



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

Departing from Maumere, we cruise along the far end of Flores into the area of Alor, on to the Forgotten Islands, crossing the Banda Sea, ending the trip in the bay of Ambon.

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.

In 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.

Heading northeast, where the water gets warmer again, we dive the endless walls of the Forgotten Islands all the way up to Banda Neira, giving us a hint of what the sailors must have felt when they came here in search for spices and other trade products.

One of the big species we're looking for on this trip, are 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.

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.

After leaving the Banda Sea and reaching the South Maluku Islands, the boat will sail into 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.

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.