

Triton Bay and Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Itinerary - 12 Nights

Kaimana to Sorong

- **Embarkation: Kaimana Harbour, West Papua. Time is flight dependant**
- **Disembarkation: Sorong Harbour, West Papua at 10:00am**
- **Arrival Airport: Kaimana Airport (KNG)**
- **Departure Airport: Domine Eduard Osok (Sorong) Airport (KNG)**

Upon arrival in Kaimana a Siren Fleet representative welcomes you at the airport and arranges your free onward transfer. The transfer from Kaimana airport takes approximately 30 minutes. Disembarkation is at 10.00 in the morning at Sorong Harbour. The transfer to Sorong airport takes approximately 30 minutes.

Wasai to Kaimana

- **Embarkation: Sorong Harbour, West Papua at 17:00**
- **Disembarkation: Kaimana Harbour, West Papua at 10:00am**
- **Arrival Airport: Domine Eduard Osok (Sorong) Airport (KNG)**
- **Departure Airport: Kaimana Airport (KNG)**

For your convenience, a free transfer will be provided between the domestic airports and the Indo Siren yacht on the day of embarkation and disembarkation. Upon arrival in Sorong, a Siren Fleet representative welcomes you at the airport and arranges your onward transfer.

When flying in on embarkation day, it is imperative that your flight arrives in Sorong before noon! Depending on what time your flight arrives, we can organise for you to use the day facilities at the Swiss Bel hotel. Pick up time is at 13.00hr for the 2-hour ferry ride to Waisai, where you embark the Indo Siren.

Disembarkation is at 10.00 in the morning at Kaimana Harbour. The transfer to Kaimana airport takes approximately 30 minutes.

Marine & Port Fees:

- 250 USD per person

Marine park fees can be paid in advance, or on board.

Minimum dive certification and experience:

Divers are required to have **Advanced Open Water** certification*, or equivalent, with a **minimum of 50 logged dives**.

*Advanced Open Water courses can be completed on board.

Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience requirements may be denied participation in some or all dives. We have 3 permanent dive guides on board to enable small dive groups of 5-6.

It is a mandatory requirement for all divers to have insurance which covers scuba diving activities, including emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs.

Participation in this liveaboard itinerary is subject to acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as outlined here: www.masterliveaboards.com/terms-conditions.

Number of scheduled dives:

- Up to 38

This itinerary involves some long distance travel and, whilst we attempt to ensure the number of dives we have scheduled is fulfilled, bad weather can hinder the yacht's ability to reach a specific dive site in good time.

While we wish to show you the very best diving possible, a number of factors determine which route the yacht takes and which dive sites we are able to visit. Weather, tides, currents and how many other dive vessels are at a particular site all play a part in the Cruise Director's decision of where the Indo Siren is heading to.

Safety and dive briefings are conducted in English. If you, or any of your group do not speak or understand English, please contact us.

The following is an example of the day-to-day itinerary.

Day 1: Embarkation followed by introductions and boat and safety briefings. After this you can settle into your cabin and assemble your equipment with help from the friendly crew. The vessel will depart for Adunara while you relax and enjoy snacks and dinner.

Day 2: Breakfast followed by a check dive, and up to 3 subsequent dives, as outlined below.

Days 3-12: Your Cruise Director will schedule up to 4 dives per day; 3 day dives and either a sunset or a night dive. A typical diving day is scheduled as follows:

- Light Breakfast followed by a briefing & Dive 1
- Full Breakfast, relaxation followed by briefing & Dive 2
- Lunch, relaxation followed by briefing & Dive 3
- Snack
- Briefing for Sunset or Night dive
- Dinner

Day before disembarkation:

For your last full day on board, we are able to schedule 2 dives* before Indo Siren cruises back to port, where she will remain at anchor overnight.

Disembarkation day: Following breakfast on board, disembarkation is scheduled between 8:00am and 10:00am.

*We kindly request that guests check their flight departure times to ensure that they leave a minimum of 24 hours between their final dive and their flight home.

Following is a sample of dive sites which we may visit during your time aboard Indo Siren.

The safety of our guests is paramount and we always do our best to offer diving at alternate locations, should we be unable to visit those sites listed below.

Guests are welcome to suggest preferred dive sites to the Cruise Director. He/she will be happy to accommodate guests' wishes, providing it is possible and the schedule allows for it.

Dive sites we visit include but are not limited to:

Dampier Strait

Located in the remote far east of the Indonesian archipelago, the Strait is the large passage of water between the islands of Gam & Waigeo in the north and Batanta in the south. This area offers some of the best diving in Raja Ampat, with its dense hard coral reefs and large fish schools that characterize the area. Your dive team will check currents and choose sites based on the optimum conditions each day.

Manta Sandy

The two large bommies situated in the middle of a sandy bottom at just 18 meters is a world-renowned cleaning station which attracts many reef manta rays of a variety of shades and sizes.

Divers can rest on the bottom and watch this underwater show take place. If the mantas are not performing their show, there is still a plethora of marine life to discover. The reef itself has many smaller creatures such as dragonets and various kinds of pipefish.

Cape Kri

One of the most well-known sites in the Dampier Strait and a world record setter, with 374 species of fish seen during one dive. The steep slope swept by a nutrient rich current attracts an amazing variety of fish, such as napoleon wrasse, bumphead parrotfish, and pinnate batfish. In the blue, myriads of bignose unicornfish and bluestreak fusiliers are closely watched by giant trevallies and dogtooth tuna, whilst black tip reef sharks, pickhandle barracuda, and pipefish are all regular residents as well.

Blue Magic

A must-dive in Raja Ampat, this long finger-shaped seamount that starts at 8 meters and drops down to 30 metres. Everywhere you look it teems with marine life, colour and movement. The surface is covered with hard and soft corals, where schools of jacks and barracuda hang out. Oceanic & reef manta rays can be seen hovering above the cleaning stations, while grey reef sharks are cruising in the blue. While waiting for some action, interesting camouflaged fish can be found such as the wobbegong sharks, and, for the keen-eyed, pontohi pygmy seahorses.

Sardine Reef

This underwater hill is swarming with fusiliers, snappers and sweetlips, schools of bumphead parrot fish, banner fish, barracuda and trevally that feast on the nutrients in the water. Rock mover wrasse, dragonets and jaw fish are amongst the smaller fish species seen here, whilst white tip and black tip reef sharks cruise around feasting on the prey. This is a perfect location to watch the food chain in action.

Mike's Point

As we approach the tiny island known as Mike's Point, eagles can be seen resting in the treetops. Underwater, the site offers varied topography with one side full of overhangs and crevices whilst the other has "steps" dropping down to the deep with a field of whip corals adorning the slope. With the right current this site is outstanding, and the island can be circumnavigated in one dive seeing sweetlips, batfish, jacks, spanish mackerel, grey reef sharks, and Wobbegong sharks.

Penemu & Yangeffo Islands

Located west of Gam, we will next visit these mushroom-shaped islands that are surrounded by turquoise waters filled with corals. These islands provide a range of dive sites for us to choose from including...

Melissa's Garden

This site is home to some of the best hard coral gardens in Raja Ampat. They come in a great variety of size and colour. In its shallow waters, vast fields of staghorn corals are inhabited by myriads of damselfish, whilst blacktip reef sharks patrol the area. On the slopes, trevallies, napoleon wrasse cohabit with schools of fusiliers, whilst on the sandy bottom you can almost always spot a mushroom coral pipefish.

Mayhem

This dive spot is notorious for its strong currents, making for an exhilarating dive. The seamount, reaching up to 12 meters below the water, boasts big bommies that are home to glass fish and wobbegong sharks.

The top of the reef is teeming with large shoals of fusiliers and surgeonfish that cluster together, whilst bluefin trevallies patrol the area. Divers will also be able to spot whitetip reef sharks, who prefer to live in the white sandy areas around the seamount.

Citrus Ridge

A spectacular reef named after the orange, pink, yellow, and green soft corals that carpet the whole area. The up-current side offers sensational encounters such as roaming grey and blacktip reef sharks, schooling jacks and a vortex of blackfin barracuda. On the lee side, jaw fish bob out of their ground holes, wobbegong sharks rest lazily beneath table corals, twinspot gobies graze on the sandy bottom, while crocodile fish calmly await their prey.

Misool Islands

There are numerous small islands surrounding one of the four largest islands in Raja Ampat, Misool, including Daram, Farondi, Boo, Wayilbatan, Kalig and Warakaraket to name just a few. Each offers some of the most dramatic underwater scenery of the region, from steep walls with huge gorgonian fans to gentler slopes with hard and soft corals.

Andiamo

A diverse two-island reef with walls, overhangs, pinnacles, ridges and a shallow plateau. With a high variety of marine life, it is no wonder this site is one of the most famous dive sites in Misool. Thick schools of fusiliers cruise over hard and soft corals, where we can find Wobbegong and epaulette sharks hiding. Pickhandle barracuda form schools along the reef. Look for reef octopus hiding in the wall's crevices. The wall is adorned with giant gorgonian sea fans.

Boo Windows

Comprised of two rocks that stick up from the eastern edge of the island of Boo, this dive site is a coral garden paradise. Prone to strong currents, diving here can be very thrilling as it attracts trevally and schools of dog tooth tuna. Back near to the surface the tides and water have eroded various holes in the rocks, creating swim-throughs that make for great photography opportunities. Pickhandle barracuda, snapper, grouper, napoleon wrasse, turtles, batfish and rabbit fish are often seen in the waters surrounding the islands.

Gorgonian Passage

This passage is situated in the channel that runs between the Wayilbatan and Wayil Islands. It features huge sea fans, home to a variety of pygmy seahorses, including bargibanti and denise. Other attractions are countless types of sweetlips and various smaller marine creatures, such as peacock mantis shrimp and juvenile convict fish.

Karang Bayangan aka Magic Mountain

One of the best dive sites in Indonesia; a dome-shaped seamount with a finger-shaped rocky outcrop densely covered with gorgonian fans and soft corals. You can witness enormous schools of fusiliers, surgeonfish and batfish circled by dogtooth tunas, giant trevallies, grey reef, and whitetip reef sharks. On top of these incredible encounters, a cleaning station for oceanic and reef mantas can make this dive one of your best ever!

Nudi Rock

A nudibranch-shaped island and an iconic dive site, part of a 0.8 mile ridge with walls, pinnacles and sandy plateaus. Marine species vary from macro to large pelagics that can all be seen at this striking site. Blacktips, whitetips, grey reef sharks, and schooling blackfin barracuda can be spotted, whilst hiding amongst the corals are crocodile fish, nudibranchs, porcelain crabs, and the elusive soft coral pipefishes.

Pisang Island

Located between the islands of Misool & Papua, the Pisang Island is named after its Banana-like shape. This is part of a group of islands in the middle of Arafura Sea and lies south of Saboaeda Island and its long white sand beach.

T-Bone Reef

A rocky outcrop covered with vibrant elephant ear sponges, gorgonian sea fans, and yellow soft corals. With the right current you can expect to see eagle rays cruising and hunting on the sandy bottom floor. Schools of barracudas and jacks also circle around its waters.

The Dome

This is a massive seamount known for brown marbled grouper and giant grouper. The slopes are covered with colourful cabbage corals, with ringed pipefish hiding beneath. The shallows also host blacktip reef sharks and bumphead parrotfish.

Sanggala Bay

Situated along the coast of the Fak Fak Province, Sanggala offers both great diving and breathtaking landscapes. Cool water from the Papuan's mountains flows through thick primary jungle to end up in the turquoise waters of the Ceram Sea. It is not uncommon to see local ships refilling their water tanks at the foot of the waterfall.

If you walk about an hour upriver, a beautiful hidden turquoise lake lies in the heart of the forest, where Tree-Kangaroos occupy the area.

There are two special dive sites to explore:

Mike's Mount

Hundreds of meters long, this seamount attracts large pelagics such as oceanic manta rays, grey reef sharks, and big dogtooth tuna. Large shoals of fusiliers and surgeonfish drift above extensive hard corals fields, such as staghorn and cabbage corals, reaching down to 40 meters depth. Masses of anthias and damselfish inhabit these vibrant coral gardens.

Mikado

Years ago during a storm, a ship transporting tree trunks had to release its cargo to avoid running aground the shallow seamount in the center of the bay. As a result, dozens of these trunks are littered forming a huge "Mikado" structure on the grey sand. This area is a good place to look for twinstot gobies and upside-down jellyfishes between the trunks. The seamounts slopes are covered by hard corals where bumphead parrotfish & crocodile fish are among the usual suspects.

South Aiduma & Dramai Islands

The strait between Aiduma and Papua is the heart of Triton Bay, where the nutrient rich current feeds some of the most diverse colourful Soft corals reefs in all of Indonesia. Because of this, we usually experience a lower visibility, but it is worth it. The sandy bays also offer great muck dive. We will spend a whole diving in these waters, in the following dive spots:

7th Heaven

Undoubtedly a well-earned name, as the walls are entirely covered with pastel and purple coloured soft corals. When there is a current flowing, the corals are pumped with water which releases a fantastic purple carpet cover on the rocks. We can also expect to see large schools of snapper, barracuda, and fusiliers cruising around.

Batu Jeruk

The name of this site literally means 'orange rock' in Indonesian, which is not overstated. We will dive over a shallow rocky plateau and slope carpeted with orange soft corals where sweetlips, snappers, and fusiliers hover. The numerous rocks also create small overhangs where wobbegongs and giant groupers often rest.

Tim's Rock

Expect to see an array of boulders decorated with green black coral, a resting spot for Sweetlips, snappers, and glassfish. The white sand in between hosts numerous species of gobies and jawfish. Rocky slopes are densely covered with vibrant gorgonian fans, fully grown colorful soft corals, and whip corals. There are even a few yellow gorgonians, in which the observant eye can find the elusive yellow bargibanti seahorse.

La Ultima Frontera

Located on the outskirts of Triton Bay where the visibility is typically better, this small island is pierced by a large swim through near the surface. Regularly large schools of red snapper, surgeonfish, and fusiliers are seen, creating a real fish soup, where giant trevallies cruise

eagerly. Boulder clusters are adorned with hanging soft corals, creating a playground for wobbegong sharks, giant and honeycomb moray eel.

Pintu Arus, Saruneus Island

In the channel between Aiduma & Papua, this small island is a remote diving spot. This area is known for three specific dive sites: Little Komodo, Larry's Heaven, and Saruneus. These areas boast a diverse topography, including walls, rocky and sandy slopes, plateaus and boulders. You can spot a huge diversity and density of soft corals of all colors and forms.

We will be diving in Little Komodo, known as the penultimate dive site of Triton Bay, which boasts shallow boulders that are covered in colorful large soft corals, a true photographer's paradise. Deeper on the slope, a large black coral forest with large gorgonian fans meets the sandy bottom. When the current hits the boulders, huge colonies of orange cup corals extend their polyps to feed on the nutrient carried by the current. On top of this fantastic array of colors and shapes, wobbegongs, spiny lobsters and pipefishes hide beneath large table corals.

Mauwera & Pelican Bay

Triton Bay also offers spectacular sights above the surface that can be explored, including white sand beaches, turquoise lagoons, mangroves, mushroom shaped islands, and even some pelicans for patient eyes.

Bitsyara Bay

Not far from Kaimana, our final stop will be this large shallow bay which contains Bagans (local fishing platforms). Whale sharks are seen around the area, as they are drawn by the smell of deceased fish from the fishing boats.

Should you have any questions or queries concerning the dive sites or whether this itinerary is suitable for your experience level, please contact our reservations team dive@masterliveboards.com who will be pleased to assist and advise you.