

ILIKE

# Raja Ampat - Triton Bay

*Sorong to Kaimana | Raja Ampat, Misool and Triton Bay*

Whale sharks visit Triton Bay all year round, following the big shoals of anchovies, and you can dive and snorkel with them where they feed around the fishing platforms.

Triton Bay is a very remote corner of south-west Papua that some call the next frontier of diving, and sandy bottoms with huge boulders are covered in colourful soft corals.

Before it comes Raja Ampat, where nutrient-rich currents bring giant trevallies, yellowfin tuna and several kinds of shark, with two species of manta ray at the same sites.

Misool adds seamounts and coral walls, and a great chance of the elusive walking shark.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 12 days / 11 nights | Sorong | Kaimana | Advanced, 75 logged dives |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Boarding

No dives

The crew transfer you from the airport or your hotel to the Ilike.
After a welcome briefing from the cruise director, cabins are allocated and you take a tour of the boat.
You can then set up your equipment and settle in before the Ilike sails.

DAY 2-3

## Dampier Strait and Batanta

3 to 4 dives a day

Raja Ampat has more than 500 species of coral.
In the Dampier Strait, between Waigeo and Batanta, nutrient-rich currents attract giant trevallies, yellowfin tuna, rainbow runners and blacktip, grey reef and whitetip sharks, and two species of manta ray can be seen at the same sites.
Batanta has fantastic muck dive sites with colourful nudibranchs and alien-looking critters.

DAY 4-6

## Misool

3 to 4 dives a day

Misool has an abundance of marine life, with seamounts, pinnacles, coral walls and gardens covered in giant sea fans, soft corals and massive table corals.
It is a marine park set up with the local villages, and a great place to find the elusive epaulette, or walking, shark.



DAY 7

## Crossing to Triton Bay

2 dives

A crossing takes the Ilike towards Kaimana.
When crossing, only 2 dives a day can be scheduled.

DAY 8-9

## Triton Bay

3 to 4 dives a day

Triton Bay was only surveyed by Conservation International in 2006, and very few liveaboards visit it.
Sandy bottoms with huge boulders are covered in colourful soft corals, and it is sometimes called the capital of soft corals.
On the way to Koon Island you may visit a waterfall that empties right into the ocean, and dive unexplored seamounts.
Koon Island lies between the Ceram, Arafura and Banda Seas, and the nutritious currents make fish and coral thrive.

DAY 10

## Whale sharks at the bagans

Dives and snorkelling

Whale sharks visit Triton Bay all year round, following the big shoals of anchovies.
Fishermen live on floating fishing platforms called bagans, which work at night with big lights and pull up their nets early in the morning.
This is when the whale sharks eat the escapees, and you can snorkel as well as dive with them.
There is no guarantee, because the bagans are not always working and not every bagan attracts whale sharks.



DAY 11

## Last diving day

1 to 2 dives

The last day of diving has 1 to 2 dives, and then the Ilike sails back to the harbour.
Keep to the no-flying rule, pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 12

## Check out

After breakfast and check out, the crew prepare for disembarkation and arrange your transfer to the airport, with help at check in for your onward flights.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Whale sharks

Around the bagans in Triton Bay, for divers and snorkellers.

### Soft corals

Boulders covered in colourful soft corals.

### Misool

A marine park with walking sharks and wall dives.

### Mantas

Two species of manta ray in the Dampier Strait.

### 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 at 1 pm.

### 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 at 9 am.

### 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 Kaimana. It is also sailed in reverse, from Kaimana to Sorong, as Triton Bay to Raja Ampat

### Good to know

There is no guarantee of seeing whale sharks