

ADELAAR

# Triton Bay and Misool

*Kaimana to Sorong | Triton Bay, Misool and the Dampier Strait*

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Around new moon, traditional fishing platforms off Namatote are visited by what the fishermen call mothers of fish, the majestic whale sharks.

In the Iris Strait a veritable explosion of coral growth brings slopes of immense black coral bushes, the largest and most colourful soft coral gardens that exist, and squadrons of mobula rays.

On night dives the endemic walking shark appears.

Above the water, the Kiti Kiti waterfall falls out of vibrant jungle straight into a turquoise sea.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 12 days / 11 nights | Kaimana | Sorong | Certified divers |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Kaimana

Our team is standing by to collect you from the airport, or from your hotel and transfer you to the harbour.
Spend your first day on Adelaar settling in and getting acquainted with the boat, the crew, and your fellow guests.

DAY 1

## Kaimana (continued)

Enjoy the amazing views as we navigate toward the first night's anchorage.
Weather permitting, we will prepare the al fresco dining area for the first of many of our tasty meals.

DAY 2

## Aiduma

The along the coast of the karst island of Aiduma in the Aru Sea there are numerous little coves, islets and underwater formations with unique topography that are covered in dense soft coral growth.
Fish life is profuse and features schools of snappers, sweetlips and fusiliers as well as napoleon wrasses, large groupers and wobbegong sharks.
3-Day Dives, 1-Night Dive



DAY 3

## Dramai

The southern most point of our voyage is the island of Dramai.
The waters surrounding this island are a sheer fish lover's paradise.
Reminiscent of rush hours in a big city, schools of different species of snappers, sweetlips, surgeonfish, batfish, fusiliers, jacks and other species make it so dense, it is difficult for divers to get a glimpse of the unique topography.
The coral studded underwater formations include massive overhangs and swim throughs.
With a bit of luck, we may even encounter oceanic manta rays.
3-Day Dives, 1Night Dive

DAY 4

## Iris Strait

There is a regular through-flow of water in the Iris Strait between mainland New Guinea and Aiduma Island.
This steady supply of nutrients triggers a veritable explosion of coral growth.
Healthy areas dominated by enormous hard coral formations are interchanged with slopes covered in immense black coral bushes.
The surrounding area is literally invaded by the largest and most colourful soft coral gardens that exist.

DAY 4

## Iris Strait (continued)

All of this benthic life attracts schools of fish and squadrons of mobula rays.
3-Day Dives, 1-Night Dive

DAY 5

## Triton Bay

The diving in Triton Bay is unique, as the small islands act as fish magnets and feature exquisite coral growth of both hard and soft corals.
The bay is home to a plethora of critters such as pygmy seahorses, leopard and tiger shrimps, endemic flasher wrasses or rare cephalopods.
On night dives in this bay, be on the lookout for Triton Bay's endemic walking shark.
A structure resembling a huge underwater coral caldera is one of the topographic features of this area.
Another topside highlight is our speedboat tour through the maze of the large Triton Bay lagoon with its countless hidden bays and channels surrounded by unique karst rock formations.
3-day dives, 1-night dive

DAY 6

## Namatote

If your trip happens to fall around a new moon, we will spend the day in the north of the island of Namatote.
There we visit the traditional outrigger fishing platforms that are regularly visited by what the fishermen refer to as 'mothers of fish', i.e. the world's largest fish, the majestic whalesharks.
Closer to full moon there are no fishermen and whaleshark sightings are rare.
During such times we will concentrate on the dive sites south of Namatote with their pinnacles, caverns, swim-throughs, and black coral forests.
On one special rock cliff only visible by boat we can see prehistoric rock art, evidence of the culture of the region's earlier human inhabitants.
Born to explore After Namatote we leave the Triton Bay area and start our journey to the North.
3-day dives

DAY 7

## Momon

The Momon Area of New Guinea is without a doubt one of the highlights for photographers.
The very photogenic Kiti Kiti waterfall falls directly out of the vibrant jungle and into a turquoise sea.
For those who are up for a land excursion, there are opportunities to venture into the forest a jungle trek.
But first, there will be dives along the seamounts off the coast, known for their big schools of big eye trevallies, sharks, pelagic fish and oceanic manta rays.
3-day dives

DAY 8

## Pisang

We stopover in the Pisang archipelago off the Fakfak coast, before reaching Raja Ampat.
Its ridges, seamounts and walls attract schooling batfish, reef sharks, leopard sharks and eagle rays.
Just after the last afternoon dive, we raise the sails and start the final crossing to Raja Ampat in style.
3-day dives

DAY 9

## Misool – Wayilbatan

Wayilbatan is one of many miniature archipelagos off Raja Ampat's southernmost region of Misool.
Its seamounts and limestone outcroppings are among Raja's finest and most diverse dive sites.
Already spectacular from a topographical point of view, the coral coverage is vast with many unique critters and extremely rich in fish life.
3-day dives, 1-night dive

DAY 10

## Misool – Daram

The area surrounding Daram is littered with impressive coral studded underwater limestone formations, bathed in fish.
Schooling barracudas, Spanish mackerels, batfish and trevallies are common here.
The sea fan forests of Daram are a home to Raja Ampat's endemic 'Santa Claus' pygmy seahorse.
3-day dives

DAY 11

## Batanta

Batanta, located in Part of Raja Ampat's central section, offers divers a wide diversity of options.
Explore macro heavens and mandarin fish sites, drift along pristine reefs to manta aggregation points.
The area is also a spectacular destination for land-based activities.
Trek to waterfalls, keeping an eye out for birds of paradise or hornbill nesting sites.
2-day dives

DAY 12

## Sorong

After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye and disembark, until the next time.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Water sports

For non-divers, as well as snorkelling, the boat has stand-up paddle boards and a two-person kayak. Not every area is suitable, and the cruise manager finds the right times and places.

### Small groups

Adelaar takes a maximum of 8 guests, with a Western cruise manager who is also a PADI dive instructor, a divemaster and a crew of ten.

### Check in

Our team collects you from the airport or your hotel and takes you to the harbour where Adelaar is anchored. On the day before departure you can be taken to a hotel.

### Check out

After breakfast on the last day you disembark, with an airport or hotel transfer. Please arrange your flight with the no-fly rule in mind.

### Itinerary

All routes are examples, and the final plan depends on the weather, the sea conditions and any permissions.





INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

### INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Double or twin stateroom with private bathroom, bath towels and deck towels
- Fully crewed vessel, with all meals
- Coffee, tea, juices, soft drinks, drinking water and snacks
- The diving package described in the itinerary, with 12 litre tanks, weight belt and weights
- Land excursions described in the itinerary
- Transfers between the harbour and the nearest airport
- Stand-up paddle boards, a two-person kayak and a wakeboard
- Starlink Wi-Fi, up to 1 GB per guest
- Sensatia Botanicals toiletries

### NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, visas and transit hotels
- Port and park fees, prepaid
- Fuel surcharge, prepaid
- Nitrox and 15 litre tanks
- Dive and snorkel gear rental, a private dive guide and dive courses
- Compulsory dive insurance, and travel insurance is suggested
- Laundry, satellite phone use and crew tips, which are customary at 10 to 15%

BEFORE YOU GO

## What to bring

### ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

### AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

## Key notes

### Good to know

The itinerary may vary depending on weather and sea conditions

### Good to know

All extra charges must be prepaid, and the fees are subject to change

### Good to know

Proof of dive certification and enough diving experience for the programme is required, and divers sign a liability waiver