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Paradise Dancer Sulawesi liveaboard information pack

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Using the size and range of this newly constructed, luxury live-aboard dive yacht, the Paradise Dancer takes divers on a 320 nautical mile voyage that "Goes Beyond" the Lembeh Strait and explores Bangka Island, the Sangihe Island chain and Bunaken National Marine Park before spending several days exploring the world famous Lembeh Strait. Located off the northern tip of Sulawesi, Bangka and its surrounding islands are quite exposed and often get strong currents which come from all directions. Big pelagics come in to feed here and the reefs are alive with color. Sites closer to shore feature steep pinnacles and boulders dressed in colorful corals that provide shelter to schooling fish such as snappers, fusiliers, and surgeon fish. The Sangihe Archipelago is a chain of 40 steep and lush volcanic islands that lie 136 miles (220 km) off Sulawesi and connects Indonesia with the Philippines. The area's best feature is its natural seclusion and untamed nature. Here from deep oceanic trenches rise towering volcanic islands including the still active Siau volcano. This rainforest island rises to over 4,600 ft (1400m) above sea level. Nights can be a special effects spectacle as red-hot lava spews from the vent at the cone's summit. One of the most amazing geological features of this archipelago is a dive at Mahangetang—an active underwater volcano near Siau. Rising 1,300 ft (400m) from the sea floor, it's vent lies just below the surface. The surrounding area is desolate and strewn with huge boulders while hundreds of tiny bubbles race to the surface as gasses escape from deep inside the volcano. Close inspection reveals tiny sea stars, algae, small worms and sprouting corals - all signs of a new coral reef in the making.

In the Sangihe Islands the diving is incredibly rich and varied. Here plankton and nutrients from the upwelling deep-water currents create the food chain for the coral reef fringed islands which in turn attracts massive schools of fish. The waters surrounding the islands are frequented by numerous species of cetaceans such as sperm whales, pilot whales, melon-headed whales and numerous species of dolphins are often seen traveling in pods.

Established in 1991, the Bunaken National Marine Park covers 343 square miles (89,065 hectares), 97% of which is clear, warm tropical waters. Nearly everything can be found at Bunaken. Reef inhabitants include white and black tip reef sharks, giant sea turtles, napoleon fish and dugongs. You may also run into dolphins, and occasionally schools of whales.

There are 22 official dive sites within the park. Diving in and around Bunaken is mostly wall and drift diving. Here schools of barracudas and jacks, green sea turtles and reef sharks, sea snakes and napoleon wrasses are found. The area also has beautiful coral slopes where coral fish in all shapes, sizes and colors can be found, as divers drift by the huge sea fans and sponges. The area offers superb opportunities for both macro and wide angle photography. Located near the port town of Bitung, the Lembeh Strait delivers "close encounters" of the macro type where bizarre and beautiful critters are the norm. So what do you see at the Lembeh Straits? There are the "shy critters" such as pygmy seahorses, mimic octopus, flamboyant cuttlefish, harlequin shrimp, skeleton shrimps, candy crabs, pegasus sea moths, and bobbit worms. Along with the usual reef fish there are also more unusual ones such as ambon scorpionfish, hairy frogfish, snake eels, stonefish, devilfish, sea robins, stargazers, devil fish and even the weedy scorpionfish. There are also beautiful seahorses including pygmies, pegasus, mandarinfish, ghost pipefish and the endemic banggai cardinalfish. The incredible arrays of nudibranchs come in all shapes and colors. This is the one location where you will likely encounter a new species on every dive!

This is a unique itinerary that will deliver amazing beauty above and below the surface. Only the Paradise Dancer can combine modern conveniences, comfort, and world class service in the remote and undeveloped areas visited to make this a truly once in a lifetime experience

North Sulawesi & Singihe Island Packages Include:

- 11 nights on board the Paradise Dancer,
- All meals and beverages (including alcohol).
- Group transfers between airport and yacht.
- 9 and 1/2 days of diving with up to four dives per day.
- Other standard Dancer Fleet services and amenities

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North Sulawesi & Singhe Islands
Itinerary 12 Days / 11 Nights / 9 1/2 days of diving.

Please see our **“Getting There”** section on the next page for flight schedules and Gateway options for connecting your international flights to domestic flights.

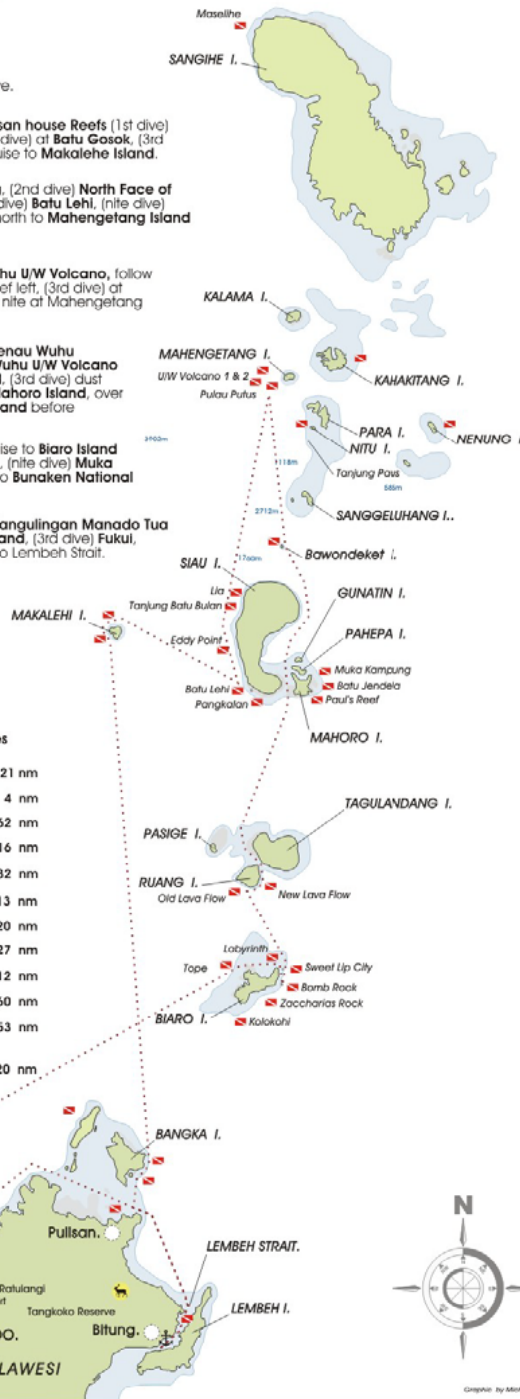
Sangihe Islands



- Day 1.** Lembeh Strait.(Checkout dive) and nite dive.
- Day 2.** Depart for **Bangka Island**, stop over at **Pulisan house Reefs** (1st dive) cross over to **Bangka Island** follow by (2nd dive) at **Batu Gosok**, (3rd dive) at **Sahaung**, (dusk dive) over night cruise to **Makalehe Island**.
- Day 3.** **Makalehi Island**, (1st dive) **Muka kampung**, (2nd dive) **North Face of Makalehi Island**, cross to **Siau Island**, (3rd dive) **Batu Lehi**, (nite dive) **Batu Lehi**. Over night at **Siau Island**, cruise north to **Mahengetang Island** before dawn.
- Day 4.** **Mahengetang Island**, (1st dive) **Benau Wuhu U/W Volcano**, follow by (2nd dive) **Benau Wuhu U/W Volcano** reef left, (3rd dive) at **Pulau Putus**, (nite dive) at **Pulau Putus**, over nite at **Mahengetang Island**.
- Day 5.** First light **Mahengetang Island**, (1st dive) **Benau Wuhu U/W Volcano**, follow by (2nd dive) **Benau Wuhu U/W Volcano** reef left, cruise south to **Bawondeket Island**, (3rd dive) dusk dive at **Bawondeket Island**, (nite dive) at **Mahoro Island**, over nite at **Mahoro Island**, depart for **Ruang Island** before dawn.
- Day 6.** **Ruang Island**, (1st dive) **Old Lava Flow**, cruise to **Biaro Island** (2nd dive) **Bomb Rock**, (3rd dive) **Labyrinth**, (nite dive) **Muka Kampung** over nite at **Biaro Island**, cruise to **Bunaken National Marine park** before dawn.
- Day 7.** **Bunaken National Marine Park**, (1st dive) **Pangulingan Manado Tua Island**, (2nd dive) **Lekuan One Bunaken Island**, (3rd dive) **Fukul**, (nite dive) **Pulisan House reef**, cruise back to **Lembeh Strait**.
- Day 8.** (3 dives) at **Lembeh Strait** + (1nite dive)
- Day 9 - 10** (3 dives) at **Lembeh Strait**
- Day 11.** End of dive trip

Approximate Distance / Nautical Miles

LEMBEH - PULISAN	21 nm
PULISAN - BANGKA ISLAND	4 nm
BANGKA - MAKALEHI ISLAND	62 nm
MAKALEHI ISLAND - SIAU ISLAND	16 nm
SIAU ISLAND - MAHENGETANG ISLAND	32 nm
MAHENGETANG ISLAND - BAWONDEKE ISLAND	13 nm
BAWONDEKE ISLAND - MAHORO ISLAND	20 nm
MAHORO ISLAND - RUANG ISLAND	27 nm
RUANG ISLAND - BIARO ISLAND	12 nm
BIARO ISLAND - BUNAKEN ISLAND	60 nm
BUNAKEN ISLAND - LEMBEH STRAIT	53 nm
Trip Total Distance	320 nm



Pre and Post Voyage Notes

Pre-Embarkation Day (Optional)

- **Bali or Jakarta Flight Gateways:** Arrive in your Indonesian gateway city. Overnight in local hotel before embarking on domestic flights to Manado.

- **International Arrival In Manado:** Arrive in Manado on Silk Air from Singapore and overnight in local hotel. (May be required depending on flight patterns.

Embarkation Day (Day 1)

- **Bali Gateway or Jakarta Gateways:** Fly from your Indonesian Gateway city to Manado connecting in Ujung Padang.

- 1:30 pm (M-W-Sa departures) or 2:45pm (Th-Fr) - meet at the airport arrivals area for a group transfer to the Paradise Dancer. These times are based around the arrival of the Silk Air flight on these days and will be adjusted to accommodate any flight delays.

- 2:00 pm (Su—or any other day when a Silk Air flight may not be arriving) you will meet your transfer to the Paradise Dancer just outside of the customs area.

- Bus Transfer (for all passengers) 90 minute bus ride to Paradise Dancer

- Embark Paradise Dancer.

- **Lembeh Strait** (Checkout dive) and night dive.

Disembarkation Day (Day 11)

- 8-10 am (depending on guest flight departures) - Board bus for group transfer back to Manado airport. Actual departure time will vary

according to guest flight times, but it is expected that all guests will have an afternoon departure.

All Itineraries are always weather permitting and are conducted at the sole discretion of the Captain with consideration to the safety of the guests, crew and the yacht. A typical itinerary is described in this guide and may be refined without notice

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Getting To North Sulawesi

Getting to North Sulawesi can be a one or two step process, depending on the Gateway city you choose and if you want to visit any other areas in Indonesia as part of your journey. Your ultimate destination is Sam Ratulangi International Airport (MDC) in Manado on North Sulawesi.

If you will be traveling domestically in Indonesia, please be aware that the majority of the Indonesian domestic air carriers do not participate in global ticket distribution. To assist you, Peter Hughes Diving has made arrangements with our local partners in Indonesia to provide a purchasing service for the domestic tickets on our guest's behalf. In order to purchase tickets, guests will need to provide PHD with the **guests name** as it appears on their passport, **nationality on passport**, and the **international flight details** for the guests arrival and return home. **Singapore Gateway - Preferred Routing:** Using this routing, guests would fly into Singapore (SIN) (typically on Singapore Airlines) then connect with Singapore Airlines Regional partner—Silk Air, for a flight into Manado (MDC) on North Sulawesi in Indonesia. The entire ticket can be booked through your travel agent as no domestic air is involved. An overnight stay may then be required in Manado at this point, depending on flight schedules, prior to boarding Paradise Dancer. The return flights work just the opposite. Again, an overnight stay may be required in Manado or

Singapore to sync up the international segments. Singapore — Manado — Singapore

Carrier	Flight #	Days	Route	Dept.	Arr.	Fare
Silk Air	MI 274	M-W-Sa	SIN-MDC	09:25	13:05	
Silk Air	MI 276	F	SIN-MDC	10:35	14:15	
Silk Air	MI 273	M-W-Sa	MDC-SIN	13:45	17:05	
Silk Air	MI 275	F	MDC-SIN	14:55	18:15	

Bali Gateway: This routing is ideal for guests who want to experience the magical hospitality of Bali before embarking to the North Sulawesi area. There are two ways to get from Bali (DPS) to Manado (MDC). One offers non-stop flights while the other utilizes connection service through Ujung Padang (UPG), a city on the island of South Sulawesi. This routing does involve purchasing tickets on an Indonesian domestic carrier, which can be done through our ticketing service. Denpasar—Manado (via Ujung Padang)—Denpasar

Carrier	Flight #	Days	Route	Dept.	Arr.	Fare1
Garuda	GA 620	Daily	DPS-UPG	08:55	10:10	
GA 602		Daily	UPG-MDC	11:10	12:50	
Lion Air	JT 740	Daily	DPS-MDC	19:35	22:45	\$235
Lion Air	JT 741	Daily	MDC-DPS	06:45	10:15	\$235
Garuda	GA 603	Daily	MDC-UPG	13:30	15:05	
GA 621		Daily	UPG-DPS	16:45	18:00	

Jakarta Gateway: A third alternative for guests is to use Soekarno Hatta International Airport in Jakarta (JKT), Indonesia as their gateway. The journey to Manado (MDC) can then be completed in a single day with domestic flights on either Garuda or Lion Air that connect in Ujung Padang (UPG) on South Sulawesi Island. The return trip from Manado to Jakarta can also be completed in a single day. Domestic tickets for this routing can be purchased using our ticketing service. Jakarta — Manado — Jakarta (All Flights Connect in Ujung Padang)

Carrier	Flight #	Days	Route	Dept.	Arr.	Fare1
Garuda	GA 602	Daily	JKT-MDC	07:10	12:50	\$285
Garuda	GA 520	Daily	JKT-MDC	18:00	23:20	\$285
Lion Air	JT 776	Daily	JKT-MDC	05:00	09:10	\$285
Lion Air	JT 778	Daily	JKT-MDC	08:15	13:50	\$285
Lion Air	JT 770	Daily	JKT-MDC	18:55	23:05	\$285
Garuda	GA 513	Daily	MDC-JKT	07:00	10:10	\$285
Garuda	GA 603	Daily	MDC-JKT	13:30	17:00	\$285
Lion Air	JT 771	Daily	MDC-JKT	06:55	09:05	\$285
Lion Air	JT 775	Daily	MDC-JKT	09:50	12:00	\$285
Lion Air	JT 777	Daily	MDC-JKT	14:35	18:15	\$285

1—Prices are correct at the time of printing. Domestic air rates are subject to change without notice until the time the airline ticket is purchased.

2—We recommend two hotel nights be built into your travels. One upon arrival between the international and domestic legs, and one on your journey home between the domestic and international legs. Should a flight delay (or baggage delay) be encountered in either direction, your domestic and international airline tickets are not "linked", and as such, no compensation or assistance would be offered by the airline. The only financial protection available would be Trip Interruption and Cancellation insurance.

3—PHD and its local agents will schedule domestic flights and purchase a tickets on behalf of guests as a service, however, in doing so, PHD / Paradise Dancer is only acting as an agent for the airline and is not responsible for, and can accept no responsibility for, cancellations, delays, schedule changes, or problems caused by the air carrier.

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