

HALMAHERA, GORAICI AND BACAN

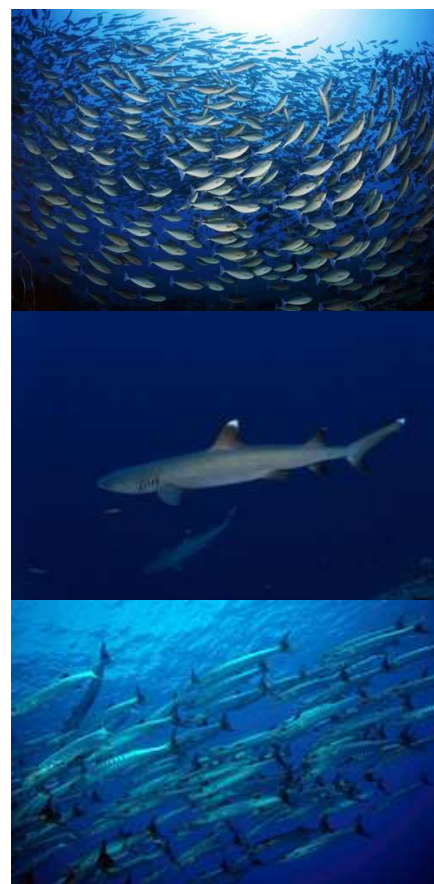


This region will soon become a new and very hot dive destination. Recent survey trips through here were so hot that the word is already spreading and it now seems that even more dive boats are on the way to this new area to explore it for themselves. An even more recent scientific study went to areas, they had world record fish counts in an area within Halmahera... Yes, apparently even more than the Raja Ampat.

TIFORE ISLAND: Located mid way between Manado in North Sulawesi and Halmahera, in open ocean waters, this island offer great pelagic action, diving an underwater sea mount, we have a chance of grey reef and other sharks, big schools of barracudas, lots of fusiliers, surgeons and dramatic scenery round the giant rocks that form this site.

GORAICI ISLAND GROUP: The Goraici island group have great dive sites, here we have it all, great fish packed reefs and one of the most pristine hard coral garden which surrounds a whole island, One of the best sites are a coral covered wall where all the big pelagic cruise by off reef, colorful coral packed sloping gardens with black tip sharks all around. We can spend lots of time within this great area of the Goraichi islands, to dive on more pristine reefs with excellent fish life and reef scenery. Also worth to go in search of critters on the reef slopes. Good for night dives too.

PATINTI STRAIT: These islands are very rarely visited and tourists are very welcomed into this region. We dive on the west side of an island for the big fish, great chances to see reef sharks, big Napoleon wrasses and lots of great schooling fish life. Depending on the current we will dive the north of the island for the reef scenery and best schooling fish action. Great drift dive trough a channel, starting on a huge coral ridge, slowly heading shallower and drifting up along the sandy slope where lots of big fish hang out, also there is a great area for critter hunting. Also a good place for our night dive! We can spend quite a few days in these straits.



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REEF BASICS 	
Diving season	From March to November.
Rainy season	From December to February.
Water temperature	27-30°C
Visibility	10-40m.
Depth	10-45m.
Currents	Usually gently but can be strong.
Surface conditions	Calm.
Experience level	Beginner–intermediate–advanced.
Dive sites	> 20.
Length of stay	Recommended 10-14 days on liveboard cruise.



HALMAHERA STRAIT: A great chance here for big fishes and outstanding pelagic fish action, when currents are performing right. In the mainland of Halmahera is possible to go on shore with the locals for a closer look at the bird life, to see all tropical birds like parakeets, lorikeets and if usually hornbills. There is a quiet anchorage with an excellent muck site in front of a small village, here we can find all the usual classic black sand critters and get plenty of fresh coconuts to make the evening cocktails.

BACAN: This is an area where mangroves meet deep open ocean reefs, said to have wonderful marine life. Groupers, sharks, Napoleon wrasses, bumphead parrot fishes all have been spotted in large numbers. But a lot is still to discover.

In whole, great area for big fishes, pelagics, beautiful coral gardens and reefs full of marine life. Also good for critters. New spot well be discovered in the close future. Wonderful beaches in the Goraici group...

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OTHER ACTIVITIES 其他	
Climbing:	Manado Tua Volcano in Bunaken National Marine Park.
Trekking:	Friendly Minahasan villages surrounded by volcanoes, lakes and rice fields.
Rafting:	White Water Rafting (class II and III).
Hiking:	Tangkoko Nature Reserve. Halmahera Island.
Tour:	Minhasa Highland.
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TRIP ADVISOR →	
Airport	Manado. International flight direct to Manado.
Weather	27-32 degrees. Indonesia has two seasons: wet and dry. In most of Indonesia the wet season is from October to April and the dry from May to September. Halmahera dry season is form March to November, wet season is from December to February.



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