



2ND CORAL REEF
EXPEDITION

Led by Nicole Helgason,
Ocean Gardener co-founder

SAMPLE PACKAGE

12 Nights, Passport to Paradise

9 - 21 December 2025

4 Nights Manado - 4 Nights Bangka - 4 Nights Lembah
18 Guided Boat Dives & 4 Transfer Dives with Nitrox

PREMIUM PACKAGE

US\$4,246 Per person

STANDARD PACKAGE

US\$3,310 Per person

Based on double/ twin sharing

Dear Nicole & 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.



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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. A Coral Presentation by Ocean Gardener's co-founder, Nicole Helgason, will be held on the first evening at the restaurant.



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 (Lunch on boat optional). Options for night and blackwater dives are available.



Day 3-4 | Diving Days

Boats depart at 8:15 AM and we will return to Bunaken for 2 more morning dives. Lunch is served at the resort or on boat. Then third dive in the afternoon. Afterwards, 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 5 | 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. Another Coral Presentation by Ocean Gardener's co-founder, Nicole Helgason, will be held on the first evening at Murex Bangka Resort.



Day 6 | First Day Diving Bangka

Boats depart at 8.15 AM and we'll make two reef dives around Bangka Island. One of these dives will include visiting our coral nurseries in Bangka. Lunch is served at the resort. Then for afternoon, night and blackwater dives are available. Alternatively you can choose to simply relax in a hammock and enjoy the white sand beach. Or you may prefer kayaking through the mangroves which is extremely peaceful.



Day 7-8 | Diving Bangka

We plan 2 morning dives and return to the resort for lunch. Optional 3rd dive for afternoon, night and blackwater dives are available. Or 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.

(The Lihunu tour is in addition to your package however kayaking is included)

Day 9 | 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 10-11 | 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

Afternoon, night, blackwater or bonfire dives are also available.



Day 12 | Final Day

Depending on your flight times, you may take your final dives or 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 13 | 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

Murex
RESORTS

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.

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Included in this package

- 4 Nights at Murex Manado
In Deluxe cottages
- 4 Nights at Murex Bangka
In Standard Oceanfront cottage
- 4 Nights at Lembeh Resort in Garden view rooms
- **22** Guided boat dives with Nitrox (Incl. dives on transfer days*)
- Escorted airport transfers
- Unlimited Complimentary House Reef Dives NITROX (the first dive will be guided at each resorts)
- 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
- Land Tours
- Spa treatments

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- 4 Nights at Murex Bangka
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- 4 Nights at Lembeh Resort
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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\$96

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\$124

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\$144

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\$122

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\$55

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

