



New White Manta

10 day/ 9 nights & 26 dives

Sangalaki-Maratua-Kakaban-Manado Itinerary

Starting with the amazing & diverse Islands of Sambit, Maratua, Sanglaki, & Kakaban. Here you will find both large and small marine life in abundance; potential for thresher sharks, manta rays, white-tips & nurse sharks, huge schools of barracuda, many turtles, and even Whale Shark! Not to mention plenty of macro life to keep even the most experienced of divers happy, plus non-stinging jellyfish in the fresh water Lake of Kakaban. Then we cross the Celebes Sea to finish with world famous muck diving in Lembeh.

White Manta Trip Schedule

- **Departure; 5pm, 1st Day - Tg. Batu Pier, Indonesia.** Or earlier if everyone arrives before. Free transfer from [Kalimaran Airport](#), Berau via overland transfer to White Manta on Trip Departure day.
- **Return; 6am, Last Day - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi.** After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or [Sam Ratulangi Airport](#), Manado in time for Check-in & flight (transfer time 2 hours). **Note;** latest WM Check-out midday, Trip Return day
- **Last dive ends; 12pm (midday), Penultimate Day.** Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Bitung Port, Manado where we spend last night on White Manta. This also allows 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.** (0-2 dives) 5pm Trip Departure day. Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Kalimantan Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting White Manta. Warm welcome & briefing while we sail from pier to Derawan. Check dive(s) can ONLY be made if ALL guests arrive on morning flights (recommended Garuda Indonesia ETA-BEJ 09:00 or Lion Air ETA-BEJ 08:45) or are in Berau already. Cruise Leaders decision is final.
- **Day 2.** (3-4 dives) Diving around Sangalaki looking for manta rays, turtles & more! We also have a chance to visit the beach to watch hatching baby turtles make their dash to the sea!
- **Day 3-4.** (4 dives x2 days) Diving around Maratua island; huge schools of chevron barracudas, and big-eye jacks at the mouth of the channel. Look out for the shark action with possible sightings of hammerhead sharks too!
- **Day 5.** (3-4 dives) Diving around Kakaban with stunning wall dives & visiting the amazing fresh water Jellyfish lake.
- **Day 6.** (2-3 dives) Looking for Whale Sharks at local fishing "bagans"
- **Day 7.** (3 dives) Diving around Sambit Island with its pristine corals, abundant marine life, and amazing visibility. Heaps of turtles plus look in the blue for sharks & visiting whale shark!
- **Day 8.** (3 dives) Muck Diving along Manado coastal Islands.
- **Day 9.** (2 dives) Lembeh. Best muck diving in the world. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, have lunch, and rest & relaxation. Sail back to Bitung Port, Manado.
- **Day 10.** (0 dives) 6am. Check out after breakfast, farewells, and transfer to airport. Departure from Bitung Port, Manado to local hotel or transfer to Manado Airport.
- **Diving days:** 9 days (26 dives)

Dive Site Information

- **Water Temp;** 28-30 degrees Celsius, **Air Temp;** 28-30 degrees Celsius,
- **Visibility;** 10-30 meters, **Depth;** 10-40 meters, **Currents;** mild to medium,
- **Level;** beginners to advanced, **Best Time to Dive;** all year around
- **What to See/ Highlights?** Pelagic; manta rays, hammerheads, barracuda, jacks, tuna, & more Reef; amazing soft corals, turtles, leopard & reef sharks, harlequin shrimps, pygmy seahorses, frogfish, ribbon eels, cuttlefish, nudis, & usual suspects

Embarkation / Disembarkation

- Tg Batu Port, Indonesia land transfer to Berau (BEJ) / Bitung Port, Manado (MDC)

How to get to Berau (BEJ), Indonesia

- Daily flights from Singapore or Jakarta to **Balikpapan (BPN)** by [Silk air](#), [Garuda](#) or [Lion Air](#)
- We highly recommended to overnight in Balikpapan Airport Hotel and take one of the scheduled morning flights on Trip Departure day
- To Berau (BEJ) Airport with [Garuda](#) (09:00) or [Lion Air](#) (08:45 / 11:00) [Sriwijaya](#) depart BPN at 14:10

How to get from Manado (MDC)

- White Manta to Manado Airport (transfer time 2-2.5 hours).
- Early morning with [Lion Air](#) back to Bali (via Surabaya) or with [Garuda Indonesia](#) back to Jakarta.
- International, [Silk Air](#) back early afternoon direct to Singapore.
- **Note:** departing flight on Trip Return day should be no earlier than 10am to allow for early morning departure & transfer from the boat with plenty of time for Check-in & flight.

What's included?

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Tanjung Batu port/ Bitung Port, Manado) to boat, all nights' accommodation on White Manta, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, 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), 26 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 (USD35/ hour), laundry services (USD5/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD30 for trip per person)
- 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 regional Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's, find our [Molucca & Celebes Sea Fact Sheet](#)
- For more regional Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's, please find our [Sangalaki Fact Sheet](#)
- For more Vessel Information, please find our [New White Manta Info Pack](#)