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Ambon-Banda Sea-Maumere

12 DAYS 11 NIGHTS WITH TIARE CRUISE



INTRODUCTION

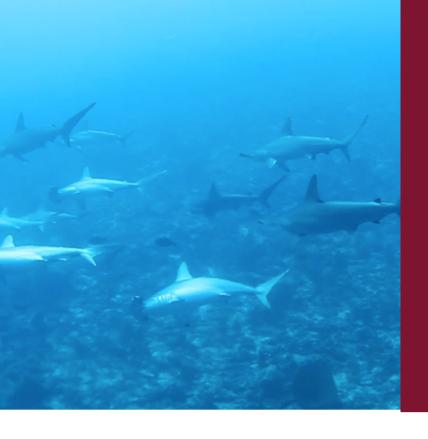
BANDA SEA

The Banda Islands are a group of ten small volcanic islands in the Banda Sea, about 140 km (87 mi) south of Seram Island and about 2,000 km (1,243 mi) east of Java. Banda Islands belong to Indonesian province of Maluku. The main town and administrative center is Bandanaira, located on the island of the same name.

Until the mid-19th century the Banda Islands were the world's only source of the spices nutmeg and mace, produced from the nutmeg tree. Spices used as flavorings, medicines and preserving agents that were at the time highly valued in European markets. Back then, the price for a handful of nutmeg equals to the price of a handful of gold. Nutmeg was believed to be able to grow only on the Banda Islands. Its popularity attracted the Europeans to conquer the region first settled by the Portuguese then the Dutch with the intervention of the British.

Fort Belgica was first built by the Portuguese to fight the Bandanese's opposition towards the nutmeg trading monopoly. It now stands as a silent witness of the history.

The remoteness of the islands in the wide open Banda Sea with less human intervention reefs have been allowed to grow healthily. As a result Banda Sea is packed with schools of fish, big pelagic, turtles and macros that made Banda Sea a popular diving destination especially for the Hammerhead Sharks.



SAMPLE <u>ITINER</u>ARY

AMBON-BANDA SEA-MAUMERE 12D.11N

Day 1: Embarkation Ambon Check-Dive

Day 2: Suanggi 1st Dive at Suanggi Reef 2nd Dive at Suanggi Reef 3rd Dive at Suanggi Wall

Day 3: Manuk 1st Dive at Manuk Utara 2nd Dive at Manuk Selatan 3rd Dive at Tanjung Kelapa

Day 4: Serua 1st Dive at Monkey Face 2nd Dive at Monkey Face 3rd Dive at Kebar Wall

Day 5: Terbang1st Dive at Nuslear Island
2nd Dive at Terbang Utara
3rd Dive at Terbang Selatan

Day 6: Romang 1st Dive at Nyata 2nd Dive at Nyata 3rd Dive at Nyata







Day 7: Reong

1st Dive at Reong Wall 2nd Dive at Manta Slope 3rd Dive at Reong

Day 8: Alor

Snorkeling at Sika Dugong 1st Dive at Babylon 2nd Dive at Pleasant Surprise

Day 9: Alor

1st Dive at Clown Valley 2nd Dive at Bordroom 3rd Dive at Beang Abang 4th Dive at Beang Abang

Day 10: Lembata

1st Dive at Tg. Bacatan 2nd Dive at Tg. Bacatan 3rd Dive at Tg. Bacatan 4th Dive at Kampung Kavula

Day 11: Adonara

1st Dive at Watu Peni 2nd Dive at Watu Peni Crossing to Maumere

Day 12: Disembarkation Maumere





TIPS MUST KNOW BEFORE YOU BOARD TIARE CRUISE

City of Embarkation/Disembarkation: Ambon/Maumere

Port of Embarkation/Disembarkation: Pelabuhan Ambon/Pelabuhan Maumere

Flights: To Ambon:

Direct flights from Jakarta (CGK) with Garuda, Batik/Lion Air. From Bali, the flight via Jakarta.

Out Of Maumere:

To **Jakarta** via Makassar with Wing Air, while direct flights are available to **Denpasar** with Wings Air, Lion Air, Sriwijaya

Check In Time: The latest 12 Am on embarkation day.

Check Out Time: 09:00 Am

Arriving 1 day prior to cruise is recommended. In the case your flight is delayed or your luggage is missing, this will allow you time to make other arrangements.

Travel light

A few light clothes and shorts would do you good. You will be on the sea and beaches with a lot of sun. Do not forget to bring your sun glasses, eco friendly sun blocks, flip flops and of course a camera to capture moments.

Visa For Non-Indonesian Citizen Indonesia gives a 30 day Visa On Arrival (VOA). Please check with the representative of Indonesian Embassy in your country if you are eligible for this. Make sure your passport is still valid for at least 6 months before entering Indonesia.

Best Time To Visit: Apr/May & Sept.

THIS ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO WEATHER & SEA CONDITION

