

○ MARATUA ATOLL / BORNEO / INDONESIA



3 ISLANDS OF DREAMS OFFERING WORLD CLASS DIVING

THESE 3 ISLANDS MANAGED BY EXTRA DIVERS WORLDWIDE ARE HEAVEN TO DIVERS AND EVERYONE SEEKING REST AND RELAXATION.

DIVING IN MARATUA ATOLL RANKS AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD AND GUARANTEES A RICH VARIETY OF UNDERWATER ADVENTURES IN INTACT CORAL REEFS WITH BIG FISH AND CRITTERS ABOUND.



NABUCCO ISLAND RESORT & EXTRA DIVERS NABUCCO



Arrive, kick back, dive and leave your cares behind. Nabucco is a tiny paradise with a feel-good factor, designed for diving enthusiasts. No larger than about 2 hectares, the private island rises up from the turquoise lagoon of Maratua with a resort developed on the basis of ecological guidelines. The unique garden with orchids, hibiscus, banana, lime and papaya trees as well as mangroves merges with the naturally lavish vegetation of the island. Nabucco is inhabited by monitor lizards, mud skippers, fruit bats and the rare coconut crabs. Low tide allows for exploration hikes on the sand banks surrounding the island.

THE RESORT

The bungalows are either located by the sea or inside the private island's gardens. Apart from the evergreen island center and a small beach area with sunbeds, the resort area comprises a reading corner with shop and Wi-Fi (limited signal strength), a cozy sunset bar and an open air restaurant with an enchanting ocean view. A total of 18 rooms are fit in 12 bungalows: 2 Nabucco Suite Bungalows, 5 Garden View Bungalows and 5 Seafront Bungalows. Mostly constructed as double bungalows, accommodations are equipped with shower/restroom, air conditioning, ceiling fan, refrigerator, mosquito net and also include a terrace with comfortable sunbeds. Built on stilts, the Seafront Bungalows offer a heavenly view over the ocean and immediate access to the sea during high tide. The Nabucco



Suites Bungalows are detached bungalows situated by the sea facing sunset, while the Garden Bungalows overlook the beautiful garden landscape. Bathing opportunities in the sea are subject to the tides.

MEALS

Half-board or full-board. Copious à la carte breakfast in the mornings with various

egg dishes, fruits, pancakes and more, several courses in the evenings with Asian, Indonesian and Western delicacies. Drinking water (jug) available in the dive center and complimentary during meal times.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Beach volley, library, snorkeling around the jetty, exploration of the surrounding sand banks.

For a fee: scuba diving, massage treatments/wellness, visit to a local town on Maratua's main island.

DIVE CENTER

The dive center is located right on the jetty and is operated by an experienced management. Boat dives are conducted several times a day in small groups of 4 to a maximum of 6 divers per guide. While the top spot "Big Fish Country" is located just around the corner, macro enthusiasts can even go on a snorkeling critter hunt from the jetty! Nitrox surcharge is € 6 per tank.



DIVING HIGHLIGHT: BIG FISH COUNTRY – MARATUA

(Nabucco's "House Reef" can be reached from Nunukan and Virgin Cocoa on half-day or full-day trips.)

"Big Fish Country" is a current-swept reef channel located only 5 minutes from Nabucco. While this spot truly lives up to its name it can only be dived on incoming tide. No dive compares to the next and thus this place should be dived more than once. Current brings in several species of sharks, such as white-tip and black-tip reef sharks and grey reef sharks. Even scalloped hammerhead sharks might show up on time to enchant divers on early morning dives. While large tunas, eagle rays, turtles and schools of fish are also regular sights, the icing on the cake clearly is a resident giant school of barracudas comprising several thousand animals – a sight that leaves even experienced scuba divers at a loss for words.

NUNUKAN ISLAND RESORT & EXTRA DIVERS NUNUKAN



This magical small patch of land is located on the Southern end of Maratua Atoll in the Sulawesi Sea off the Eastern coast of Borneo. Everyone seeking rest and relaxation, nature lovers and scuba divers with an acquired taste for exploring are exactly at the right place. Much effort goes into the resort's sustainable eco-friendly operation as even rare coconut crabs, monitor lizards and fruit bats call this beautiful island with its lush vegetation and splendid beaches home. The superb house reef spans several kilometers around the island.

THE RESORT

The resort comprises 22 spacious bungalows sitting right on the beach, all equipped with individual bathrooms including shower & WC, air conditioning and terrace with sunbeds. Guests will enjoy the view from the paned bathrooms over the sea. The restaurant spreads out on three levels connected with each other, while the Jungle Bar, a spa and a small boutique top off the resort's facilities.

MEALS

Half-board or full-board. Copious à la carte breakfast in the mornings with various egg dishes and fruits, several courses in the evenings with Asian and Indonesian delicacies – fresh ingredients such as vegetables and fruits in parts are harvested in the resort's own garden. Drinking water is complimentary during meal times.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Walks to the neighboring island Virgin Cocoa Beach, which is connected by a wooden walkway of about 1 kilometer length. For a fee: spa treatments, scuba diving, Yoga sessions on Virgin Cocoa (yoga is only available in high season)

DIVE CENTER

The dive center is located right on the jetty and is operated by an experienced management. Apart from house reef and boat dives, longer-distance trips are also offered. For additional comfort, a quick boat shuttle takes divers to the entry spot of choice off the 4-kilometer-long house reef. Diving is conducted in small groups from 4 to 6 divers per guide. Nitrox surcharge is € 6 per tank.



DIVING HIGHLIGHT: HOUSE REEF OF NUNUKAN AND VIRGIN COCOA

(also to be reached from Nabucco within half-day and full-day trips)

The huge house reef surrounding both islands Virgin Cocoa and Nunukan offers no less than 7 dive spots, stunning marine life with incredibly diverse and healthy coral landscapes. While a resident school of big-eye jacks, turtles, barracudas, eagle rays and sharks are a regular sight at "Nunukan Express", the shallows are no less impressive with moray eels, pigmy sea horses, nudibranches, orang utan crabs and sea snakes all being present.

VIRGIN COCOA TROPICAL HIDEAWAY ISLAND & EXTRA DIVERS VIRGIN COCOA

Located on the Southern end of Maratua Atoll, this jewel of a tropical island with its numerous coconut trees and white beaches enchants divers, romantic souls and everyone seeking a heavenly hideaway at first sight. This luxurious island home is perfectly suitable for guests looking for an exceptional destination

THE RESORT

Measuring about 8 hectares, the private island of Virgin Cocoa is equipped with a restaurant, a pool (with sunbeds, umbrellas and Wi-Fi), a bar, a boutique with souvenirs and predominantly a lot of space for rest and relaxation in between the wonderful white sand beach and the formidable house reef. Bathing in the sea is only possible during high tide. Virgin Cocoa is connected to the neighboring island of Nunukan by a wooden walkway of about 1 km length. A total of 18 luxurious bungalows each covering a living space of about 70m² were built with carefully selected and sustainable construction materials and are equipped with all desirable amenities, including bathroom with shower/WC, premium toiletries, hairdryer, air conditioning, ceiling fan, safe, electric kettle (purified water at free disposal) and a terrace with sunbeds. The Deluxe Suites are also equipped with onsite Wi-Fi and a coffee machine. Every bungalow sits on the beach with perfect ocean view. The Superior Suites face neighboring Nunukan Island while guests in the Deluxe Suites enjoy a view over the lagoon including sunsets.

MEALS

Half-board or full-board. Exceptional cuisine with seasonal vegetarian/vegan meals, refined seafood or meat dishes and a delicious choice of home-made desserts and cake. Copious à la carte breakfasts in the mornings, several courses in the evenings with Asian, Indonesian and Western delicacies. Complimentary drinking water (jug) during meal times.



DIVE CENTER

The dive center is located right next to the jetty. Apart from house reef and boat dives, longer-distance trips are also offered. For additional comfort, a quick boat shuttle takes divers to the entry spot of choice off the 4-kilometer-long house reef. Diving is conducted in small groups with a maximum of 4 divers per guide. Non-limit packages for house reef diving are also available. On Virgin Cocoa diving and boat times are flexible and subject to the guests' wishes. Complimentary Nitrox for certified (Nitrox) divers.



DIVING HIGHLIGHT: MUARAS ATOLL

(exclusively reached from Nunukan and Virgin Cocoa)

This huge atoll South of the islands is largely undiscovered at this point with Extra Divers offering explorer trips on request. Exceptional reef walls covered in colorful soft corals, crevices inhabited by spiny lobsters, many stingrays and whip-tail stingrays, turtles as well as white-tip reef sharks and grey reef sharks make for impressive dives. Even a spot for frequent encounters with the rare and graceful thresher sharks was discovered not too long ago.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Yoga: diverse offers to be enjoyed for free in the Yoga hours in the mornings and evenings (only available for a few months a year.) Beach volley, boccia, trips to Nunukan. For a fee: spa treatments and scuba diving.



bit of luck, more than 20 mantas can be spotted during snorkeling and diving, including black mantas. In case of their absence, the gently dropping reef still offers attractions in between the coral outcrops in 5 to 15 meters' depth: stingrays, scorpion fishes, cuttlefishes, nudibranches and many schools of fish can be spotted around the island.

KAKABAN

(day trip, available from all 3 islands)

Years ago Kakaban island became famous for its "Jellyfish Lake." The large brackish lake in the middle of the island is home to 4 species of non-stinging jellyfishes, making a snorkeling trip in the among several hundreds of them a unique and surreal experience. Apart from the jellyfishes, anemones and colorful sponges overgrow the mangrove roots by the lakeside. Equally colorful and copiously overgrown are the oceanic walls off Kakaban where turtles, pygmy sea horses and leaf scorpion fishes are just as common as sharks, eagle rays and barracudas on reefs exposed to stronger currents.

THE DIVING

The most prominent feature of the dive sites in the vicinity of all three EXTRA DIVERS islands is the wide range of attractions, from spectacular critters and drop offs to current-swept reef channels and impressive big fish sites inhabited by sharks and mantas. These waters are also home to one of the largest turtle populations in the world, in fact encountering several animals on a single dive is common. In contrast, other diving boats are an unusual and rare sight. Water temperatures revolve around cozy 28 degrees Celsius all year around. These are two of the top diving spots – Sangalaki and Kakaban:



SANGALAKI

(day trip, available from all 3 islands)

The island of Sangalaki is THE spot for manta ray encounters in the region. These elegant giants come in for feeding and cleaning almost on a daily basis. With a



LOCATION AND TRAVEL

The heavenly islands of Nabucco, Nunukan and Virgin Cocoa are located in Maratua Atoll off the Eastern coast of Borneo and offer some of the world's best diving right in front of the doorstep!

Since 2017 exclusive EXTRA DIVERS charter flights with renowned airline Garuda Indonesia have simplified the journey:

Flight to Balikpapan/Indonesia and onward journey with the private EXTRA DIVERS charter flight to Maratua. Airline: Garuda Indonesia, ATR-72 aircraft with 65 seats, flight time to Maratua approximately 1 hour, 30kg luggage allowance, arrivals & departures on Saturdays, flight bookings are only available from either one of the 3 island resorts or your tour operator. On request, additional stays in Samboja Lodge in Balakpapan for Orang Utan observations can be arranged before or after the trip to Maratua Atoll.

Boat transfer from Maratua: Nabucco (approx. 10 mins.), Nunukan & Virgin Cocoa (approx. 30 mins.)

Flight schedule:

2:14PM Balikpapan – 3:30PM Maratua

4:00PM Maratua – 5:15PM Balikpapan

