DAMAI I

Triton Bay, Forgotten Islands and Banda Sea

Kaimana to Ambon | Triton Bay, Mommon, Bui, Nil Desperandum, Manuk and Banda Neira



Visit the colourful reefs of Triton Bay, fed by nutrient-rich river waters that produce huge fields of soft corals, giant sea fans and clouds of plankton-feeding fish.

Go through the Banda Sea and its chain of islands where the spice trade took place, with sheer walls and unique encounters.

Nil Desperandum is the best place in Indonesia for a chance of schools of hammerheads, an atoll with walls all around it, where large pelagics patrol the reefs and the ridges are teeming with life, large barrel sponges and fans.

Manuk, the island of the snakes, is a smoking volcano in the middle of the Banda Sea, with olive sea snakes, banded sea kraits and mobula ray cleaning stations in the black sand shallows.

Nusa Laut has a beautiful drop off with a natural limestone swim through, and clouds of colourful anthias and damselfish hang off the wall.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Kaimana	Ambon	Open Water certified







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Kaimana

1 dive

Guests will arrive in Kaimana and have time to get comfortable on the boat.
Damai I | will travel about 4 hours down to the area of Triton Bay.

DAY 2-3

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 4

Momon

4 dives

We head up the coast of Papua to Momon.
Starting in south we can dive on the Channel Islands and then enjoy an excellent macro dive at Tanjung Wap with decorated dartfish in shallow water, a potential for pygmy seahorses and a large swim through to explore.
Moving a little north, we dive on a large seamount before heading into the shore 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.



DAY 5

Bui

3 dives

Just north of Kei we have the long line of Watubela islands with some great diving off the east side.
We have two extensive seamounts, Ultima Frontera and Gunung Laut, to explore with schools of fish, excellent hard coral coverage, huge sponges, black spotted morays and passing pelagics.

DAY 6-7

Nils Desperandum & Sika

4 a day

The best place in Indonesia to have a chance to spot school of Hammerheads.
An atoll with walls all around it, large pelagic patrol the reefs, and the ridges in the corners are timing with life, schooling fish, large barrel sponges and fans.
Great diving experience.

DAY 8

Manuk

3 dives

The island of the snakes is a smoking volcano in the middle of the Banda Sea.
There is the opportunity to see both Olive Sea Snakes and the more common Banded Sea Krait which can lead to quite an exhilirating dive.
There are a couple of Mobula Ray cleaning stations nestled in the black sand shallows and always the possibility of cruising sharks.



DAY 9-10

Banda Neira

4 a day

Spend some quality time around the Spice Islands in the shadow of Gunung Api volcano.
There are a selection of unique dive sites including the hard coral at Lava Flow and the very fishy underwater pinnacles at Batu Kapal.
Tour the island in the afternoon, visit its historical buildings, Banda was the center of the spice trade and of capital importance at the time.
Late in the afternoon, we will go back in the water for a world class mandarin dive experience.

DAY 11

Nusa Laut

2 dives

There are two distinct dive sites at Nusa Laut.
Akon Wall is beautiful drop off with a natural limestone swim through in the wall.
There are clouds of colorful Anthias and Damselfish hanging off the wall.
Amed Slope is a sloping reef with excellent hard corals and schooling fish.

DAY 12

Departure

Guests will be escorted to the airport in Ambon 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 the crew 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
- Crew tips, which are customary

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

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