Dear XYZ and Friends,

Experience a Passport to Paradise in North Sulawesi

Passport to Paradise is a unique diving experience which allows you to explore three distinct diving destinations in one trip. You’ll have just over 150 dive sites to choose from and with seamless boat diving transfers from resort to resort there’s no gear packing, no wasted transfer days, just relax, enjoy and dive, dive, dive.

We have created a sample package which is based on providing you with the opportunity to experience the diversity of North Sulawesi. This package allows you to enjoy our friendly-luxury service and have a fun, flexible, and relaxing stay.

Explore More!

**SAMPLE PACKAGE**

**15 Nights, Passport to Paradise**

- 5 Nights Manado / 5 Nights Bangka / 5 Nights Lembeh
- 28 Guided Boat Dives with Nitrox

**US$ 5,020 per person based on double/twin occupancy**

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**Day 1 | Arrival Day**
Our staff will welcome and escort you to our resort. The car journey time is between 45 minutes to 1 hour. Upon arrival at Murex Manado you’ll be greeted with a welcome drink & snack. We will show you to your room for a quick refresh before a welcome briefing. Dinner is served at 7 PM.

**Day 2 | First Day of Diving**
Coffee is available starting from 6:30 AM and breakfast is served from 7 AM. To give everyone plenty of time to get ready, we suggest the boat departs at 8:15 AM for 2 dives in the Bunaken National Park. Enjoy great walls and our resident sea turtles. Light refreshments are served on the boat in between dives and we return to the resort for lunch. Optional afternoon, night and blackwater dives are available.

**Day 3-5 | Diving Day**
Boats depart at 8:15 AM and we will return to Bunaken for 2 more morning dives. Lunch is served at the resort. The afternoon is ‘free time’ so you can chose to relax at the pool, take a city tour of Manado, or opt for one of our other tours and activities (see pages 8 and 9).
Day 6 | Manado to Bangka
This morning you’ll make your first Passport to Paradise boat transfer from Murex Manado to Murex Bangka Resort. During the boat transfer you’ll make 2 dives along the way. The dive sites are between both locations and are not often accessed by other resorts.

Day 7 | Diving Bangka
Boats depart at 8.15 AM and we’ll make two reef dives around Bangka Island. Lunch is served at the resort. Options for afternoon, night and blackwater dives are available - or you can choose to simply relax in a hammock and enjoy the white sand beach.

Day 8-10| Diving Bangka
Today we plan 2 morning dives and return to the resort for lunch. You can take our popular guided trek to our local village of Lihunu which showcases the local way of life and cultural aspects of North Sulawesi. Or you may prefer kayaking through the mangroves which is extremely peaceful. The mangroves create a natural sound barrier to the outside world. A chance to be amid nature while on the water with unique opportunities for spotting tropical birds.
(The Lihunu tour is in addition to your package however kayaking is included)

Day 11| Bangka to Lembeh
Your second Passport to Paradise boat transfer from Murex Bangka to Lembeh Resort. Once again you’ll make 2 dives at remote dive sites along the way.
**Day 12-14 | Diving Lembeh Strait**

Enjoy 2 morning muck dives with the weirdest critters on the planet including Hairy Frogfish, Flamboyant Cuttlefish, Blue Ring Octopus, Hairy Shrimp, Mimic Octopus - and the list goes on! Lunch is served in the restaurant at Lembeh Resort.

Alternatively, make a 3 dive trip further afield, with lunch served on the boat. This is a great way to combine Lembeh Strait muck diving with reef diving.

Optional afternoon, night, blackwater or bonfire dives are also available.

**Day 15 | Final Day**

You can choose to relax on your last day or you may prefer to take one of our tours. Our tours are a great way to experience the culture and see the stunning natural beauty of North Sulawesi. More detailed information about our tours can be found at the end of this document. We can also tailor make tours according to what you wish to see.

**Day 16 | Farewell**

You may want to complete your stay with a relaxing full body massage before you pack to go home. According to your flight time, we’ll transfer you back to the airport and wish you a fond farewell and safe travels!
OUR SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

We strive to make your holiday relaxing, fun and memorable.

We offer flexible dive schedules with options for early or late starts as well as full day trips with lunch onboard our comfortable boats or on a nearby beach. Prior to your arrival, once you have arrived, and during your trip, we will discuss with you our diversity of diving options.

Usually dive boats depart at 8.15 AM and return for lunch after 2 dives. Afternoon and night dives are available daily. Depending on tides, other divers or your desire to sleep late, boats can depart earlier or later.

Your itinerary includes everything you need to Explore More with Murex in North Sulawesi. This all-inclusive, 15 nights package offers diving and lots of time to play or simply relax.

Priced at US$5,020 per person
(we also have more budget friendly packages available)

Included in this package

- 5 Nights at Murex Manado Premium Deluxe cottage
- 5 Nights at Murex Bangka Premium Ocean Front cottage
- 5 Nights at Lembeh Resort Premium Luxury cottage
- 28 Guided boat dives with Nitrox (Incl. dives on transfer days*)
- Escorted airport transfers
- Unlimited Complimentary House Reef Dives
- Flexible daily itinerary
- All meals & snacks, unlimited drinking water, coffee and tea
- Wi-Fi

NOT included in this package

- Equipment hire
- Additional boat dives
- Dive Surcharges including night, bonfire & blackwater dives
- Soft drinks or alcoholic beverages
- Additional snacks or speciality coffees
- Private Guide Services
- Bunaken National Park Entrance fee IDR 150,000
- Bangka Conservation Fund Donation

* Boat transfer dives are non-transferable

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DIVING NORTH SULAWESI

Explore Manado, Bunaken, Bangka and Lembeh

We’ll make sure you have the holiday of a lifetime, create many happy memories and see world-class marine life.

Murex Manado / Bunaken

Stunning walls and hard corals. Lose count of the number of turtles in a single dive. Look out for reef sharks, schooling fish, sea snakes, passing eagle rays, sting rays, abundant critters and macro life, and resident dolphin and pilot whale pods alongside the boat.

Murex Bangka

Bangka dive sites are a sensory overload where the pristine reefs are teeming with life. Pelagics and critters, Bangka has it all!

Unique species include dugongs, dolphins and pilot whales, several species of pygmy seahorse, harlequin and tiger shrimps, blue ring, mimic, reef and wonderpus octopus, ghost pipefish, Ambon scorpionfish, frogfish, turtles, reef sharks, eagle rays, tuna, great barracuda, schooling fish including snappers, fusiliers, cardinals and mackerel.
Lembeh Resort
The Critter Capital of the World, a Muck Diving Mecca and the Twilight Zone are just a few of the names that have been given to Lembeh Strait over the years due to the high density, and diversity, of rare and unusual marine life. Diving in Lembeh is unlike diving anywhere else as every dive reveals countless species of critters which have made their homes here. Lembeh isn’t just home to frogfish, it’s home to 8 different species of frogfish, 12 species of octopus, 3 species of pygmy seahorse.

Diving & snorkeling can be combined in the same trip, we are fully flexible.

Prices are per person for full board accommodation on a double/twin sharing basis.
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

All tours are priced per person with a minimum of 2 people per trip.

Minahasa Highland Tour US$91

Our Minahasa Highland Tour is the perfect way to explore the area and learn about the local culture and history of the region. We can tailor the tour to take in the sights that are of most interest to you.

Highlights of the area include:

- **Tomohon Traditional Markets** - The highland climates are perfect for growing a variety of plants, flowers, spices, fruits and vegetables.

- **Lake Linow** - The colors of this lake change due to the high sulphur content in the surrounding rock and the changing light.

- **Mahawu Volcano** - There are steps that lead to the crater’s edge where you can enjoy amazing views of Bunaken and Manado Tua Islands. If you choose you can also take the circular trek around the crater rim.

- **Lake Tondano** - The largest lake in the region and the second largest in Indonesia. We usually enjoy lunch here overlooking the lake.
**Tangkoko National Park US$118**

An ideal tour for nature lovers and photographers.

- Based at the foot of the Dua Saudara Mountain in North Sulawesi the area is a mixture of rolling hills and valleys which we walk through in search of numerous wildlife species.
- Highlights include black crested macaques, the world’s smallest primate - the tarsier monkey, hornbills, cuscus bears and Maleo birds.

**Paragliding Tour US$137**

Discover the Manado coastline and islands of the Bunaken Marine Park from the air.

This is a thrilling and exciting experience not to be missed. Take to the skies and enjoy the stunning views unfolding below. Paragliding tours are subject to weather conditions and availability.

**Whitewater Rafting US$116**

Looking for something more active and adventurous?

Enjoy the thrills and spills of white water rafting. Your adrenaline will start pumping as you race down the river through the rainforest with an experienced guide. The calm river sections are an opportunity to spot wildlife and soak up the stunning scenery and natural beauty.

**Manado City Tour US$52**

Take a tour of Manado City and visit the Chinese temples, churches or the local markets.