

BLUE MANTA

Triton Bay, Fak Fak and Misool

Kaimana to Sorong | Triton Bay, Fak Fak and Misool

Huge schools of untroubled trevallies and jacks, squadrons of bumphead parrotfish and ever-present turtles make Triton Bay feel like a time capsule from the past.

The soft coral coverage is as impressive as Misool's, the black coral forests are awesome in scale, and there are plenty of macro superstars, plus night dives with walking sharks.

At a small fishing village there is a chance to snorkel with whale sharks.

Fak Fak adds a swim beneath the Kiti-Kiti waterfall.

The trip ends in southern Raja Ampat, where Misool's spectacularly beautiful reefs sit in some of the most bio-diverse waters in the world.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Kaimana	Sorong	Intermediate to advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Day 1

No diving

1pm trip departure day.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Kaimana Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting Blue Manta at Port of Kaimana.
Note: There is no diving on trip departure day.
If all arrive early, then there is a chance to snorkel with whale sharks.

DAY 2

Days 2 to 4

4 dives a day

Triton Bay area; Little Komodo, Macro Wall, 3 Rocks, Larry's Heaven, Faukate Manta, Walker's reef, night dives with 'walking' shark.
Plus exploration down the South-East coastline.

DAY 5

Day 5

0-2 dives

More dives around Triton Bay area or chance to snorkel with whale sharks if not done at beginning of trip.
Sail to Fak Fak.

DAY 6

Day 6

3 dives

Fakfak; Atoll dives and Middle reef.
Swimming under Kiti-Kiti waterfall.
Sail to Pisang Island.

DAY 7

Day 7

3 dives

Pulau Pisang: The Dome, T-Bone Reef, Black Cave, and night dive.
Sail to Misool.

DAY 8

Days 8 and 9

4 dives a day

Sothern Raja Ampat, Misool: Fiabacet and Boo area, Boo Windows and Magic Mountain.

DAY 10

Day 10

2 dives

Misool: Chance to revisit or explore new sights.
Sail back to Pelabuhan Perikanan Sorong (harbour) where you spend your last night on board. Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if needed an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Day 11

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport.
Departure from Sorong to Manado/ Makassar/ Jakarta/ Denpasar.

THE TRIP

Departure, return and timings

- Departure: 1pm, 1st day, Kaimana, West Papua. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Utarom Airport, Kaimana or local hotel (10am) to Blue Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 30-45 mins).
- Return: 5am, last day – Sorong, West Papua. After breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Domine Edward Osok Airport, Sorong, in time for check-in and flight (20-30 mins). Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R as we sail back to Kaimana, where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.







THE VOYAGE

About this trip

The underwater landscape provides similarly impressive level of soft coral coverage as places like Misool while the marine life never fails to impress, with huge schools of untroubled trevallies and jacks, plenty of macro superstars, squadrons of Bumped parrotfish and ever-present turtles. Triton Bay's black coral forests are awesome in scale and never fail to impress, while above the water the landscape is also fascinating with lush green forests, stunning sunsets and sunrises, and a real sense that you are exploring a true wilderness. Not many Liveaboards visit this region and the sense of true exploration and privilege to visit this region is undeniable. Misool. This route offers a wealth of biodiversity starting with the spectacularly beautiful reefs around Raja Ampat in some of the world's most bio-diverse waters: 580 kinds of coral, 1,397 species of fish including 23 endemics, are just a few of the numbers used to define

this area. Between Triton Bay area and Southern Raja Ampat, we visit where remote, unspoiled, and stunning underwater landscapes await, pristine beauty is staggering, including the Kiti-Kiti waterfall, and made all the more alluring by the lack of crowds.

DIVING

Diving days and notes

- Note: All schedules are subject to changes according to weather, sea, diving, and local conditions.
- Note: Day 1 or Day 5 will have a chance snorkel with whale sharks where there are fishing platforms called Bagans, off a small village, Namatota Island.
- Diving days: 9 days (28 dives)





CONDITIONS

Dive site information

TRITON BAY AREA – MISOOL, SOTHERN RAJA AMPAT

- Water Temp: 27-30 degrees Celsius
- Air Temp: 28-35 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 10-30 metres
- Currents: Medium to strong
- Level: Intermediate to advanced
- Best Time to Dive: November to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)





GETTING THERE

Getting to and from the boat

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Kaimana (KNG), West Papua / Sorong (SOQ), West Papua

HOW TO GET TO KAIMANA (KNG), WEST PAPUA

- To Kaimana (KNG): Currently Lion Wings are the only operator offering flights from Sorong to Kaimana. Their onward morning flight (10:30-11:50) is ideal for our trip schedule*.
- The easiest way to fly to Kaimana is by flying from Jakarta (CGK) through Sorong (SOQ), then taking the short onward flight to Utarom Airport, Kaimana.
- Note*: Kaimana is served by a small regional airport and airline delays and even cancellations ARE possible. For this reason, we STRONGLY recommend ALL guests arrive to Kaimana the day BEFORE trip departure and spend one night in a local hotel, where we will collect you on the morning of trip departure.

HOW TO GET TO AND FROM SORONG (SOQ), WEST PAPUA

- It is easiest to fly through to and from Sorong (SOQ) via Jakarta (CGK), Makassar (UPG Ujung Pandang), Bali (DPS, Denpasar), or Manado (MDC). Recommended, via Jakarta.
- From Jakarta: Overnight direct daily flights, with Batik Air / Garuda Indonesia, arriving to Sorong earlier morning. Lion Air and Sriwijaya Air have similar overnight flights but with a stopover in Makassar.
- To Jakarta: Early morning direct daily flights, with Batik Air / Garuda Indonesia, arriving to Jakarta, which should allow enough time to schedule your international flight home. Lion Air also offer flights.






INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Kaimana /Sorong) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on Blue Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services
- FOC replacement if equipment breakdown
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 28 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates (a fee applies per car)
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills