

Spice Island

AMBON TO AMBON

10 Days & 9 Night - Diving and Discovery Cruise





STANDOUT POINT

1 Ambon

3 Pulau Suanggi

7 Pulau Manuk

9 Pulau Suanggi

2 Nusa Laut

4-6 Banda Islands

8 Banda Neira

10 Ambon

GENERAL PRESENTATION

Step aboard Jakare for a unique expedition that combines world-class diving with rich cultural heritage. Begin in the iconic muck diving haven of Ambon, sail through the untouched beauty of the Banda Sea, and explore the legendary Banda Islands, once the center of the global spice trade. Along the way, dive into vibrant reefs, volcanic seascapes, and blue-water drop-offs frequented by schools of Hammerhead sharks.

This itinerary offers a perfect balance of underwater thrills and historical wonders. Note that the duration spent in each location can be adjusted based on your preferences (weather permitting), and alternate routes are available on request.



DAY 01

DAY OF ARRIVAL – AMBON

We'll greet you upon arrival at Ambon Airport or your hotel, and transfer you to Jakare, anchored in Teluhu Bay. After a warm welcome and briefing on safety and itinerary, we'll set sail for Pulau Mamala for a check dive or snorkel. Alternatively, we can offer a fascinating muck dive in Ambon Bay—a photographer's dream.

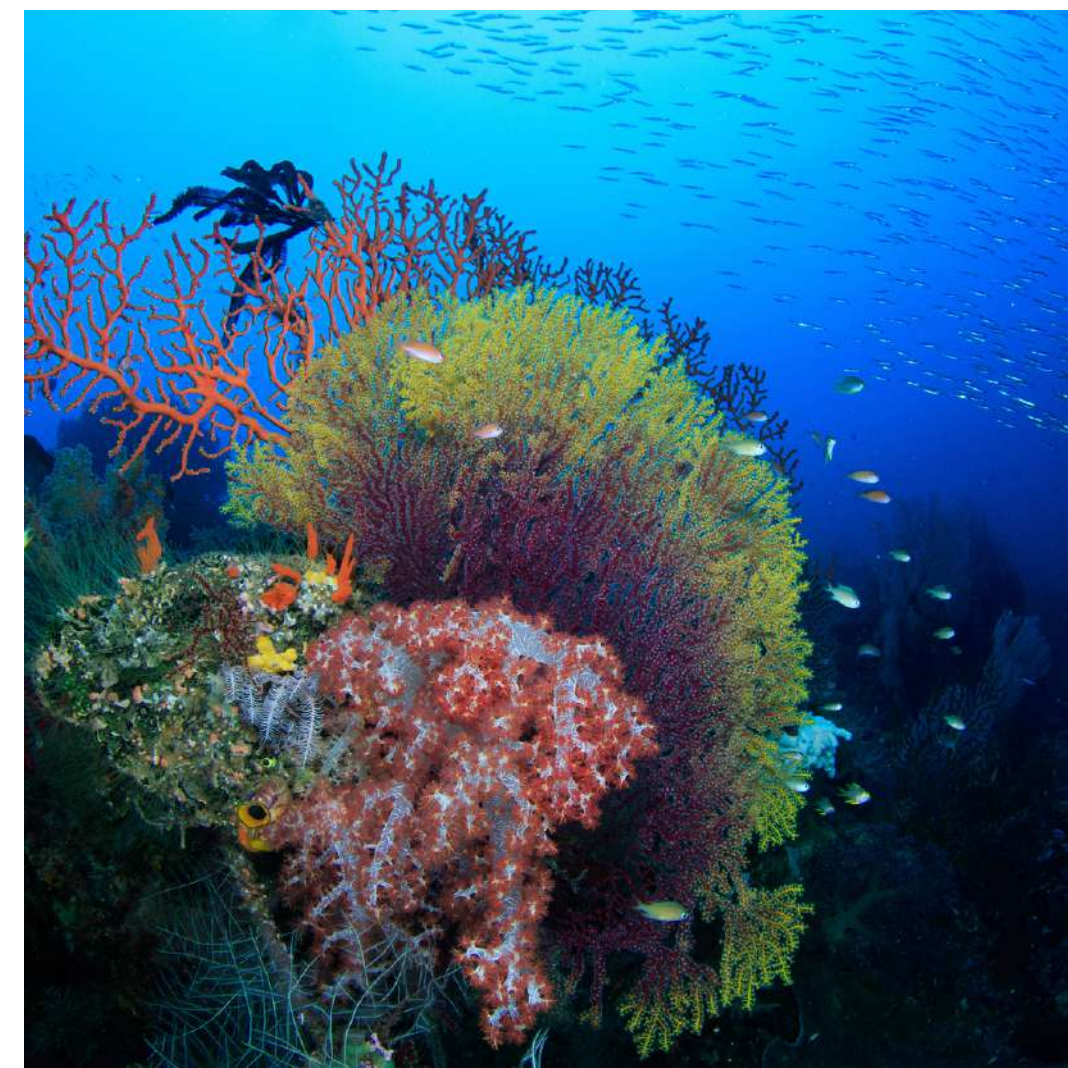
As the sun sets, we head east and anchor overnight near Nusa Laut.

DAY 02

NUSA LAUT

Start your morning with 2 to 3 dives or snorkeling sessions over pristine reefs, featuring both walls and slopes teeming with life. Nusa Laut is a gem of the Maluku region, with colorful corals and reef fish in abundance.

After a full day in the water, we begin our overnight crossing toward Banda Island (80 NM south).





DAY 03

PULAU SUANGGI

Pulau Suanggi is a stunning sea mount famous for its lively bird colony, which gives the island its name. Here, you'll find Great Frigate birds, Red-footed and Brown Boobies, and other beautiful bird species soaring, singing, and adding a delightful touch to the island.

We'll arrive at Suanggi early in the morning and plan to dive three times on the western side. The slopes and pinnacles there offer a chance to spot Hammerhead sharks and other fascinating oceanic fish. The west side of Suanggi is especially unique, featuring a marvelous display of colorful hard coral hills. These corals indicate a healthy reef ecosystem, bustling with diverse marine life, including Giant Trevally, Bumphead Parrotfish, Napoleon Wrasse, various types of tuna, mackerel, and more.

The island is encircled by a wall and pinnacles that descend to a depth of 40 meters, while the continental shelf quickly plunges to 300 meters.

After our dives, we'll head towards Banda Neira and aim to arrive at the harbor by sunset. We'll anchor there for the night, enjoying the peaceful ambiance of Banda Neira.

DAY 04 - 06

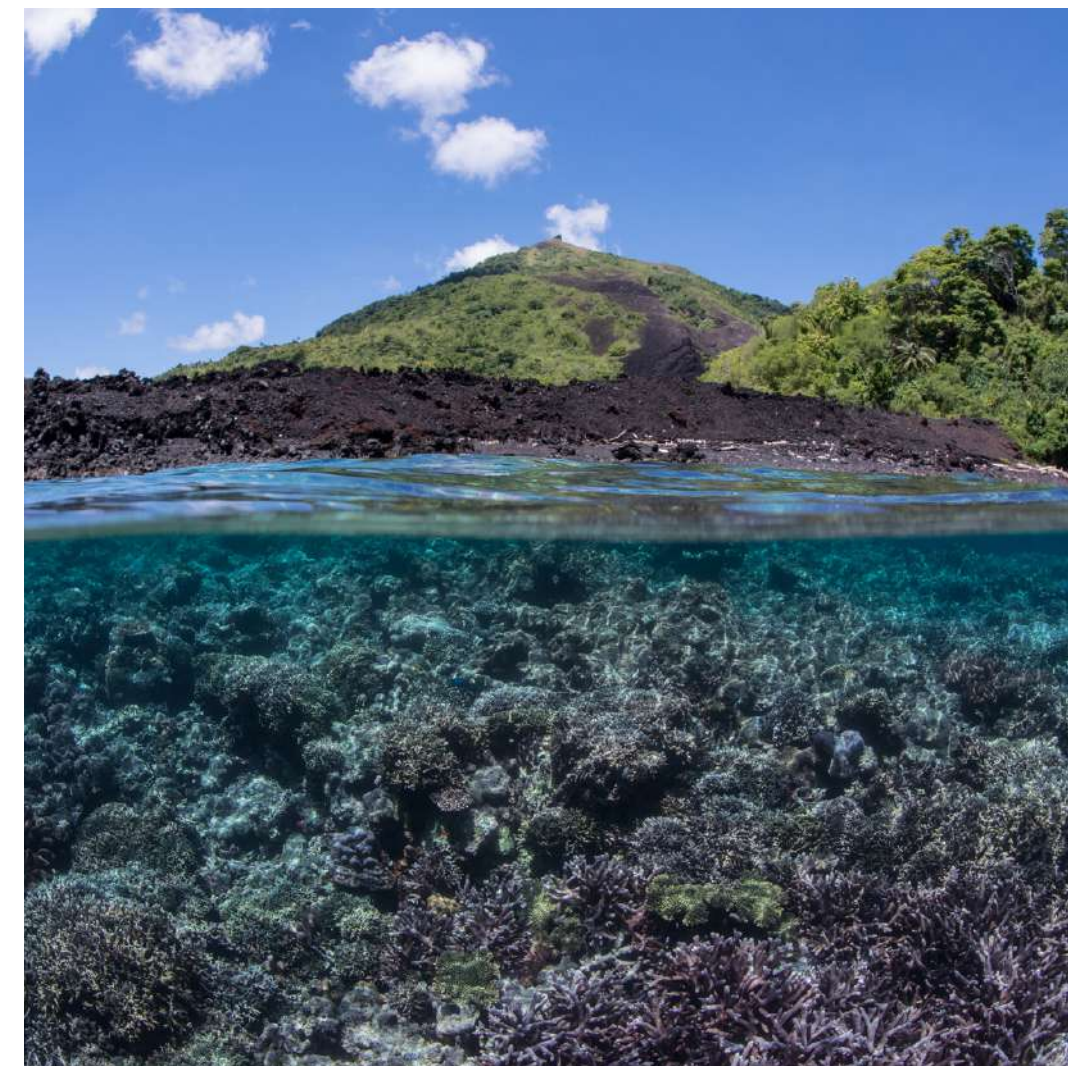
BANDA ISLANDS

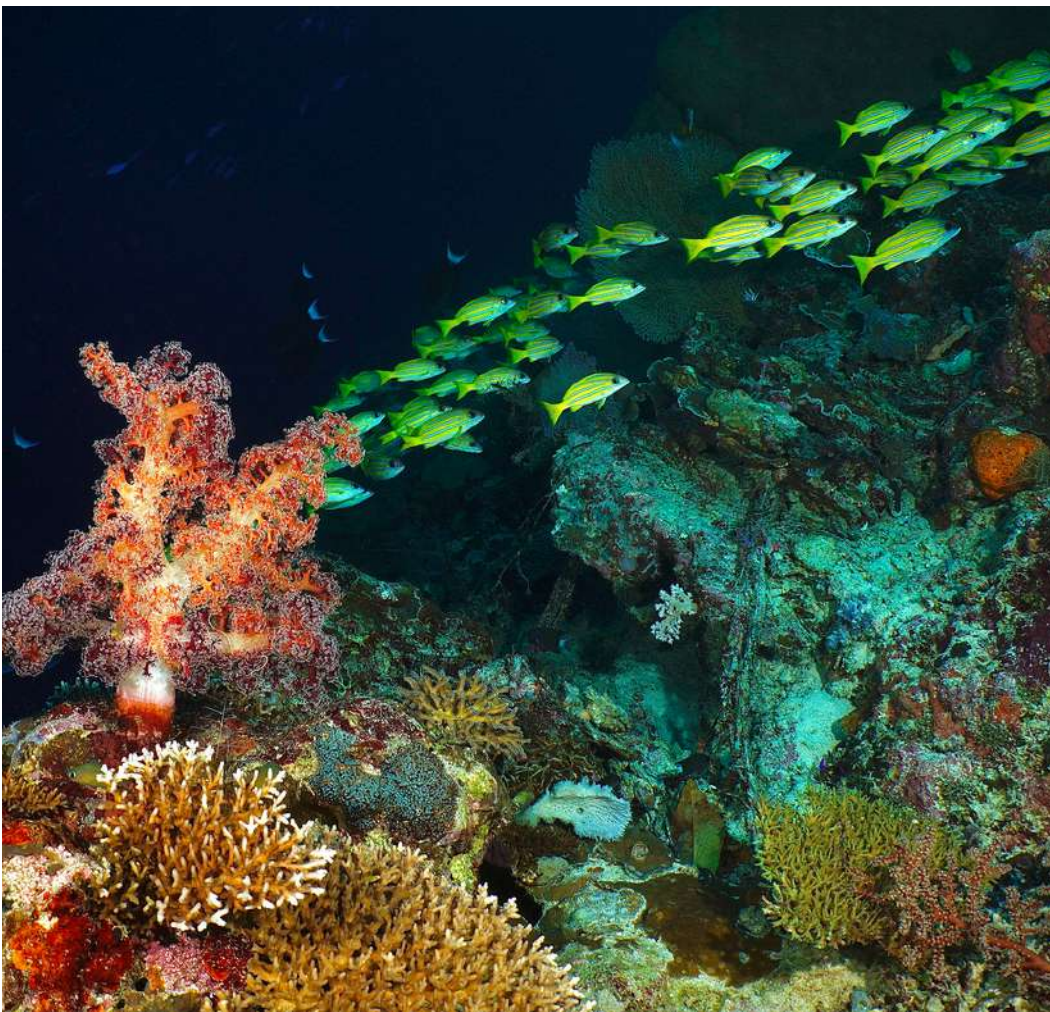
You'll spend three days diving and exploring the Banda Archipelago, a region steeped in history and natural beauty.

Highlights:

- Dive iconic sites like **Lava Flow, Batu Kapal, Karang Hatta, and Tanjung Buton.**
- Encounter **Hammerhead sharks, mobula rays, dogtooth tuna,** and massive schools of fusiliers.
- Marvel at the **Mandarin fish** and critters in Banda's harbor.
- On land, stroll through **Banda Neira's markets,** visit **Fort Belgica,** and learn about the Dutch and Portuguese spice legacy.

On the evening of Day 6, weather permitting, we sail overnight to **Pulau Manuk.**





DAY 07

PULAU MANUK

Jakare will arrive in Pulau Manuk early morning. This still active volcanic Island is located approximately 60 NM South from Pulau Hatta, right in the middle of the Band Sea, and famous for not only for its bird colony but also for its large amount of sea snake that can be seen on the seabed or even swimming in open water, alone or in groups. There are 2 type of sea snake: the black and white striped knits, fine and small and the Olive snakes that come from Australia.

We are planning 3 dives there mainly on pinnacles and hope to encounter Hammerhead sharks, mobula rays and other great pelagic.

Some of the famous dive sites include Manuk Wall, Bubble ref and Coconut Point.

At Coconut Point, the diver navigates above and below numerous ridges and the visibility is usually amazing, up to 50 meters. The water is deep blue, contrasting with black sand and diverse and incredible colours like pink, orange from the soft coral. The reef is extremely lively, and waters are rich in nutriments. In the deep, you can hear and feel the blow and the vivacity of the volcano.

By late-afternoon, Jakare will sail overnight back to Banda Neira to arrive at sunrise.

Overnight at Banda Neira or other place depending on the weather (weather permitting, Jakare will stay overnight at Pulau Manuk)

DAY 08

BANDA NEIRA

Day 8 will be an occasion to return to Banda Neira and explore additional dive sites or enjoy again the best of the diving sites around the islands (alternately more diving will be proposed at Pulau Manuk and Pulau Hatta, on the way back to Banda Neira).

DAY 09

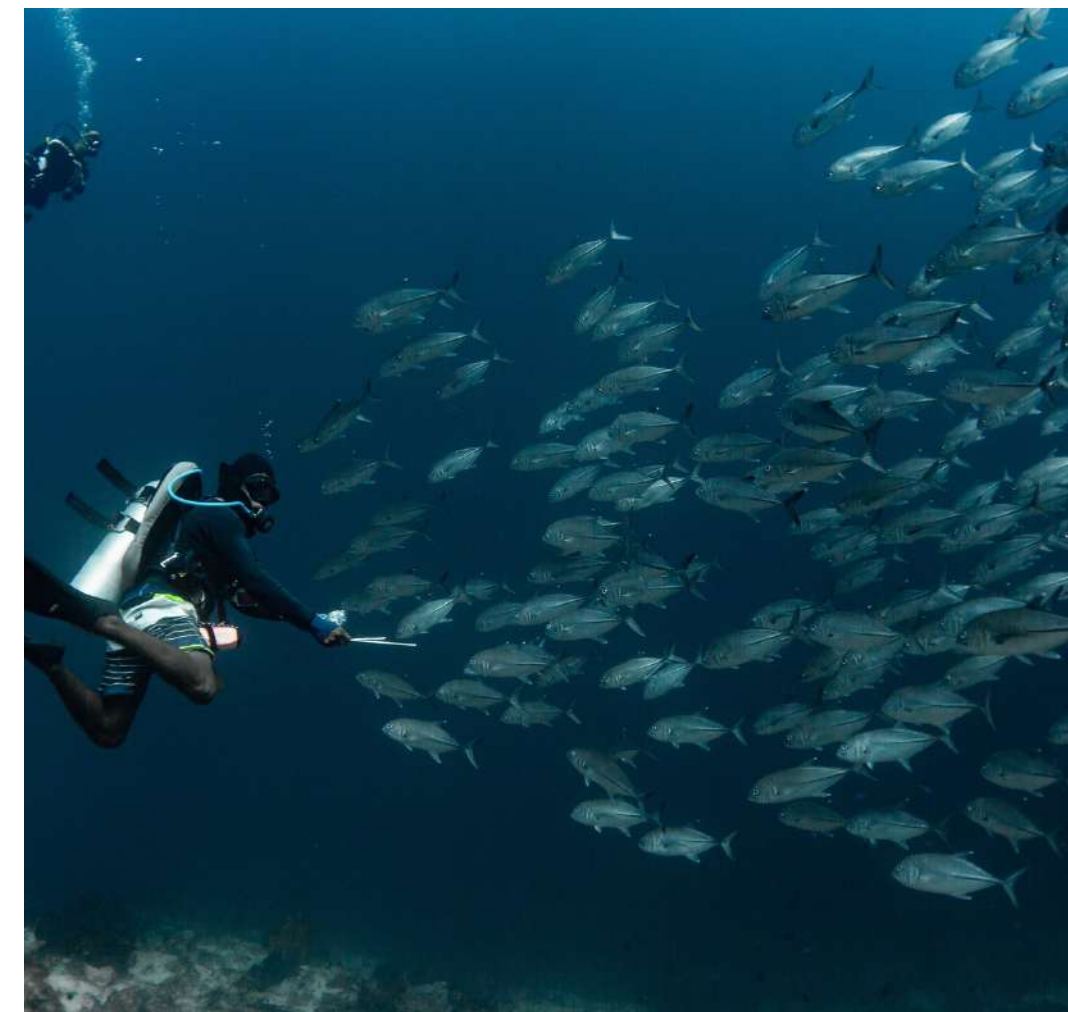
PULAU SUANGGI

Arriving early at Pulau Suanggi, from Banda Neira, we will propose an other day exploring this exceptional dive site allowing more chances to encounter the Hammerheads. 2 or 3 dives will be proposed at pinnacles or slopes. Jakare will then leave for Ambon by early evening. Overnight sailing to Ambon.

DAY 10

AMBON

As the cruise comes to a close, we spend the morning unwinding. Fill in your dive log, exchange memories and photos, and enjoy a small farewell ceremony on board. Disembarkation will take place latest by 10:00 AM, with transfers arranged to your hotel or the airport.



NOTE

- 1 This itinerary may change depending on weather and sea conditions.
- 2 Daily schedules are confirmed each evening with your cruise director.
- 3 A 24-hour no-dive window will be observed before your flight.
- 4 More details can be found in our latest newsletter: [A Taste of the Banda Sea](#)



