



Volcanic Spices Tour (Ambon - Maumere) - 15d/14n

Departing from Ambon – South Maluku Islands, the boat will start in the bay of Ambon where it's all about the small and weird... the "Holy Grail" we're looking for is the Psychedelic Frogfish!

Keep the macro lens on and we go hunting for Fingerprint Shrimps, Boxer Crabs, Wonderpus, Rhinopias, Frogfish, Candy Crabs, and more – all can be found here – our dive guides will show you what it's all about!

From Ambon Bay we'll head towards Banda Neira, where we'll hop on to land to visit a 17th Century Dutch Fort, giving us a hint of what the sailors must have felt when they came here in search for spices and other trade products.

From there we'll head south - ever dreamt of diving with a dozen sea snakes on a single dive? We know exactly where to drop to see them up close and personal at Gili Manuk.

After seeing some snakes, we'll cross the Banda Sea towards the Forgotten Islands diving the endless walls and then on the hunt for one of the big species we're looking for on this trip, the Hammerhead Sharks, which aggregate in the Banda Sea for their mating meetings.

During surface intervals keep an eye out on the open ocean as chances are high to spot pods of dolphins and whales cruising alongside the boat.

Passing active and inactive volcanoes we'll have the chance to dive incredible sites, from endless drop-off walls, where we look out into the blue for pelagics, to black sandy patches, which makes the macro heart beat faster than usual.

We'll then continue south-west to Alor, famous for its colourful vibrant reefs, we expect colder water, where the incoming tides bring Thresher Sharks, Mola Mola and Hammerhead Sharks closer to the surface and Rhinopias, Frogfish and mesmerising Nudibranchs can be found in the calm bays.

The journey and the diving on this trip is something else – exploring new areas, finding new dive sites, land visits to see old tribes and the Dutch Fort, sharing some of the local Moonshine "Arak" – the list could go on, but we can guarantee something different.

Due to the conditions in the Banda Sea, this trip is limited to be between September – November and April – May.