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MANDARIN SIREN

BEST OF SULAWESI – 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

DAYS	ITINERARY	DIVES
DAY 1	Arrive Bitung Meet a member of the crew in Bitung 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- Divers Lodge Lembeh House Reef : You start with a late afternoon check dive. You are likely to see seahorses, feather star crabs, nudibranchs, moray eels and with luck	1
DAY 2	Pulau Maju and Pulau Guerda These two small islands are positioned half way between Sulawesi and Maluku Utara they offer the opportunity to observe passing pelagics. Enjoy up to 3 day dives at this location. Depart- Afternoon for Nusa Kohatalo and stay over night	3
DAY 3	Nusa Kohatalo Spend the day diving off the coast of Maluku Utara near to Nusa Kohatalo . After the first dive we continue north, stopping off and diving the coastline reefs as we travel. The reefs range from shallow depths to steep drop offs.	Up to 4
DAY 4	Pulau Salangadeke Enjoy up to 4 dives as we continue along the coast until we reach the outer islands of Pulau Salangadeke, Pulau Dagasuli and Pulau Doi . The diving here is very special as there are chances to observe whale sharks, manta rays, large schools of rainbow runners, jacks and much more.	Up to 4
DAY 5	Pulau Doi	Up to 4

	<p>Spend the whole day diving around Pulau Doi and continue to enjoy the wonderful reefs and drop offs and looking out to the blue with the hope of seeing manta rays and whale sharks. There is a beautiful waterfall a bit of a trek inland with the opportunity to bathe in the pool at the bottom.</p>	
DAY 6	<p>Pulau Bau</p> <p>Depart Pulau Doi and head back to the northern most part of Maluka Utara. The sites are virgin territory and have not even been named. Perhaps we name a site after you? After two exploratory dives we head to Pulau Bau and Kak Kanan which has beautiful soft coral walls and interesting rock formations leading to an area of sand. It is possible to observe the epaulette shark that walks on its front fins.</p> <p>Depart for Pulau Morotai</p>	Up to 4
DAY 7	<p>Pulau Morotai</p> <p>Spend the day around the island of Pulau Morotai. The first dive is on the south west corner of Morotai Island where strong currents are possible but with them the chance to observe pelagics and large shoals of fish. We then move around the coast and moor up in front of Pitu airfield. This is where General McArthur prepared his attack on the Philippines at the end of World War II. The general ordered that all the machinery including trucks, aircraft, motorcycles and even landing crafts to be sunk directly in front of the airfield. The shallow remnants were recovered over the years by the locals; however in deeper water you are still able to find many remnants from WWII.</p>	---
DAY 8	<p>Pulau Bau and Maluka Utara Passage</p> <p>2 dives on the two seamounts in the passage that offer opportunities for sightings of passing pelagics including tuna, jacks and if lucky manta rays.</p>	2
DAY 9	<p>Teluk Galela</p> <p>The large bay that is Galela, offers up some amazing dives around a number of underwater volcanoes. There are five in the bay but only three are possible to dive on. Experience the large craters, one is bare the other two are covered completely with soft corals.... an amazing unique dive experience.</p>	---
DAY 10	<p>Pulau Tolonuu, Pulau Tagalaja, Pulau Miti</p> <p>This group of islands offers up similar diving found in around Bunaken Island in Sulawesi. Beautiful walls that drop off into the abyss covered in corals. Spend the whole day here and enjoy 3 dives. The number of dives you do is dependent on your onward flight arrangements.</p> <p>In the evening enjoy a BBQ on the boat and start planning your next adventure aboard the Siren Fleet.</p>	3
DAY 11	<p>Disembark</p> <p>After breakfast say your farewells, disembark the SY Mandarin Siren and transfer to Tobelo Airport for your onward flight to Manado.</p>	0
TOTAL DIVES		Up to 32

BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

Technical specifications	Accommodation and Facilities	Navigation and Communications
Length : 24m First sail : June 2010	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. Massage service Max passengers : 8	Mobile phone Sattelite phone VHF radio SSB radio Radar Depth sounder GPS

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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