



 **AQUA BLU**

INDONESIA

7-NIGHTS AMBON & SPICE ISLANDS

Note: All itineraries are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions.

October to November | Saturday - Saturday

Notes

Day 1 Saturday Ambon

Arrive to a warm welcome in Ambon, and head to the Swiss Bel hotel located at Laha Bay. Refresh yourself in your day-use room before boarding Aqua Blu at lunch. After settling in, bid farewell to the harbor as you set sail along the scenic northern coast of Ambon.

Inclusion

Lunch, dinner

Embarkation Time

12:30pm

Day 2 Sunday Hila

Head out for your first excursion to explore the historical Dutch fortification, Fort Amsterdam, in the coastal town of Hila. Sail through the afternoon and learn about the incredible history of the spice trade. Next, enjoy a sundowner as Aqua Blu continues sailing to the Banda Islands. While traveling through the deep expanse of the Banda Sea, enact an old naval tradition – ‘hands to bathe’ – where you jump into the water and swim, floating over depths stretching thousands of meters.

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 3 Monday Banda Islands and Banda Neira

Approach the Banda Islands at sunrise, greeted by Kora-Kora war canoes at the harbor. Stroll through history at the Dutch Fort Nassau on Banda Neira – which used to be most hotly contested island in the world back in the 16th and 17th century. Walk through ancient passageways now bustling with modern life, yet still showcasing a treasure trove of history. After lunch, head out for a snorkeling or diving excursion, and end the evening with a sundowner at Fort Belgica.

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Tuesday Banda Besar & Pulau Hatta

Spend the day exploring the oldest nutmeg plantations in the world on Banda Besar. Learn about the history of the spice and the wars which were fought over it. Resume sailing at lunch to Pulau Hatta, for a dive and snorkel along beautiful walls inhabited by corals and schools of tropical fish. Return to Aqua Blu for a screening of the Ring of Fire documentary, followed by sunset drinks and the remarkable cuisine of chef Benjamin Cross.

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Wednesday Pulau Manuk

Savor a sunrise breakfast against the backdrop of the 300-meter-tall cliffs of Pulau Manuk – a volcanic island rising 3 kilometers from the seabed. For those wishing for an early workout – ocean-swimming from Aqua Blu towards the island's active volcano is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Pulau Manuk is a haven for fish-hunting birds, as well as sea snakes and reef sharks which flock to enjoy the area's underwater thermal springs. At sundown, take the tenders out to sea and enjoy drinks at our makeshift floating bar.

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6 Thursday Pulau Ai & Pulau Run

Arrive at Pulau Ai & Pulau Run, the westernmost of the Banda Islands, at sunrise. Swim, snorkel, and dive in the crystal-clear waters, where you'll discover stunning coral gardens and reef fish. Afterwards, head ashore to Pulau Ai for a guided tour of Fort Revenge and its nutmeg store houses.

Spend the afternoon at a pristine beach on Pulau Run, which was traded for the island of Manhattan in 1667 by the British and the Dutch. Witness the sun setting into the sea while enjoying a cocktail party on these historic sands.

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Friday Nusa Laut & Molana

Head out for an early morning ocean swim, followed by a diving or snorkeling excursion. On the north side of Nusa Laut, discover the scenic fishing villages of Ameth and Akon. This is also home of the dugong, the Southeast Asian cousin of the American manatee. Enjoy a cooking lesson before lunch, and cruise to Molana Island — a small but heavily forested island with fantastic reefs.

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Saturday Ambon

Awake to the bustle of Ambon and disembark after a sumptuous breakfast for your outbound flight.

Inclusion

Breakfast

Disembarkation Time

6:00am

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