

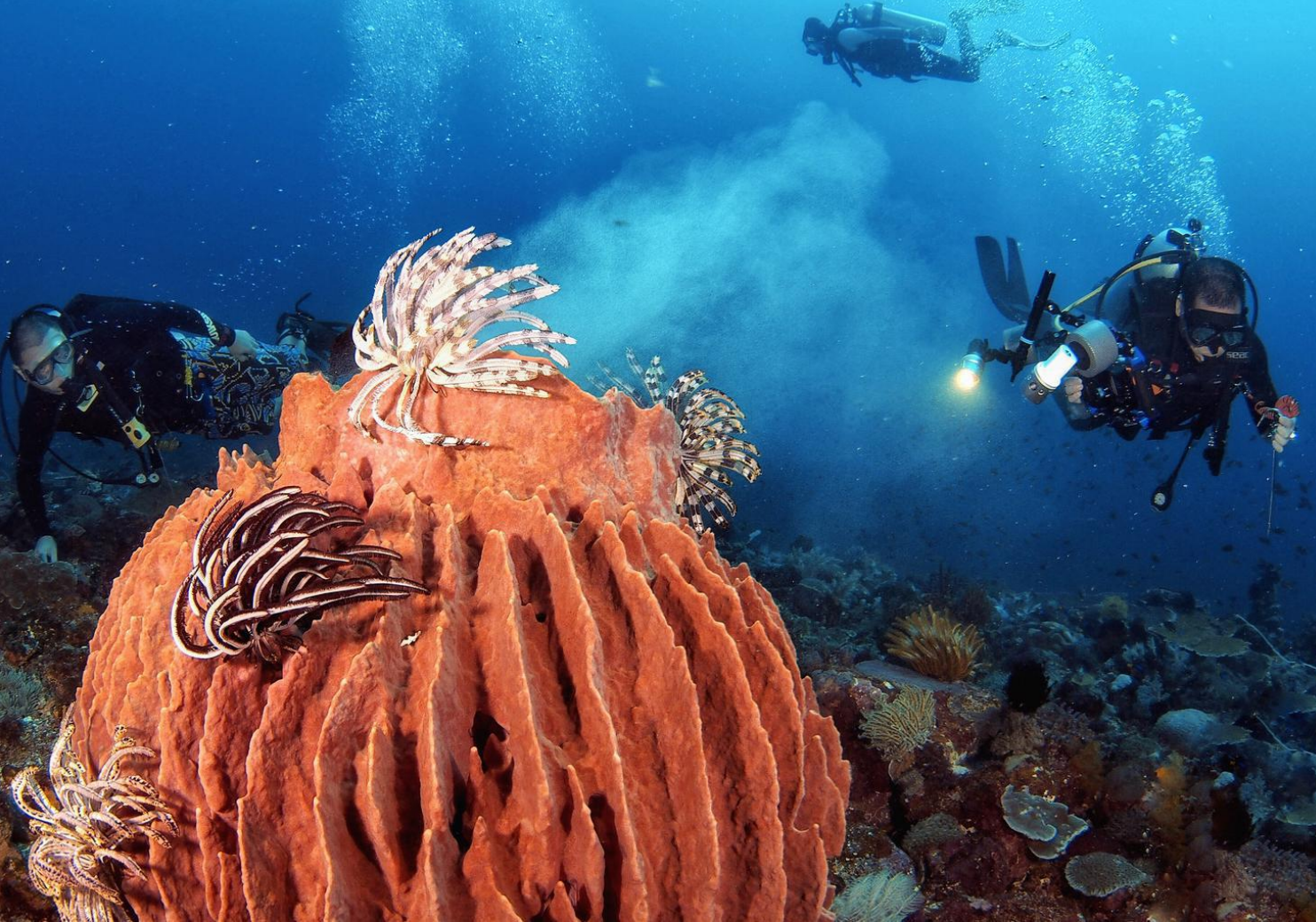
# AMBON-SAUMLAKI

## MV Ambai Liveboard



- ✓ GREAT COMFORT, LARGE CABINS
- ✓ OPTIMAL DIVING EXPERIENCE
- ✓ FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
- ✓ DELICIOUS CUISINE









Best conditions are during intermoonson, late September to mid December. Any other months (except may) have risk of waves and potentially stormy weather Our cruise will bring you across the Banda Sea & the Ring of Fire (ROF), steeped in history and blessed with some of the finest diving in the country, with an immense variety and volumes of both large and small species. traveling for about 550 nautical miles. We visit many different islands and a great variety of dive sites.

The very clear and nutrient rich upwelling waters brings in pelagics: sun fish (mola-mola), dogtooth tunas, reef sharks and sometime hammerhead sharks, sailfishes. Whales also frequently pass through the strait. Walls, drop offs, boomies and pinnacles so colorful and so healthy!

### Some of the species

- Barracudas, Hammerhead sharks, surgeonfishes, Bumphead parrot fish, Trevallies and giant trevallies, spafefishes. Napoleon wrasse, wobbegon, tunas, bonitos, waow, manta rays, mobulas
- Seahorse, frogfish, leaf fish, scorpionfish .
- Black corals forests, gorgonian fields, soft corals , gorgonian fields and so much more...

You will also discover the incredible landscapes of this area; during our cruise we will propose you to visit Banda Neira, , a short trek and many short trips with the dinghies to explore the beaches and other lagoons.





### During your cruise you will perform a minimum of 35 dives:

- \* 1 dive-guide/ 4 divers maximum (4 guides/16 divers)
- \* Free nitrox for certified divers (possibility of certification on board)
- \* 3 fibreglass tenders
- \* Our great crew at your service to carry your tank and gear



### Visibility

The Banda Sea waters offer during the inter-monsoon what is certainly the best visibility of the archipelago.. Commonly you can see 30 meters away, but punctually if can reach 50 meters and more!

### Temperature of the water

The temperature is all year long between 27° and 29° C.  
Wetsuit 3 mm is recommended.

### Currents

Currents are consistant on several of dives while some others are really quiet. Some dives on reefs or pinnacles have to be done on the current exposed side in order to enjoy the best fish life and can therefore be slightly "sporty". Our dive guides always check the current before the dive and will inform you of the conditions. A reef hook is recommended.







## Navigation and itinerary

Hereunder is a map showing the cruise itinerary. The itinerary varies slightly between each cruise depending on weather conditions, currents, visibility and diving.



**Flights to SAUMLAKI and return from AMBON**  
(International Airport recommended for this cruise: Jakarta)

**From Jakarta (CGK) to Ambon (AMQ)**

Airlines	Jakarta-Ambon	Rate	Luggages
 Garuda Indonesia <i>The Airline Of Indonesia</i>	08:15 - 13:55	€270	20 kg (+23 kg)
 Batik air	00:30 - 06:00	€195	20kg (+2 euros/excess kg)

**From Saumlaki to jakarta (Saumlaki is jakarta time + 2):**

Airlines	Saumlaki-Jakarta	Rate	Luggage allowance
 Lion air	10:30 - 16:45	€310	20kg (+2 euros/excess kg)

Airlines	Terminal
 Garuda Indonesia <i>The Airline Of Indonesia</i>	3U
 Lion air	1C

**Transfer from a Terminal to another (Jakarta airport)**

At Jakarta Airport, International flights land at Terminal 3 Ultimate. Unless you fly Garuda Indonesia, you'll have to change Terminal. To do so you can use either the free shuttle (bus in service till 22 :00) or a taxi. Illegal taxi drivers might harass you: please don't pay attention to them and just make a right to the location you'll find the officials' (Blue Bird, Silver bird, Express, Taxiku, Gamma).



# Ambai: Boat specifications

8 air-conditioned double bed Cabins with ensuite bathroom and hot water

- \* 32 m x 7,5 m
- \* 16 divers
- \* 12 crew members - 4 dive guides - 1 cruise director-diving instructor

- \* 4 cabins with double bed and single bunk above, lower deck
- \* 2 cabins with single bunk, lower deck
- \* 2 cabins with double bed on the upper deck (extra cost)



4 versatile lower double/twin bed cabins (1,2,3,4)



2 upper deck double bed cabins (7,8)

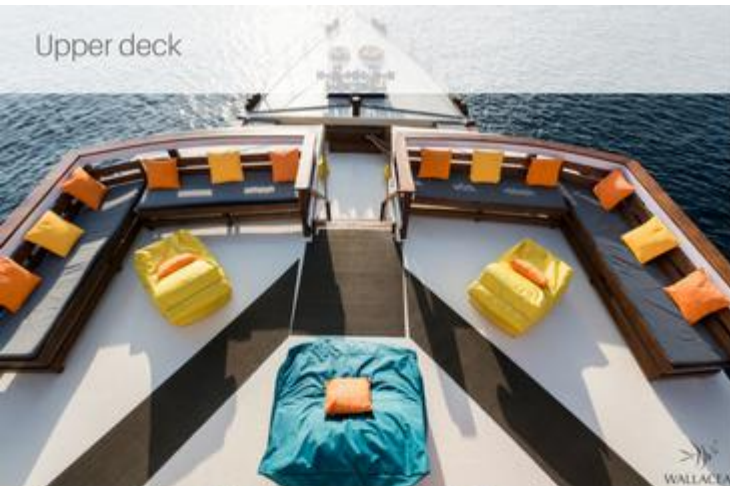


2 lower deck twin bed cabins (5,6)



## 2 Spacious Lounges & 1 Restaurant boast a friendly feeling which assures your comfort!

Upper deck



Main deck



Meals and drinks served at the table. No buffet



Restaurant - direct access to the outdoor lounge



Radar, GPS, depth sounder, VHF & UHF radios, satellite phone



**1 camera room, 3 dinghies, 4 complementary kayaks**







## Service

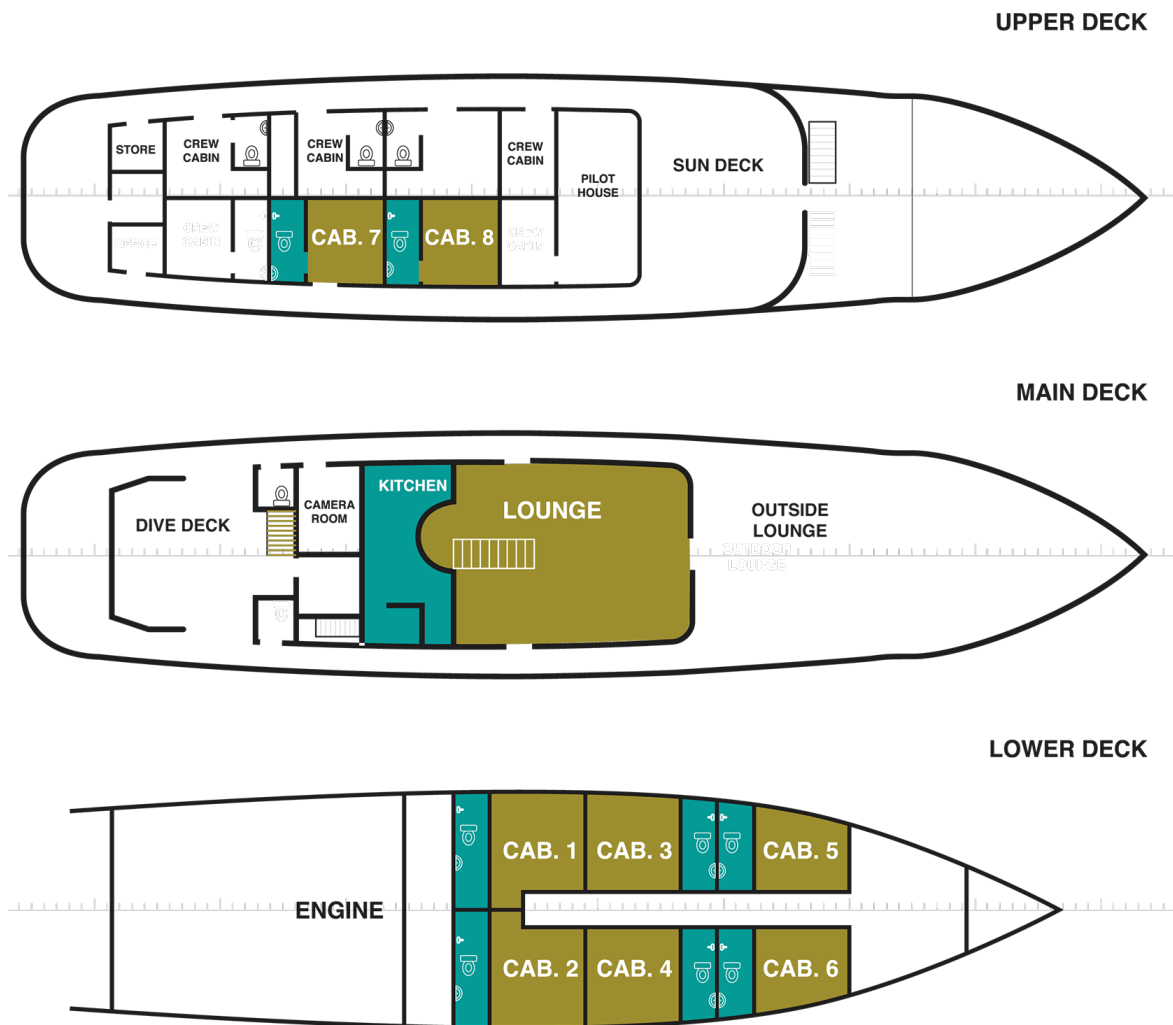
Behind the MV Ambai there is also and mainly a discreet, professional, smiling and friendly crew. Our team will treat you with some special attentions, will assist you if necessary and will carry your tank.

## The cuisine

Mixing eastern and western specialties, our chef cuisine is a « fusion" that will never let be you hungry. Shall you have specific inquiries, or a particular diet (vegetarian or banana allergy), our chef will adapt the meals for your greatest pleasure.



## Layout of the Boat



### The team at your service

18 crew members  
4 dive guides  
1 skipper / diving instructor

### Technical part

Engine: 610 Hp Mitsubishi Navy 2012  
Generators: Generators Yanmar 3 respectively 40, 28 and 16 kW, 2012  
Fresh water: 10 tons of reserves and water-maker capacity 10 tons / day

Compressors : air compressors 2 200 lts / min. Atlas-Copco low pressure compressor with membrane production NITROX.  
Navigation: GPS, GPS Plotter, Echo sounder, Radar  
Communication: Radio VHF, Radio UHF, satellite phone (+881632675145). Wifi if 3G available  
Dinghies: 3 speedboats 4-stroke 50Hp engine



## Diving organisation on MV Ambai

### Number of dives (minimum 35)

- No diving the day of departure
- 3 dives / day every day of the cruise - one dive is usually sacrificed for land excursion to Wayag-, and another one eventually for the Bird of paradise excursion.
- 6 Night dives.
- 1 dive the day before disembarking, maybe 2 according to your flight schedule (24h/No FLY).

### Schedule & standards

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • 1st dive:.....07:00am  | • Dive time: 60 minutes        |
| • 2nd dive: 10:30am      | • Maximum Depth : 35 meters    |
| • 3rd dive: .....02:30pm | • Dives into the safety curves |
| • Night dive: 06:30pm    | • Bearing systematic security  |

Due to the large number of dives and the remoteness of the location, we urge divers to stay within the safety curve, to comply with a maximum depth of 35 meters, and to systematically perform a safety stop.

Depending on the guests dive experience, aspirations (photography, macro, etc), and eventual use of nitrox (free for certified divers), the cruise director will arrange the diving groups. These groups are made up of four divers and a dive guide. The dive guides are rotating on a daily basis. Each diver is given a dive tank (DIN & INT available, no need for adapters) and a single location for the duration of the cruise.

A briefing will be conducted by the director of cruises or one of the guides before each dive. It will provide guidance on the site topography, depths, currents and potential hazards, as well as on marine life and the species represented.

The staff carries your tank between the MV Ambai and the dinghies and back. to the dinghies, tanks are disposed in slots and the guide will help you to gear just before to roll back for the dive. Identification books of flora and local fauna are available on board, and the dive guides or the skipper will always help you to identify the strange animal you just saw underwater!

\* There are some dive equipment to rent on board: However, all sizes are not necessarily available, so please book for it before the cruise.

\* Our cruises are open to divers Padi Advanced Level 2 or equivalent with at least 50 dives logged. Less experienced divers can also participate with a specific supervision that have to be arranged before the cruise.

\* An insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents is highly recommended. We will request the participants to fill up on board a statement of fitness for the dive activities.

\*We will ask you to carefully respect the fauna and flora: have adequate buoyancy to avoid touching the substrate or break any corals; do not touch the animals, do not collect anything; do not to harass wildlife to photography and moderate the number of flashes you impose on them. The use of gloves is not allowed.

\*The divers should always carry a marker buoy.

\*Thank you to read our rules of diving [here](#). By booking a cruise with Wallacea you agree with these few basic rules.



## The cruise rate

### Includes

- Accommodation in a shared twin or double cabin.
- All meals & snacks. Drinking water, soft drinks and hot drinks, espresso.
- All guided dives (1 guide /4 divers maximum)
- Nitrox
- Aluminium tanks (12 lts), weights and belts
- Airport-boat transfers from/to the closest airport (departure and arrival).
- Fuel surcharge\*\*\*

### Doesn't include

- Park and Port fees: 200 € (cash on board)
- International and domestic flights
- Alcoholic beverages (you can BYOB)
- Diving equipment rental (see pricing below)
- 100 cf (15 litre) tanks : 65 € / cruise
- Laundry (1 € / 2 pieces)
- Crew gratuities

## Good to know

- All extras are payable in cash on board. We can not receive payment by credit card.
- Currencies accepted on board: €, USD, CHF, IDR.
- Tipping: they reflect your level of satisfaction with the service on board. As an indication in the area , this is 5%-10% of the cruise rate.
- Provided on board: towels and toiletries, soap, shampoo and toothpaste.
- Electrical outlets round European type.
- Room for storage and loading photos / videos and accessory devices with many outlets. Taken in the cabins and bathrooms also. Hair dryer available on request.
- Available on board: rods and hooks in stainless, € 15
- 4 complimentary Kayaks

**YOUR PASSPORT VALIDITY MUST BE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS  
AFTER THE SCHEDULED RETURN DATE**



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Plan to extend your journey after the cruise?

Our last project **TOMPOTIKA DIVE LODGE**, intimate resort in East Sulawesi is made for you!

6 bungalows by the sea and amazing dives!

**-10% on our packages if your stay is just before/  
after your cruise !**



### Visa

Since May 2016, nationals from 169 countries are dispensed of visa and can enter the Indonesian territory for a maximum of 30 days (not renewable). You can check the list of these countries by following this link

<http://www.topbali.com/indonesia-visa/>

### Insurance

An insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents is compulsory. It will be requested upon arrival on board.

### Check in - Check out

- Check in the day of the cruise start and check out at the end of it, before 1pm.

### Diving equipment rental rate

• Complete regulator with octopus and pressure gauge	10€/ day
• BCD	10€/ day
• Wetsuit	10€/ day
• Torch	10€/ day
• Dive Computer	10€/ day
• Fins	5€/ day
• Diving mask	5€/ day



# SCHEDULE CRUISES

NOV-SEPT  
Raja-Ampat

OCT  
Banda Sea -ROF

NOV  
ROF- Triton Bay

JUN  
Maintenance



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