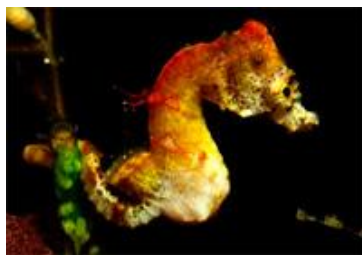




## TOPDUIKEN IN NOORD-SULAWESI



### ABOUT THE DIVING:

**North Sulawesi: One of the richest and most diverse places in the world:**

North Sulawesi is almost exclusively discovered by divers. Why that is, is obvious; it is one of the richest and most diverse area's in the world. Specialists claim that in this area only, one can find over 58 different genera and sub-genera of corals in Bunaken National Park only and an estimated 2000 species of fish are found. this count becomes even higher if you add the extra species that can be found in the Bangka Archipelago and Lembeh Strait.

### Diving in North Sulawesi : Why is the area so rich ?

Because here three big water masses come together; the Pacific ocean, the Sulawesi Sea and the Indian Ocean, bringing a wealth of nutrition to feed the numerous species. The tidal currents and the diversity in underwater “landscape” also contribute to the richness of this underwater paradise.

### North Sulawesi : the diving areas:

Roughly we can divide North Sulawesi in 4 different dive areas; Bunaken National Park, divided in the north side (the islands Bunaken, Siladen, Manado Tua, Mantehague, Nain and Nain Kecil as well as 12 kilometers of coastal area.) and the south side (Popooh), the Bangka Archipelago and the Lembeh Strait.

In total the area offers over 150 dive sites and is suitable for any level of experience.



### Diving with Thalassa 5\* PADI Center:

Thalassa 5\* PADI Center offers the best possible diving and snorkeling in the most flexible way. The walls and slopes of Bunaken National Park offer a wealth of big and small underwater life and we even challenge our guests to make a “wish list” for themselves, for whatever they would like to see that is smaller than 1 meter and is indigenous for the area. Because you dive only in very small groups, maximum 4 divers with 1 guide, the chance is very high that you can cross off all on your list before you leave.

### Night dives

Night dives are a must. The tranquil atmosphere, the opportunity to be close to many fish sleeping in the reef, the encounter with numerous nocturnal species and the fluorescent algae all around you make these dives a fairytale-like experience.

### **Special Trips**

The special daytrips for diving we offer bring you to our other dive areas as well. This makes North Sulawesi so special; within a maximum of 1,5 hours travel, you can visit and dive in 4 completely different underwater environments; The south side of Bunaken National Park, named Popooh, The Bangka Archipelago in the north and the famous Lembeh Strait in the east.

## **ACCOMODATION: BAHOWO LODGE**



Bahowo Lodge opened in the summer of 2003. It has been designed, built and is now run by an English couple Phil and Paula.

Their philosophy is to offer a totally personal service, tailor-made to the wishes of their guests, by offering complete flexibility during your stay, in the tranquil environment of Bahowo Lodge.

Bahowo Lodge is located within the Bunaken Marine Park, in the quiet fishing village of Bahowo, 15 kilometers north of Manado. The close proximity of Bahowo Lodge to the fantastic dive sites of Bunaken Park, the beautiful highland area of Minahasa, and the rainforest of Tangkoko make this the perfect location for exploring the unique underwater world and the surrounding natural beauty of North Sulawesi for divers and non divers alike.

Come and experience at first hand the “real” Indonesia, whilst enjoying all the comforts and exclusive facilities of the Lodge, in its unique and beautiful setting.

The Lodge offers four comfortable double and twin rooms with beautiful sea view and a spacious family room, which sleeps 4/5 people, overlooking our extensive gardens and the local mountains beyond. All of our rooms are en-suite, with shower, washbasin and WC, air conditioning, tea and coffee making facilities and balcony.

It has a spacious, air-conditioned lounge, which includes film and music facilities (guests are welcome to bring their own CD's), an indoor dining area and an outside terrace overlooking the sea. The Lodge is set in its own extensive, tropical garden which host a wide range of exotic plants and fruit trees.

Set hidden in the garden you'll find a private swimming pool with its own terrace and sun beds, a seating area in the shade and massage facilities. There is a traditional coffee house and barbecue area close to the swimming pool all for the exclusive use by guests.

All meals at the Lodge are prepared on site by an excellent local cook, Sultje, using fresh produce from the garden, whenever possible, and locally caught fish. She bakes the Lodge's own bread and cookies.

Sultje has gained a reputation for her wide variety of delicious Indonesian recipes. European cuisine can be provided as well, if preferred by the guests and the Lodge can cater for any special dietary preferences, such as vegetarian.

The other staff are; Nyoman, the housekeeper, Aris, the main driver, and Raymon, the gardener and sometimes driver. All of them, with Phil and Paula, are dedicated to providing a first class, personal service to their guests and make your holiday truly memorable.

## **PROGRAMMA:**

### **DAG 1:**

Verwelkoming in de luchthaven  
Transfer naar Bahowo Lodge  
Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Avondmaal

### **DAG 2:**

2 bootduiken  
Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Vol pension

### **DAG 3:**

3 bootduiken  
Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Vol pension

### **DAG 4:**

2 bootduiken  
Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Vol pension

### **DAG 5:**

Excursie naar de hooglanden (natuur, cultuur en couleur local)  
Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Vol pension

### **DAG 6:**

3 bootduiken

Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Vol pension

**DAG 7:**

2 bootduiken

Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Vol pension

**DAG 8:**

3 bootduiken

Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Vol pension

**DAG 9:**

Excursie naar het regenwoud : op zoek naar de zwarte Macaques en de Tarsius, het kleinste halfaapje ter wereld

Overnachting in Bahowo Lodge  
Vol pension

**DAG 10:**

Ontbijt in Bahowo Lodge  
Transfer naar de luchthaven

**VOORWAARDEN:**

**PRIJS:**

650 euro per persoon op basis van minimum 10 duikers

**INBEGREPEN:**

Overnachtingen in 2-persoonskamers  
Transfers zoals omschreven  
15 bootduiken in Manado  
Flessen, lucht en lood  
Maaltijden zoals omschreven  
Dranken aan boord tijdens duiken in Manado  
Excursies zoals omschreven

**NIET INBEGREPEN:**

Vluchten  
Verzekeringen  
Fooien  
Vertrektaksen  
Huur duikmateriaal  
Marine Park Fees  
Supplement voor duiken in Bangka en Lembeh Street

