



# KM Raja Manta

## 11 day/ 10 nights & 30 dives

### Halmahera-Banda-Ambon Itinerary

#### Raja Manta Trip Schedule

- **Departure; 3pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Day - Ternate, North Maluku.** Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all Trip Preparations are completed. Free transfer from local hotel or [Sultan Babullah Airport](#), Ternate to Raja Manta on Trip Departure day (transfer time 20-30 mins).
- **Return; 5am, Last Day - Laha Bay, Ambon.** After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or [Pattimura Airport](#), Ambon in time for Check-in & flight (transfer time 10 mins).  
**Note;** latest RM Check-out midday, Trip Return day.
- **Last dive ends; 12pm, Penultimate Day,** then sail back to Ambon where we spend last evening onboard. If you have booked an earlier flight, then you may have to skip 1 or 2 dives to allow for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying next day.

#### Sample Itinerary

- **Note;** all schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- **Day 1.** (0-1 dives) 3pm. Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Ternate and transfer to Raja Manta. Once all guests are onboard you will receive a very warm welcome, briefing, dinner, then we set sail to Pulau Tidore. Possible Check dive at Ternate if all arrive early.
- **Day 2.** (3-4 dives) Pulau Tidore; amazing dive sites & macro diving. Sail overnight to Pulau Kusu.
- **Day 3.** (3-4 dives) Pulau Kusu & Palau Bacan; shark point, reef sharks, schools of barracuda & jacks along a coral & sponge packed reef.
- **Day 4.** (3 dives) Pulau Obi & Pulau Gomumu
- **Day 5.** (3-4 dives) Manipa Island. Sail to towards Ambon overnight.
- **Day 6.** (3 dives) Saparua & Nusa Laut with its pristine corals. Sail overnight to Banda Islands.
- **Day 7-9.** (3-4 dives x3 days) Banda Islands. Diving around Banda Islands with excellent visibility, fantastic coral coverage and tremendous numbers of fish along with potential Hammerhead sightings.
- **Day 10.** (2 dives) Critter dives in Ambon. Sail back to Ambon where you spend last night on board. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, R&R, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.
- **Day 11.** (0 dives) 5am-12pm. Check out after light breakfast & farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport. Take your pre-booked flight to Ujung Pandang (aka Makassar), Jakarta or Singapore
- **Diving days:** 10 days (estimated 28-30 dives)
- **Note:** 3 dives are scheduled per diving day\*. This is due to deeper dives and long distances covered between islands. Where possible a bonus night dive may be scheduled at the discretion of the Cruise Leader. \*Except Trip Departure day & Trip Return day.

This route offers a wealth of biodiversity starting with spectacularly beautiful reefs & Volcanic islands of Western Halmahera in some of the world's most bio-diverse waters. Here remote, unspoiled and stunning underwater landscapes and made more alluring by the lack of crowds. Crossing down the Banda Sea, let our experienced crew show you these remote and almost untouched locations with wonderful reefs and stunning drop offs. We conclude the cruise in the critter heaven of Ambon. The cruise runs between Ternate and Ambon in North Sulawesi.

## Dive Site Information

### Halmahera

- **Water Temp;** 27-30 degrees Celsius, **Air Temp;** 27-32 degrees Celsius,
- **Visibility;** 15-30 meters, **Currents;** medium to strong, **Level;** intermediate to advanced,
- **Best Time to Dive;** October to April (less rain & much less wind; perfect for diving)

### Ambon

- **Water Temp;** 26-28 degrees Celsius, however deep-water upwelling's & thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. **Air Temp;** 22-31 degrees Celsius
- **Visibility;** 20-30 meters, **Currents;** medium to strong, **Level;** intermediate to advanced,
- **Best Time to Dive;** March, April, & mid-September to early December

## Embarkation / Disembarkation

- Ternate (TTE), North Maluku / Ambon (AMQ)

## How to get to Ternate (TTE), North Maluku

- Easily accessed from Manado (MDC) with daily flights less than one hour, or via Jakarta (CGK) with daily flights around 3.5 hours.
- Domestic Airlines; [Garuda Indonesia](#) / [Sriwijaya Air](#) / [Lion Air](#)

## How to get from Ambon (AMQ)

- [Lion Air](#) daily flights from Ambon to Bali via Makassar or Manado, [Garuda Indonesia](#) or [Sriwijaya Air](#) to Jakarta via Makassar (flight time around 3 hours).

## What's included?

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Ternate/ Ambon) to boat, all nights' accommodation on Raja Manta, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, towel, toiletries, cabin services, FOC replacement if equipment breakdown, 12-liter air tanks, weights & belt, warm towel & drink after every dive, 5 dive guides (1x Instructor, 4x Dive Master), 28-30 dives

## What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start & end dates fee applies per car, Marine Park & Harbour fee (**USD250/ pax**), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD30/ hour), soft drinks (USD2), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50)
- Diving Gear; Full Set USD50/ diving day (except Large tank) or if individual items then; BCD (USD12), Regulator (USD12), wetsuit (USD8), fins (USD5), mask (USD5), torch (USD12), dive computer (USD12), 15L tank rental (USD12)
- Nitrox Enriched Air fills (USD15/ diving day or USD5/ fill).
- **Note:** Nitrox & Diving Gear Items priced per diving day and is subject to availability
- **Note:** Exposure suits; 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.

## Additional Trip Information

- For more Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's about this area see our [Molucca & Celebes Sea Fact Sheet](#) / [Banda Sea Fact Sheet](#)
- For more Vessel Information, please see our [Raja Manta Info Pack](#)
- **Note;** late receipt of Passport details may very likely lead to delayed departure & significant changes to the itinerary. We **MUST** receive guest's details well in advance in the trip.