

# New White Manta 7 day/ 6 nights & 18 dives Sangalaki, Kakaban, & Maratua Itinerary

## **White Manta Trip Schedule**

- Departure; 5pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Day Tg. Batu Pier, East Kalimantan. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all Trip Preparations have been completed. Free transfer from Kalimarau Airport, Berau via overland transfer to White Manta on Trip Departure day (transfer time; 2-2.5 hours)
- Return; 5am, Last Day Tg. Batu Pier, East Kalimantan. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we will take you to Kalimarau Airport (BEJ), Berau in time for Check-in & flight. Note; latest WM Check-out, midday.
- Last dive ends; 12pm (midday), Penultimate Day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Tg. Batu pier where we spend last night on White Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying next day.

Explore the remote Indonesian Islands of Maratua, Sangalaki, & Kakaban. Get away from the crowds and enjoy diving as it was meant to be! Here you will find both large and small marine life in abundance; potential for thresher sharks, manta rays, white-tips & nurse sharks, huge schools of barracuda, many turtles, and even Whale Shark! Not to mention plenty of macro life to keep even the most experienced of divers happy. Plus, a chance to swim amongst millions of non-stinging jellyfish in the fresh water Lake of Kakaban.

#### Sample Itinerary

- **Note**; all schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- Day 1. (0-2 dives) 5pm Trip Departure day. Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Kalimarau Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting White Manta. Warm welcome & briefing while we sail from pier to Derawan. Check dive(s) can ONLY be made if ALL guests arrive on morning flights (recommended Garuda Indonesia ETA-BEJ 09:00 or Lion Air ETA-BEJ 08:45) or are in Berau already. Cruise Leaders decision is final.
- **Day 2.** (3-4 dives) Diving around Sangalaki looking for manta rays, turtles & more! We also have a chance to visit the beach to watch hatching baby turtles make their dash to the sea!
- Day 3-4. (4 dives x2 days) Diving around Maratua island; huge schools of chevron barracudas, and big-eye jacks at the mouth of the channel. Look out for the shark action with possible sightings of hammerhead sharks too!
- **Day 5.** (3-4 dives) Diving around Kakaban with stunning wall dives & visiting the amazing fresh water Jellyfish lake.
- Day 6. (1-2 dives) Looking for whale sharks at local fishing "bagans" then sail back to Tg Batu Port Sailing time 5 hours. Last night sleeping on White Manta in the harbour. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, rest & relaxation, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.
- Day 7. (0 dives) 5am-12pm. Check out after light breakfast, farewells, and transfer to local hotel or airport (recommended Garuda Indonesia ETD-BEJ 10:45 or Lion Air ETD-BEJ 10:30)
- **Diving days**: 6 days (18 dives, including substituting dives for island tour)

## **Dive Site Information**

- Water Temp; 28-30 degrees Celsius, Air Temp; 28-30 degrees Celsius,
- Visibility; 10-30 meters, Depth; 10-40 meters, Currents; mild to medium
- Level; beginner to advanced, Best Time to Dive; all year around
- What to See/ Highlights? Pelagic; manta rays, hammerheads, barracuda, jacks, tuna, & more Reef; amazing soft corals, turtles, leopard & reef sharks, harlequin shrimps, pygmy seahorses, frogfish, ribbon eels, cuttlefish, nudis, & usual suspects

## **Embarkation / Disembarkation**

• Tg.Batu pier, Indonesia. 2-2.5 hours to & from Berau (BEJ) Airport, East Kalimantan.

# How to get to Berau (BEJ), East Kalimantan

- Daily flights from Singapore or Jakarta to Balikpapan (BPN) by Silk air, Garuda or Lion Air
- We highly recommended to overnight in Balikpapan Airport Hotel and take one of the scheduled morning flights on Trip Departure day
- To Berau (BEJ) Airport with Garuda (09:00) or Lion Air (08:45 / 11:00) Sriwijaya depart BPN at 14:10

# How to get from Berau (BEJ), East Kalimantan

<u>Garuda</u>, <u>Sriwijaya Air</u> and <u>Lion Air</u> all have morning flights back to Balikpapan which will allow you
to meet connecting flights in the afternoon back to Jakarta or Singapore.

#### What's included?

 Land transfer from hotel / airport from destination start & end days (Tg.Batu pier-Berau Airport) to boat, all nights' accommodation on White Manta, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services, FOC replacement if equipment breakdown, 12 liter air tanks, weights & belt, warm towel & drink after every dive, 5 dive guides (1x Instructor, 4x Dive Master), 18 dives

## What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start & end dates fee applies per car, Marine Park & Harbour fee (USD180/ pax), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD35/ hour), laundry services (USD5/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD30 for trip per person)
- Diving Gear; Full Set USD50/ diving day (except Large tank) or if individual items then;
   BCD (USD12), Regulator (USD12), wetsuit (USD8), fins (USD5), mask (USD5), torch (USD12), dive computer (USD12), 15L tank rental (USD12)
- Nitrox Enriched Air fills (USD15/ diving day or USD5/ fill).
- Note: Nitrox & Diving Gear Items priced per diving day and is subject to availability
- Note: Exposure suits; 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.

## **Additional Trip Information**

- For more regional Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's, please find our <u>Sangalaki Fact Sheet</u>
- For more Vessel Information, please find our <u>New White Manta Info Pack</u>
- **Note**; late receipt of Passport details may very likely lead to delayed departure & significant changes to the itinerary. We **MUST** receive guest's details well in advance in the trip.