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# FORGOTTEN ISLANDS - 12 NIGHTS (AMBON-SAUMLAKI)

## ITINERARY

### Days 1 to 2 **Ambon**



Aurora Crew will pick you up at the airport for immediate boarding. Depending on the arrival time, we might do the check dive around Laha or Tulehu Bay and maybe even a night dive.

Laha or Tuleu Bay: area known for its fabulous muck dives, probably among the best in the world for macro diving: only the Lembeh Strait in Indonesia can compete.

### Day 3 **Nusa Laut & Molana**

South of Seram, fantastic diving experiences on the reefs of Molana and Nusa Laut. These rather picturesque islands of Maluku are popular dive destinations due to their diversity in reef fish species, ghost pipefish, frogfish and a variety of well-preserved hard corals.

Flash News: we have seen sperm whales in the area on previous trips, so keep your eyes wide open.

### Day 4 **Pulau Suanggi**



You will now arrive at the northern end of the outer reefs of the Banda Sea: Pulau Suanggi. The waters here are full of fish, reef sharks and tuna. As a small bonus for bird lovers, many species can be observed around the island: brown boobies, red-footed boobies and frigate birds.

Pulau hatta / Karang hatta: We will dive both sloping reefs and vertical walls. The current attracts many fish: fusiliers, dogtooth tuna, eagle rays, barracudas and sometimes

sharks. On the reef: soft corals, leather corals, big eye trevallies and turtles.

📍 Days 5 to 7 **Banda Neira**

On the fifth day you will arrive on Banda Neira, famous for its nutmeg plantation. You will also have the chance to visit the Maritime Museum and the historic forts the island holds. . Of course this location also offers beautiful dive spots, including Lava Flow: after a volcano eruption in 1988, the existing coral got destroyed, but after 10 years new coral regrow and created this now beautiful dive spot.

This dive spot is also home of the Mandarin Fish, a very colourful fish that exclusively lives around Banda Neira. Every single night they come out to perform their mating ritual.

📍 Day 8 **Manuk, Snake Island**

Manuk, the 'Snake Island', a volcanic island with lower interest on land. It takes its nickname from the large amount of sea snakes found there. You will surely see a lot! The drop-offs here are amazing and sharks, mackerels, tunas and barracudas are often observed.

📍 Day 9 **Serua, Nil Desperandum, Nila**

Nil Desperandum ('no despair') takes its name from a ship, stranded on the reef. This atoll is sometimes called 'the forgotten islands'. You may be lucky enough to come across an amazing school of hammerhead sharks.

📍 Day 10 **Damar**

Terbang Utara / Terbang Selatan, two small islands located south of Damar. Usually, we can expect easy but very fast drifts along marvellous coral drop-offs.

Nuss Leur: several pinnacles with all the colourful life of coral reefs.

📍 Day 11 **Nyata**

Nyata, northeast of Romang Island, offers stunning landscapes.

Crystal clear waters and reefs on different levels, like in a theatre, with hard and soft coral gardens.

Keep your eyes open: pelagic encounters are to be expected!

📍 Day 12 **Sermata**

Sermata offers coral reefs with deep laying coral walls which are amazing to explore



📍 Day 13 **Saumlaki**

Après un bon petit déjeuner à bord, notre équipage organisera, en fonction de vos horaires de vol, votre transfert à l'aéroport de Saumlaki.

Malheureusement, notre voyage prendra fin et nous devons nous dire au revoir mais nous espérons vous revoir à bord

## DATES & PRICES

### *Departures for English-speaking groups:*

*No departure for now*

### *Departures for French-speaking groups:*

*No departure for now*

### *Departures for Italian-speaking groups:*

*No departure for now*

### *Departures for Spanish-speaking groups:*

*No departure for now*

**Trip code: 84**

## Notes

### Price List

*Valid from until 31 December 2020*

### **Rates per person per NIGHT**

- Raja Ampat Cruise (Sorong-Sorong) 420 USD
- North Maluku Cruise (Ambon-Sorong) 420 USD
- Banda Sea Cruise (Maumere – Ambon) 420 USD
- Forgotten Islands ( Ambon - Saumlaki) 420 USD

- Alor Cruise (Maumere – Alor – Maumere) 360 USD
- Komodo Cruise (Labuan Bajo/Bali/Bima) 360 USD

### Supplements:

- National Park Fees and Contributions to villages: 130 USD/ pers Raja Ampat, 20USD/day: pers Komodo and 95 USD/pers for Alor, Banda sea and Forgotten Islands.

Note: Park fees are subject to changes without prior notice.

- Fuel surcharge and port fees per pax: 200 USD for Raja Ampat, Alor, Banda Sea, Forgotten Islands, and Maluku. The fuel surcharge applies if harbours like Bali, Alor or similar are scheduled. For Komodo cruises, no fuel surcharge applies if the port of departure and arrival is Labuan Bajo but there is a departure or return in Bali fuel surcharge is applied. We retain the right to increase the fuel surcharge when the general gas price increase makes this necessary.

**Starting from January 1st 2021**, we decided to **include the fuel surcharges on the prices** above however we retain ourselves the right to add fuel surcharges without prior notice in case of high rise of fuel prices.

### Important information

- All prices are in USD (or depending the daily rates)
- **Included:** Full board on MSY Aurora, 3 dives plus 1 night dive per day according to program and weather conditions, guide, tank, weights, belt, meals, soft drinks on board, airport transfer B-F
- **Not included:** Nitrox tanks, diving and snorkelling gear, beer, wine and spirits, national park tickets, PADI courses (subject to instructor availability, upon request), fuel surcharge & port fees as defined above
- **Group policy:** with 7 paying persons, 8th person is free of charge. Free person still pays supplements.
- **Full boat charter:** The max capacity is 18 persons in 9 double cabins. The total price is calculated on the basis of 15 paying persons. With 15 pax, 3 pax are free of charge.  
Please note that free of charge pax still pay individual supplements.
- **Children (5 - 9 years):** 50% of full price (sharing the parent's cabin)
- **Non divers:** 80% of full price
- **Single cabin supplement:** USD 190/night for all cruises.
- **Payment:**  
individual booking: Upon booking: 30% of the cruise price 91 days prior to departure date: remaining 70% of the price  
full boat charter: 10% deposit at the moment of booking Further 15% within 180 days from the date of departure Further 25% more within 91 days from the date of departure Total balance within 60 days from the date of departure
- **Short Notice Bookings:** 100% must be paid when booking is done less than 91 days prior to cruise departure
- **Cancellation fees individual bookings**

- 120 – 91 days prior to cruise departure 30% of the cruise price
- 90 – 60 days prior to cruise departure 50% of the cruise price
- 59 – 0 days prior to cruise departure 100% of the cruise price

#### - Cancellation fees Full Charter bookings

In case of cancellation before 180 days, the deposit will be returned, except a 5% penalty for administrative costs.

Other penalties for cancellation:

- From 180 to 91 days prior departure: 25%
- From 90 to 60 days prior departure: 50%
- Less than 60 days prior departure: 100%

Concerning the number of nights for the different itineraries, changes can be applied upon full boat charter requests and we are open to create special itineraries on request (e.g.: trip to Cenderewasih Bay).

#### Rental Rates\* (by unit)

- Snorkel Kit 10 USD / day
- BCD/Regulator/Wetsuit 10 USD / day
- 15L Tanks 10 USD / day
- Diving Computer / Torch 12 USD / day
- Full Gear\*\*, excluding diving computer and torch 25 USD / day

\* All rental applications must be done upon booking or at least 30 days prior to departure

\*\* Full gear includes snorkel kit, BCD, Regulator and wetsuit

**Provided:** belt, weights and 12L tank (Any lost or damaged materials will be at your charge)

Lost weight 5 USD / kilo

#### Nitrox min. 28%

- 1 Tank 5 USD / tank
- 1 diving day (3-4 dives) 12 USD / day

#### Certified PADI Courses\*

- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver  
5 dives + theory + PADI Kit 260 USD / pax
- PADI Deep Diver Specialty  
4 dives + theory + PADI Kit 380 USD / pax
- PADI Nitrox Specialty  
2 dives + theory + PADI Kit 1490USD / pax

For more information or requests for other courses than mentioned above, contact us.

\* Please book at least 30 days in advance your course(s), so we can organize your study material.

### **Diving Supervision**

Please be aware that the included guide will help you to discover the different dive sites and rich biodiversity in the best conditions. For any technical problems, please book:

- Pedagogic Support Staff (CMAS\* or OWD) (max 4divers) 8 USD / dive / diver
- Private Guide (upon request in advance) 65 USD / day

Do not hesitate to contact us for any further questions: [info@dune-aurora.com](mailto:info@dune-aurora.com)

## PRACTICAL INFO

### *Food*

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Please let us know if you have any allergy or any specific diet (Diabet, Vegetarian, vegan...)

### *Accommodation*

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Depending on your itinerary, it might be necessary to book a night in a hotel before or after your cruise or before your domestic flights.

We can take care of your hotels' bookings if needed.

### *Transportation*

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#### **International Flights**

You will arrive at the international airport of Jakarta, Denpasar, Makassar or Manado and continue your travel with a domestic flight to your final destination (Komodo, Raja Ampat...).

#### **Domestic Flights**

Please note, that the standard of Indonesian companies equals the European standard. We note that there may be some delay.

Make sure to have enough time for your stopovers (**4 hours**).

**Important :** The extra luggage must be paid in cash with Indonesian Rupiah. Do not forget to have enough change before registration at the airport.

Nevertheless, you will be able to find currency exchange office or ATM in most of the airports.

**The boarding on Aurora** will be no later than 1 pm, thank you to book a flight arriving in the morning the day of the cruise departure

Disembarkation the last day will be after breakfast.

Please note that only the transfers domestic airport/boat on arrival and departure dates cruise are included.

If you are already on the spot the day before departure, the meeting point will be at the harbor.

Likewise, for the return if you want to extend your stay after the cruise.

## *Budget & exchange*

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We recommend to travel with Euros and/or USD.

There is also the possibility to travel with Swiss Francs or British Pounds. We suggest you to change Indonesia Rupiah on arrival at the airport.

## *Tips*

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Crew Tips on board : 15 USD/Pers/day

## *Supplied equipment*

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Aluminium tanks of 12L with DIN/INT

Weight

## *Vital equipment*

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### **Insurance and certification :**

- We recommend you to have a repatriation insurance once you travel abroad, because your traditional insurances might not pay for it.
- A travel insurance will cover a range of problems, such as luggage theft, cancellation or delay of flights and medical treatments

### **Important for all divers:**

- An insurance for the practice of scuba diving **is mandatory on Aurora**. Please bring a justification (membership number and contact details)
- Please remember to bring your diving certification and logbook
- A medical clearance from a doctor is necessary
- We recommend a 3mm wetsuit for diving in Raja Ampat, Banda Sea and Maluku. For South Komodo, we recommend a 5mm wetsuit as the temperature might drop to 21-22°C
- Dive equipment can be rented on board, please book before

**Each diver must be equipped with his dive computer, sausage and dive torch.**

## *Luggage*

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We recommend to have Indonesian Rupiah for your domestic flights in case of extra luggage.

## Medicine

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No vaccination required.

Malaria is a risk, mainly in rural areas (Java's main cities, Bali are considered malaria-free). Dengue is a major problem in Indonesia. There is no vaccination so we highly recommend to take measure to avoid mosquito bites (repellent, long sleeved t-shirt and long pants). We recommend you to check with your physician before departure.

As the sunrays are quite strong in Indonesia, it is absolutely necessary to bring sun-protections such as sunscreen, after-sun and headgears (cap etc.) and we also advise you to bring earplugs

## Passport

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Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into Indonesia

## Visa

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### Visa

Visa On Arrival can be obtained free of charge at the airport. It is valid for 30 days and not extendable. For more information about your country, please check on the Indonesian Embassy website. <http://www.indonesiadhaka.org/>

### Communication

The mobile network only works in major cities and tourist centers. The country code for Indonesia is +62. You can also buy a local SIM card, do not hesitate to ask when you arrive on board, we can manage it for you

### Language

English is spoken in all tourist destinations, also on board on Aurora

## Mandatory vaccines

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## Health information & recommendations

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## Weather

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### Water Temperature :

- Raja Ampat 27° - 30°C
- Komodo 24° - 28°C (Sud: 20°-23°C)
- Alor 27° - 29°C (Sud: 24°-25°C)
- Banda Sea 26° - 29°C
- Maluku 26° - 30°C

### Best season :

- Raja Ampat: November to April
- Komodo: April to à October
- Alor: August to October
- Banda Sea: March to May & October -November
- Maluku: March to May & October -November

## Electricity

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220 volt outlets (two poles only, so for British clients, please bring adaptor!).

## Local time

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	Winter	Summer
Indonésie Ouest, Jakarta:	CET + 6	CET + 5
Indonésie Central, Denpasar Bali:	CET + 7	CET + 6
Indonésie Est, Sorong Raja Ampat:	CET + 8	CET + 7