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## MALUKU, THE ORIGINAL SPEICE ISLANDS OF INDONESIA 25 DAYS / 22 NIGHTS

# DAY TO DAY PROGRAM

#### Highlight of this trip:

- Moluccas rarely visit by any tourist.
- Original route, never been put together by any other travel company.
- Visiting "The original spice islands" of Ternate, Tidore, & Banda Island
- Trekking and stay at local people house in Tidore Island.
- Visit Dutch planter's of Nutmeg & mace in Banda Island
- Snorkeling in the most pristine sea of Ternate Island, Banda Island & Seram Island
- Two days exploring Manusela Rain forest with jungle stay on Seram island.
- A lot of rest day / free program with optional activities.



**DAY 01:** your home country– JAKARTA
Depart Amsterdam using Garuda Airlines to Jakarta.

#### DAY 02: JAKARTA (B)

Arrive with Garuda flight from Amsterdam, but it will be too late for connection to Ternate. Transfer to a transit hotel near by the Airport of Jakarta. Midnight time, you will continue your flight with other Garuda flight to Ternate.

Overnight at Hotel Pop Airport hotel Jakarta. This is simple and modest hotel only 10 minutes away from the airport. Staff of the hotel will provide transfer in / out.



#### DAY 03: JAKARTA – TERNATE (B)

Early morning wakeup call and proceed to the airport of Jakarta and fly to Ternate, the capital of North Moluccas province. Today you are free on your own or optionally you could go to Sulamadaha beach for snorkeling.

Overnight at Villa Marasai
Boutique hotel inside of big garden of Cloves &
Muscat trees. It has abeautiful Panorama over
Tidore Island and other small island. Room has
international standard amenities with
swimmingpool.

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#### DAY 04: TERNATE TOUR (B)

Ternate is a small round island, dominated by Gamalama volcano. It has a long history as the original "species" island. Here you still could see the "Cengkeh Afo" tree, baptized as mother of the whole clove trees in the world, since this tree has more than 350 years of age.

Ternate also witnessing a long history of how the western world compete to conquer this island. You will visit several fort dated back to the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century such as Kastella Fort, Kalamata fort, Toloko Fort and Oranje fort. You will also visit natural wonder there, Tolire Lake, a big lake that do not have any connection to the sea with its own ecosystem.

You will explore all above interesting spots on a full day tour.

Overnight at Villa Marasai



# DAY 05: TIDORE TOUR – STAY IN THE VILLAGE (B,D)

After breakfast, proceed to the harbour and cross to Tidore Island using local fastboat. Upon arrival in Tidore, you will visit several sites, such as: The Museum of the Sultanate of Tidore, Fort Tore (made by the Portuguese), Fort Tahula (made by the spaniard) many other sites.

After lunch you will travel to a village in the slope of Kie Matubu

Overnight at the people house in the village



# DAY 06: VILLAGE TREKKING – TERNATE (B,L)

You are free on your own. You could go on trekking visiting several beautiful villages around such as Lada Ake. If you are mountain enthusiastic, you could also climb Mount Kiematubu (about 4 hours).

Return to your village, check out from your accommodation and travel back to Ternate Island.

Overnight at Villa Marasai Ternate

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#### DAY 07: FREE PROGRAM (B)

Today you are free on your own program. You can relax at the hotel or further explore the island.

OPTION: Rent local long boat and explore small island of Moti & Makian for its white shandy beach, snorkeling and Dolphin watching and simply explore the fishermen villages around these Island.

Overnight at Villa Marasai.



#### **DAY 08: TERNATE - AMBON**

Today you will travel to Ambon, the capital of Molucca Province. The flight will take about 1;20 minutes. Upon arrival in Ambon, transfer to your hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Pacific This modest, 7th storey building hotel in central of Ambon, has a good review. It has an adequate clean room with showers and modern amenities. Free strong wifi is in the lobby area is a plus.



#### DAY 09: AMBON - FREE PROGRAM (B)

Free program to enjoy the Hotel surround, swimming or just having relax at the white sandy beach at Latuhalat. Today we will offer you an Option: You could go on city tour, visiting the interesting site of Ambon, such as Big Gong of "Peace for the world", The mystery of Soya Atas Village, war memorial and many other interesting spots around Ambon.

Overnight at Hotel Pacific



#### DAY 10: AMBON - BANDA ISLAND (B)

After breakfasst, you will be transferred to Ambon harbor and travel to Banda with fast boat. You will reach Banda after 4 – 5 hours sea travel. Banda Islands are consist of seven small islands in the middle of big sea. Those island has important role in human history since it triggers the Europen sailors in 16 centuries to find spice comodity, especially nutmeg, which was only grown in these island.

Upon arrival In Banda kecil island. Transfer to your Hotel.

Overnight at Delfika 2 Defika guesthouse has 2 properties in the

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Island, come with it simple, clean, own and run by a native Banda family. All rooms has AC and private bathroom. Delfika 2 has a beautiful location in the sea edge with beautiful Gunung Api Island near by.

#### DAY 11: AI ISLAND SNORKELING (B,L)

With chartered local boat you will travel on an hour or so to Ai Island, boasted as the best island for snorkeling & beach in the whole Banda islands. You will spend a full day stay there, snorkeling and explore this small island. Retun to your accomodation in Banda, late in the afternoon.

Overnight at Delfika 2 Hotel.

#### DAY 12: TRIP TO BANDA BESAR (B,L)

Today you will explore Pulau Banda Besar (also known as Lonthor Island), you will walk at several kampongs there such as kumber, spanciby & Walang. You will also visit the remain of Fort Hollandia, and meet Mr.van den Broecke, a dutch spice planter decendant that still live in his native island. You will also snorkel at Belakang Salamun for its beautiful coral reefs before heading back to Banda Island.

Overnight at Delfika 2.



# DAY 13: BANDA ISLAND – FREE PROGRAM (B)

Today you are free on your own. There are several options to do, such as visit Fort Belgica or chartered a boat and snorkeling at Hatta Island.

Overnight at Delfika 2

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# DAY 14: BANDA ISLAND – AMBON (B) Today you will travel Banda Island – Ambon again using local fastboat. Upon arrival in Ambon transfer to your Hotel in Central of Ambon.

Overnight at Pacific Hotel



#### DAY 15: FREE PROGRAM (B)

You are free on your own to relax or explore places around ambon, Perhaps you go to Latuhalat village and enjoy snorkeling there?

Overnight at Pacific Hotel



#### DAY 16: AMBON - MASOHI - SAWAI VIL-LAGE (B, D)

After breakfast, proceed to Tulehu Harbour, and board our fast boat at 09:00AM. You will cross Ambon strait to Amahai harbor for about 2 hours in a comfortable air conditioned cabin. Upon arrival, you will proceed to Masohi, the capital of Central Moluccas Region, where you will have a seafood lunch at the local restaurant. You will travel on about 3,5 hours journey via a primary jungle road with pure rain forest. Arrive in a small village of Sawai late in the afternoon, we will check in at our guest house. Sawai is a small sleepy fisherman village with about 200 inhabitants. The main income of the village is from the sea and the forest surround it. 50% of the houses were built up on the stilt on the sea shore as the case of our Guest house.

Overnight in Lisar Bahari Guest House

Lisar Bahari is a simple guest house build on the stilt by the sea. All 20 rooms, dining room and sitting area are above the clear water of the sea. You can see all kind of fishes, corals and beautiful view over the bay and the island from any point of this Guest house. Rooms are inclusive 3 meals per- day.

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#### DAY 17: SAWAI SNORKELING (B,L,D)

After breakfast, you will go to Tanjung Batu, a beautiful snorkeling spot not so far from the village. Next, you will visit an inhabited small island with white sandy beach, where you can sun bathing and snorkeling.

Delicious barbeque lunch will be served in this island.

Overnight in Lisar Bahari Guest House



#### DAY 18: JUNGLE PROGRAM (B,L,D)

After breakfast, you will board long boat and explore Salawai river. You will start from its end, where the river meets the sea, and you will explore deeper into the jungle. Inside the jungle, during the boat trip, you will see many living creature; birds of any kinds flying in the sky, lizard and even, if you lucky, an alligator! You will also stop on the way to witness local people making sago processing from tree into powder. You will stop at the river bank after 3 hours on long boat then while you visit the waterfall (a real nice place to swim), and enjoy your simple lunch box.

Walking to your jungle hut and continue your swim in the river in front of your hut. Enjoy the afternoon serenity of the forest.

Overnight in a simple hut by the jungle. This is a simple hut is just a wooden house with roof. You still have to bring your own mosquito net and your inflatable mattress and "laaken".



# DAY 19: JUNGLE PROGRAM – SAWAI (B,L,D)

Wake up early and prepare your self to go on 1 to 2 hours walking. Your main goal is trying to spot all kind of birds, which mainly difficult to see due to the dense of the forest and high trees. Return to your camp site and having simple breakfast.

Trekking inside this primary jungle and in some spot your Avatar guide will show you his skill: Climbing 40 meters tree without any modern tools.

Near the village of Masihulang, you will visit an NGO that specialized on re-forest all kind of birds that was confiscated from the people. These birds was put in a special cage and were check for it health before releasing back into its natural habitat.

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Overnight in Lisar Bahari Guest House

#### DAY 20: FREE PROGRAM (B,L,D) Today you are free on your own program to enjoy this small village.

Overnight at Lisar Bahari Guesthouse



## **DAY 21: SAWAI - CHARTERED BOAT -TOUR SAPARUA (B)**

After breakfast, you will proceed back to Saparua Island. From Sawai you will travel first to Masohi, the Capital of Seram Region. With chartered local speedboat we will travel to Saparua Island. Upon arrival, you will go on half day tour of Saparua Island.

Overnight at Hotel Perdana Hotel Perdana is basic accommodation of Saparua. Every rooms has AC & private bathroom plus simple breakfast.



#### DAY 22: SAPARUA TOUR (B)

Full day tour visiting all important object of Saparua, such as Fort Belgica, Booi, Haria, Ouw (pottery village). In the afternoon, visit a village where a local woman made traditional cookies from Sago and palm sugar, later you will go to a beach and enjoy your swimming there.

Overnight at Hotel Perdana

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DAY 23: SAPARUA ISLAND – AMBON (B)
After breakfast transfer to Huria harbor and depart with local fast boat back to Ambon island.
Upon arrival, transfer to your accommodation and free on your own the rest of the afternoon.

Overnight at Hotel Pacific Ambon

DAY 24: Ambon Island – Jakarta (B)
Free on your own time until the time to go
to the airport and check in for your flight to
Jakarta and Amsterdam. End of the tour
program.

Day 25: Arrival in your home country