

THE LUXURY VOYAGE



Spice Islands

This small chain of volcanic islands is scattered across the Banda Sea, just south of the larger islands of Ambon and Seram, both known for their fertile, mountainous landscapes draped in tropical rainforest.

Historically famous for their role in the global spice trade, the Spice Islands (also known as the Banda Islands) are now celebrated for both their rich history and stunning natural beauty. Visitors can explore a blend of heritage and nature, from abandoned forts and nutmeg groves to vibrant local markets.

Rising steeply from the deep waters, the Spice Islands are encircled by marine-rich seas, making them one of Indonesia's premier destinations for large pelagic fish and macro life. The crystal-clear waters, fed by nutrient-rich currents, offer divers the chance to encounter schooling hammerhead sharks, the world's densest population of sea snakes, and an abundance of brilliantly colored corals.

Day 1: Ambon

Your journey begins with a warm welcome from The Luxury Voyage crew at Ambon airport. After being transferred to the harbor, board your luxurious yacht and set sail. This afternoon, enjoy your first snorkel or dive at one of Indonesia's most stunning muck diving sites in Ambon harbor. As evening falls, savor dinner under the stars. The yacht will sail overnight toward the historic Banda Islands.

Day 2: Saparua & Mamala

Arrive at Saparua, the largest island in the Lease chain. Take the morning to explore the charming town and visit the historic Duurstede Fort, built in 1676 by the Portuguese. Return to the yacht for lunch as it sails toward Mamala Island, where you'll dive into the crystal-clear waters to explore the vibrant underwater ecosystems of the eastern coast.

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Day 3: Banda Neira

As the Banda Islands come into view, start the day with a dive at “Bird Rock” near Suanggi Island. Once you arrive at Banda Neira, venture ashore to the historic town, where every corner echoes the colonial past. Visit landmarks like Fort Belgica, an old church, the former governor’s palace, and a local museum.

Day 4: Gunung Api

For the adventurous, rise early for a challenging climb up the famous Gunung Api volcano. Standing 640 meters tall, this iconic peak offers sweeping, unforgettable views from its summit. Afterward, enjoy the yacht’s comforts as you sail onward.

Day 5: Banda Besar

This morning, visit the historical nutmeg plantations on Banda Besar, once the center of the spice trade. Stroll through ancient almond trees and observe the local lifestyle while spotting unique bird species. After lunch onboard, dive at the beautiful Batu Kapal reef and visit the quaint village on Pisang Island, surrounded by pristine beaches and coral reefs.

Day 6: Run & Nailakka

Today, explore Ai Island, where the jungle hides the remnants of Fort Revenge. Continue your journey to Run Island, the first British overseas colony and the subject of colonial conflicts, once traded to the Dutch in exchange for New York. Discover the ruins of old forts on this historically rich island.

Day 7: Hatta Island

Visit Pulau Hatta, an island named after Indonesia's first vice-president, a key figure in the country's fight for independence. The diving here is spectacular, with walls covered in vibrant gorgonians, soft corals, and barrel sponges. After lunch, continue diving at Karang Hatta, a perfect end to your underwater explorations. The yacht will sail overnight back toward Ambon.

Day 8: Ambon

As the yacht returns to Ambon harbor, enjoy a final breakfast on deck. The crew will assist you with disembarkation and transfer you to the airport, concluding your unforgettable Luxury Voyage through the Spice Islands.

This 7-night adventure with The Luxury Voyage offers an exciting blend of history, natural beauty, and exceptional diving, giving you a unique glimpse into the rich cultural and ecological treasures of the Spice Islands.