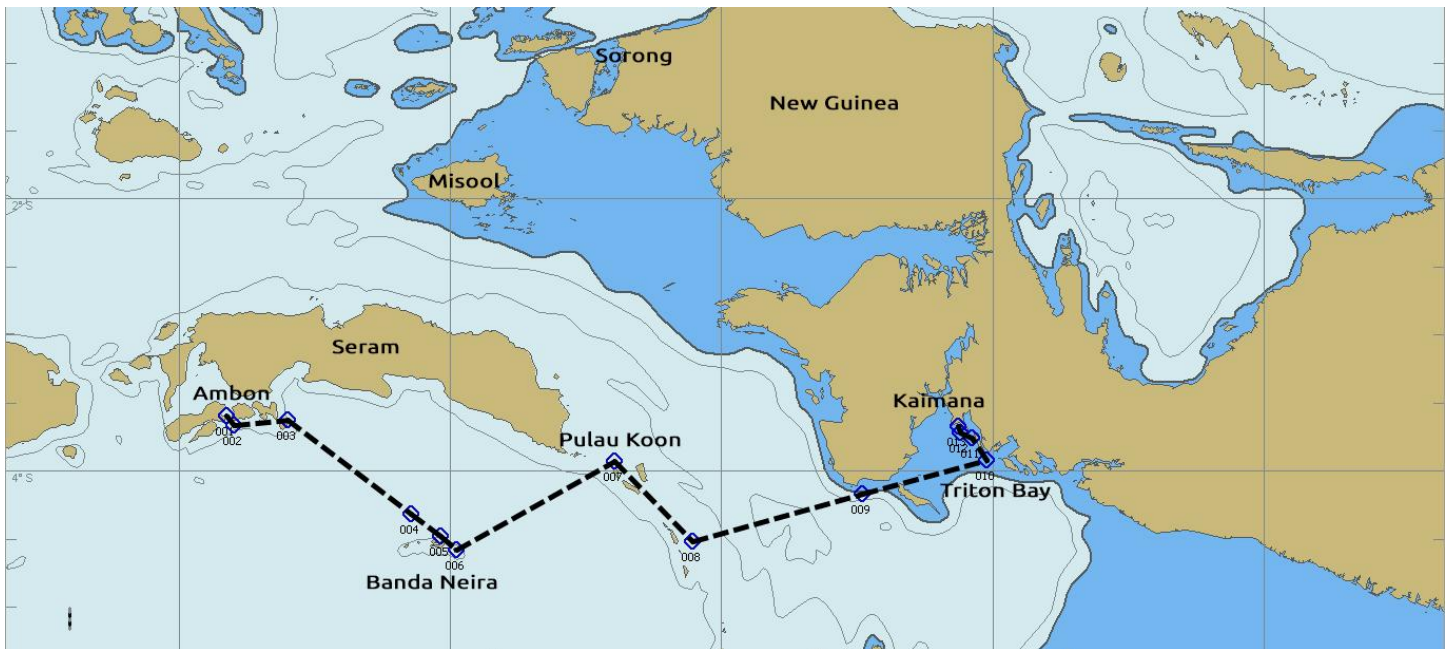


Banda Neira & Triton Bay Adventure **11 nights/12 days**



Cruise Summary

Our 12-day Dive & Adventure Travel guides us first from Ambon to Banda Neira with a stop in Nusau Laut. Nusa Laut is known for its clean reefs that are protected by the local community.

Ambon Island is the capital of Maluku Province and its main town, Kota Ambon is the largest and most developed in the region. In the 17th century when the spice trade was at its peak and the Dutch monopoly on cloves its strongest, they made Kota Ambon their base in the Moluccas because of its superb natural harbor offered, and the town was known as the "Queen of the East".

Our journey continues to Banda Neira - Once known as the Spice Islands. The condition and health of the coral reefs are breathtaking.

From Banda Neira we sail west towards Triton Bay.

The stop halfway in Pulau Koon & Kurkap is a must. Some divers call this divesite "fish soup". In 2011, the WWF made a Marine Conservation Agreement (MCA) to close the water area around Koon Island for a long period of time to provide a "fish bank" for the future generations. Koon is a conservation area and therefore a no take fish zone.

Triton Bay is located in the Kaimana Regency, located in West Papua Province in Indonesia. It is on the western side of the wider island of New Guinea. In 2008 Kaimana Regency designated 6,000 square meters of land as a special Marine Protected Area



Day-1

Your flight will arrive in Ambon. Ambon is the main city and seaport of Ambon Island, and is the capital of Maluku province of Indonesia.

- We organize the transport from airport or your hotel to our vessel "MARI".
- The best time of arrival the day before the trip or in the day of the trip early morning.
- The Boat will departure between 12 pm and 2 pm.

After a check-up-dive near Ambon, we sail towards to our first destination – to Nusa Laut. On next morning we will enter here the fantastic underwater world. With a bit of luck, we can watch Delphien schools having breakfast here.

Day 2-11

If possible we offer 3-4 dives daily. When crossing only 1-2 dives a day can be scheduled. We reserve the right to change the itinerary or specific agreed services, if force majeure, unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances require us to do so.

Some of the destinations on our journey:

Ambon

is the capital of Maluku Province and its main town, Kota Ambon is the largest and most developed in the region.

In the 17th century when the spice trade was at its peak and the Dutch monopoly on cloves its strongest, they made Kota Ambon their base in the Moluccas because of its superb natural harbor offered, and the town was known as the "Queen of the East". While it is still possible to find the odd legacy of those days, most of the Dutch colonial era buildings were destroyed during the WWII battle for Ambon between the Allied forces and the Japanese.



Nusa Laut

Nusa Laut is the most easterly of the Lease group and about 80 km from Ambon, so in reality it's probably only possible to dive the sites there from a live aboard.

The diving around Nusa Laut was pioneered by Eddie Frommenweiler and the late Larry Smith, who between them opened up much of the diving in Eastern Indonesia.

The reef is as it was hundreds of years ago. The locals have protected it and now it is an outstanding diving site, many people's favourite dive.

With a bit luck In the shallow bay of Paperu it is possible to spot a dugong in the sea grass. On Nusa Laut there are a few old forts and colonial buildings.



Banda Neira

Once known as the Spice Islands, the condition and health of the coral reefs are breathtaking.

Isolated from the rest of Central Maluku, the 10 little volcanic islands that make up the Banda archipelago are the most wanted tourist destination in the whole of Maluku. Fortunately, as these pretty little islets remain somewhat time-consuming to reach which keeps the crowds away.

Obligated stop for a cultural tour: the fort, the governor's house, the church, nutmeg plantations, the chance to have a beer on land with the locals...

Diving: both Pulau Run and Pulau Ai have pristine clear waters, lovely walls and good fish life; we might go a bit deeper in search of more hammerheads, big fish can be seen here as well, napoleons, schools of black snappers, bumpheads etc...



Koon Island

Small Island, located in the district of South East Seram

The name of the dive site says it all: "Too many fishes". With the right current the diving could be unforgettable, millions of fish, schooling jacks, barracudas, sharks.

Koon Island is the biggest coral fish breeding area in East Indonesia. In 2011, the WWF made a Marine Conservation Agreement (MCA) to close the water area around Koon Island for a long period of time to provide a "fish bank" for the future generations. Koon is a conservation area and therefore a no take fish zone.



Kurkap Island

is located in between Banda Islands of Moluccas and Kaimana Regency of West Papua. It is a region of Watubela, South East of Seram Island. It is a perfect midway point for a stopover. As far as your eyes can see, the pristine crystal clear turquoise waters surround the Island.



Triton Bay

sits at the center of the famed Coral Triangle which has the claim to fame of being the home of more species of fish and coral than any other spot on earth.

When it comes to aquatic life you can expect to find species that are common across the rest of Indonesia and more. Some of the highlights however include the bobbing pygmy seahorses as well as elegant whale sharks. It is also possible to spot dolphins and marlin here as well as walking sharks which can be difficult to find in other waters around Indonesia.





Day 11:
Final day of diving - our trip ends at the port of **Kaimana**.



Day-12

Check-out after breakfast or lunch time – depends on your flight time. We say good-bye to our guests and wish them farewell. Our crew will organize the transfer to the airport and assist at check-in for onward flights.

