

# Triton Bay and Raja Ampat, Indonesia

## 12 Nights

Please refer to your booking confirmation details or schedules on our website for specific departure date embarkation and disembarkation locations.

### Sorong to Kaimana itinerary

- **Embarkation:** Sorong Marina, West Papua at 12:30\*
- **Disembarkation:** Kaimana Harbour, West Papua at 10:00

\*For embarkation in Sorong, *guests are requested to arrive before 12:00 (midday)*.

### Kaimana to Sorong itinerary

- **Embarkation:** Kaimana Harbour, West Papua (time is dependent on flight schedules)\*
- **Disembarkation:** Sorong Marina, West Papua no later than 10:00

\*We strongly recommend making arrangements to arrive in Kaimana the day before the start of your liveaboard itinerary. (See [domestic flight information](#) on the following page).

### Flights & Transfers

Domestic flights to and from the embarkation/disembarkation locations are not included in the liveaboard price.

### Domestic Airports

- **Sorong:** Domine Eduard Osok Airport (SOQ)
- **Kaimana:** Utarom Airport (KNG)

Transfers between local hotels (or the domestic airport) and the harbour are provided free of charge on the day of embarkation and disembarkation only.

Pick-up time from local hotels in Kaimana is usually around 11:30-12:00 and will be confirmed by the local operations team the night before embarkation.

- Transfer between Sorong Airport and the marina takes approximately 20 minutes.
- Transfer between the airport and harbour in Kaimana takes approximately 30 minutes.

## International Arrival & Departure

We recommend booking your international flights into and out of Jakarta International Airport (CGK) for the easiest domestic connections to/from Kaimana and Sorong. We also advise spending at least one day in Jakarta on either side of your domestic flights and liveboard dates to allow for possible changes to flight schedules and to ensure you are on time for your connections.

Our reservations team can help to arrange hotel accommodations, airport transfers and domestic flight connections between your international arrival and departure and the liveboard embarkation and disembarkation points.

## Domestic Flights

Check-in time for domestic flights in Indonesia is usually 2 hours before departure. Please bear this and transfer times in mind when booking disembarkation day flights.

**IMPORTANT:** As domestic flight schedule changes, delays and cancellations which can result in missed connections are common occurrences in Indonesia, we strongly recommend making allowances for this when arranging domestic flights, especially for embarkation in Kaimana\*.

### To/from Sorong

There are several direct flights per day from Jakarta between Sorong and vice versa whereas the route between Bali and Sorong usually involves a flight change in Makassar or Jakarta.

NOTE: Direct flights between Bali and Sorong only operate on Friday and Sunday.

**Sorong Embarkation:** Guests intending to fly into Sorong on embarkation day are respectfully asked to arrange flights to *arrive before 12:00 (midday)*. You will be met at Sorong Airport by Master Liveboards staff who will assist with your luggage and onward transfer to the marina. For guests arriving before 12.00, there is a restaurant at the marina where you can relax before embarkation, or take a short walk into town to explore the shopping facilities.

**Sorong Disembarkation:** We respectfully ask guests not to book flights departing earlier than 08:30 a.m. from Sorong as disembarkation needs to be 2 and a half hours before the flight departure time.

If your flight out of Sorong departs later than 10.30 a.m., we will transfer you to a cosy local restaurant near the airport where you can wait for your flight.

### To/from Kaimana

Flights between Jakarta and Kaimana involve a connection in Sorong; The route between Bali and Kaimana requires at least two flight changes (either Makassar and Sorong or Jakarta and Sorong).

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There is only one flight per day to and from Kaimana.*

\*For trips starting from Kaimana, *we strongly advise making arrangements to arrive in either Sorong or Kaimana the day before embarkation and booking a hotel for the night.* This will not

only ensure that you make your flight connection and are well-rested before the start of your liveaboard itinerary but will also allow time to make alternative flight arrangements should there be any changes to the ones you have booked.

**IMPORTANT:** If you arrive in Kamaina after the vessel has departed, you may be charged for the cost of arranging a speedboat transfer or for additional fuel required for Indo Master to return to port.

## Diving Information

*It is mandatory for all divers to have diving-specific insurance (e.g. [DiveAssure](#), [DAN](#), etc.) which covers all scuba diving activities, emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs. Diving insurance will only cover accidents within the depth limit dictated by your certification level so you are required to remain well within those at all times.*

***The use of a dive computer, a 6 minute safety stop and an ascent rate of no more than 9 metres (30 ft) per minute are mandatory on all dives.***

*Some of the diving on this itinerary is not suitable for inexperienced divers due to dive site depths and strong currents.*

## Minimum dive certification and experience

Divers joining a Triton Bay & Raja Ampat itinerary must have **PADI Advanced Open Water certification** or equivalent and a **minimum of 50 logged dives**. It is strongly recommended that divers also have *previous experience and are comfortable diving in currents*.

*Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience requirements, or who our crew feel have insufficient skills for certain conditions may be denied participation in some or all dives.*

## Diving Emergencies

There is a hyperbaric chamber in Waisai but, it is not permanently staffed and can not be relied upon to be available. The nearest permanently manned recompression chamber is in Manado (Sulawesi); others are located in Bali, Makassar and Jakarta. In the event of a suspected DCI incident, depending on the boat's location, transfer from Indo Master to whichever chamber is available is likely to require a private speedboat, emergency air evacuation or both.

*It is your responsibility to ensure that your insurance will fully cover and reimburse all evacuation costs as well as recompression chamber and hospital treatment.*

## Water Temperature and Exposure Suits

We dive in two seas on this itinerary: The Ceram Sea and the Arafura Sea. There is very little variation in water temperatures which are usually between 27°C (81°F) and 30°C (86°F) across the entire area covered. A 3mm wetsuit is warm enough for most divers while others are comfortable diving in swimwear and a hooded vest or rashguard. However, those prone to feeling cold after prolonged or multiple dives may prefer a 5mm wetsuit, or to use additional thermal layers.

## Itinerary Details

Participation in this liveboard itinerary is subject to acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as outlined here: [www.masterliveboards.com/terms-conditions](http://www.masterliveboards.com/terms-conditions).

**Marine Park & Port Fees:** 275 USD\* per person (to be paid on board)

*\*Marine park fees are subject to change without notice.* The applicable amount at the time of departure will be added to your onboard extras to be paid before disembarkation.

Marnie Park and Port fees cover the cost of Raja Ampat entry permits\* and other local fees and taxes for the areas we visit.

*\*Raja Ampat entry cards are valid for 1 year (12 months) from the date of purchase.* If you already have a card that will be valid for the entire duration of your itinerary, please send us a photocopy of it no less than 4 days before the start of your liveboard to avoid being charged for an additional one. You will also need to bring the card with you for verification on board.

**Number of scheduled dives:** Up to 36

This itinerary involves some long-distance travel and, while we endeavour to ensure the number of scheduled dives is fulfilled, this is indicative only and not guaranteed. Bad weather, sea conditions and other factors can hinder the vessel's ability to reach or remain at specific locations and may impact the number of dives possible.

### Included land tours

There are several potential shore excursions which may be included on Triton Bay & Raja Ampat itineraries; Generally, there will be 2 land visits offered on each itinerary, one of which is Raja Ampat's iconic Penemu Viewpoint which is always popular. The other may be one of the following depending on the itinerary route, environmental conditions and logistics.

#### Triton Bay

- Sanggala Bay Waterfall
- Mauwera Lagoon

#### Raja Ampat

- Tomolol Caves (Misool)
- Lenmakana Jellyfish Lake (Misool)

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

***All Safety and dive briefings are conducted in English. If you or any of your group do not speak or fully understand English please let us know in advance.***

**Day 1:** Embarkation is followed by introductions and boat and safety briefings after which you can assemble your equipment, settle into your cabin and relax before dinner.

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

**Days 3-11:** Your Cruise Manager will plan up to 4 dives per day; 3 day dives and, where possible, either a sunset or a night dive, typically 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 12:** We usually schedule 2 morning dives\* before Indo Master cruises to port, where she will remain at anchor overnight.

**Disembarkation day:** Breakfast on board is followed by disembarkation and transfer to the local airport (or hotel) by 10:00 a.m. at the latest.

\*We kindly request that guests check their flight times to ensure they leave a minimum of 18 hours, and *ideally 24 hours between their final dive and their domestic flight departure.*

While we wish to show you the very best diving possible, several factors determine the exact route the vessel takes and the dive sites we visit. *Weather, tides, currents and sea conditions are just some of the considerations that influence the Cruise Manager's decision of where the Indo Master is heading and which sites are chosen to dive.* Following is a sample of dive sites we may visit during your time aboard Indo Master.

The safety of our guests is paramount and we always do our best to offer diving at alternative locations, should we be unable to visit any of the sites listed below, for any reason.

## Dampier Strait

Located in the remote far east of the Indonesian archipelago, the Strait is a 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 characterise the region. Your dive team will check currents and choose sites based on the optimum conditions.

### Manta Sandy

The two large bommies situated in the middle of a sandy bottom at just 18 metres are a world-renowned cleaning station which attracts many reef manta rays of a variety of shades and sizes, including all-black mantas, distinctive to Raja Ampat. Divers can simply rest on the bottom and watch the show.

The reef itself has numerous smaller creatures with dragonets and various pipefishes as well as Bumphead parrotfish and black-tip reef sharks. Therefore, if the mantas are not performing, there is still plenty to look at and discover.

### Cape Kri

One of the best-known sites in the Dampier Strait, the variety of reef fish is astounding. A world record setter with 374 species of fish seen during one dive, Scribbled filefish, Harlequin sweetlips, Bumphead parrotfish, Pinnate batfish, hawkfish and Napoleon wrasse are all commonly seen. In the blue, myriad Bignose unicornfish and Bluestreak fusiliers are closely watched by giant trevallies and dogtooth tuna, whilst black tip reef sharks, pickhandle barracuda, turtles and pipefish are all regularly spotted as well.

## Blue Magic

A must-dive in Raja Ampat, this long finger-shaped seamount starts at 8 metres and drops to 30 metres. Everywhere you look, it teems with marine life, colour and movement. The top is covered with hard and soft corals, where schools of jacks and barracuda hang out. Oceanic and reef manta rays hover above the cleaning stations, while grey reef sharks cruise 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 looking for prey. This is a perfect location to watch the food chain in action.

## Mike's Point

Eagles can usually be spotted resting on the treetops as we approach the tiny island known as Mike's Points. Currents can be unpredictable and challenging so we only dive here when the conditions are right. It is a superb site comprising 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. When there is no current, it can be circumnavigated in one dive seeing sweetlips, batfish, jacks, Spanish mackerel, grey reef sharks and wobbegongs.

## Penemu & Yangeffo Islands

Located west of Gam, these mushroom-shaped islands 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. In its shallow waters, vast fields of blue-tipped staghorn corals are inhabited by myriads of damselfish, whilst blacktip reef sharks patrol the area. On the slopes, trevallies and 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 metres below the water, boasts big bommies that are home to glassfish 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, jawfish bob out of their ground holes, wobbegong sharks rest lazily beneath table corals, twinspace 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 Warakaket 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, exposed, two-island reef with walls, overhangs, pinnacles, ridges and a shallow plateau. With a wide 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 and blackfin batfish form large 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 quite thrilling as it attracts trevally, Spanish mackerel and dog tooth tuna amongst others. Near the surface the tides and water have eroded various holes in the rocks, creating swim-throughs and shallow rocky formations, blanketed by orange soft corals that make for great photography opportunities. Pickhandle barracuda, snapper, grouper, Napoleon wrasse, turtles, batfish and rabbitfish are often seen in the waters surrounding the islands.

## Gorgonian Passage

Also known as Neptune's Fans Sea, this passage is situated in the channel between Wayilbatan and Wayil islands. It has huge sea fans along the walls in which pygmy seahorses can be found including Bargibanti and Denise's. Other attractions are the countless variety of sweetlips and smaller marine creatures, such as peacock mantis shrimp and juvenile convict fish on the shallow sandy bottom.

## Karang Bayangan aka Magic Mountain

Arguably one of the best dive sites in Indonesia, Magic Mountain is 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 sharks 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. However, due to its exposed location, diving here is dependent on sea conditions.

## Nudi Rock

A nudibranch-shaped island and an iconic dive site, part of a 1.3 km ridge with walls, pinnacles and sandy plateaus. Marine species vary from macro to large pelagics which 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, Pisang Island is named after its Banana-like shape. This is part of a group of islands in the middle of Ceram 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 cabbage corals and colourful soft corals in the deeper area. The shallows also host blacktip reef sharks and bumphead parrotfish.

## Sanggala Bay

Situated at the southern end of West Papua's Fakfak Regency, Sanggala offers both great diving and breathtaking landscapes. Cool water from the Papuan mountains flows through dense 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. An hour's upriver trek reveals a beautiful turquoise lake hidden in the forest where tree kangaroos occupy the trees.

There are two special dive sites to explore:

### Mike's Mount

Hundreds of metres 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 coral fields, such as staghorn and cabbage corals, down to 40 metres. 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 centre of the bay. As a result, dozens of these trunks have formed a huge "Mikado" structure on the grey sand. This area is a good place to look for twinspace gobies and upside-down jellyfish between the trunks. The seamount 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 Indonesia's most diverse colourful soft coral reefs. Because of this, we usually experience lower visibility than other areas, but it is worth it.

We will usually spend a full day diving around this area, although the sites may vary on each trip as many are dependent on sea conditions.

### 7th Heaven

Undoubtedly a well-earned name, the walls are covered with pastel-coloured and purple soft corals. When there is a current, the corals are pumped with water creating a fantastic purple carpet over the rocks. You can also expect to see large schools of snapper, barracuda, and fusiliers cruising around.

### Batu Jeruk

The name of this site means 'orange rock' in Indonesian, which is not overstated. The dive is over a shallow rocky plateau and slope carpeted with orange-coloured 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 black corals, 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 colourful soft corals, and whip corals. There are even a few yellow gorgonians in which the eagle-eyed may 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. Large schools of red snapper, surgeonfish, and fusiliers are regularly seen, creating a real fish soup, where giant trevallies cruise eagerly. Boulder clusters, adorned with hanging soft corals create a playground for wobbegong sharks, giant morays and honeycomb morays.

### Saruenus Island

Also located in the channel between Aiduma Island and Papua, this small island locally nicknamed 'Pintu Arus' or 'Pulau Arus', meaning current island, is best known for two specific dive sites: Little Komodo and Aquarium (also known as Larry's Heaven).

The area boasts a varied topography, including walls, rocky and sandy slopes, plateaus and boulders with a huge diversity and density of soft corals of all colours and forms.

**Little Komodo** boasts shallow boulders blanketed in massive colourful soft corals, a true photographer's paradise. When the current hits the boulders, huge colonies of orange-cup corals extend their polyps to feed on the nutrients carried within the water. On the walls, a large black coral forest with large gorgonian fans meets the sandy bottom at 25 metres. On

top of this fantastic array of colours and shapes, wobbegongs, spiny lobsters and pipefishes hide beneath large table corals.

**Aquarium** is a small dive site adjacent to Little Komodo. Similarly adorned with large black and soft coral bushes, the volume of fish and usually good visibility make diving here akin to being inside an aquarium. Bumphead parrotfish and schools of Yellowfin barracuda, anchovies, fusiliers, surgeonfish, rabbitfish and more create a smorgasbord of photogenic delights.

## 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, this large shallow bay contains many Bagans (local fishing platforms). Whale sharks are often spotted around the area, as they are drawn by the smell of dead fish from the fishing boats.

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