

DAMAI I

Raja Ampat Triton Bay

Sorong to Kaimana | Raja Ampat, Pulau Pisang, Mommon and Triton Bay

Raja Ampat, the centre of marine biodiversity in the world, leads on to Triton Bay, where nutrient rich river waters feed huge fields of soft corals, giant sea fans and clouds of plankton-feeding fish.

In the Dampier Strait, seamounts are covered in schooling fish and cruising sharks and rays, and reef mantas visit the cleaning stations along a sandy channel.

Triton Bay itself has current-rich straits, endemic species such as the flasher wrasse, a swim through under an island covered in soft coral, and the chance of whale sharks.

At Momon, you can swim behind a waterfall that drops straight into the sea.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 days / 11 nights sample	Sorong	Kaimana	Open Water certified







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Sorong

1 dive

Guests will arrive in Sorong and have time to get comfortable on the boat. Damai I will travel west to Matan for a check out dive.

DAY 2

Kri & Dampier Straits

4 dives

At the eastern end of the famous Dampier Strait there are many signature dive sites.
Cape Kri is a sloping reef on the eastern end on the island of Kri; Blue Magic and Sardine reef are seamounts covered in schooling fish and cruising sharks and rays; Mioskon is a great spot for the endemic Wobbegong shark and Pontohi pygmy seahorses.

DAY 3

Manta Sandy & Arborek

4 dives

Manta Sandy is a signature site for experiencing the grace of Reef Mantas.
They are frequent visitors to the cleaning stations dotted along this sandy channel.
Feel free to explore the sand for small critters while you are waiting for an appearance.
Arborek Jetty is part of a sloping reef in front of the island.
There are schools of fish, excellent wide-angle photo opportunities under the jetty itself and good critter hunting to be done along the slopes.
In the late afternoon take a stroll around the village on the island and maybe join in one of their soccer matches or buy a locally made sunhat.

DAY 4

Penemu

2 dives

The signature sites in Penemu are Barracuda Point; a seamount on the north point; Melissa's Garden; a beautiful example of a hard-coral plateau and Keruo Channel; drift along this colorful slope watching the seascape go by.
The highlight of Penemu is a lagoon tour in the tenderboats amongst these turquoise waters and limestone bays.
For the energetic there is a short walk to the top of one the hills to be rewarded with an amazing view over the lagoon with Damai I moored in the distance.
Long Crossing to Farondi.



DAY 5

Farondi

2 with cave visit, 4 without

Early morning visit to the cave of Tamulol a large cave where we can snorkel.
Easy for all ages.
Nearby, we will attempt to look into the jelly fish lake, as this is very dependable on the village mood.

DAY 5

Farondi (continued)

2 with cave visit, 4 without

Afternoon diving in 3 sisters, a dive where sift corals are at its best, and we have chanced to see mobula rays hunting. sunset lagoon tour on the tender boats.

DAY 6

Boo & Fiabacet

4 dives

This amazing string of small islands has a colourful array of great dives sites.
The signature sites in the area include Boo Windows, Nudi Rock, Tank Rock and Whale Rock.
The whole place is a delight for the eyes.
On a calm day you can visit the amazing seamount Magic Mountain and experience cruising sharks, schooling fish and mantas cleaning.
A truly spectacular dive!

DAY 7

Pulau Pisang

2 dives

A chain of islands between Raja Ampat and Triton Bay has some excellent diving The dive site called the Dome is a seamount in the channel with good fish action; bannerfish, snappers and batfish as well as a chance to hunt for macro.
There hammerhead-shaped reef is called TBone and the site is covered in large colourful sponges in yellow and purple and blue.
Keep your eyes open for passing sharks and eagle rays.
Long Crossing to Momon.



DAY 8

Momon

2 dives

On the way south we will stop at Mommon.
There is an excellent macro dive at Tanjung Wap with decorated darttish in shallow water, a potential for pygmy seahorses and a large swim through to explore.
The seamount west of Momon has accelerating diving, schooling fish and chances for mantas.
Also, a visit to the waterfall at Momon.
We can take the tender boats into the shore where the water falls directly into the sea.
A perfect opportunity for a photo and you can even swim behind the falls.
Long Crossing to Triton Bay.

DAY 9-11

Triton Bay

Unlimited at the bagan, or 4 a day

The unique location of Triton Bay with its current rich straits has many beautiful dive sites located around the islands of Aiduma and Namatote.
Triton Bay is famous for its kaleidescope of colours along the reef at Signature sites like Little Komodo.
There is the opportunity to see endemic species like the Flasher Wrasse at Flasher Beach or Leopard Anemone Shrimp at Namatote Wall or a Thin Line Wobbegong hiding under a table coral.
Also recently discovered in the area are some interesting locations for macro sites with exciting and unusual nudibranchs.
There may be a chance to encounter whale sharks while in the area.
Enjoy a great swim through under the island at another soft coral covered Signature Site, Boo's Rainbow.
For schooling fish action and more colourful reefs check out Larry's Dive Heaven on the outside of Aiduma island.

DAY 12

Departure

Guests will be escorted to the airport in Kaimana and assisted with check in procedures, no doubt full of talk about the wonders of the most popular dive destination in the world.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 4 divers per guide, with unlimited diving.

Cruise Director

A Cruise Director and 18 crew look after the 12 guests on board.

Check in

Guests arrive at the start port and have time to settle in on the boat, with a check-out dive on the first day on some routes.

Check out

On the last day guests are escorted to the airport and helped with check-in.

Itinerary

This is a draft itinerary for the cruise, and Dive Damai may change it to suit the weather and the guests on board.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Cabin accommodation with daily housekeeping
- Meals, snacks and drinks
- Unlimited guided diving, with a maximum of 4 divers per guide
- Two speedboats with experienced drivers
- Treks, village visits and beach stops as in the itinerary
- Airport assistance on arrival and departure days

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Park fees and harbour fees, shown on our trip listings for each departure
- Dive and travel insurance
- Equipment rental and courses
- Gratuities for the crew, which are optional

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive and travel insurance
- Completed diver medical form
- 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 trip is weather dependent and there may be long crossings, and the crew adjusts the plan as best it can

Good to know

Divers must be flexible with the start time of the first dive at some sites, because they can only enter the water once the local village and officers give permission

Good to know

Dive Damai can change the suggested itinerary to suit guests, if weather and time allow and everyone on board agrees