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MANDARIN SIREN

LEMBEH TO BUNAKEN – 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

DAYS	ITINERARY	DIVES
DAY 1	Arrive Manado Meet a member of the Worldwide Dive and Sail crew at Thalassa Resort and board the SY Mandarin Siren. After boarding settle into your cabin and assemble your equipment with help from our friendly crew. The boat briefing and dive briefing follow. Dive 1- You start with a late afternoon check dive. You are likely to see feather stars, crabs, nudibranchs, and with luck ghost pipefish.	1
DAY 2	Bunaken Island Spend all the day and up to 4 dives in the marine park. Pangulingan: Observe mackerel, barracudas, white tip reef sharks, tuna, Napoleon wrasse at depth and in the shallows octopus or dragonets. Tanjung Kopi: This lies behind Manado Tua and is also a nice dive site. You dive with the current on a very steep slope becoming a vertical wall at about 25m. Butterfly fish, surgeon fish, snappers, mackerel, tuna, Napoleon wrasse and barracuda can all be seen. The shallow area is quite nice with large coral boulders, sweetlips and black snappers. The last dives are spent around Bunaken Island in the marine park.	Up to 4
DAY 3	Bunaken Island Enjoy up to 3 day dives and a night dive around Bunaken Island, Marine Park. Mandolin is situated in the strait between Bunaken and Manado Tua. The waters are very deep and there often is a strong current, you can do a nice drift dive on the wall that stretches along the western side of Bunaken Island for several kilometers. Napoleon wrasse as well as large groups of bumphead parrotfish are frequently seen here. Dugongs can sometimes also be seen in the shallows grazing on the sea grass.	Up to 3

	<p>Fukui: A great dive site with opportunities to observe large shoals of fish.</p> <p>Lekuan I: A wall dive with some nice crevices and ledges, white tip reef sharks and occasional eagle rays can be seen. The corals covering the wall hide some small wonders such as violet leaf fish, mandarin fish, ghost pipefish and beautiful nudibranchs.</p> <p>Night dive - Option of Cela Cela or Lekuan III</p>	
DAY 4	<p>Bangka Island</p> <p>Spend up to 4 dives in this location and dive these well known hot spots.</p> <p>Batu Gosoh: This is an underwater pinnacle, the reef is very steep and there are some small caverns to explore. Schools of batfish, butterfly fish, banner fish, snappers and turtles may be seen on this dive.</p> <p>Sahaung is a favourite dive site around the Bangka islands. The dive site consists of a series of large underwater pinnacles that break the surface. There is an area where the pinnacles seem to form giant steps. The landscape is very beautiful with orange soft corals, sponges and sea fans. Snappers, surgeon fish, fusiliers and trigger fish can be seen everywhere. Pygmy seahorses have been sighted here.</p> <p>Gangga Island house reef is a volcanic slope covered with soft corals, table corals and sponges.</p> <p>Night dive, Lehaga: Dive around five thirty in the evening and you might see mandarin fish doing a courtship dance.</p>	Up to 4
DAY 5	<p>Lembeh Straits</p> <p>Do up to 3 day dives and a night dive.</p> <p>Lettuce Surpriz or Kuda Laut lies on a nice bay with a beautiful view of the volcano a good place for the lunch break. A lava flow on the northwestern end of the bay forms a series of crater like depressions filled with lettuce corals and other hard corals. The dive operators have given this dive site two names - Lettuce Surpriz U for the lettuce corals where mandarin fish live and Kuda Laut for the seahorses you find here. You dive on a flat slope of black sand with patches of corals and sponges. It is possible to see flamboyant cuttlefish, ghost pipefish and the coconut octopus.</p> <p>Teluk Kembahu TK. It was here that the mimic octopus was first observed in the Lembeh Strait. A dive guide noticed an unknown species of octopus sometimes looked like a flounder or like a mantis shrimp. It has now become a Mecca for the species.</p> <p>Night dive, Police Pier: At night you dive on the sandy part and don't go under the pier. This dive site is full of surprises; frogfish and humpback scorpion fish can be seen as well as the rare Bobbit worm, nudibranchs, crabs and shrimps.</p>	Up 4
DAY 6	<p>Pulau Dua</p> <p>Enjoy up to four dives around this small island that has a beautiful beach where you will have lunch. The dive site offers sightings of schools of fusiliers, butterfly fishes, mackerel giant frogfish and Napoleon wrasse.</p> <p>Do another 3 dives at Jiko I, II and III. The sites boast steep slopes covered</p>	Up to 4

	with hard corals and small macro creatures such as orangutan crabs and nudibrachs. The outcrop of corals at Jiko I (at 25-29 m), is teeming with life; small reef fishes, angelfish and groupers. The number of dives you do is dependent on your onward flight arrangements. In the evening enjoy a BBQ on the boat and start planning your next adventure aboard the Siren Fleet.	
DAY 7	Disembark Bitung After breakfast say your farewells, disembark the SY Mandarin Siren. Guests can either extend their stay in Manado or transfer to Manado Airport and catch their onward flight.	0
TOTAL DIVES		Up to 20

BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

<p>Technical specifications</p> <p>Length : 24m First sail : June 2010</p>	<p>Accommodation and Facilities</p> <p>Staterooms : 4 4 large air-conditioned cabins each with their own personal computer, audio-visual entertainment system and ensuite bathrooms with hot water. All rooms are lavished with luxury extra's including bathrobes, hair dryers, towels, individually controlled mood lighting and individual controls for your air-conditioning unit.</p> <p>Message service</p> <p>Max passengers : 8</p>	<p>Navigation and Communications</p> <p>Mobile phone Sattelite phone VHF radio SSB radio Radar Depth sounder GPS</p>
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FAQ

Visa and Passports

Passport holders of most western countries are required to obtain a visa on arrival which allows stays up to 30 days. Visa and Passport regulations for different countries are constantly in a state of flux. We always advise our guests that they check regularly for updates and changes. Please make sure that your passport has validity of at least 6 months upon arrival into Indonesia. You may be required to show a confirmed ticket to leave Indonesia within the maximum number of days you are allowed to stay in the country.

Time Zone

The time varies depending on your location in Indonesia; GMT + 7 (West) in Sumatra, Java and Western Borneo; GMT + 8 (Central) in Sulawesi, Lesser Sunda Islands, Bali and Eastern Borneo; GMT + 9 (East) in Papua and Maluku.

Health

Health services in Indonesia are by no means up to western standards, although there are hospitals in all major towns. We do advise all guests to ensure that vaccinations are up to date. We recommend that travelers follow normal precautions with food in order to prevent stomach upsets, and be sure to drink bottled water only. Please consult your doctor or nearest health authorities for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure.

Language and Religion

The spoken language in Indonesia is Bahasa, however, nearly all Indonesians who work in the tourism industry speak English. 88% of all Indonesians are Muslims, and about 8% Christians. There are size-able minorities of Hindus and Buddhists who freely pursue their respective faiths.

Climate and Weather

Indonesia is a tropical country, and the climate is fairly even all year round being roughly divided into two distinct seasons, 'wet' and 'dry'. The east monsoon, from June to September brings dry weather while the west monsoon, from December to March, brings rain. The transitional period between these two seasons alternates between gorgeous sun-filled days and occasional thunderstorms. Even in the midst of the wet season temperatures range from 21°C (70°F) to 33°C (90°F), except at higher altitudes which can be much cooler. The heaviest rainfalls are usually recorded in December and January. Average humidity is generally between 75% and 100%.

Clothing and Footwear

Dress on board our yacht is very casual and most guests feel comfortable in little more than swim wear, shorts and t-shirts, particularly in the warm weather of Indonesia. A sweater is advised for cooler nights, particularly after multiple dives. Guests prefer bare feet on board the yacht; however island visits will require sturdy sandals or cross-trainers.

Electricity

On board the yacht we have both 220V and 110V with 2 round pin sockets. (European style) Please make sure you bring universal adapter with you if necessary. On land 220/250 volts AC, 50Hz but 110 volts is still used in some areas. Plugs used are European-style with two circular metal pins.

Smoking

Smoking onboard is permitted in designated (outdoor) areas.

Money Matters

The local currency is the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). The majority of established hotels, shops and restaurants accept major credit cards. However, smaller, family-run places probably will not. Worldwide Dive and Sail advises guests to exchange money prior to the departure of the trip and have small denominations of Indonesian Rupiah on hand.

Payments Onboard

Any extra costs you may have onboard must be paid in cash. We do not accept credit card payments onboard, so it is advisable that guests bring extra cash of between 100-200 € on top of marine park and port fees, per person. Worldwide Dive and Sail accepts GBP, EUR, USD and the local currency of the dive destination. Trips often finish in remote locations, it is best to bring extra cash in case there is no ATM or other method of withdrawing or exchanging cash.

Marine and Port Fees

The marine park and port fees for this trip are 65 € per person and must be paid onboard in cash.

Tipping

Tipping is a matter of personal choice. You may wish to leave a tip if you feel the crew has made your holiday extra special. Tips are divided equally amongst all the crew including dive guides.

Airport Terminal Fee

Passengers travelling within Indonesia are required to pay airport terminal fees. This varies from airport to airport; please ensure you have small denominations of local currency on hand to pay these fees.

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