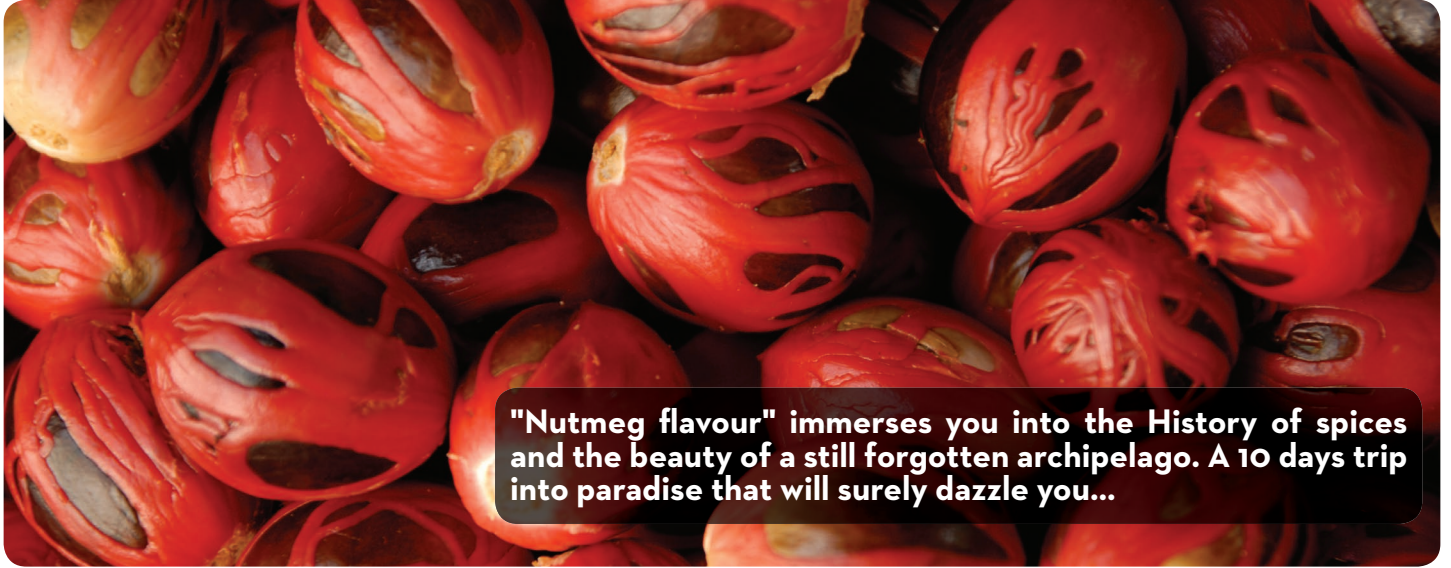




KASOAR
TRAVEL

BANDA ISLANDS

NUTMEG FLAVOUR AN EXCLUSIVE JOURNEY TO PARADISE



"Nutmeg flavour" immerses you into the History of spices and the beauty of a still forgotten archipelago. A 10 days trip into paradise that will surely dazzle you...

DAY 1 • Arrival in Ambon

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

DAY 2 • Ambon - Banda Neira

You'll leave the hotel early morning to catch the boat to Banda Islands at Tulehu harbour. After the 6h journey and a snack at Maulana Hotel, you'll have a chance to visit Belgica Fort and enjoy the view from its ramparts. Overnight at Maulana Hotel.

DAY 3 • Banda Neira - Pulau Hatta

In the morning, you'll walk around Banda Neira to discover some of its historical buildings. After lunch, you'll head to Pulau Karaka to

enjoy a short walk on the island and some snorkelling around. You'll then reach Pulau Hatta, named after Mohammed Hatta, one of the main Indonesian independence's fighters, exiled there by the Dutch between 1935 and 1942. Overnight and dinner at local guesthouse.

DAY 4 • Pulau Hatta

Entire day to snorkel and be lazy on the beach. If walking interests you, you can follow the only road of the island that goes through nutmeg plantations to the new Hatta village. Overnight and dinner at local guesthouse.

DAY 5 • Hatta - Neilaka - Rhun

Early morning, you'll head to Pulau Rhun, an

island where time elapsed, which the Dutch got back from the Brits in 1667 in exchange for... Manhattan! You'll first stop at the splendid Neilaka Island for some snorkelling, a lunch on the beach and a little bit of idleness before reaching Rhun and its fantastic sunsets. Overnight and dinner at local guesthouse.

DAY 6 • Pulau Rhun

A walk through the village will take you to clove and nutmeg plantations where you'll collect some and learn how to open it. If tide schedule allows it, you'll have the possibility to walk to Neilaka for some more snorkelling and laziness on its beach. Overnight and dinner at local guesthouse.

DAY 7 • Pulau Rhun - Banda Neira

Your journey will take you back to Banda Neira where you'll have a free day to wander around. After lunch, hikers will have the possibility to climb the 666m of Gunung Api. A quite difficult hike that will award you with stunning views. Overnight at Maulana Hotel.

DAY 8 • Pulau Lonthoir

In the morning, you'll cross the channel to reach Pulau Lonthoir, also called Banda Besar (The Big Banda). You'll have a ride on ojek, motorbike-taxi, around the 20km of the island road to discover villages, beaches, plantations, historical sites and magnificent views. You'll get your lunch at Concordia Fort in the village of Waer. At the end of your afternoon, if time allows, you'll circle Gunung Api Island and do some snorkelling. Dinner will then be served at Banda Neira inhabitant's house where you'll discover how nutmeg jam is made, taste it, and have the possibility to buy this unique delicacy to bring it back home. Overnight at Maulana Hotel.

DAY 9 • Pulau Pisang

Late in the morning, you'll head to Pulau Pisang (litt. Banana Island, named after its shape), also called Pulau Syahrir after another independence hero exiled by the Dutch in the small archipelago. You'll walk from the back of the island to the village where you'll have lunch before going to its beach for some snorkelling and last bit of idleness. You'll then sail back to Banda Neira for your last evening in paradise. Overnight at Maulana Hotel.

DAY 10

Banda Neira - Ambon

The morning boat will take you back to Tulehu harbour where a car will await for your transfer to The Natsepa Resort. Overnight at The Natsepa.

PRICE

On request, depending on the guide (local/expat), decreasing price with number of participants (minimum 2, maximum 6).

WHEN TO GO

October–November are the best months. Avoid July when the sea can be rough from Ambon.

INCLUDED

- Transfers, visits, entrances and excursions according to the programme
- Nights in double room (Single suppl. 250€)
- Meals in Hatta, Neilaka, Rhun, Lonthoir, Pisang and local house in Banda Neira

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to/from Ambon
- Meals in Ambon and Banda Neira
- Lunch/snacks during transfer to/from Banda
- Beverages
- Snorkelling material
- Dives (~40\$ per dive)
- Personal expenses
- Tips for drivers and local guide
- 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 Banda Neira

TERMS

The general conditions of Kasoar TRAVEL apply.



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