

KUDANIL EXPLORER

Private Adventure Yacht

INDONESIA

Cruise & Dive Itinerary
Spice Islands, Ambon - Ambon 7 Nights

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Banda Neira & The Spice Islands



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Sail back in time to the Spice Islands, set in the heart of the Banda Sea—one of the deepest oceans on the planet—where volcanic peaks rise above colonial villages. Beneath the surface, dramatic deep-water walls plunge into the blue, attracting vibrant marine life and the thrilling possibility of schooling hammerhead sharks. On land, hike a volcano, take in sweeping views from an ancient fort, and visit centuries-old nutmeg plantations where local farmers preserve traditions and stories passed down through generations—alongside the tale of an island once traded for Manhattan.





Day 1

Embarkation

After you touch down at Ambon Airport, it's just a short 15-minute ride before you step aboard the Kudanil and leave the mainland behind. We'll set sail from a quiet sandy site known for its surreal and unexpected marine life, a perfect introduction to the rich underwater world ahead. As we journey into the wide-open Banda Sea, keep watch on the horizon, you may be greeted by playful pods of dolphins or even the graceful silhouettes of migrating whales.



Day 2

Suanggi Island

Suanggi Island lies at the gateway to the Spice Islands, a remote outpost marking the entrance to the legendary Banda Sea. Beneath the surface, vibrant reef slopes and dramatic drop-offs draw an abundance of marine life in crystal-clear water—along with the exciting possibility of encountering schooling hammerhead sharks as you explore this pristine corner of the archipelago.



Day 3

Rhun & Ai Islands

Wake up in Rhun, the quiet island once famously traded for Manhattan, where the scent of nutmeg still drifts through its historic plantations. We then continue to nearby Ai Island, home to a centuries-old church and rich colonial heritage. Underwater, the vibrant walls are adorned with giant sponges and colorful corals, with the thrilling possibility of encountering hammerhead sharks in the deep walls.



Day 4-5

Banda Neira

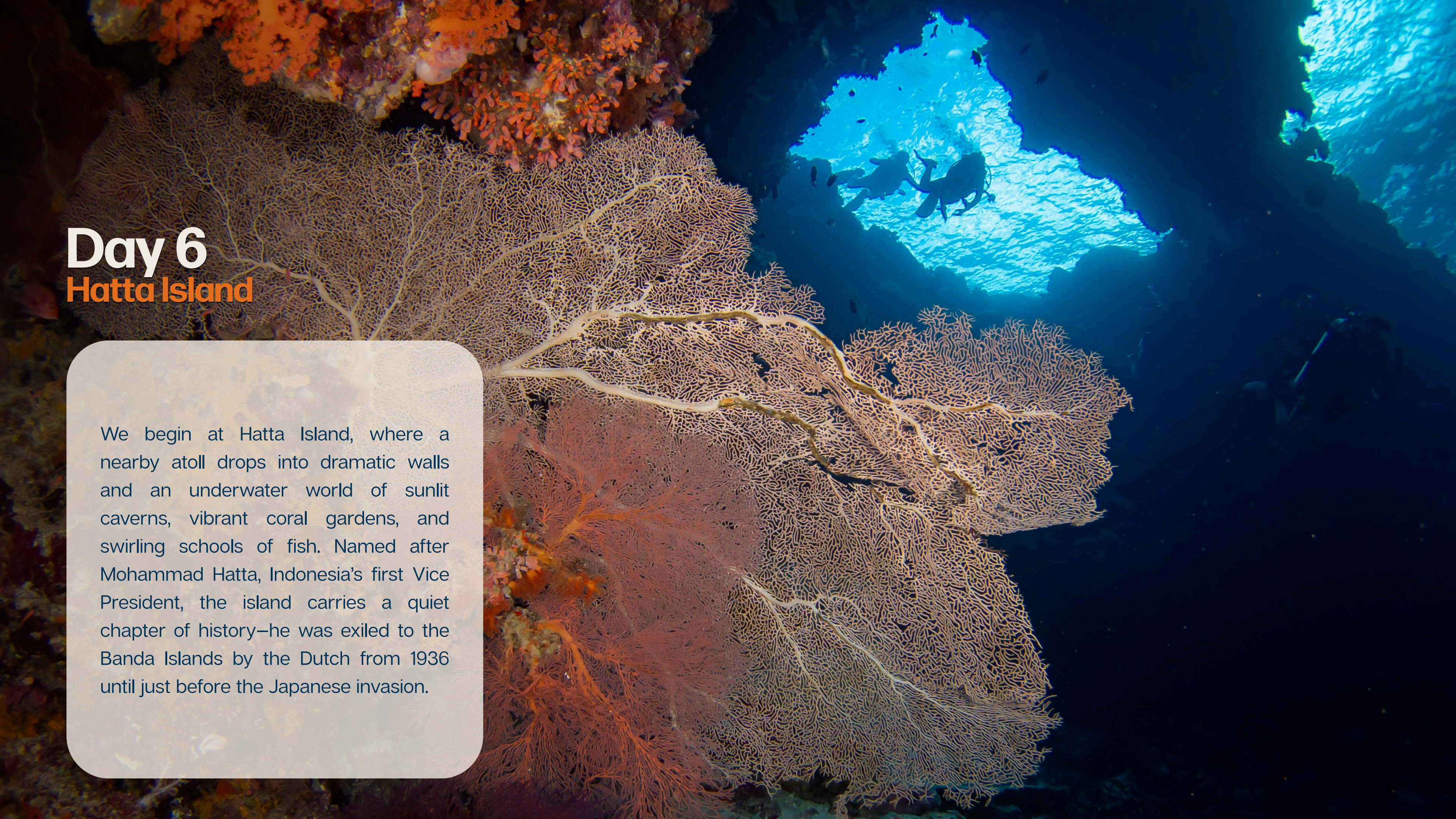
Arriving in the heart of Banda Neira, you'll find the striking silhouette of Gunung Api volcano rising above the harbor. Spend the days exploring the island by motorbike with local guides, wandering through old nutmeg plantations and visiting the storied Dutch forts that once guarded these prized spice islands. Around the area, ancient lava flows lie beneath the surface at the foot of the volcano, giving way to vibrant reefs teeming with life.



Day 6

Hatta Island

We begin at Hatta Island, where a nearby atoll drops into dramatic walls and an underwater world of sunlit caverns, vibrant coral gardens, and swirling schools of fish. Named after Mohammad Hatta, Indonesia's first Vice President, the island carries a quiet chapter of history—he was exiled to the Banda Islands by the Dutch from 1936 until just before the Japanese invasion.



Day 7

Nusa Laut & Molana Islands

Begin the day in Nusa Laut, an island of timeless colonial charm, with a visit to its soothing natural hot springs. We then cruise to nearby Molana Island, fringed by powder-white sand and crystal-clear shallows—perfect for a final swim or snorkel—before unwinding in the true Kudanil Beach Club style, a wonderful finale to an extraordinary journey.



Day 8

Disembarkation

After breakfast, we say our farewells. Pack at your leisure before your transfer to Ambon Airport, carrying home the stories and magic of the journey!