



Ambon-Sorong (Maluku – West Papua) - 15d/14n

Ambon, Nusa Laut, Banda Neira, Pulau Hatta, Pulau Koon, Misool and Central Raja Ampat are the areas we're sailing and diving on this trip.

Ambon is the muck diving paradise where we'll spend our dives in the sand and corals, looking for all the weird and wonderful critters, often only a few mm in size. Hairy Shrimps, Boxer Crabs, Frogfish, Pipefish, Donald Duck Shrimps to name a few – be sure your camera batteries are fully charged and ready for action.

We then head to The Banda Sea, following the Spice Route of the Portuguese, descending next to never-ending drop-off walls and stunning rock formations and coral covered slopes.

Depending on the conditions, we'll go as far as the island of Gili Manuk, to see the Banded Sea Krait, bubbles coming out of rocks, amazing sponges and Gorgonian Fans and with some luck, get a glimpse of some Hammerhead Sharks out in the blue.

In South Raja Ampat, in Misool, we'll indulge ourselves on dive sites like Nudi Rock, Boo Window, Magic Mountain, only to be amazed by all the fish life passing by, Manta Rays getting cleaned on the various cleaning stations and the most colourful corals you could ever wish to see.

We'll also take a small hike up an island and jump into a lake, to swim with thousands of sting-less Jellyfish before going for a dive at a dive site called Farondi.

Of course, the Fam Islands and the diving in Central are not to be missed out on. Manta Ridge, Mike's Point, Cape Kri, Blue Magic, My Reef, Melissa's Garden, Mayhem – the selection of amazing diving spots seems endless, and we'll make sure to cater to what you want – whether a calm dive or white knuckle current action with grey reef sharks fighting over the feeding area with Giant Trevallies.

Don't forget to try to challenge your dive guide to show you as many Pygmy Seahorses as possible -there are 5 different species hiding in the soft corals of Raja Ampat.

We'll also be climbing up to the viewpoint at Piaynemo – it's so rewarding, with a view from a postcard that you can enjoy while sipping an icy cold beer.

These are not just diving trips – they are exploratory journeys, many of the dive sites are not named, or even on the maps! Over the past years we've swum with Orcas in the open sea, found and dived a seamount with an undocumented number of hammerhead sharks. We have found



underwater caverns, explored 16th century Dutch East India forts, sailed by an erupting volcano, dived an island saturated with sea snakes and had super-pods of dolphins surround the boat.