

Itinerary

Triton Bay – Banda Sea (Kaimana to Ambon) 10D/9N

Triton Bay is located in Kaimana Regency, on the west coast of West Papua, south of Raja Ampat. It is a pristine, wild place where liveaboards can anchor off deserted white sand beaches and where divers are being hypnotised by great shoals of fish plying a primeval sea. It is still rarely visited and its very colourful hard and soft coral reefs are full of fish and invertebrates. Whale sharks are being spotted there, too.

When the monsoon winds shift in October/November and in April/May large schools of Hammerhead Sharks gather around the Ring of Fire in the Banda Sea. Whales and large pelagic fish such as Mola Mola, dogtooth tuna and sailfish are frequently spotted, too. Most of these dive sites can only be visited by liveaboard due to their very remote location. Along the way we visit the original spice islands of Banda with their rich and at times tragic history as well as many other beautiful small islands and dive along their walls and coral gardens.

Inclusions: A bed in a double or twin cabin, full board accommodation, fresh towels and linen, typically 3 dives a day plus a night dive twice a week, limited or no diving on departure and arrival days as well when making longer passages, free nitrox on all dives, tanks and weights, land excursions as offered, self-service of drinking water, coffee and tea, government taxes, port clearance fees.

Exclusions: Flights, transport and accommodation before and after the cruise, excess luggage fees, national and marine park entry fees, diving courses (limited to Nitrox Diver and only on request), rental diving gear (please ask for price list), dive insurance (mandatory), alcoholic beverages and canned soft drinks (offered at reasonable prices on board), tips for dive guides and crew (5-20% of cruise rate recommended). All payments on board in cash please. We prefer Indonesian Rupiah but will also accept USD and Euro in new and clean banknotes.

Travel to GAYA BARU INDAH

Indonesia's traffic system is often less than ideal especially in remote areas such as West Papua. Delays and cancellations happen all the time. We find Garuda Indonesia to be the most reliable domestic airline. Other airlines may offer cheaper rates but they often cancel on very short notice and allow less baggage. However at the time of writing this information only WING AIR offers flights to and from Kaimana. These flights run from Sorong in West Papua 6 or 7 days a week with 1 daily flight only. We advise to schedule flights for arrival in Kaimana one or several days before the start of the cruise.

Transfer in Kaimana

We meet our guests in Kaimana, a town of 25.000 and the administrative capital of Kaimana regency which includes Triton Bay. Here we get clearance for our ship to travel to Triton Bay. Please send us a copy of the guests' passport for the port clearance paperwork.

On the day of the ship's departure we will pick up our guests from their hotel in Kaimana or from Kaimana Airport if they decide to fly in on departure day (not recommended). Please inform us about the hotel or incoming flight schedule if applicable. We ask guests to be ready for pick up at the hotel lobby at 8:00. This pick up is free of charge.

Transfer in Ambon

The ship will arrive in Ambon at 14:00 and disembarkation will begin right after arrival, depending on our guest's wishes. We will organise your transport by car to the hotel or to the airport and help you with the luggage. Ambon is the largest city in the area with flight connections to many places in Indonesia as well as a good choice of hotels. The transfer in Ambon is free of charge.

Make sure to carry the following when you check in on board

- Passport
- Diver certification card (Advanced or higher, Nitrox)
- Proof of mandatory dive insurance (DAN or similar)
- Relevant covid19 travel documents depending on regulations at the time of travel

Basic Itinerary (may change without notice)

Day 1: check in Kaimana at 10:00, leave for Triton Bay, 1 afternoon dive

Day 2: Triton Bay 3 dives

Day 3: Triton Bay 3 dives

Day 4: Morning dive in Triton Bay and passage to Pulau Koon

Day 5: Dive Pulau Koon 3 dives

Day 6: Pulau Hatta 3 dives

Day 7: Banda Neira 3 dives and land excursion

Day 8: Suanggi Rock 3 dives

Day 9 Nusa Laut 3 dives

Day 10 Arrival Ambon / Tulehu at 14:00

A typical diving day on GAYA BARU INDAH (Note that dives are reduced to 1 or 2 per day when the ship makes long passages)

6:00 Wake up call, coffee, tea, snack

6:30 Dive briefing

7:00 1. dive

9:00 Breakfast

10:30 Dive briefing

11:00 2. dive

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Dive briefing

15:00 3. dive

17:00 Snacks

19:00 Dinner

Please note that all itineraries and dive sites are subject to various unpredictable changes, including weather changes and changes in local and national government approval. We will make every effort to select the best available sites on all cruises.

All time information is based on a 24 hour clock.

Divers should obey a 24hrs no-flight time between the last dive of the cruise and boarding an aircraft. Plan your continuing voyage accordingly.