experience with its younger formations and coral starting to take hold. Its nutrient-rich waters attract schools of fish and critters, making it an incredible spot to see nature's recovery in action. Another underwater experience that you can only find in a handful of places around the world.





In the afternoon we take you to a muck diving paradise perfect for spotting small and unusual marine life. Keep an eye out for frogfish, nudibranchs, and even the mimic octopus. We end the day with a night dive near Tagulandang Jetty, if conditions are right, we may have a chance to make it to the nearby shipwreck, sitting in just 15 meters of water. Under the jetty, you'll find nocturnal creatures like shrimp, crabs, and cuttlefish, while the coral covered wreck offers a glimpse into the past.



DAY 9

BIARO ISLAND & BANGKA

Back to a few of our favorite spots from earlier in the trip, today you wake up in Biaro island and move on down to Bangka in the afternoon. We start the day diving in calm waters, vibrant coral gardens, and busy marine life. Keep an eye out for turtles, schools of fish, and even some pelagic visitors passing by. We return to the boat for breakfast, then hit up some spots which feature underwater pinnacles with one side of the pinnacle sloping gently downward, while the other drops off as a steep wall. The is typically teeming with lively marine life. Here, you'll see large schools of snappers and fusiliers. Once you're back on board, we'll have time to relax as we sail to Bangka.





We will arrive in Bangka mid-afternoon to dive some sloping reefs with a great variety of marine life. It's a good spot to look for reef sharks, rays, and colorful reef fish swimming along the corals. For our night dive, we take you to an area that is full of life, with coral growth, colorful gorgonians, and large sponges adding to its beauty. Keep an eye out for the green Halimeda ghost pipefish blending into the seagrass.

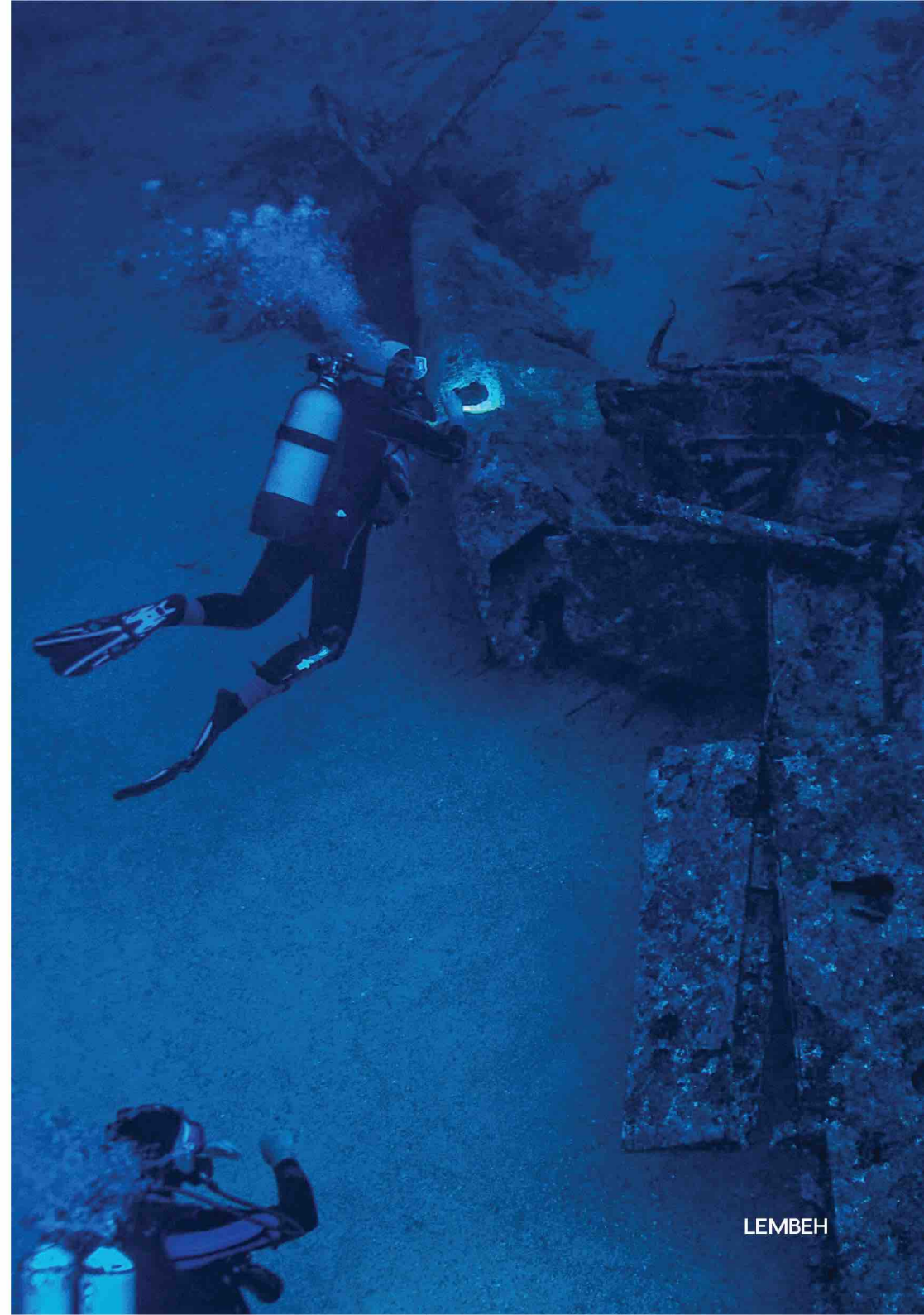


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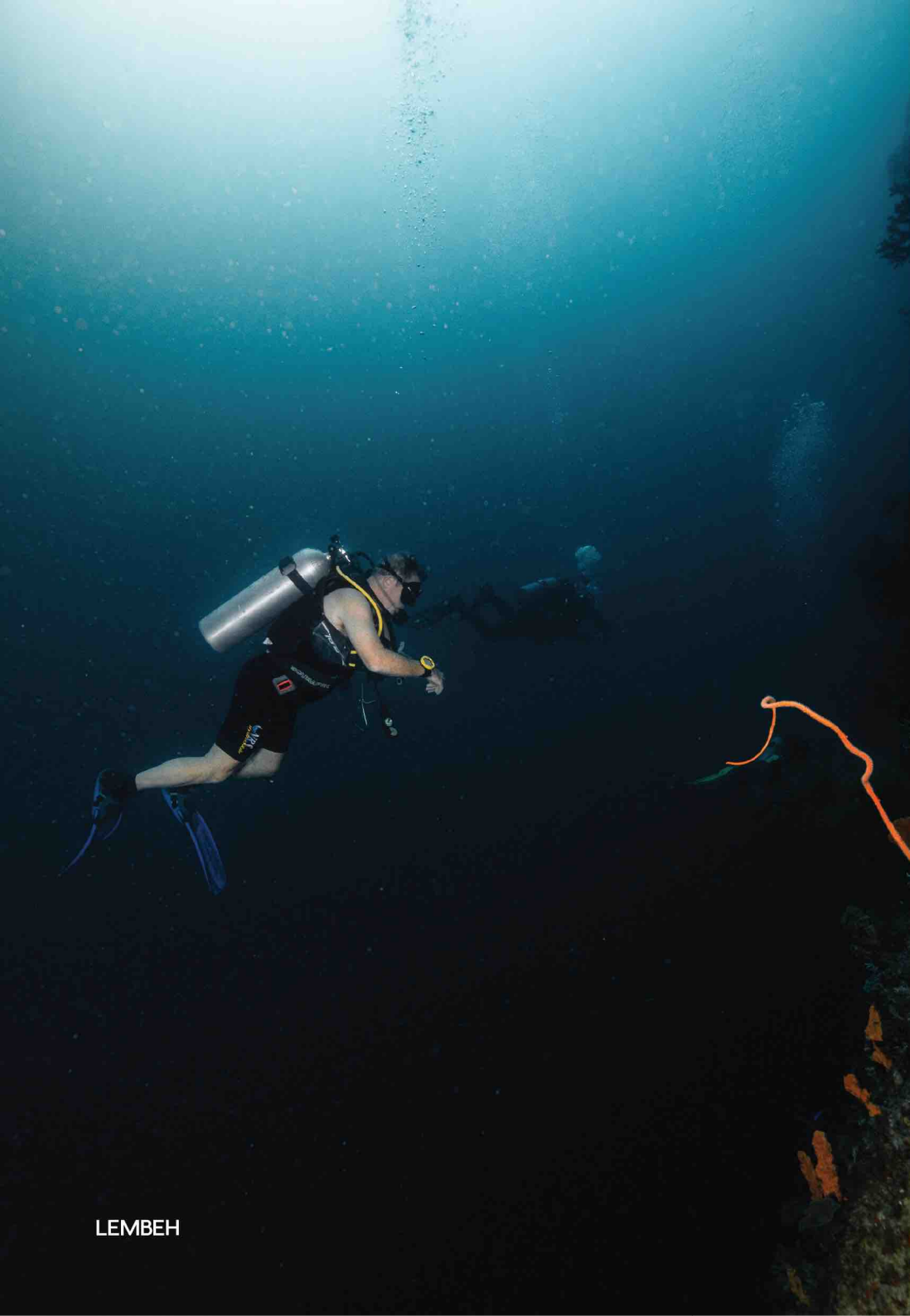
BANGKA

Still in Bangka, we kick off day with a dive at a plane wreck, a sunken aircraft covered in vibrant corals and vibrant marine life. While also in the area we dive some underwater pinnacles and marine life create an exhilarating experience. We return to the boat for some down time as we sail to another special spot for the afternoon, home to colorful sponges and, if we're lucky, the elusive dugongs!

For our final night dive of the trip, we will be jumping in the water a little earlier than usual, at Lihaga Island just before sunset we have a chance at viewing the Mandarin fish showing off their unique courtship dance. A perfect site to end the day and the last night dive of the trip.



LEMBEH



DAY 11

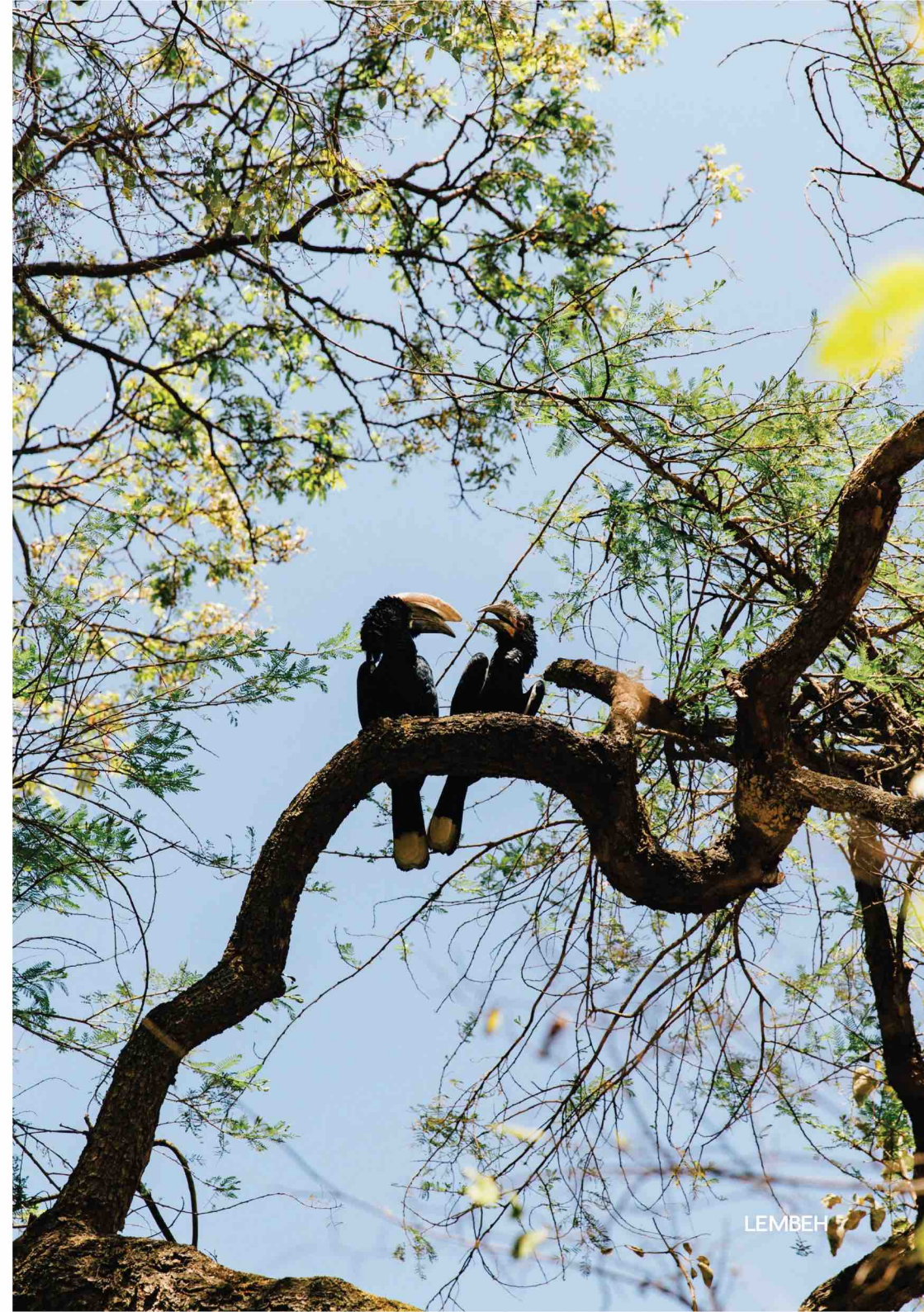
BANGKA ISLAND

Our last diving day of the trip, and we will just do 2 morning dives today, to give you a chance to fully gas off before your flight home tomorrow. This morning's dive areas have steep walls with lots of cracks, overhangs, and swim-throughs to explore. The wall is nicely covered in both hard and soft corals, large Napoleon wrasses and lots of marine life make this their home. The dive ends on a sandy reef flat with some rubble, perfect to rise up to for a safety stop. Our final dive for the trip will be a nice, relaxed site under a jetty, where you'll discover vibrant corals and lots of critters hiding such as frogfish, scorpionfish, and moray eels.



This afternoon we head ashore to enjoy a land tour to Tangkoko National Park. This park is full of amazing wildlife such as tiny tarsiers (The world's smallest primate, and the most endangered species of monkey in Sulawesi), endemic Sulawesi crested black macaque, and colorful hornbill birds, giving you a chance to see a different side of Sulawesi from above the ocean.

We wrap up your day with a farewell party on board, sharing stories and laughter with your fellow divers as you celebrate an unforgettable adventure.





DAY 12

BITUNG

As our incredible journey comes to an end as we arrive at Bitung Harbor around 5:00 am. Guests are welcome to stay onboard until 11:00 am and our crew will be on hand to assist you with transportation to Manado.

After breakfast, feel free to take some time to exchange photos and swap contact details, ensuring you stay connected with your new friends and dive buddies. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you aboard again!



THE CABINS



Suite Cabin



Master Cabin



Deluxe Cabin



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*La Galigo does not guarantee this outlined itinerary, and it is to be considered as a rough guideline. Information compiled here is based on past trips we have conducted, and includes common dive sites and routes we often visit. Weather and sea conditions in the area can be unpredictable, and La Galigo retains the right to alter an itinerary from advice of the ship's captain, cruise director, or owner for the safety of the vessel, its passenger and crew.