

ILIKE

Raja Ampat - Halmahera - North Sulawesi

Sorong to Bitung | Raja Ampat, Halmahera and Lembeh

Three famous diving areas in one long journey, from Raja Ampat through Halmahera to the muck of Lembeh Strait.

Raja Ampat has more than 1,300 species of fish and 600 species of coral, and Misool has seamounts, pinnacles and walls covered in giant sea fans, soft corals and massive table corals.

The Dampier Strait is one of the few places where two species of manta ray share the same sites.

The Goraichi Islands have a big diversity of macro life and big pelagics, and a pinnacle in the Moluccan Sea hides a big school of barracuda.

The finish is muck diving at its best in Lembeh Strait.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
13 days / 12 nights	Sorong	Bitung	Advanced, 75 logged dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive in Sorong

No dives

Guests arrive at the Ilike in Sorong, where the crew welcome you and give the briefing.

DAY 2

Waisai

Dives

The first stop is Waisai, on Waigeo.

DAY 3

Dampier Strait

3 to 4 dives

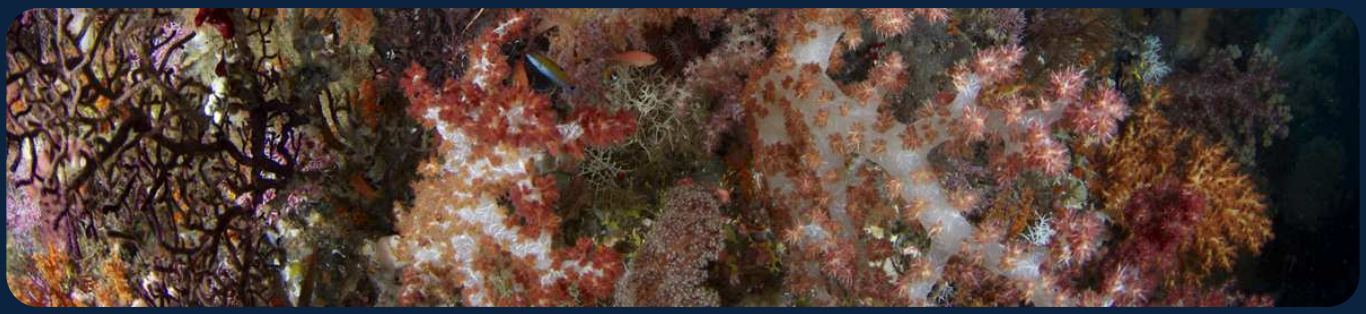
The Dampier Strait, between Waigeo and Batanta, has beautiful coral gardens, underwater pinnacles, cleaning stations and bigger predators such as giant trevallies, yellowfin tuna and reef sharks.
It is one of the few places where two species of manta ray can be seen at the same sites.

DAY 4

Misool

3 to 4 dives

Once you arrive in Misool you will be amazed by the diversity, with seamounts, pinnacles, coral walls and coral gardens covered in giant sea fans, soft corals and massive table corals.
The giant fans house the smallest seahorses, and Misool is a great place to find the epaulette, or walking, shark.
More than 1,300 species of fish and 600 species of coral are found in Raja Ampat.



DAY 5

Misool

3 to 4 dives

A second day diving the Misool marine park, which is patrolled by park rangers and is supported by Ilike.

DAY 6

Misool

3 to 4 dives

A third day in Misool.

DAY 7

Pisang Island

3 to 4 dives

On the way to Halmahera, Pisang Island is a mandatory stop.
Small rocks off the island offer big plateaus covered with hard corals, and a gentle slope with barrel sponges gives protection to various marine life.

DAY 8

Patintie Strait and Saleh Kecil Island

3 to 4 dives

In the heart of Halmahera, the Patintie Strait is a channel where pinnacles and coral formations are different because currents are funnelled through it as two seas meet.
Saleh Kecil is a small island in the strait with impressive coral formations and gentle slopes.
There is dinner on Proco Island tonight.



DAY 9

Goraichi Islands

3 to 4 dives

The Goraichi Islands are a system of islands at the edge of the Molucca Sea, with a big diversity of macro life and big pelagics.

DAY 10

Goraichi Islands

3 to 4 dives

A second day diving the Goraichi Islands.

DAY 11

Tifore Island

3 to 4 dives

In the middle of the Moluccan Sea, more than 70 miles from the mainland, an underwater pinnacle near Tifore Island hides a big school of barracuda and other big pelagics when the current is favourable.

DAY 12

Lembeh Strait

1 to 2 dives

In Lembeh most macro photographers' dreams come true in a couple of dives.
This is muck diving at its best, on the last day of diving.

DAY 13

Disembark in Bitung

After breakfast and check out, the crew prepare for disembarkation in Bitung and arrange your transfer to the airport.
Check out is between 4:00 and 11:30.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Misool

Three days in the marine park.

Patintie Strait

Pinnacles and coral formations shaped by currents.

Tifore Island

Barracuda and big pelagics in the open sea.

Lembeh

The macro and muck diving capital.

Check in

The crew transfer you from the airport or your hotel to the Ilike, where the cruise director gives a welcome briefing, cabins are allocated and you set up your equipment before the boat sails. Check in is between 6:00 and 13:00.

Check out

After breakfast and check out the crew prepare for disembarkation, arrange your transfer to the airport and help with check in for your onward flights. Check out is between 4:00 and 11:30.

Last dive

The last dive is in the morning of the day before disembarkation, and then the Ilike sails back to the harbour. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- VAT and airport transfers
- Full board meals and snacks, with drinking water, tea and coffee
- Welcome cocktails
- Diving package, with extra dives
- Land excursions
- Cabin and deck towels
- Complimentary toiletries

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and local flights
- Trip fees, covering fuel, port fees, local community support and eco projects, paid on board
- Marine park fees, depending on the itinerary
- Nitrox, per diving day
- Rental dive gear
- Private dive guide
- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Laundry and massage
- Wi-Fi package
- Crew tips
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook, showing at least 75 dives
- 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

Experience

Ilike trips are for experienced divers. Advanced Open Water and at least 75 logged dives are required

Good to know

Sample plans are an example of the route. The exact route and sites depend on local regulations, guest experience, weather and logistics, and are at the captain's discretion

Good to know

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel

Good to know

This itinerary runs from Sorong to Bitung