

2020 INDONESIA



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OCEAN OASIS OF INDESCRIBABLE BEAUTY

04 – 29 APRIL 2020 • 26 DAYS • 12 GUESTS

Experience an ocean oasis of indescribable beauty and biodiversity on this extraordinary expedition through Indonesia. Journey into the heart of the Coral Triangle and explore the incredible underwater riches of Raja Ampat, the Maluku islands and Wakatobi on a marine lover's dream adventure. In Bali walk through rice paddies, visit bustling colorful markets, temples, traditional villages, meet the friendly locals and witness authentic Indonesian life along the way. Be pampered, dine on delicious cuisine and enjoy a massage at wonderful resorts and onboard our privately chartered luxury yacht.

Exceptional marine life, colorful culture and history combined with world-class service and accommodations make this the ultimate Indonesian adventure.

Start your expedition in **Wakatobi** in your beachfront bungalow and listen to the soothing sound of the waves lapping at the shore as you relax on your private porch at this exclusive island resort in southeastern Sulawesi. Surrounded by stunning island landscapes and a pristine natural environment with world class marine life on your doorstep, this luxurious island resort works hard to offer its guests the highest level of service and the most exceptional experiences and memories, whilst providing a sustainable income to the local community. With their *Collaborative Reef Protection Program*, they are protecting the 30km of reefs surrounding Wakatobi, which has allowed the reefs and marine life to flourish and become one of the world's greatest marine biodiversity hotspots. Discover an abundance of colorful reef fish in the shallow reefs, mantas circling over cleaning stations, patrolling sharks and pelagic fish schooling off the current-swept seamounts, walls and pinnacles.

Head to **Ubud**, Bali's cultural heart in the highlands of Bali for a three-night stay in a beautiful Balinese hotel, reserved exclusively for our *Wild Earth Explorers*. Walk through lush rice paddies, visit picturesque temples, stroll through the colorful local market, learn how to cook a traditional Indonesian meal and experience the Balinese way of life.

Board one of Indonesia's premier luxury yachts, the **Damai I** to dive, snorkel and explore what has been hailed the #1 marine biodiversity hotspot in the world, Raja Ampat and the Maluku islands in the heart of the Coral Triangle.

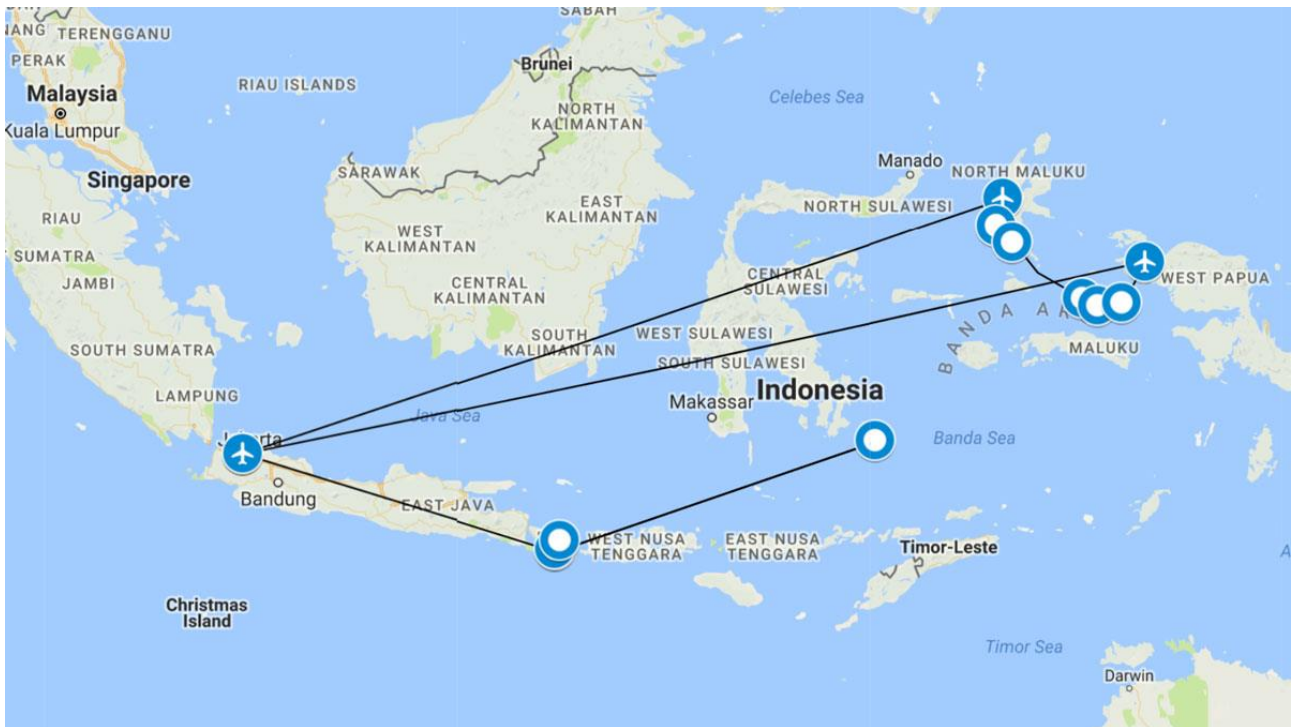
Board your ship for your 12-day journey in **Ternate** North Maluku. Dominated by Mt Gamalama, this volcanic island is steeped in history and as the entrance to the Halmahera sea, is home to a magnificent array of marine life with over 468 species of hard coral, and a wide variety of nudibranchs and unusual critters. Continue to **Halmahera**, the largest island in the Maluku Archipelago with its marine life comparable only to neighbouring Raja Ampat, with over 800 species of fish recorded. Look for colorful 'critters', Turtles and huge schools of Barracuda, jacks and Batfish, passing Eagle Rays, Bumphead Parrotfish, graceful Manta rays, and the recently discovered walking Epaulette Shark. Soak up the history of the **Maluku Islands**, famous for their spice trade and discover its incredible reef drop offs brimming with schools of fish, before heading across to southern Raja Ampat to witness the colorful soft coral reefs surrounding **Misool**. Here the pulse of marine life thrives from the

sea floor to the surface where the kaleidoscope of corals can start in less than a meter of water. The experience of drifting along miles of exquisitely hued reef, brimming with activity, is simply breathtaking.

Continue your travels to northern [Raja Ampat](#) with its plethora of reef fish (27 endemic), numerous crazy critters all co-inhabiting its spectacular reefs, seamounts and cleaning stations. The jewel-like islands are caressed by a convergence of swift nutrient-rich currents boosting an enormous variety of life. Visit [Penemu](#) lagoon and climb the hill for fantastic panoramic island views. Rise early to watch the mating dance of the colourful Bird of Paradise. Finish your expedition in [Sorong](#) in West Papua for your flights home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- World class diving and snorkeling in the heart of the Coral Triangle
- Visit colorful markets, temples, traditional villages and meet the friendly locals
- Sail in luxury through stunning Raja Ampat and the Maluku Islands
- Explore spectacular coral gardens, seamounts, and coral covered drop offs
- Dive or snorkel the pristine, isolated and exclusive reefs of Wakatobi with its white sand beaches.
- Experience the Balinese way of life at a stunning private resort in Ubud



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26 Days – 12 Guests

Day 01 | Apr 04 Depart Home / En Route to Bali, Indonesia

Day 02 | Apr 05 Arrive in Bali / Welcome cocktails

Day 03 | Apr 06 Fly to the exclusive island resort of Wakatobi

Day 04-09 | Apr 07-12 7 days *Wakatobi Island Resort* diving and snorkeling

Day 10 | Apr 13 Fly to Bali / Transfer to Ubud

Day 11-12 | Apr 14-15 3 days exploring Ubud & the Balinese highlands / *Hotel Villa Ubud*

Day 13 | Apr 16 Ubud / Fly to Ternate / Board the *Damai I*

Day 14-24 | Apr 17-27 12 days Raja Ampat and the Maluku islands onboard the *Damai I*

Day 25 | Apr 28 Disembark *Damai I* in Sorong/ Fly home

Day 26 | Apr 29 Arrive home



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INDONESIA – OCEAN OASIS OF INDESCRIBABLE BEAUTY

Day 01. Apr 04, 2020. Depart Home / En route to Bali, Indonesia

Depart your home and journey to Bali, arriving into Denpasar international airport. We highly recommend arriving at least a day before the expedition departure, so you can acclimatize, are well rested and most importantly, don't miss the trip. We can assist you with making a booking for additional hotel nights at the 5* beach resort *Patra Jasa Bali Resort*, which is located right near the airport.

Day 02. Apr 05, 2020. Arrive in Bali / Welcome cocktails

On arrival at Bali's *Ngurah Rai Denpasar international airport* you will be met and transferred to the nearby 5* *Patra Jasa Bali Resort*. Relax and enjoy the beach, pool or spa. Meet your fellow *Wild Earth Explorers* for a welcome cocktail and dinner.

Overnight: *Patra Jasa Bali Resort- Deluxe Suite (D)*

Day 03. Apr 06, 2020. Fly to the exclusive island of Wakatobi

After breakfast, fly on a chartered aircraft to the private airstrip of Wakatobi in southeastern Sulawesi. This luxury dive resort has secured a reputation as being one of the world's finest resorts. It seamlessly blends five-star amenities and civilized comforts with pristine natural environment. Check into your Ocean Bungalow and relax on your private porch next to the sea as you unwind in the relaxing ambience of this tranquil island set far from crowds. With no other divers or snorkelers for at least 100 miles, enjoy the vibrant coral reefs bristling with marine life without disturbance. Alongside the rejuvenating spa, fine dining, exceptional service and glorious sunsets that all make this a perfect base for exploring what is known as the world's epicentre of coral reef biodiversity.

Overnight: *Wakatobi Resort- Ocean Bungalow or Villa (B, L, D)*

Day 04-09. Apr 07-12, 2020. 7 nights Wakatobi Island Resort diving and snorkeling

Spend 6 full days exploring this marine wonderland. A designated UNESCO Marine Biosphere Reserve, with beautiful vistas and pristine coral reefs, all with an abundance of colorful reef fish and rare and unusual 'critters'. One of the world's largest privately protected marine reserves, with incredible oceanic topography and marine biodiversity, with new and undocumented species continuing to be discovered in Wakatobi. After a day enjoying the magnificent marine life, relax and take a massage at the spa, go for a beach walk or sip a cocktail from the Jetty bar as the sky glows and the sun sets on this secluded island paradise.

Overnight: *Wakatobi Resort – Ocean Bungalow or Villa (B, L, D)*

Day 10. Apr 13, 2020. Fly to Bali / Transfer to Ubud

Enjoy breakfast and a final relaxing morning at the *Wakatobi Eco Resort*. Head out for a snorkel on the house reef, go for a hike around the island or just relax and enjoy the breathtaking scenery that surrounds you. After lunch transfer to the private airstrip for your flight back to Bali. Continue your travels to Ubud in the highlands of Bali, famous for its wonderful rice terraces and considered the cultural centre of the island. Settle into your stunning

Balinese style hotel, exclusively hired for our group, nestled into a beautiful garden with pool and surrounded by rice terraces. Feast on a sumptuous traditional Indonesian dinner.

Overnight: *Hotel Villa-Ubud* (B, L, D)

Day 11-12. Apr 14-15, 2020. Explore Ubud and the Balinese highlands

Wake to the beauty of our delightful retreat. Take time to relax and wander about this stunning resort property. Enjoy a scenic tour of the wonderful surroundings of Ubud, visiting temples and taking a walk through the lush rice terraces of central Bali. Finish the day with dinner at a local restaurant, whilst enjoying the extravagant costumes and energetic performance of a traditional Balinese dance.

Overnight: *Hotel Villa-Ubud* (B, L, D)

Day 13. Apr 16, 2020. Ubud / Fly to Ternate

Start the day with an early morning visit to the local market. See the sellers and the locals as they make their purchases and the more authentic side of Ubud before the market transforms in preparation for the tourists and the commercial trade. After breakfast choose between 2 tour options. For the more energetic, enjoy an invigorating scenic downhill mountain bike ride through traditional villages and rice paddies.

Or join the chef at the hotel for a cooking class. Take some time to explore Ubud town, with artisan markets filled with unique hand-crafted woodcarvings, jewellery, and antiques, enjoy a coffee at one of the many street cafes or shop for some authentic artefacts and textiles. Return to the hotel late morning to learn how to prepare local Indonesian dishes. For lunch, the whole group will be rewarded with your cooking efforts.

After a relaxing lunch we bid farewell to Ubud, have dinner en route to the airport and travel to Jakarta and onwards to Ternate (Halmahera) on an overnight flight.

Overnight: (B, L, D) - Tonight you will be traveling on flights to Ternate

Day 14. Apr 17, 2020. Embarkation onboard Damai I in Ternate

On arrival, the crew will collect you from the airport and transfer you directly to the boat. Board the *Damai I*, one of Indonesia's most stunning live-aboard yachts in time for a hearty breakfast. *MY Damai I* has been designed to offer a personal service dedicated to small groups. With an overall length of 40metres (130 feet) and a beam of over 8 meters (26 feet) the vessel has 7 staterooms with a choice of single cabins, twins doubles or two spacious master cabins. All furnished with either queen or king-size beds, ensuite toilets and showers. The vessel has been designed with three large deck areas for relaxing in both the sun or shade and for enjoying a relaxing massage. Specifically designed for marine enthusiasts, the vessel offers large stations with individual rinse tanks and a camera room with separate camera work stations with integrated 110v and 22v charging station for each photographer. The vessel is the first in Indonesia to offer a dive guide to guest ratio of 4-1 ensuring the best service underwater as well as onboard. After embarkation, spend time relaxing and settling into your new home, before visiting the city, the sultans' palace and vibrant market, at the base of a Volcano that dominates the island of Ternate.

Come together for a welcome dinner onboard our new home.

Overnight: *MY Damai I – Stateroom* (B, L, D)

Day 15-24. Apr 18-27, 2020. Explore Raja Ampat, Misool and the Maluku Islands

Begin your 12-day charter in the Sultanate of **Ternate**. Island hop through the picturesque northern Maluku islands. You will visit the volcanic island of Ternate with some great diving around the navigation beacon; another volcano of **Makian** with its macro dock dive; **the archipelago of Goraici** with seamounts and great reef and coral gardens; **Bacan** with its

world class muck diving in the morning and its schooling barracuda off the wall in the afternoon. Cross the Seram Sea to the fishy island of **Pulau Pisang** with its spectacular topography of pinnacles and plateaus. Continue onto **Misool** in the south of Raja Ampat to experience the Blue Water Mangroves where the reef meets the mangrove roots; the world class diving around the islands of **Wayibatan**, **Boo** and **Farondi**. Colourful soft corals, schooling fish, sharks, mantas and great macro critters.

Move to northern Raja Ampat towards **Penemu** where not only the diving is great, but you also have the opportunity to visit a limestone karst cave and climb to a spectacular view point above this beautiful lagoon. Rise early to see the magnificent Birds of Paradise. The current rich **Dampier Straits** is considered the world's epi centre of marine biodiversity. Seamounts and reef slopes are teeming with fish and macro critters. Look for mantas at cleaning stations and visit the island of **Arborek** for some critter hunting under the dock.



Goraici A series of small islands, with beautiful healthy reefs. This current rich location has a huge amount of school fish; surgeonfish, ocean triggerfish, snappers, fusiliers, rainbow runners, sharks and much more, we have seen in several occasions mantas coming to feed in the shallow waters of the lagoon.

Bacan Begin the day with a dramatic wall dive off Tanjung Marengarango. One of the largest school of jacks and barracudas have this point as their home, change of focus in the afternoon time to keep eyes open for some world class muck diving along the boat-building beach at Penambuan; excellent habitat amongst the variety of black sand, pebbles, algae and coral heads. Hunt for octopus, colourful nudibranchs, frogfish, seahorses, cuttlefish, unusual shrimp.

Palau Pisang Enjoy the remoteness of these rocks in the middle of Seram Sea. Uninhabited and current rich this is an exciting location with its anthias-covered plateaus and pinnacles. Schools of snapper, tuna and trevally cruise the reef along with the occasional shark. Current permitting there are plenty of critters to find as well.

Misool and Farondi Visit the north coast of Misool for a snorkel through a limestone cave and see the prehistoric art wall covered in paintings dating back thousands of years. In the afternoon kayak and paddle-board in the lagoon. Visit the unique underwater caves at Goa Farondi and hunt for pygmy seahorses on the different varieties of sea fans. Nearby in the channel stand the current rich Three Sister pinnacles teeming with fish life.

Penemu Dive and snorkel Barracuda Point, an incredible seamount, Melissa's Garden a beautiful hard coral plateau and Keruo Channel where you drift along a colorful slope and watch the seascape go by.

A highlight of Penemu is a lagoon tour in the tender boats gliding through the turquoise waters and limestone bays. For the energetic go on a short walk to the top of the hill for an amazing view over the lagoon and the *Damai*.

Arborek A morning snorkel and dive with mantas, before travel to the island of Arborek to visit the local school and observe the locals weaving. An afternoon in Gam snorkeling and diving in the mangroves, where the coral reef meets the mangrove roots. Dive a great site called Citrus Ridge with schooling fish and beautiful orange and yellow soft corals.

Dampier Straits Before sunrise hike to the top of a hill to be rewarded with the incredible sight of the Red Bird-of-paradise and an impressive view of the Damai below in the bay. Stroll back through the local village of Tapokreng. Dampier Straits offers many signature dive and snorkel sites; Cape Kri is a sloping coral reef; Blue Magic and Sardine Reef are seamounts covered in schooling fish, cruising sharks and rays. Mioskon is a great spot for the endemic Wobbegong shark and Pontohi pygmy seahorses.

Overnight: *MY Damai I* – Stateroom (B, L, D)

Day 25. Apr 28, 2020. Disembark / Fly home

After a final breakfast onboard, bid farewell to the crew and disembark the ship in Sorong to take the short trip to the airport for your flights home.

Meals: B

PLEASE NOTE

WHAT TO EXPECT

All *Wild Earth Expeditions* are very active, and participants need to be in good general health. For most activities a moderate to good level of fitness is required. This expedition is very active and will include snorkeling, scuba diving coral reefs where currents are present, hiking nature trails on sometimes rough terrain, climbing in and out of boats and other physical activities. Accommodations we have chosen are at upmarket resorts and onboard the luxurious *MY Damai I* all with a/c, hot water and ensuite bathroom facilities.

Detailed Pre-departure information will be sent to you 4 months prior to the expedition. Your expedition will be led by 2 Wild Earth Expeditions leaders, including a dive master and snorkel guide/Marine Biologist and the best, most experienced local guides.

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Wild Earth Expeditions will make every reasonable effort to operate the expedition as advertised, but alterations may occur, usually due to tides, weather, wildlife sightings or flight schedule changes. We will discuss our planned itinerary daily with our local expert guides and will always choose the best available option. Accommodations and arranged tours are subject to change or cancellation at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond *Wild Earth Expeditions* control. Please note that 2020 flight schedules and airfares will only be released 11 months prior to the end of the expedition.

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Although we have reported honestly and accurately about our sightings and experiences, we would like to point out that we are working in the wilderness and despite all our good intentions and utmost preparation, Mother Nature may not cooperate with us at times. We believe that with good planning and a realistic approach, you will have a successful time witnessing the natural behaviour of the wildlife we have set out to see.



WAKATOBI – A PIONEERING LUXURY ECO-TOURISM CONCEPT

Wakatobi was founded on the principle that discerning divers would gladly visit and support a resort which offered more than just the basics. Wakatobi combines an upscale diving operation delivering exceptional service to its guests with a reef conservation program which, in guaranteeing the pristine quality of the reefs for their guests and delivering a sustainable income and development support to the local communities.

Wakatobi's location was selected for one reason – because the world's best coral reefs are found here. The isolated nature of the location is, of course, a hurdle to any operator not prepared to deal with the inherent challenges, making sure that Wakatobi are still the only resort for many miles around. From this uncompromising start point, they have approached every other aspect of the operation with the same single-minded determination to move beyond what is commonly expected of a 'dive resort'.

Wakatobi was built from scratch, they generate their own power and fresh water; they have built their own airstrip to make sure that they are easily accessible (previously an overland and local ferry trek of several days was required to get there). A vital part of the 'infrastructure' is of course the coral reefs. Wakatobi have set in place extensive conservation efforts including the creation of a unique reef-lease conservation program to protect and enhance the coral reefs for the long-term benefit of the island and its communities. One area where they continue to innovate with great effect is in the area of service. Fine dining, an agreeable wine list and an abundance of culinary choices. Numerous non-diving activities are available to entertain and enrich, from kitesurfing to local cookery classes and Yoga and nature walks. The 'Wakatobi flow' is the concept underlying the service and facilities development on Wakatobi – the simple idea that, you, the guest, should be able to connect with nature and quickly settle into a state of otherworldly bliss without hindrance; that service should be transparent – unobtrusive but ever present, anticipating and proactively addressing your needs.

[Click here for a virtual tour of Wakatobi](#)



MY DAMAI I

MY Damai I was built in 2009 in Tanjung Bira, South Sulawesi, by Pak Hadji Baso, the most prestigious builder in the area. The collaboration of traditional skills with years of experience in the Indonesian live-aboard diving industry has created a remarkable vessel. *MY Damai I* has been designed to offer a personal service that only a vessel of this size, dedicated to small groups, can provide. With an overall length of 40 meters (130 feet) and a beam of over 8 meters (26 feet) the vessel has 7 staterooms with a choice of twin cabins, doubles and two spacious master cabins (sold on a first come first serve basis). All cabins are furnished with either queen or king-sized beds, en-suite bathrooms and a/c. The vessel has been designed with three large deck areas for relaxing in both the sun or shade and for indulging in a massage. Specifically designed for divers, the vessel offers large dive stations with individual rinse tanks and a camera room with separate camera work stations with integrated 110v and 220v charging station for each photographer. The vessel is the first in Indonesia to offer a dive master/guide to customer ratio of 4 to 1. Ensuring the best service underwater as well as onboard with 18 crew. The vessel has been specifically designed for cruising, diving and snorkeling the tropical waters of Indonesia. With passenger well-being always the top priority, Damai has set a new standard for safety and comfort. The crew have been specially trained in all aspects of safety, emergency and evacuation procedures. The yacht is equipped with the latest safety features including Oxygen, well equipped 1st aid kit, Life Jackets, Fire Extinguishers, Smoke Alarms, Emergency Long Distance Radios, and Satellite Phones. There are 2 kayaks and a paddle-board onboard.

With our private charter, Wild Earth Expeditions has been able to negotiate and ***include all costs for dive gear rental and Nitrox onboard, plus we are including a glass of house wine with dinners.***

Any additional purchases onboard will incur a 10% government tax and can be paid in USD cash, by Visa or MasterCard (with an additional 3% credit card surcharge).

Click to view 360 Degree Panorama views of the ship:

[BELOW DECK](#) [MAIN DECK](#) [BRIDGE DECK](#)



COST & INFO

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Double Occupancy: USD \$17,490 per person

Single Supplement Surcharge: USD \$10,330 per person

Master Suite w. balcony onboard MY Damai I and upgrade to suite at Hotel Villa Ubud: USD\$2,000

Master Suite w.out balcony onboard MY Damai I and upgrade to suite at Hotel Villa Ubud: USD \$1,700

Wakatobi upgrade to one-bedroom Villa with Butler service: USD \$3'360

INCLUDED

All accommodations in twin/double share rooms as outlined in the itinerary; Exclusive *Damai I* yacht charter and Wakatobi boat charter; All group meals; Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions; Soft drinks, drinking water, tea and regular filter coffee during lunch and dinner at all hotels and onboard the *Damai I*; Drinking water in rooms/cabins and while on tours; All group transfers and baggage handling; All tours, excursions, diving and snorkelling as outlined in the itinerary; Exclusive services of English speaking professional guides and naturalists; Services of 2 Wild Earth Expedition Leaders (including Expedition Leader/Dive Guide and Marine Biologist/Snorkel Guide); All gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, dive crew, ship-, resort- and wait staff; Government- Service- and Room taxes; All permits, Harbour fees, Entrance and Marine park fees; Complimentary slideshow and photos; Recaps and Lectures by marine biologist; Dive tanks/weights for Scuba divers. Donation to reef conservation project.

NOT INCLUDED

All international and domestic airfares, (***please note*** Domestic flights must be purchased through *Wild Earth Expeditions*. Charter flight Bali-Wakatobi 06Apr, Wakatobi- Bali 13Apr (\$725), Bali-Jakarta 16Apr, Jakarta- Ternate 17Apr (\$350) and Sorong-Jakarta 28Apr (\$250). These flight costs are based on 2018 prices in economy class (business class seats may be available upon request for all flights). Any airport arrival and departure taxes; Passport and visa fees; Immunization costs; Meals outside the group travel itinerary; Mandatory Travel insurance (including medical, medical evacuation and accident); Excess baggage charges; Personal items, such as laundry, any alcoholic beverages or bar charges (unless specified above), WiFi, telephone, fax calls; Tips for your 2 Wild Earth Leaders and any non-group services; Nitrox air fills and dive gear rental.

Any sudden increase in price, due to currency fluctuations, a steep hike in fuel cost, change in government tax policy or for any reason beyond our control, will be adjusted with the final invoice due 4 months prior to the expedition.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

We only have 2 single spaces available on this expedition and single occupancy rates apply. If you are wanting to share accommodations, a roommate will be assigned to you and double occupancy rates apply. If we cannot pair you with a roommate, the single supplement surcharge applies.