

A JOURNEY THROUGH VILLAGE LIFE, HISTORY, JUNGLE, AND CORAL REEF DISCOVERY



Discover the hidden beauties of Ambon Island before going for adventure in Seram's jungle and indulging yourself at Ora Beach paradise...

DAY 1 • Arrival in Ambon

Arrival in Ambon and transfer to The Natsepa Resort. Overnight at The Natsepa.

DAY 2 • Ambon - Toisapu - Naku

In the morning, you'll head to the south coast of Ambon Island to discover village life. At Toisapu, you'll learn how nutmeg syrup is made. Further south, in Naku, you'll enjoy a local lunch after having tasted sagueru, palm wine, and its distilled form, sopi. You'll then discover some relics that have belonged to the founder of Naku. If time and weather allow, you'll have the chance to hike down to Naku's beach and enjoy a swim before going back to The Natsepa. Overnight at The Natsepa.

DAY 3 • Ambon - Kaitetu - Hila - Waai

Wapaue mosque, located in Kaitetu on the north coast of Ambon Island is one of its historic gems. Built without nails or pegs, this mosque is the oldest of Indonesia. You'll start your day with visiting it before walking to Gereja Tua (Old Church) and to nearby Fort Amsterdam, built in Hila by the Portuguese and later modified by the Dutch. The fort is also where Rumphius, a German-born naturalist hired by the Dutch, wrote part of his inestimable Herbarium Amboinense. You'll have your lunch on the way back from Hila before heading to the village of Waai to observe its sacred eels, locally called morea. If time allows, you'll end your day at Liang's beach. Overnight at The Natsepa.

DAY 4 • Ambon - Pantai Ora

Early morning, you will reach Masohi on Seram Island by boat from Tulehu. You'll then be taken on a 3-hour drive through the mountains of Seram to till the village of Saleman. There, a boat will make you cross the bay to get you to the Ora Beach Resort, a little paradise overlooking splendid and well-preserved coral reefs. Overnight at Ora Beach Resort.

DAY 5 • Pantai Ora

This day is entirely devoted to enjoying the beauty and tranquility of the Resort as you wish to do, reading, snorkelling over the fantastic, reefs, sun bathing, prau paddling... Overnight at Ora Beach Resort.

DAY 6 • Ora – Manusela National Park

Departure for the village of Sawai and its magnificent limestone cliffs jumping into the sea. Once in the village, you will go up a river into the heart of Manusela National Park jungle. You will then be hoisted on a platform built at the trees canopy to try to observe the avifauna. Overnight on the platform.

DAY 7 • Manusela National Park – Ora

After waking up with the sounds of the forest at dawn, you will make a 10km trek through the jungle to go back to Sawai. On the way, you'll stop at the Masihulan rehabilitation centre for wild birds where mainly parrots and cockatoos are taking care of and quarantined before being released in the forest. You'll then sail back to Pantai Ora and enjoy the rest of your day freely. Overnight at Ora Beach Resort.

DAY 8 • Pantai Ora

To fully recover from your jungle adventure, you'll enjoy another relaxing day at the resort. Turtles are often met on the reef it will be a good opportunity to try to spot some. Overnight at Ora Beach Resort.

DAY 9 • Pantai Ora – Ambon

After a last morning swim over Pantai Ora reefs, you'll go back to Ambon. Overnight at The Natsepa.

DAY 10 • Ambon – Pintu Kota

For your last day, you'll cross Ambon city to reach Pintu Kota, the emblematic rock of the island. You'll then enjoy a rujak, a local delicacy, at Namalatu's beach before visiting the Siwalima Museum and its exceptional collections of shells and traditional costumes. On the way back to The Natsepa, you'll have the possibility to stop at Mardika's market for some shopping, and then at World War II Memorial. Overnight at The Natsepa.

PRICE

On request, depending on the guide (local/ expat), decreasing price with number of participants (minimum 2, maximum 10).

WHEN TO GO

Rainy season usually occurs between December and March in Seram and in May till July in Ambon. July is fine in Ora but the sea can be rough to cross from Ambon.

INCLUDED

- Transfers, visits, entrances and excursions according to the programme
- Nights in double room (Single suppl. 650€)
- Meals unless specified

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to/from Ambon
- Dinners in Ambon
- Lunch/snacks during transfer to/from Ora
- Beverages
- Snorkelling material
- Personal expenses
- Tips for drivers and local guides
- Cancellation insurance
- Unforeseeable programme changes

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Visa on arrival, passport valid 6 months after return date, at least 2 free pages
- Local money: Indonesian rupiah (IDR)
1€ = ~15'000IDR
- ATM in Ambon and Masohi

TERMS

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